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WDSF CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE

“DSE 2024”  
ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY

25th October 2024  
Warsaw

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# **DANCE SPORT EUROPE**

## **“DSE 2024” SCHEDULE**

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### ***FRIDAY 25th October 2024***

**10:00 - 12:30**

Registration of Delegates

**12:30 - 13:30**

DSE welcome lunch

**13:45 - 15:15**

WDSF Continental Association of Europe  
Annual General Assembly  
(Regent Ballroom B)

### ***Warsaw - Poland***

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# DSE 2024 AGENDA

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20. Miscellaneous
21. Adjournment

# MINUTE OF DANCESPORT EUROPE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

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## 1. Call to order

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota called to order the Annual General Assembly at 11:00 CET.

Mr. Wota welcomed the delegates and guests to the Spanish National Olympic Committee buildings in Madrid.

Mr. Wota thanks the Spanish National Olympic Committee for providing the meeting room free of charge.

A further thank you to the WDSF for providing the transportation from the official hotel.

## 2. Report on Convocation of the Meeting and Submission of Motions

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota provided the report on the Convocation of the Meeting and Submission of Motions.

The first information was sent on 15th January 2023.

The E-Booklet including the final agenda was sent to the members on 7th April 2023.

## 3. Roll Call and Ascertainment of Votes

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota informed the meeting that of the 36 DSE members, there were 32 members present of which 6 are represented by proxy. There are 31 members with the right to vote at the beginning of the meeting.

Given that more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the voting members in terms of number of votes represented by the delegates were present, the General Assembly can be convened as duly constituted as stated in article 9 of the statutes.

At the beginning of the meeting, the simple and 2/3 majority were calculated as follows:

Present members: 32

Represented by Proxy: 6

Total eligible to vote: 31

Simple majority: 16

2/3 majority: 21

#### 4. Election of meeting Chairman

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota volunteered as the Chairman of the meeting.

There were no other nominations.

Unanimously Approved, Mr. Wota was elected to act as the Chairperson of the meeting.

#### 5. Election of the meeting Secretary/Minute Keeper

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota on behalf of the Managing Committee, suggested Ms. Aimie Leak (Ireland) to act as the meeting secretary and minute keeper. There were no other nominations.

Unanimously Approved, Ms. Aimie Leak was elected to act as the Secretary of the Meeting.

#### 6. Appointment of Scrutineers

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota on behalf of the Managing Committee, suggested Ms. Marina Kraševac Barišić (Croatia) and Ms. Magdalena Czarnocka - Kaptur (Poland) to act as Scrutineers of the meeting. There were no other nominations.

Unanimously Approved, Ms. Marina Kraševac Barišić and

Ms. Magdalena Czarnocka - Kaptur were elected to act as Scrutineers of the meeting.

## 7. Recognitions and Special Welcomes

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota, on behalf of the management committee, welcomes;

First Vice President and Vice President for Finance, Mr. Tony Tilenni

Vice President for Sport, Mr. Nenad Jeftić

General Secretary Mr. Sergey Nifontov

Vice President for Communications, Mr. Jeffrey Van Meerkerk

Vice President for Legal Affairs, Mr. Jim Fraser

Presidium member Mr. Boris Odikadze

Presidium member Mr. Charles Ferriera

## 8. Allocation of Time

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota on behalf of the management committee, proposed the allocation of time to be 3 minutes for speech per topic, with an added 1 minute for additional comments per topic. There were no other suggestions.

The proposed allocation of time was unanimously approved by the AGA.

## 9. Approval of the Agenda

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota on behalf of the management committee informed the delegates that the 2023 Agenda were circulated to DSE members on 7th April 2023. Mr. Wota moved that the DSE AGA approve this Agenda.

The Agenda of the DSE AGA were unanimously approved.

#### 10. Approval of the minutes of 2022 Annual General Assembly

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota on behalf of the management committee informed the delegates that the 2022 minutes were circulated to DSE members on 2nd February 2023.

Mr. Wota moved that the DSE AGA approve these minutes.

The minutes of the 2022 DSE AGA were unanimously approved.

#### 11. Urgent Motion

The DSE Management committee asked for a vote to include an urgent motion.

Urgent motion: To release the All Ukrainian DanceSport Federation from the DSE annual membership fee payment for calendar year 2023 with the preservation of all membership privileges, including the right to vote.

DSE Treasurer, Mr. Sergey Belyaev explained the technical clarification of the voting according to the statutes. A  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority was required to accept the urgent motion.

The DSE AGA unanimously approved, adding the motion to the agenda.

The motion was then voted on requiring a simple majority. The motion was unanimously approved.

The ascertainment of votes was updated.

