



# Minutes of the EE Meeting of the Bird Division

on Friday, 31 May 2025 in Bucharest, Romania

## Participants / Attending Members:

<b>Belgien:</b>	Jaek Aerts(KBOF) Jean-Yves Moulart (KBOF) Kris Agten (KBOF)
<b>Deutschland:</b>	Sven Pukat (DKB), Winnie Pukat (DKB)
<b>Niederlande:</b>	Klaas Snijder (NBvV), Henk Jansen (NBvV)
<b>Österreich:</b>	Dieter Hopfinger (RÖK),
<b>Ungarn:</b>	Janos Kanalas, Miroslav Silver Srebro
<b>Kosovo:</b>	Zajo Gruda
<b>Kroatien:</b>	Bernhard Kirnčić
<b>Schweiz:</b>	Reinhard Gertschen, Paul Brügger
<b>EE-Vorstand:</b>	Eric Apperlo (Tierschutzbeirat), Gion Gross, Jeannine Jehl und Hansjörg Opala - zeitweise

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**Languages:** German and English

Beginn: 09:00 Uhr

Leitung: Klaas Snijder, Chairman

## **1. Welcome**

The meeting was opened punctually at 09:00 by Chairman Klaas Snijder. He warmly welcomed the participants in both working languages.

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## **2. Roll Call**

A total of 14 breeders from 8 countries were present: Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Kosovo, Croatia, and Hungary.



### 3. Address Directory of the Division

The existing address directory was updated and supplemented with individual member photos to facilitate future collaboration and identification.

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### 4. Minutes of the EE Meeting on 19 May 2023

The minutes of the last meeting were published on the homepage and unanimously approved without objections.

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### 5. Report from the EE Board Meetings

Klaas Snijder reported on EE board meetings. Topics included the upcoming election of a new president and treasurer. The two candidates were briefly introduced.

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### 6. Agenda of the General Assembly on 31 May 2025

The planned agenda items for the upcoming General Assembly were acknowledged.

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### 7. Admission of New Members

No new members were admitted to the division.

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### 8. Report from the Animal Welfare Council

#### Report by Erik Apperlo:

- Three working meetings were held.
- Uwe Bamberger joined to strengthen the council.
- Discussion on requirements for the upcoming European Show.
- Correspondence with the EU Commission on regulatory topics.
- Proposal to abolish the "TRACES" system for the transport of fewer than 10 animals.
- Partial easing of avian influenza measures already implemented.
- No major outbreaks in the past year.



- Sales of exhibition animals are handled digitally via the organizer; clarification for “Birds” is pending.
- Discussion on a potential EU-wide “positive list”.
  - Consensus: such a list would not be beneficial for the hobby.
  - A complete and scientifically sound list of domesticated and managed species must be prepared.

A follow-up discussion was held after the report.

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## 9. Report from the Standards Commission

- Preparation of a list of necessary judges.
- This list will serve as the basis for the “EE Judges List”.
- A presentation on cage and aviary requirements was shown.

Sven Pukat and Klaas Snijder reported that they invited Jao Liberado (Switzerland), the newly appointed COM-OMJ President, as a judge for color canaries during the last COM World Show.

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## 10. EE Judge Training (Exotics, Canaries, Budgerigars)

- No training will be held in 2025.
- Discussion whether a separate training is even necessary since EE is closely linked with COM.
- COM judges are automatically approved for EE shows.
- National judges may also be approved upon application and confirmation by the division commission, provided they demonstrate technical qualification.

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## 11. Breed-specific European Show 2024

### Report by Janos Kanalas (Hungary):

- European Show for Zebra Finches and Laughing Doves held from 8–10 October 2024.
- Positive development of cooperation among Hungarian divisions.
- Overall very positive feedback on the event.

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## 12. Breed-specific European Show 2026/2027



- Sven Pukat reported a request from Germany to host a European Show for German Crested Canaries.
  - The assembly unanimously supported the initiative.
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### 13. National Shows and Championships in Member Countries

- **Belgium:** Championship in Putte from 19–21 December 2024 ([www.nofon.be](http://www.nofon.be))
  - **Germany:** German Championship of the DKB on 13 and 14 December 2025
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### 14. Elections under § 12.2 of the EE Statutes

- Klaas Snijder stepped down and ran again for chairman.  
→ He was unanimously re-elected.
  - Due to the resignation of Jan Van Looy, a new vice president had to be elected.  
→ A spontaneous election was not formally possible.  
→ Sven Pukat will act as interim vice president in addition to his role as secretary until the next meeting.
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### 15. Preview of the EE Show in Nitra (03–09 November 2025)

#### Organization and Planning:

- Klaas and Henk will be present the entire week.
- Accommodation to be organized individually (max. €50/night).
- Judges will receive daily and mileage allowances.
- Digital judging via tablet.
- Bird division catalogue will be part of the overall show catalogue.
- Cage numbers will be issued in advance.
- Wi-Fi and an office for the division will be provided.
- Rosettes for champions, certificates for European champions.
- No age limit for exhibition animals.
- Judges' briefing: Tuesday, 19:00 in the hall.
- Racks are still open.
- Additional honorary awards to be distributed as needed.

→ The already submitted list of show classes was reviewed again and declared binding for all.

→ The division will determine:

- 2 × 7 European Champions
- 20 European Winners



#### Awards:

- **European Champion:** certificate + European medal on ribbon
- **European Winner:** certificate + medal
- **European Group Winner:** certificate
- **European Class Winner:** recorded but not awarded

#### Minimum Points:

- Group winner: 90 points (single entry) or 360 points (collection)
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### 16. EE Future – Working Group

- Sven Pukat was appointed as the division's representative in the "Future Commission" of EE.
  - Objective: strategic development and positioning of the EE.
  - Switzerland proposed creating a publication on cage sizes as a regional reference guide.
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### 17. Suggestions and Requests

Some points could not be discussed in detail due to time constraints and were postponed to the next meeting:

- Sales of birds directly from the exhibition
  - Steward organization: each judge requires at least one steward, including the provision of trolleys.
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#### Meeting adjourned at approx. 16:00

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Secretary: Sven Pukat