



## EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (May 2023)

Dear boxing friends

I look forward to meeting the representatives of all the EBU-affiliated Federations in Malta on May 13th, 2023, in order to hold our EBU-General Assembly as well as to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the European Boxing Union (reservations at <info@paradise-bay.com>, Promo Code: EBAA2023!).

Very recently, on April 22nd, 2023, I had the honour and the pleasure to attend a big boxing show in Rzeszow (Poland), where one WBC- and two EBU-championship-fights took place. The event was perfectly organised and promoted by KnockOut Promotions (Andrzej Wasilewski) and controlled by the EBU-affiliated Polish Boxing Union (President Jaroslav Kolkowski) in the new and well equipped G2A Arena. Everything went like clockwork, all the WBC- and EBU-rules were respected and the enthusiastic public celebrated three new Polish champions: **Lukasz Rozanski** (WBC-Bridgerweight-champion), **Michal Cieslak** (EBU-Cruiserweight-champion) and **Laura Grzyb** (EBU-female-Superbantamweight champion). While the female fight was a close-split-decision-win by Laura Grzyb against the courageous Maria Cecchi (It), the other two championship-contests did not last the distance. Michal Cieslak ko'd his opponent Dylan Bregeon (F) in round 4, and when Lukasz Rozanski stopped his opponent Alen Babic (CRO) already in round 1, the public went berserk. It was a big show with the participation of further world class boxers like Martin Bakole (CONGO) etc. Congratulations to the Polish Boxing Union (PBU) and to Andrzej Wasilewski! Big boxing is possible almost everywhere, you just need to offer a good quality show.

Please watch the young **Michael Eifert** (GER), who surprisingly defeated the former world champion Jean Pascal (CAN) in the opponents backyard. In boxing everything is possible, but you have to dream highly and to take risks. That's why boxing may be compared with life: no risks no success! To take risks may however be dangerous, and that is where we, the Federations, have to take care. Our rules are there to be respected, above all when health and safety of our boxers are concerned.

I beg you again to pay attention to the Agreement between all EBU-affiliated Federations, which I want to submit for your signature again. It is one of our most important items at the coming EBU-General Assembly as it's purpose is to ensure medical protection, drug-free boxing, competent and safe refereeing, correct and neutral judging and generally as much safety as possible for all professional boxers involved!

Very unfortunately we had recently to deal with a promoter who offered insufficient accomodation and very late payment to the foreign opponent, who had been invited to come to his town in order to fight the local promoter's boxer. This is not only unsportsmanlike, it is impolite and a break of the contractual obligations, and it is clearly not what we want on EBU-level.

Please do not forget that we want to stay an honorable, correct and fair Federation, and that our priority is the health and safety of all our boxers.

**Please show responsibility and care for all boxers not only for those that are licensed with you!**

I thank you for having read these EBU-News; your comments are always welcome

With my warmest personal regards

**Peter Stucki, EBU-President**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stucki', is placed below the printed name of Peter Stucki. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'S'.