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## **European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime**

Modica, March 3<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Presidents, my dearest friends,

We all know how important it is to promote our sport, with the aim of involving more and more practitioners; practitioners who increase the consideration of fencing in the sports system of each country.

The increase in practitioners contributes, among other things, to feed the budget of the clubs and to expand the number of young and very young people who start and get excited about fencing.

In this sense, the project on "Laser Fencing" put in place by the French Fencing Federation is extremely interesting. We know that Laser Fencing, in recent years, has led thousands of practitioners to approach fencing.

It being perceived as more "playful" and unconventional than other Olympic disciplines, attracts many young people into fencing with positive effects on the number of licences, and we should also consider that for children it can be an effective teaching tool to gradually start them on a path to Olympic fencing.

Given the above, and having positively evaluated the initiative, the Comex of the European Fencing Confederation has decided to organize a course for Laser Fencing coaches.

The initiative is included in the "Solidarity Programme" project and the French Federation is available to provide two qualified coaches of "Laser Fencing" to create a course for coaches of this innovative and captivating discipline.

The course will last 16 hours (from 2 pm on Friday to 12 pm on Sunday), and is available to a maximum of 3 candidates per federation. It will take place in Budapest, on the occasion of the 2023 European Under 23 Championships.

To evaluate the interest that this initiative may attract, and then plan the logistical and organizational aspects, please send by April 10<sup>th</sup> to [solidarity@fencing-efc.eu](mailto:solidarity@fencing-efc.eu) the possible participation of your federations to the initiative, indicating the number of instructors interested along with their personal data, telephone number and email address.



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Since it is not yet a discipline regulated by the EFC, it will not be possible to provide financial support but, exceptionally, a contribution towards travel expenses of 150 Euros per person will be available. Further travel expenses in excess of this contribution, along with board and lodging, will be borne by the interested parties. Once the applications have been received, participants will be contacted with further information regarding the location of the course, the accommodation and the related costs, which in any case will be in line with the financial prudence that distinguishes our organization.

I await your feedback and send my best regards,

Giorgio Scarso  
President  
European Fencing Confederation  