Present members: 32  
Represented by Proxy: 6  
Total eligible to vote: 32  
Simple majority: 17  
2/3 majority: 21

As a point of information, DSE Members will be given the opportunity to share their position on the issue of participation of Russian athletes in international competitions in Miscellaneous.

## 12. President's Report

The president's report was circulated in advance by email. Mr. Wota asked if there were any questions on the report. There were no questions or comments.

DSE AGA Unanimously approved the report.

## 13. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary's report was circulated in advance by email. Mr. Wota asked for any questions about the report. DSE AGA Unanimously approved the report. There were no questions or comments.

## 14. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was circulated in advance by email. Mr. Wota asked for any questions about the report.

Question from Mr. Valeri Ivanov (Spain)

Mr. Ivanov congratulated Mr. Belyaev on the good work he had done, in particular for gaining tax exemptions for DSE. Mr. Ivanov noted that improvements needed to be made



regarding debts owed to DSE. Mr. Ivanov asked how the debts of the account were managed?

Mr. Belyaev noted that DSE is in a far clearer position now than when he had inherited the position. Mr. Belyaev informed the AGA of the investigation into historical debts and how the MC had collected them.

DSE issues invoices through office email, using electronic systems which can identify if the email has been received and also if it has been opened and read.

Mr. Belyaev noted that each member has an obligation to pay their membership which is due on 1st January each year and must be paid before 31st March.

Obligation falls on members to ensure their membership is paid to DSE.

If any member has any doubts they should contact the General Secretary who will respond to emails daily.

General Secretary Ms. Dragana Majcen added that numerous communications are made with members to collect fees.

Mrs. Violeta Yaneva from Bulgaria joined the meeting.  
The ascertainment of votes was updated.

Present members: 33

Represented by Proxy: 6

Total eligible to vote: 33

Simple majority: 17

2/3 majority: 22

Hearing no more questions the Treasurer's report was called to a vote.

The DSE AGA unanimously approved.

## 15. Approval of Financial Statement 2022

Profit and loss statement

Balance Sheets

DSE Financial controller's Report

Approval of the annual financial statements

The 2022 financial controllers Mr. Guy Simon (Luxembourg) and Mr. Lior Belenky (Israel) reported that the financial statement had passed all spot checks.

Neither financial controller could find any discrepancies and both congratulated Mr. Sergey Belyaev for his diligent work.

Mr. Sergey Belyaev added the following comments:

Cash flow is in a healthy position. Accounts are in order for him to recommend the DSE AGA to approve the financial report.

Mr. Sergey Belyaev observes that members are slow to pay their membership fees.

Some members have debts which are increasing yearly, where such members have not answered communications for 4 years.

The only solution to stop increasing these debts is to change the membership rules and expel members who continuously do not pay their membership fees.

Mr. Belyaev informs the DSE AGA that he has made the recommendation to DSE MC to make a motion to expel the members who continue to refuse to pay their memberships fees. This suggestion was not accepted by the DSE MC.

Mr. Juris Arajs (Latvia) asked who these members were.

According to Swiss GDPR law, DSE MC cannot name the countries to the general assembly unless there is a motion

from the AGA to reveal this information.

Mr. Juris Arajs (Latvia) Proposed the following motion.

Motion:

That the 2023 DSE AGA requests to reveal the names of the DSE members who have outstanding debts owed to DSE.

The motion is seconded by Mr. Ivo Münster - (Germany).

The DSE AGA approved, there were 3 abstentions.

The following information was provided:

Greece owes 2000 euro.

Cyprus owes 1400, however, has made a payment of 800 euro.

This payment of 800 euro was to cover the membership fees for 2023, and 2022.

There is an outstanding debt of 600 euro.

Note: The 800 euro payment had not yet reached the DSE bank accounts before the start of the meeting.

Malta has a debt which was not disclosed.

In discussions with DSE MC Malta decided to resign from DSE membership.

If Malta wishes to re-join in the future they will have to pay historic debts first as resigning membership does not clear the debt owed.

No other countries have outstanding debts.

Mr. Juris Arajs - (Latvia) asked if the MC plans to expel Greece.

Mr. Wota suggests that if Greece continues to ignore communications that the future DSE MC should consider

making a motion to expel Greece.

Mr. Valeri Ivanov (Spain) asked if the DSE MC is certain Cyprus was aware of their exact debts and asked if Cyprus can be accepted as fully voting members of the 2023 DSE AGA as they have paid the past two years membership.

DSE General Secretary Ms. Dragana Majcen confirms that Cyprus was fully aware of the debts owed as several correspondents have been sent.

Ms. Majcen acknowledges that there has been a change of president in Cyprus however, the historical debt is still owed.

