

EUROPEAN BOXING UNION (EBU) – NEWS April 2026)

Dear boxing friends

During the month of April, 2026 the following EBU-title-contests took place:

04.04.2026, London (UK), Cruiserweight, **Viddal Riley (UK)**, Wop12 **Mateusz Masternak (POL)**

10.04.2026, Female, Ferrara (It.), Lightweight, **Arianna Tonnello (It)** drew10 **Natalie Polednikova (CZ)**

11.04.2026, Female, Santander (E), Strawweight, **Maria Luz Peral (E)** Wop10 **Federica Macri (It)**

17.04.2026, Female, Madrid (E), Featherweight, **Sheila Martinez (E)** Wop10 **Alba Sanchez (E)**

18.04.2026, Female, Palma de Mallorca (E), **Fara El Bousairi (E)** Wop10 **Minerva Guttierrez (E)**

Recently I was asked by the Ukraine Federation to check an authorization for a fight due to take place in Ukraine. When I noticed that the authorization seemed to be established by the Norwegian Professional Boxing Federation and signed by the General Secretary, Mr. Roger Rosmo, I answered immediately that everything signed by Mr. Rosmo is ok. Well, it seemed a bit strange that the authorization had been established for a Turkish, boxer, **Tarkan Kanyar**, by the Norwegian Federation, but signed by Roger Rosmo. What I did not know is that this authorization arrived in Ukraine at the very last moment and was not sent by the Norwegian Federation. The fight took place, the Turkish boxer lost, and only then it was discovered that the Norwegian Federation did not know anything about this authorization, that the Turkish boxer was not licensed by the Norwegian Federation and that this authorization was never signed by Mr. Roger Rosmo and was in fact a fake. It always happens the same way: the paperwork arrives at the very last moment and there is hardly any time for a serious verification. It turned out that the Ukraine Federation had received this authorization by a boxing agent, who had himself received it by another agent, Mr. **Baris Erdogan**. It clearly is a fake, and the boxer fought without license, without authorization and quite probably without any medical check. This is a very serious matter that is a danger for boxing, and I beg our affiliated Federation **Turkish-Boxing** to investigate in this matter.

What we can learn from this unfortunate matter is that we should accept authorizations to fight only when they are sent by the authorizing Federation of the boxer!

Much more pleasant is the fact that the EBU is holding its General Assembly in Tirana, Albania, in the Maritim Plaza Hotel, on Saturday, 6th June, 2026. This is an electoral Assembly with the election of the EBU-President and the EBU-Council members, and I beg you to register and to attend. It will be very interesting to learn about the development of the EBU, to celebrate the EBU-champions of the Year and to have a good time together in collaboration and friendship.

Let us continue to collaborate with friendship and correctness, always maintaining high standards when health and safety of our boxers are concerned.

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

With my warmest personal regards


Peter Stucki, EBU-President