



Congress Closing Declaration

Members of Congress, distinguished Delegates,

Today we conclude the first Congress of the European Airsoft Federation.

With the adoption of our statutes and internal regulations, the EAF has moved from initiative to institution. We now operate with a clear legal basis, defined governance, and democratic legitimacy. The next phase is structured growth and professional execution.

During this Congress, we worked in two main blocks: governance and sport development. The outcomes provide a clear mandate for the Board and for future working structures within the federation.

1. Governance and Institutional Development

Congress confirmed that stability and structure are priorities.

We agreed to:

- Build a transparent financial framework based on essential membership contributions.
- Complement this structure with external funding where appropriate, such as sponsorship and donations.
- Define institutional roles within the EAF and strengthen internal reporting.
- Establish a clear working rhythm: at least one annual Congress in physical presence, supported by online participation.
- Provide regular updates to member organisations and develop a modern communication platform for direct exchange.

Promotion of the EAF and its goals was also identified as a strategic task. Growth in affiliation remains an objective. Expansion will take place step by step, with the ambition to move toward broad European representation.

Legal recognition of airsoft as a sport remains a core objective. The EAF will support member organisations in their national efforts and act where appropriate at European level.

2. Sport Development and European Structure

The sport discussions were conducted in a joint session and resulted in a clear direction.

Congress agreed that European sport development requires structure, clarity, and legal certainty. To achieve this, the following approach was supported:

- The establishment of dedicated EAF Working Groups or Committees on competition frameworks.



- Defined competition branches that can be represented in major events and within EAF governance.
- A controlled sanctioning model for events under EAF standards.
- Clear rule ownership, with legal protection of rulebooks and intellectual property.

The EAF must act as a recognised governance body for European airsoft sport. It should coordinate and propose rule frameworks, while final decisions remain within formal EAF governance procedures.

Participation in official EAF-sanctioned competitions and structures will be limited to EAF members. This ensures consistency, quality control, and unity.

Congress also recognised strategic risks: fragmentation of rules, country-specific competition models, and possible external regulation if the sport does not organise itself proactively.

The conclusion is clear. European airsoft must define its own structure, standards, and pathways. If we act together, we shape the future of the sport. If we do not, others may do it for us.

The ambition to work towards a European Championship was discussed as a long-term objective. Such an event must be based on strong governance, recognised rules, and coordinated development across member countries.

In conclusion,

This Congress has provided more than discussion. It has provided mandate.

The EAF will now focus on:

- Institutional stability.
- Financial sustainability.
- European promotion and recognition.
- Structured sport development through committees and working groups.

Unity gives us legitimacy.

Teamplay gives us capacity.

Sport gives us purpose.

With this, the first Congress of the European Airsoft Federation is formally concluded.