Ms. Majcen then read a passage from the statutes which confirms, "all fees must be paid and full financial obligations must be settled before the meeting starts". Cyprus had not fulfilled this obligation and therefore was not allowed to vote.

Mr. Mircea Gavrillia - Romania asked why the outstanding payment could not be made now in cash.

Mr. Sergey Belyaev added that cash could not be accepted as it's not possible to lodge cash to the swiss bank accounts, adding that in the modern world we should strive to only use electronic payments as it was the most transparent and clear procedure.

Mr. Ivo Muenster - (Germany) read a passage from the statutes which confirms all fees must be paid before the meeting starts and that discussion around payments after the meeting started was not possible.

Mr. Sergey Belyaev noted the 300% increase in capital by the end of financial year of 2022.

With more than 70,000 CHF in the bank, compared to below 20,000 CHF in previous years.

Mr. Belyaev then explained how he had obtained tax exemption for DSE and the benefits in revenue this will bring for the future.

Furthermore all bookkeeping is now based in Switzerland and is electronic explaining how all the data is recorded and reports available.

There were no more questions or comments.

DSE AGA Unanimously approved the financial statement of 2022.

16. Approval of Management Committee's work from the last general assembly to the present.

Mr. Sean Smullen (Ireland) proposed a motion to approve the Management Committee's work from the last general assembly to the present.

Mr. Albert Akopyan from Armenia seconded the motion.

The motion was - Unanimously approved.

17. Annual membership fee 2024

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota on behalf of the management committee proposed to not make any changes in the membership fees.

The proposed fees for 2024 are:

Full membership - 400 euro

Provisional membership - 200 euro.

There were no other proposals.

DSE AGA Unanimously approved.

## 18. Budget and Result 2022 Adoption of the 2024 Provisional Budget

The Budget and Result 2022 Adoption of the 2024 Provisional Budget was Unanimously approved by the DSE AGA.

Mr. Belyaev highlighted that the recommendation from Switzerland to include 'cost projects' was adopted into the budget. Mr. Belyaev explained the benefit of this to the AGA.

## 19. Election of the DSE Management Committee for the term of 4 years

Before the DSE MC stood down from the MC table and returned to the floor, each member gave a short speech on their experience in the previous 4 years.

Mr. Guy Rosen added that the previous years during Covid 19 a lot of money was saved from online meetings and suggested the new DSE MC have monthly online meetings.

Mr. Guy Rosen gave a short report of the Class System success and its plan for the future.

Mr. Duarte Vieira from Portugal spoke on behalf of Mr. Alberto Rodrigues who was not present and gave his intentions to re stand for election if Mr. Belyaev was elected President.

Mr. Eric Sourdeau spoke on behalf of Mr. Fredric Mosa and mentioned that Mr. Mosa for personal reasons would not be standing for re-election.

Mr. Sergey Belyaev thanked the MC for its trust in his work, giving special thanks to Ms. Dragana Majcen for her diligent hard work on all DSE matters.

Mr. Belyaev thanked each MC member individually before thanking Mr. Wota for his cooperation and shared work.

Ms. Dragana Majcen expressed her gratitude to each MC member for their cooperation during the 4 year term and gave her intentions for the future to re stand for election if Mr. Belyaev was elected President.

Mr. Davide Caccari for personal reasons will not re stand for election within DSE. Mr. Cacciari thanked each of the DSE MC for their hard work and extended a special thank you to members of the WDSF Presidium present and to PD Sports Director and her husband for their support of DSE.

Mr. Robert Wota thanked each management committee member. Mr. Wota expressed his interest to stand for re-election.

Giving an overview of the good projects achieved in the previous 4 years however, also giving an overview of some challenges, Covid 19, WDSF Election, The War.

A recognition that we are not in the same place we were 4 years ago and that moving forward there is a need for doing things a different, better way with a concentration on unifying and rebuilding the younger generation.

DSE President Mr. Robert Wota and the management committee fully stepped down and the DSE AGA Unanimously elected Mr. Duarte Vieira (Portugal) to chair the elections.

Mr. Lior Beleaky from Israel proposed a motion that each candidate have 3 minutes to present themselves.

DSE AGA Unanimously approved.

## DSE President elections

Candidates:

Mr. Sergey Belyaev nominated by Finland.

Mr. Robert Wota nominated by Poland.

Both candidates gave a brief statement of their future intentions.

Mr. Juris Arajš (Latvia) asked why there were numbers on the ballot.

Ms. Dragana Majcen responded that this was to ensure no additional votes were cast and each ballot was numbered.

For a point of information the ballot sheets were distributed at random and no one could possibly know who had which numbered sheet.

Vote for President:

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| Mr. Sergey Belyaev - | 14 votes |
| Mr. Robert Wota -    | 18 votes |

The President of DSE for the next 4 years is Mr. Robert Wota

## DSE VP President elections

Candidates:

Mr. Mircea Gavrilă nominated by - Romania.

