



New Initiative:

FEPA Cooperation on the Future of Philately

Closer cooperation with and between the FEPA members
on the future for organised philately in Europe

Presented by FEPA at the FEPA Congress
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Our Objective with this Initiative

- Organised philately is developing fast in an ever more digital future, and the FEPA Board is committed to support the Federations in the future opportunities for organised philately.
- In October 2022 FEPA facilitated a Zoom workshop on “Digital Philately” for a number of Federations, and this initiative was well received.
- The FEPA Board has therefore decided to be active in facilitating the experiences between the Federations – on topics like **“Social Media & Organised Philately”**, **“Retaining and gaining new membership”** etc – themes that are common for all Federation Boards.



The FEPA Initiative

- We will in 2025 be holding virtual Zoom meetings for all FEPA Federations - in groups.
- The goal is to use the meetings to discuss and inspire each other on the future development of organised philately and the initiatives that are taking place in the membership countries.



Practical considerations

- Numbers attending a meeting will be kept to a level where all participants will be able to take actively part in the discussions (max 8 federations per meeting)
- Topics for each meeting will be defined in advance. We will also ask for input today: What do they want to meet about?
- We hope that this will become a continuous process with regular meetings rather than a one-off. We will evaluate the initiative after 2025.



Practical planning

Target group

- Federations Presidents
- Additionally: One other board member or responsible for specific areas from the federation can participate

FEPA Participation

- Two FEPA Board members participate in each meeting.
- One of the FEPA Board members will be the facilitator

How many meetings?

Groups of around 8: This means 6 groups to cover all federations.

Each federation can choose between two dates.

Frequency and time

- 2 hour meetings
- 2 meetings for each federation in 2025 (one in the spring & one in the fall)
- In 6 groups – so a total of 12 meetings
- We will be using 2025 to test it and then evaluate

Technology

- Zoom meetings



Content of the Meetings

- The goal is to have active participation from everyone in the meeting
- Suggestion: A 10-minute presentation from one of the federations to start the dialogue
- FEPA will produce a combined report from all meetings

Suggested Topics

- *The main challenges for the European Federations*
- *Experiences on getting new members*
- *Social Media experiences*
- *Etc.*



Timeline

Today at the FEPA Congress:
Presentation of and dialogue on
the suggestion

- March 2025: First round of meetings with Federations
- October 2025: Second round of meetings with Federations
- November 2025: FEPA Board evaluation of the meetings and decision on how to proceed



Invitations to March 2025 FEPA/Federation meetings

4 March or 10 March

- Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Turkey

18 March or 24 March

- Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary,

26 March or 31 March

- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Switzerland



We Appreciate Your Initial Thoughts

- Is this a good idea?
- What would you like to be on the agenda?
- Any input on the practicalities?