



## EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (December 2022)

Dear friends in boxing

Virus is a well known word all over the world and means danger for everybody. Thanks to medical research it is however possible to fight the virus.

As we all know there is a boxing virus as well, and there is no way to get rid of it; once you are infected it will stay in your blood for ever.

This boxing virus makes it possible to see fantastic fights like:

- **Kiko MARTINEZ (Spain)**, winning the EBU-Featherweight-title by TKO 4 vs. Jordan GILL (GB)
- **Liam DAVIES (GB)**, winning the vacant EBU-Superbantamweight-title o.p. 12 vs. Ionut BALUTA (Rom/Spain)
- **Alessio LORUSSO (It)**, winning the vacant EBU-Bantamweight-title by KO 12 (last round!) vs. Sébastian PEREZ (Spain)
- **Vincenzo PICARDI (It)**, winning the vacant EU-Bantamweight-title vs Cristian ZARA (It) in a fantastic all Italian EU-championship fight.
- Two EBU-championship-title fights on the same show in Le Cannel (F), with **Kevin Lele SADJO (F)**, keeping his EBU-Supermiddleweight-title by stopping Emre Cukur by TKO 7, and **Milan PRAT (F)**, winning the vacant EBU-Superwelterweight-title by KO2 vs. Stephen DANYO (NL).

More EBU-titlefights are scheduled to take place in the near future like Agit KABAYEL (D) vs. Agron SMAKICI (CRO) for the Heavyweight-title, like Dylan BREGEON (F) vs. Michal CIESLAK (POL), for the Cruiserweight-title, like Enoch POULSEN (DK) vs. Franck PETITJEAN (F), rematch for the Superlightweight-title, like Yvan MENDY (F) vs. Denys BERINCHYK (UKR) for the Lightweight-title etc.

The **EUROPEAN UNION EBU-title** is the only European title based on correct ratings and not just arranged by promoters, and is therefore **the only worthy title in Europe**; only the EBU-champion may truly boast to be **the best European professional boxer** in his weight division.

While for the EBU-championship fights the protection of the health of the boxers is of utmost importance, I got recently aware of the fact that one of our EBU-affiliated members was authorizing a fight on its territory involving a European fighter who has a record of 13 wins, 93 defeats, 68 of them by KO; according to boxrec this boxer, who is not licensed by an EBU-Federation, **is at high risk Cat. A**, and should no longer be licensed nor authorized. **This my friends is not only dangerous, it is irresponsible and to the detriment of our sport of boxing!**

**I kindly invite all our EBU-members to be careful and to thoroughly check what they are authorizing: the fight should be well-balanced, the European fighter should be medically fit, not on suspension and licensed and authorized by an EBU-affiliated Federation, and he should not be at high risk A according to boxrec!**

**Please show responsibility and care for all your boxers!**

I wish a wonderful Christmas-time to all of you and thank you for having read these EBU-News; your comments are always welcome

With my warmest personal regards

Peter Stucki, EBU-President