Mr. Gavrilă gave a prepared speech in which he outlined that as President of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Romanian DanceSport Federation (RDSF) he was 100% committed to developing the world of DanceSport, commenting that while most countries were closed due to covid, RDSF helped to restart the system.

Mr. Gavrilă also listed the main projects he has been involved with in the last 10 years.



Mr. Gavrilă said his goal is to reinforce Europe's position in our dance world, striving for new ways to improve the existing environment. He will give a deep and powerful commitment to preserve and to continue to fight for our dance world.

Vote for Vice president:

Mr. Mircea Gavrilă - 21 votes in favour, 12 abstentions.

DSE Treasurer elections:

Candidates:

Mr. Ludwig Wieshofer was nominated by - Austria.

Mr. Wieshofer gave a brief overview of his achievements in DanceSport over the last 40 years.

Vote for DSE Treasurer:

Mr. Ludwig Wieshofer - 26 votes in favour 6 abstentions.

DSE General Secretary elections

Candidates:

Mr. Luigi Bodini from Georgia - nominated by Czech republic.

Mr. Bodini said he will serve DSE members the best way possible, particularly with his expertise in event organisation.

He will be able to assist with website and management activities.

Vote for General Secretary: 21 votes in favour, 12 abstentions.

## DSE MC Members election

### Candidates:

Mr. Pietro Braga (Italy) - was nominated by Mr. Valeri Ivanov - Spain.

Mr. Albert Hakobyan (Armenia) - was nominated by Mr. Guy Simon - Luxembourg.

Mr. Valdis Skutans (Latvia) - was nominated by Mr. Juris Arajis - Latvia.

Mr. Andriy Polyvka (Ukraine) - was nominated by Ukraine.

Mrs. Violeta Yaneva (Bulgaria) - was nominated by Mr. Mircea Gavrilă - Romania.

All candidates accepted their nominations.

### Vote for DSE MC Members:

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| Pietro Braga -    | 26 votes (elected)     |
| Albert Hakobyan - | 17 votes (elected)     |
| Valdis Skutans -  | 26 votes (elected)     |
| Andriy Polyvka -  | 12 votes (not elected) |
| Violeta Yaneva -  | 13 votes (not elected) |
| 5 abstentions.    |                        |

## 20. Appointment of the financial controllers

Mr. Wota suggested that we would have 2 financial controllers.

Unanimously approved.

Mr. Lior Belenky from Israel was nominated however, respectfully declined.

Mr. Valeri Ivanov - Spain and Ms. Magdalena Czarnocka - Poland are nominated.

Both candidates accepted the nomination.

DSE AGA Unanimously approved.

## 21. Miscellaneous

DSE members were invited to speak on topics not covered by the agenda.

Mr. Aleksey Vahin, Ukraine introduced himself as the delegate from Ukraine and Chair of his National Athletes Commission.

Mr. Vahin informed the AGA that the IOC are beginning a Refugee Team and explained how this would work.

Mr. Vahin explained how Ukrainian athletes are not permitted by the government to take part in events which have Russian or Belarusian athletes present.

Mr. Vahin informed the AGA that despite the war and travel difficulties, that 45 Ukrainian couples took part in 60 competitions in 2023.

Mr. Juris Arajs from Latvia personally sympathised with Ukraine and Ukrainian athletes and spoke that in Latvia, if they would accept a Russian or Belarusian athlete or official at their event they would lose all government funding and recognition immediately.

Mrs. Lena Arvidsson (Sweden) spoke of how sport should be non-political.

However, we are in a situation where we cannot separate sport and politics.

Mrs. Arvidsson read out a statement issued from the Nordic IOC which did not support any change to the sanctions on Russian and Belarusian athletes. Now is not the right time to consider their return.

Mr. Martin Dvorak (Czech Republic) asked the presidium members present to elaborate on the White Flag policy

posted on the WDSF website.

DSE president suggested that the DSE may not be the best time to discuss this, and that the delegate should ask and discuss this topic at the WDSF AGM.

There were no more questions or comments.

## 22. Adjournment

At 14:36 CET the WDSF DanceSport Europe 2023 Annual General Assembly Meeting was adjourned.

DanceSport Europe Secretary General  
Luigi Bodini

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DanceSport Europe President  
Robert Wota

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# President's Report

Reporting period July 2023 – October 2024

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Dear Delegates, Members, and Dance Friends,

I am thrilled that we can meet in Warsaw, Poland, which will host the DanceSport Europe Annual General Assembly 2024.

