

2024 Report of the ERSO

For the 2024 IJRU General Congress

Silke Fürnschuß – 08.10.2024



A. General Information

1. Name of the Continental Organization including acronym used

European Rope Skipping Organisation, ERSO

2. Date of report completion 09.10.2024

3. Person preparing this report Silke Fürnschuß

4. Recognized as the IJRU Confederation on (supply the date)

By the IJRU Board of Directors on 05.12.2020 and by the IJRU General Congress on 11.12.2021.

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8. Plans for next championships

The European Rope Skipping Championships 2026 will take place in August in the Oslofjord Convention Center, Norway.



B. Year in Review

1. Provide an overview of the types and numbers of competitive events held during this period

2023: 5th ERSO Show Contest, 25.11.2023, Zeist/The Netherlands, with 13 teams from 6 countries
3rd ERSO Wheel Contest, 26.11.2023, Zeist/The Netherlands, with 13 couples from 5 countries.
The contest was in a battle style with double elimination system.



2024: The European Rope Skipping Championships event, combining the 22nd European Team Championships with the 15th European Individual Championships, was held from 14.-20.07.2024 in Eger/Hungary. In total 641 athletes from 12 countries competed in the European Open Tournament, the Junior European Championships and the European Championships. For the first time, the event also included the Double Dutch Contest Europe.



2. Discuss major accomplishments/ programs /events/ highlights for the past year,

The EC 2024 had the highest participation ever in the long history of European Championships. Also, the ERSO working group was growing compared to 2022. With the incredible work of the host in Hungary, we can say that the EC 2024 has reached another level in the appearance and also the flow of the competition days. Even with technical problems due to thunderstorms etc., we managed to end every competition day in time.

3. Going forward, discuss your biggest concerns for your Confederation.

Once again, we have detected problems in the current judging system, leaving behind frustrated athletes (not being awarded correctly for their routines) and judges (knowing that they did their best, that wasn't enough).

We sincerely hope that the current changes lead to a direction that awards the right athletes and allows the judges to judge correctly and feeling comfortable in judging.

In addition, we suggest to publish changes in the judging system including offering the respective judges courses a minimum one year before the next WC, in order to allow the NGB's to adapt to the changes and conduct their WC qualifiers under the rules that will be used during the WC.

4. In memoriam Richard Stannard



With a heavy heart we had to inform the community that the former ERSO president and honorary ERSO member Richard Stannard passed away very suddenly and without prior indications just a week before the EC 2024.

His innovational drive and knowledge had an immense influence on the digitalisation and visualisation of the sport how we know it today. He served as President of the ERSO from 2011 until 2019. We would like to honour again what he did for the Rope Skipping / Jump Rope community.



C. NGBs within your Confederation

1. List the countries who are members of your Confederation.

Austria	Belgium	Czechia
Denmark	Finland	France
Germany	Greece	Hungary
Israel	The Netherlands	Portugal
Slovakia	Sweden	Switzerland

4. List all national events

Date	Country	City	Competition	Category	Qualifier
Season 2023/2024, European Championships					
7.-8.10.2023	DEN	Frederica	National Individual Championships	Individual	EC
21.-22.10.23	SWE	Lycksele	Svenska Cupen, Team and individual	Individual & Team	EC, part 1
04.11.2023	SUI	Steffisburg	National Team Championships	Team	EC
05.11.2023	CZE	Prague	Czech Jump Rope Open	Individual & Team	EC, part 1
12.11.2023	SWE	virtual	Virtual speed cup, part 1	Individual & Team	EC, part 2
19.11.2023	BEL	Mariakerke	National Individual Championships	Individual	EC
09.12.2023	POR	Braga	Speed Championships	Individual & Team	
13.01.2024	CZE	Přerov	Master Cup	Individual & Team	EC, part 2
20.01.2024	AUT	Gänserndorf	National Team competition	Team	--
20.01.2024	DEN	Aalborg	Regional Team 1	Team	EC, part 1
03.02.2024	DEN	Allerød	Regional Team 2	Team	EC, part 2
11.02.2024	SWE	virtual	Virtual speed cup, part 2	Individual & Team	EC, part 3
17.02.2024	FRA	Orly	DDC France	DDC	DDCE
24.02.2024	POR	Guimarães	European Championships Qualifiers	Individual & Team	EC
09.03.2024	AUT	Oberwart	Spring Cup	Individual	EC
9.-10.03.2024	BEL	Boutersem	National Team Championships	Team	EC
9.-10.03.2024	SWE	Kämpinge	Swedish Cup	Individual & Team	EC, part 4
16.03.2024	GER	Dettingen	National Individual Championships	Individual	EC
30.03.2024	BEL	Gent	DDC Belgium	DDC	DDCE
20.04.2024	CZE	Černošice	Rebelstyle Competition	Individual & Team	EC, part 3
20.04.2024	DEN/SWE	Allerød	Danish-Swedish Team Championships	Team	--
27.04.2024	POR	Guimarães	National Individual Qualifiers	Individual	EC
03.05.2024	GER	Göttingen	Democup, EC qualifier Show teams	Show teams	EC
04.05.2024	SUI	Steffisburg	National Individual Championships	Individual	EC
04.05.2024	DEN	Odense	National Team Championships	Team	--



