



EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (June 2023)

Dear boxing friends

It is with great pleasure and pride that I look back at the 75th Anniversary of the EBU that we celebrated together with our General Assembly 2023 on the beautiful islands of Malta.

My special thanks go to the **Malta Boxing Association**, especially to its President **Marc James**, for all their care and hospitality. Our meetings have been effective and took place in a spirit of friendship and helpfulness. The sightseeing our host offered was impressive; I liked above all the citadell, Mdina, the former Maltese capital, and the gorgeous dinner in that typical fishermen's restaurant on the Gozo island. The karaoke evening allowed us to discover that we have beside Charlie Giles another gifted singer among us: Domingo Matas Prado, thank you my dear friend!

The President of the Rating Commission, Carlos Utrilla, celebrating the EBU's Anniversary, is busy preparing a booklet listing all EBU-titlefights since 1948 and some more information; dear Carlos, I thank you very much!

Welcome to the new member Federations (Armenian Professional Boxing Federation, Moldavian Boxing Federation) and to the new provisional members (Turkish Professional Boxing Commission, Albanian Boxing Union).

In order to reduce the title inflation we replaced the EU- and EEU-titles with the new EBU-Silver title, which can be fought for from 1st September, 2023 on by all our member Federations.

As well from the 1st September 2023 on only recognized and tested official gloves may be used for all EBU-title fights; for the time-being we will rely on the list of official gloves issued by the British Boxing Board of Control.

As long as the Russian war-attack against Ukraine continues the EBU will suspend Russian and Belorussian boxers and Ring Officials.

We are proud to show to the world of boxing that the EBU cares for the health and safety of all our licensed boxers by signing the amended Safety-Agreement among the EBU-Federations. We are aware that professional boxing is not only a sport, it is a business as well, but we want our rules to be respected and we want to do our sport with care and responsibility.

The month of May gifted us three new EBU-champions: **Mauro Forte** (It), Featherweight, **Juan Felix Gomez** (Spain), Superfeatherweight, and **Thomas Essomba** (UK), Bantamweight! Congratulations!

Our next EBU-General Assembly will take place in Georgia and the next EBU-Council Meeting will be in Paris!

Please do not forget that we want to stay a honorable, correct and fair Federation, and that our priority is the health and safety of all our boxers. The mandatory EBU-titlefights take place according to our ratings and **only the EBU-champion is the real European champion.**

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 positioned below the typed name 'Peter Stucki, EBU-President'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.