Since our last DSE AGA elections, our managing committee has elected as:

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| - Robert Wota:      | President         |
| - Mircea Gavrilă:   | Vice President    |
| - Luigi Bodini:     | Secretary General |
| - Ludwig Wieshofer: | Treasurer         |
| - Pietro Braga:     | Member            |
| - Albert Hakobyan:  | Member            |
| - Valdis Skutans:   | Member            |

As new managing committee elected, the first few months we worked hardly for transfers of powers, where we find really big difficulties with bank account.

We were based on online meetings only. Four official meetings and few unofficial working meetings were done in reporting period were MC members made decisions, discuss and worked on our projects.

Our flagship long term project, the Juveniles and Junior-oriented DanceSport European Grand Prix (DEGP), has adopted a fresh format introduced last year. Despite a contract with WDSF restricting us to organizing only two competitions per country annually, we already scheduled 22 competitions, with another 6 will pending until the end of 2024. We successfully finished the year 2023 with the Super

Final in Riga, during the esteemed Baltic Grand Prix event. It was an exceptional event where our top ranked couples displayed their exceptional skills. Notably, DSE has continued to provide cash vouchers to all the winners, totaling 2400 EUR. The DanceSport Europe top event for 2024 The Super Final is already scheduled to Zagreb. For the first time, we will be awarding the money vouchers to all top three places in all categories, which will increase the prize money to 4300 EUR.

Our ongoing investment in the IT infrastructure of DanceSport Europe has led to the integration of a new NMB panel, revolutionizing all communication within the organization. This new system streamlines the processes of applying, approving, editing, and canceling competitions, as well as assigning adjudicators.

Moreover, it seamlessly integrates with our calendar, results, and ranking webpages. The new webpage, which commenced in 2024, is an integral part of this development. It boasts a complete redesign, ensuring an intuitive and user-friendly navigation experience. We are almost done negotiating a new Social Media agreement that will make communication with young athletes generations easier.

New commissions have recently been established to better organize the work and introduce representatives of National Member Bodies into daily DanceSport Europe actions.

“Let’s Rediscover Europe” is our newest project. It aims to lead European peoples to rediscover emotions to dance, to support DSE. National Member Bodies in developing the number of athletes, increase number of competitions and money incoming to support activities to lead DanceSport Europe to support WDSF offering the largest pool of members, competitions and athletes. The main target of that project are children, young generations and adults that are not currently dancing or that are dancing to a beginner level.

During the reported period, DanceSport Europe received new membership applications from Moldova, Turkey, and Estonia, which were all accepted. However, Portugal rejected their membership.

On behalf of DanceSport Europe, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all member federations, dance friends, organizers, and athletes who supported us throughout last year. I would also like to extend my heartfelt personal appreciation to Luigi, Secretary General, and Ludwig, Treasurer, for their exceptional contributions to DSE, as well as to all the Managing Committee members who worked tirelessly alongside me.

My warmest regards,

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Robert Wota  
President of DSE

# Secretary General's Report

Reporting period July 2023 – October 2024

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Delegates of the DSE Member bodies,

I am pleased to submit my Report as DSE Secretary General to the 2024 DSE Annual General Assembly. This report outlines the key activities and initiatives undertaken by Secretary General of DanceSport Europe in the past year, as well as upcoming activities for the future.

As office activities

- I contacted every NMB to verify correctness of all their contact informations:
- I verify that DSE contact information correspond to WDSF ones;
- I update all DSE information that was not corresponding to WDSF database;
- I ask to all NMB if any mail or phone number of representatives of the NMB to DSE should be included in the communications.

Update of invoicing details

Furthermore I carried out a huge work to verify and update all invoicing informations of our NMBs.

- I verify that DSE billing information correspond to WDSF ones;
- I update DSE information that was not corresponding to WDSF database;
- I contact all NMB asking them to confirm all informations.



In order to fulfill WDSF policies as recommended in the WDSF paper "AGENDA 2032" I already carried out several activity:

### Digital Transformation

In cooperation with DSE President, Mr. Robert Wota, I was committed to enhancing our digital presence, including a revamp of our website and the introduction of an online membership portal.

### Cloud Archive

During previous management all DSE documents have been stored on private computers. To fulfill requirement of a good governance, to improve transparency and to make all informations immediately available to any DSE presidium now we own a cloud space to store all DSE documents that are in this way immediately accessible.

### Developing a marketing strategy

As WDSF Continental Association of Europe, it's our responsibility to represent in Europe WDSF commitment to excellence. According to the WDSF Agenda 2032, during last year we increased social media advertising of competitions, results and activities. We are also working to collaborate with specialized social media companies to increase the frequency of posts on Facebook and Instagram to increase our number of leads.