Date	Country	City	Competition	Category	Qualifier
04.05.2024	GER	Göttingen	National Team Championships	Team	EC
05.05.2024	BEL	Zelee	Democup	Show teams	EC
18.05.2024	CZE	Prague	National Championships	Individual & Team	EC, part 4
18.- 19.05.2024	FRA	Cires	National Championships	Individual & Team	EC
25.05.2024	AUT	Groß Siegharts	National Individual Championships	Individual	--
8.-9.06.2024	POR	Guimarães	National Championships	Individual & Team	--
22.06.2024	POR	Lisbon	DDC Portugal	DDC	--
26.- 27.06.2024	SWE	Västerås	National Team and Individual Championships	Individual & Team	--

Date	Country	City	Competition	Category	Qualifier
Season 2024/2025, calendar year 2024, World Championships					
5.-6.10.2024	DEN	Frederica	National individual Championships	Individual	WC
09.11.2024	CZE	Prague	Czech Jump Rope Open	Individual & Team	WC, part 1
16.11.2024	SWE	Ängelholm	Pair competition	Team	WC, part 1
24.11.2024	BEL	Epegem	National Individual Championships	Individual	WC
30.11.2024	SUI	Baar	National Team Championships	Team	WC

D. Attachements

- Minutes of the ERSO AGM, taking place on 19.07.2024
- Financial report for the financial year 01.07.2023-30.06.2024

ERSO AGM Minutes 19.7.2024



Hybrid Meeting

Attendees: see annex 1

Treasurer's report: see annex 2

1. Welcome and voting instructions

Sebastien welcomed all participants of the AGM. Further, he explained the voting structure of this year's AGM.

2. Roll call

Nicolai went through the list of attendants (see annex 1). Representatives that are marked with a * were registered but not present during the meeting. Additionally, some guests were attending the AGM. The ERSO board welcomed Shaun Hamilton, the president of the International Jump Rope Union, Iana Belonoschenko, the president of Israel Jump Rope, and invited Ingo Reinhardt (GER) and Gerhard Blümel (AUT) as potential auditors.

3. President's welcome

Silke welcomed everybody to the AGM. She mentioned that there are some votes for today. ERSO is excited for the Finals within the next two days. She planned to keep the meeting as short as possible.

4. Welcoming words from the International Jump Rope Union

Shaun Hamilton welcomed everybody with a warm welcome. He expressed his condolences of the passing of Richard Stannard and highlighted the work that Richard has done to advance the sport in Europe and the World.

Shaun was impressed by the running European Rope Skipping Championships and expressed his thanks to all the volunteers and organisers of the event as they are doing a tremendous job.

Shaun asked to fill in the market survey of the IJRU since the feedback from the NGBs is necessary to provide an accurate number and representation of the sport for potential sponsors.

He informed that there is a new landscape within the organisation of Olympic recognized sports. GAISF, the former Olympic recognition association is dissolved. AIMS is the new organisation with new criteria of Rope Skipping/Jump Rope, and other sports, to be recognized as a sport.

Additionally, IJRU is updating their strategic plan for 2025 to 2030 with some new goals and aims.

The world championships in 2025 will be held in Kawasaki, Japan, tentative dates are July 27th - August 3rd.



5. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda, which was sent out with the invitation link, was slightly updated due to the unexpected passing of Richard Stannard. It was voted on the approval of the changed agenda.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Agenda approval	22	0	0

6. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2023

The meeting minutes of the AGM 2023 were sent out with the invitation. The minutes of the 2023 hybrid AGM were approved unanimously.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Meeting Minutes 2023	21	0	3

7. Annual reports

President's report

The 2024 European Rope Skipping Championships had approximately 640 athletes attending. In comparison, in 2022 there were 727 participants registered including all judges, officials, coaches and supporters. Having a growing sport, more volunteers and helping hands are appreciated for future events.

Silke thanked all the volunteers that are working at the 2024 European Rope Skipping Championships. Silke asked the NGBS to contact their members if there are talented people that like to engage and are willing to help out with organising future events.

With Nicolai stepping down from the Board of Directors, ERSO has two vacant spots on the board. We hope we can fill them in the near future.

Treasurer's report

Sebastien showed the balance and cash flow of the 2023/2024 fiscal year. A summary of the treasurer's report is in the appendix. ERSO is using an online booking system for the cash flow of all competitions and expenses. Sebastien raised concerns that some invoices were not paid fast enough, some NGBs



only paid their expenses shortly before or on the beginning of the event. Luckily, ERSO had enough funds to prepay most of the expenses, however, this might not hold true for future events.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Treasurer's Report	22	0	1

Auditors' report

Due to the passing of Richard Stannard, there is no auditors report to this date. ERSO will provide an auditors report by the end of September. It was voted that it is ok to approve the auditors report via email by the attendees of the meeting.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Auditors Report - Moving of the Report	24	0	0

*Remark 09.10.2024: The auditors report, created by the new auditors Ingo Reinhard (GER) and Gerhard Blümel (AUT) will be sent out soon to the NGB's.

8. Relief of the Board of Directors

It was voted to vote on the relief of the Board of Directors via email after receiving the auditors report. If the Board of Directors will not be relieved, we will organise a general meeting.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Relief of the Board - Moving of the Report	24	0	0

9. Membership

The ERSO board accepted Israel Jump Rope as an observational member. Iana Belonoschenko, the president of Israel Jump Rope, was present in the meeting. In sport Israel is considered to be included in European competitions even though geographically Israel is part of Asia.



Israel Jump Rope:

Iana Belonoschenko introduced herself and the work they do to structure, organise and grow the sport in Israel. During the discussion, Belgium representatives asked for additional information from Iana based on the political situation in the country and her personal background in Russia. Iana explained that she moved to Israel after the war in Ukraine started. Before, she has been a representative of the Russian organisation but no longer belongs to that organisation and fully represents Israel Jump Rope.

Sebastien mentioned that during discussing the membership of Israel Jump Rope the Board of Directors also had a discussion about criteria for organisations to become a member. In the past, ERSO had some countries that were approved, but neither worked on growing the sport in their country nor paid membership fees. ERSO is planning to determine clear criteria for potential members.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Israel Jump Rope	13	4	8

This means the motion carries. Silke welcomed Israel Jump Rope as an observational member in ERSO.

10. Elections on the Board of Directors

The terms of Silke Fürnschuß and Kurt Moens have come to an end. Both said that they would like to continue in the Board of Directors. The voting was conducted on each of them separately.

Silke Fürnschuß

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Silke Fürnschuß re-election as president	24	0	2

Kurt Moens:

Kurt Moens sees a lot of work that needs to be done and he wants to carry on to help the development of the sport.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Kurt Moens re-election as board member	26	0	0

For now there are two vacant positions on the Board of Directors. We did not receive any applications for new board members yet, but there is an interested coach from Hungary who will send her CV to ERSO.



11. Changes in the function

Since Nicoali Lorke is stepping down from the Board of Directors, the secretary general position needs to be assigned. The board discussed potential members to fill in the position and suggested Miriam Hägele to take the position of Secretary General. The Board of Directors thanked Nicolai for all the tremendous work he did for ERSO.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Miriam Hägele	25	0	1

12. Assigning the Auditors role for the next fiscal year

The Board of Directors asked Gerhard Blümel and Ingo Reinhard whether they would like to become the auditors of ERSO. Both agreed to step in for Kajsa and Richard. The auditors will provide the auditors report by the end of September.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Gerhard Blümel	24	0	2
Ingo Reinhard	23	0	0

13. European Rope Skipping Championships 2026

Silke presented the potential host of the 2026 European Rope Skipping Championships, the Oslofjord Convention Center in Norway. It is located 100 km south of Oslo. The planned dates would be at the end of June/beginning of July. There might also be an option to have the event in August.

