



## EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS (February 2024)

Dear boxing friends

While the month of January was not a very busy one for the EBU, February will make up for it:

- **Adam Azim (GB)**, EBU-Superlightweight-champion will meet his official challenger, **Enock Poulsen (DK)**, in London, on 3rd February, 2024, with the winner scheduled to fight **Dalton Smith (GB)**.
- **Thomas Essomba (GB)**, EBU-Bantamweight-champion will defend his title against his official challenger **Elie Konki (F)**, in Sheffield on 9th February, 2024. At the same show **Stevi Levy (GB)**, will meet **Dorota Norek (POL)**, for the vacant female EBU-Superbantamweight-title.
- **Connor Butler (GB)**, EBU-Flyweight-champion, will defend his title against the official challenger **Jay Harris (GB)**, in Liverpool, on 24th February, 2024.
- **Sheila Martinez (Spain)**, EBU female Featherweight-champion, just defended her title with a clear win o.p. 10 against **Anaëlle Angerville (F)**, in Alicante on 27/01/2024.
- **Florian Montels (F)** won the vacant EBU-Silver Superbantamweight-title in Agde (F), on 27/01/2024 against **Hugo Legros (F)**.
- There is more to come in March, 2024.

With regard to the popping-up of other European titles, mostly offered by some «World Federations» the policy of the **European Boxing Union (EBU)** is very clear: **We are the only European Federation, whose titles are fought for since 75 years according to correct and unbiased ratings, and we can therefore not collaborate with any other European titles. Our Ring Officials are loyal and do not work for any other European titles than those of the EBU.**

Please allow me to remind our affiliated Federations once again on their responsibility when they license their boxers and when they authorize fights to take place. Most of us use boxrec as a source of information. Although we do not have to agree with everything boxrec is asking for, it has developed an important system to recognize boxers, who may be at risk. According to age, length of career and number of (stoppage) defeats boxers at high risk are qualified with «high risk category C, B or A». While high risk category C indicates that the boxer is at higher risk for his health when he continues his career, we should pay extreme attention at boxers who are qualified with high risk category B and A. If we authorize them to fight and an accident happens we incur part of the responsibility as we have been warned before. Again and again I notice that boxers are allowed to fight although they are older than 40 years of age, although they have a very negative record, although they suffer from (too) many stoppage defeats and although they are qualified to be at high risk B or even A. It is not only the licensing Federation, it is as well the local Federation that has to be careful and to pay attention. We want professional boxing to continue and to develop, but we have to deal very carefully with it! I do not yet want to specify names nor Federations, but I might in the future; this is not a threat but it shows my concern.

**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