### New web site

The idea of renewing completely the WEB SITE follows this strategy. The web site is what shows immediately the image of WDSF and DSE to all National Member Body and athletes. It have to be quick and simple to load, to be

connected to the young generations. As young generations are used to reading, browsing and discovering resources in few seconds, we took advantage of this useful opportunity developing a new web site that is on-line since 27th of March 2024.

## New Application System

It was 19th of January 2024 the official date of launching the new WDSF DSE application system.

The New Application System is a huge project that allow to any NMB to apply for a new competition and autonomously enter the informations regarding each competition. It also allows DSE to exercise automatically strict control over the correctness of the adjudicators panels in numbers of adjudicators and countries to fully respect the rules.

## Membership and Participation

In order to increase the diffusion of competitions in the various nations, and therefore be more present and close to each athlete, we contacted members raising their awareness of the need to be part of DSE and organize events for the young athletes of their nations.

## Current Memberships

As of October 24, 2024 DanceSport Europe has 38 member countries. New members are:

Turkey

Moldova

Estonia

Some of them have already taken steps to organize, or have already organized, competitions of the DSE Children GP ranking points circuit.

## Competitions and Participation Growth

We have seen an increase in the number of competition with 21% and participation of registered athletes, with 25% growth compared to the previous year.

## Major Events and Competitions

DSE Grand Prix Super Final 2023 Held in Riga, this event attracted 115 participants from all around Europe with 25% growth compared to the previous year. Of course we have to consider that in 2022 the DSE GP Super Final was still affected by the tragedy of the pandemic. Highlights included Final DSE Ranking Award showcasing the talent and dedication of our athletes.

## Standardization of Rules and Regulations

DanceSport Europe collaborates with WDSF to organize competitions for young generations, promoting dance sport and providing athletes with platforms to showcase their talents. It's of fundamental importance that DSE and WDSF work together to establish uniform rules and regulations for competitions, ensuring fairness and consistency across events.

That's why from first of January 2024 DSE GP competition rules have been updates aligning them to WDSF ones.

## Professional organization and cooperation: Commission

According to art. 6.1 of the WDSF Agenda 2032 we already review and define structure and roles creating commissions that will include expert-based workforce to pursue the goals (who have to do and what).

To involve and include representative of all NMBs promoting teamwork and democracy, openness and transparency our aim is to create commission with representative from NMBs and not only from DSE Presidium.

## Collaborations and Partnerships

According to my activity as Secretary General the cooperation between DanceSport Europe and the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) plays a significant role to inform NMBs and in promoting and developing dance sport at both regional and international levels.

At the same time DanceSport Europe's political position within the World DanceSport Federation (WDSF) is of fundamental strategic importance for WDSF to build relationships, enhancing visibility, and advocating for the interests of European dance sport.

Here are several advantages created by the DSE activities:

- Increase Membership Engagement: Encourage more countries within Europe to become active members of DanceSport Europe, thereby increasing representation in WDSF discussions and decisions.
- Building Alliances, Partnerships with National Federations: DSE works closely with national Federations to ensure they are aligned with WDSF's goals, creating a stronger collective connection.
- Effective Communication Strategy: DSE Develops a robust communication strategy that highlights the WDSF achievements and contributions to DanceSport in Europe, enhancing its visibility. DSE periodically assess the effectiveness of strategies and initiatives, making adjustments based on feedback and changing circumstances within WDSF.

## Conclusion

DSE cooperation with WDSF can strengthen its political position within Europe, ensuring that the interests of European dance sport are well-represented and advocated for on the international stage. Collaboration, strategic planning, and effective communication will be key to achieving these goals.

The cooperation between WDSF and DanceSport Europe is vital for the growth and development of Dancesport as a competitive discipline in Europe. By working together, we enhance the experience for athletes, judges, and fans alike, ensuring a vibrant future for Dancesport on both regional and global stages.

As we move forward, DanceSport Europe remains dedicated to fostering growth, inclusivity, and excellence within our sport. Dancesport Europe works to increase number of athletes (now decreasing) and to increase number of competitions to avoid loss of money of Members Federations to grant to Europe the position of excellence that it has always held in the history of Dancesport.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all member Federations, dance friends, organizers and athletes. Your passion, dedication, and hard work are what make our community vibrant and successful. Furthermore my gratitude goes to DSE President, Robert Wota, DSE Treasurer, Ludwig Wieshofer and the whole Managing Committee for their great contributions during this year. Whether you've volunteered your time your contributions have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for being an integral part of my journey. Together, we are creating a wonderful environment for dance to thrive.

If you want to know more specific examples or current initiatives, feel free to ask!

With my warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LB', with a large, sweeping loop at the bottom.

Luigi Bodini  
Secretary General  
WDSF Continental Association of Europe

# Treasurer's Report

Reporting period July 2023 – October 2024

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Dear Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report covers the financial activities of DSE for the financial year 2023.