The representatives of Greece, who have participated in the 2024 European Cheerleading Championships, stated that they had a great time in Oslofjord during the competition and they can imagine that the venue would fit perfectly for Rope Skipping/Jump Rope.

In a brief discussion, it was stated that smaller NGBs might be interested in hosting the event but holding off since the general organisation is too much for too few volunteers. For bigger delegations a solution without accommodation would mean a lot of additional work.

Several countries expressed concerns about the proposed date for the EC at the end of June/beginning of July. They noted that this timing falls outside of school holidays, which would make it difficult for some athletes to attend. On the other hand, the option in August is the first week after the Summer



holidays in some Nordic countries and therefore having EC 2026 in August is not optimal as well. ERSO will try to book the venue for the second week in August.

14. ERSO Show Contest - Future

It is planned to have the next Show Contest in 2025. ERSO will organise a meeting discussing the future of the Show Contest in fall. The invitation will be sent out via email to the NGBs.

15. Any other information

No other topics were discussed during the AGM.

16. Adjournment

Silke thanked the representatives for their time and their participation in the hybrid AGM.



Annex 1 - Attendees list

Country	Delegate		
Austria	Laura Göttfert		
	Timna Kretschmer		
Belgium	Simon Mahy		
Czech Republic	Martina Varkočková		ERSO Board of Directors
	Jan Dostál		
Denmark	Ulla Christensen		President - Silke Fürnschuß
	Christina Pedersen		
Finland	Matias Ruotsalainen		Vice-President - Mia Mynster
France	Nadia Aidli		Treasurer - Sebastien Hoek
	Jonathan Mahoto *		
Germany	Uwe Nielsen		Secretary General - Nicolai Lorke
	Wiebke Wagner		
Greece	Eleni Touloumenidou		Pavlina Hadova
Hungary	not attending		Jana Cerna
Italy	Sabrina Monteduro		Miriam Hägele
	Alessia Di Latte		
Portugal	David Silva		Kurt Moens
	Angelo Santos		
Slovakia	Anton Kozak		
	Zdena Bohmova		



Sweden	Liv Murmark		Guest: Shaun Hamilton - President of the International Jump Rope Union
	Ann Nässel		
Switzerland	Matthias Zedi		Guest: Iana Belonoschenko - Israel Jump Rope
	Selina Lüchinger		
The Netherlands	Jeroen van der Mark		Guest: Ingo Reinhardt, Gerhard Blümel
	Tessa van der Mark		



Annex 2 - Treasurer's report - Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Beginning cash balance 30.06.2023	50.923,25 €
Cash flow from operating activities	
-Accounts receivable	-153.925,80 €
-Accrued expenses	316.708,00 €
-Net assets	45.475,23 €
-Unearned revenue	5,00 €
	208.262,43 €
Ending cash balance 30.06.2024	259.185,68 €

ERSO Treasurer's report

Fiscal year 2023/2024

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Introduction

This report summarises the finances of the European Rope Skipping Organisation (ERSO) for the year ending 30 June 2024. As a non-profit organisation run by volunteers, ERSO is committed to have a healthy financial management to support its events and athletes.

This year saw two major events – the Show Contest 2023 and the European Championships 2024. To streamline hotel package payments for the Championships, ERSO implemented a new consolidation account. This account received incoming payments and facilitated transparent management.

A portion of these funds was promptly forwarded to the Hungarian Rope Skipping Federation (MUKSZ) to cover immediate costs. The remaining balance will be transferred in the next fiscal year.

All in all, the ERSO closes a healthy account for another year.