## General remarks

The income of DSE is basically made up of 2 components, namely membership fees and granting fees for the DSE children GP series.

The expenses basically cover the costs associated with the organization of the physical DSE Annual General Assembly, the costs of prize vouchers for the winners of the DSE annual competition ranking, IT costs, banking and accounting services.

DSE runs 2 bank accounts:

- The account number 89-868128-7 for Swiss Francs CHF
- The account number 91-29122-8 for Euro

All the main business activities are carried out via the Euro bank account, the CHF account is mandatory as DSE is based in Switzerland and must have a bank account in the local currency.

## Income 2023

DSE Membership fees 2023 were actually paid by the vast majority of the active members amounting to a sum of roughly EUR 14.000

However, it must be stated that there are a few members not fulfilling their duty to pay their membership fees leading to an increase in their total debt. The question that arises is what to do with these members.

DSE granting fees 2023 for the children GP series amounted to EUR 4.800, remaining stable compared to 2022. Two organizers of DSE children GP competitions failed to pay the granting fee so far.

### Expenses 2023

In 2023, the total amount of expenditures did not exceed the budget approved by the General Assembly. On the contrary, the costs were far less than planned due to the fact that some of the expenses stated in the budget for 2023 were not executed, e.g. meeting expenses.

The main item of expenditure were the costs related with the organization of the physical DSE General Assembly. Additionally there were the costs of prize vouchers for the winners of the DSE annual competition ranking, costs for IT and banking and accounting services. These costs amounted to a total of EUR 15.000

### Result 2023

The surplus of the financial year 2023 amounted to EUR 12.022,36.

The account balance on 31-12-2022 amounted to EUR 47.998,75 compared to the account balance on 31-12 2023 amounting to EUR 60.021,11

This way I can definitely conclude by stating that the financial situation of DSE is at a very stable level.



## Conclusion

I would like to take the opportunity to inform you about my experiences in the first year as treasurer of DSE which was/is mainly characterized by a constant learning process.

The first couple of months I was principally involved in trying to get access to the DSE bank accounts which turned out to be quite a challenge and took about four months until all the difficulties were settled. The main issue was that all the correspondence had to be done by post, as emailing is not accepted in Swiss banking law as an official way of communication.

Then I was able to get insight into the bank accounts and to make an update of the bookkeeping system and to reconcile the bank transfers with the bookkeeping system.

An additional problem was and still is that the automatic synchronization of the bank transfers with the bookkeeping does not work and all this work has to be done manually and therefore is extra work that is quite time consuming.

By now, I have familiarized myself with most of the tasks and look forward to my second term as treasurer of DSE.

To conclude with I would like to express my gratitude to: Firstly the DSE managing committee for their trust in and their patience with me, especially the DSE president, Mr Robert Wota, and the DSE secretary general. Mr Luigi Bodini.

Secondly to former DSE treasurer, Mr Sergey Belyaev, who really supported me with my first steps in this new position.

## **Balance sheet of 89-868128-7**

Account post-finance CHFR

### **2023**

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Account management            | CHFR 73,00 minus  |
| DSE Juvenile winner           | CHFR 286,71 minus |
| Credit from ROO Bats          | CHFR 400,00 plus  |
| Account balance on 31-12-2022 | CHFR 95,49        |
| Account balance on 31-12-2023 | CHFR 135,78       |

### Remarks:

The 2023 membership fee from Belarus amounting to EUR 400 was accidentally transferred to the CHFR bank account,

The voucher for the DSE Juvenile winner was by mistake transferred from the CHFR bank account.

The actual costs are those for the account management.

## Balance sheet of 91-29122-8

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Account balance on 31-12-2022 | EUR 47.998,75 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Account balance on 31-12-2023 | EUR 60.021,11 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|

### Income:

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Membership fees | EUR 15.595,- |
|-----------------|--------------|

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Granting fees | EUR 4.800,- |
|---------------|-------------|

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|-------|--------------|
| Other | EUR 6.642,06 |
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| Total: | EUR 27.037,06 |
|--------|---------------|

### Expenses:

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| DSE vouchers | EUR 2.100,- |
|--------------|-------------|

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Account management | EUR 74,32 |
|--------------------|-----------|

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|-------------|--------------|
| Bookkeeping | EUR 4.444,61 |
|-------------|--------------|

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|----|------------|
| IT | EUR 335,66 |
|----|------------|

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| AGM 2023 | EUR 8.060,11 |
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|-------|---------------|
| Total | EUR 15.014,70 |
|-------|---------------|



Ludwig Wieshofer

Treasurer of the WDSF Continental Association of Europe

## INTERIM REPORT FOR 2024

Account Balance on 30-09-2024 EUR 76.413,87

Account Balance on 30-09-2024 CHF 66.78

Total Income 01-01-2024 – 30-09-2024

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Membership fees | 11.592,76 EUR |
| Granting fees   | 4.800,00 EUR  |
| Total           | 16.392,76 EUR |

Total Expenses 01-01-2024 - 30-09-2024

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| IT                      | 2.723,17 EUR |
| DSE Vouchers            | 1.800,00 EUR |
| Bank account management | 92,87 EUR    |
| Total                   | 4.616,04 EUR |

Pending Invoices by 30-09-2024

|       |              |
|-------|--------------|
| Total | 9.020,00 EUR |
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# Action Plan

Let's Rediscover Europe

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## Commission

The head of the Development Commission, Pietro Braga and Mircea Gavrilă, already worked on the project and they will involve members of NMBs to assist them in the project, look for sponsors and expert people to create advertising on the social network.

## Project

To lead European populations to rediscover emotions to dance.

## Target

Children, young generation and adults that are not currently dancing and that are dancing to a beginner level.

## Actions

1. Communicate with Presidents of European Member Bodies to understand the situation of dance sport, social dance, any other dance activity and population composition to know the age of the population to involve them in dance activities.
2. Rising back the DSE European Team Championship Competitions
3. Continuation of the project Unifying Europe
4. To give stable and full support to major European projects and competitions in Europe.

## Economical Plan

The economical plan is mainly based on the increasing of the budget that DSE can use to support countries in developing activities that involve young generations.

# Provisional Budget

Provisional DSE Budget 2025

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## PROVISIONAL DSE BUDGET 2025

### INCOME

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Membership Fees   | € 15.200,- |
| DSE Granting Fees | € 10.800,- |
| Total             | € 26.000,- |

### EXPENSES

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Bookkeeping services     | € 1.000,-  |
| Bank Account Management  | € 200,-    |
| IT Costs                 | € 300,-    |
| DSE vouchers for winners | € 4.300,-  |
| Social Media             | € 3.000,-  |
| AGM Costs                | € 8.000,-  |
| Projects                 | € 9.200,-  |
| Total                    | € 26.000,- |

## RESULT

Zero Budget, Income and Expenses match.

Explanations:

- Membership fees are still at a rate of € 400.
- DSE granting fees were raised from € 400 to € 600, assumption of 18 DSE children GPs to be organized.
- The MC decided in its last presidial meeting to change the voucher system. The three first placed couples in each category will be given vouchers, therefore more money spent on this issue.
- DSE wants to make efforts to be more present in the social media, and this amount is reserved for this purpose.
- The AGM costs are calculated on the basis of 2024.
- This money is reserved to support the project „Rediscover Europe“ and other projects.



# Financial Controllers' Report

Reporting period year 2023

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Date: 23/10/2024

Dear NMB's,  
Dear Delegates,  
Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

As the Financial Controllers of DanceSport Europe, we have reviewed the financial statements and accounting books of the WDSF Continental Association of Europe - Dance Sport Europe registered in Switzerland for the year 2023, ended on December 31, 2023.

After reviewing the content of the documents and according to the information and copies of documents (Treasurer report, bank transfers from 2023 complete and invoice copies) presented to us by Ludwig Wieshofer, Treasurer of DSE and Robert Wota, President of DSE, we have found the following:

In our opinion, the financial statements and documents presented:

1. Provide a clear picture of DSE's assets and financial position as of December 31, 2023 and its financial result for the fiscal year ended on that date;
2. Has been prepared on the basis of the accounting books kept;
3. All Documents presented to us, are in order;
4. DanceSport Europe has increased its income in the year 2023 compared to 2022 from 47.998,75 Euro in 2022 to 60.021,11 Euro in 2023;

5. The amount of 4.444,61 Euro in the bookkeeping item is surprising, while for the following years the amount is about 1.000 euros. We support a significant reduction of costs in this item yet no justification and approval of such a high amount in 2023 (or in the plan for 2023) was found;
6. We propose that in future years the financial report should include, in addition to the descriptive part and the presentation of the amounts for the previous year, the Income statement and Balance sheet for the previous year compared to the previous year. This will give a clearer picture and make it easier to compare the financial flows in the DSE accounts in a year-on-year comparison.
7. It would be good practice to provide a partial financial statement of the current year's budget execution in terms of amounts and percentages (broken down by items presented in the provisional budget for the current year).

We, the Financial Controllers of DSE, suggest to the delegates to approve the financial statement of 2023, and hope that in following years the environment will be more stable and allow DSE to thrive.

Best regards,

Magdalena Czarnocka-Kaptur, Poland, Valeri Ivanov  
Zahariev, Spain  
DSE Financial Controllers