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Balance sheet

(as per June 30, 2024)

ASSETS	start of 23/24	end of 23/24
Liquid assets		
- Cash	20,00	20,00
- Bank	50.903,25	259.165,68
	50.923,25	259.185,68
Other current assets		
- Accounts Receivable *	350,00	154.275,80
	350,00	154.275,80
TOTAL FOR ASSETS	51.273,25	413.461,48

LIABILITIES & EQUITIES	start of 23/24	end of 23/24
Liabilities		
- Accrued expenses *	0,00	316.708,00
- Unearned Revenue *	0,00	5,00
	0,00	316.713,00
Equities		
- Opening Balance Offset	39.033,48	0,00
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets *	0,00	5.500,00
- Current Year Earnings	13.443,39	45.475,23
- Unrestricted Net Assets	-1.203,62	45.773,25
	51.273,25	96.748,48
TOTAL FOR LIABILITIES & EQUITIES	51.273,25	413.461,48



Explanation of the balance sheet

Assets

Liquid assets

It is good to note that, although we have € 259.165,68, most of the sum of our bank account is required for paying off the accrued liabilities as stated in the liability account.

Accounts Receivable	
- Membership fees	312,80
- Competition en registration fees	14.112,50
- EC2024 host package costs	139.850,50
	154.275,80

Liabilities & Equities

Accrued expenses	
- EC2024 consolidation account	316.708,00
	316.708,00

Unearned Revenue	
- Danish Gymnastics Federation	5,00
	5,00

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

In this account we keep net assets that have a specific temporary purpose. In the case of the ERSO, we use them to cover recurring board expenses (i.e. travel, lodging and meetings), EUrope projects and equipment/office supplies.



Statement of Activities

(as per June 30, 2024)

Core Activities

CORE ACTIVITIES	actual 22/23	actual 23/24
Revenue of core activities		
- Membership fee	1.550,00	1.649,20
- Registration fee	8.745,00	29.445,00
- Competition fee	17.496,90	28.140,00
- Booklets and eBooks	0,00	150,00
	27.791,90	59.384,20
TOTAL FOR REVENUE	27.791,90	59.384,20
Competition expenses		
- Board Expenses	300,00	4.615,93
- Competition Services	4.518,10	637,61
- Competition Supplies	5.563,78	3.444,96
- Other Competition Expenses	0,00	229,06
	10.381,88	8.927,56
Project expenses		
- Start to Coach project	1.335,72	1.364,77
	1.335,72	1.364,77
TOTAL FOR EXPENSES	11.717,60	10.292,33
GROSS CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	16.074,30	49.091,87



Operating expenses

EXPENSES	actual 22/23	actual 23/24
Operating Expense		
- Advertising And Marketing	0,00	940,20
- Bad Debt	0,00	50,00
- Bank Fees and Charges	176,67	175,15
- Consultant Expense	0,00	238,00
- IT and Internet Expenses	114,96	114,96
- Office Supplies	0,00	601,60
- Other Expenses	315,28	0,00
- Lodging		
- - Board meetings	2.024,00	1.496,73
	2.630,91	3.616,64
TOTAL FOR OPERATING EXPENSES	2.630,91	3.616,64

Change in Net assets

NET ASSETS	actual 22/23	actual 23/24
- Core activities	16.074,30	49.091,87
- Operating expenses	2.630,91	3.616,64
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	13.443,39	45.475,23



Event consolidation

EC2024 consolidation account	actual 22/23	actual 23/24
European Championships 2024		
- EC2024 consolidation	0,00	495.758,00
- EC2024 consolidation payment	0,00	-179.050,00
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	0,00	316.708,00



Explanation of Statement of Activities

Core activities

We define “core activities” as activities that match our mission statement. These activities are currently: European Championships, Show- and Wheel Contest and educational (i.e. judging and coaching).

Membership fees

Revenue generated is allocated towards covering operational and general costs. Operational expenses include bank fees, IT and internet services, website maintenance, and others. Additionally, funds support general expenses such as marketing, branding initiatives, and necessary meetings.

Event consolidation

The ERSO worked together with MUKSZ (Hungarian federation) to organise the European Championships of 2024. To help our members, we decided that payment goes completely through the ERSO account and not the account of MUKSZ as well. However, that results in receiving money that is not supposed to be on our account. Hence the consolidation. A transparent account to show what revenue is intended for ERSO and MUKSZ.

As is shown, we still owe MUKSZ €316.708,00. This is also reflected in our balance sheet. The ERSO is paying this amount in the next fiscal year.



Cash Flow Statement

Beginning Cash Balance	
(June 30, 2023)	50.923,25
Cash Flow from Operating Activities	
- Accounts Receivable	-153.925,80
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- Net assets	45.475,23
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Auditor's report