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Dear European colleagues,

Following the announcement of my official candidacy for the position of President of AIPS Europe, ahead of the upcoming elections in Lausanne on April 11, 2026, please find below my platform for the future of AIPS Europe and our profession for the 2026-2030 term.

I kindly ask for your feedback and for any proposed additions to the below:

Pillar 1

Stronger transnational cooperation & Working groups

- Sharing of knowledge and good practices between National Associations (NA's), by using platforms and surveys, on matters such as sponsorships, ceremonies, accreditations and more.
- Continuous support of the NA's such as Ukraine and other countries in need.
- Creation of a messaging app community for direct communication between AIPS Europe EC and the NA's.
- Establishment of an exchange program for young journalists between NAs, enabling them to travel to other countries and spend time in foreign newsrooms for professional development.
- Regular organization (e.g. once every 3 months) of an online round table call.
- Re-engaging inactive National Associations and restoring full continental participation.
- Strengthening cooperation with the AIPS Working Group on Football and Content Creators, and the creation of Groups/Committees in partnership with other international associations for major sports on the continent.
- Key representatives from the NAs outside the EC will chair these groups/committees in order to utilise European expertise effectively.

Pillar 2

Education / Pan-European university partnerships

- Creation of a network of universities offering scholarships or discounts to both young journalists and experienced colleagues to enhance their academic credentials.
- Expansion of the participation of young European journalists in the AIPS Young Reporters Program, by ensuring that available positions are filled by colleagues from our continent, in close cooperation with AIPS.

Pillar 3

Journalist access to major events

- Creation of a common approach/guidance and handy FAQ for the journalists around the continent on how to access sporting events in other countries and international events.

- Cooperation with the European Federations and EOC on matters of acquiring accreditations to their events.
- Close work with AIPS and working groups of AIPS, to ensure Media access to major world sporting events.
- Promoting inclusion within our profession for persons with disabilities and expanding sports journalists' knowledge of Audio Descriptive Commentary (ADC).

Pillar 4

Rights & Protection

- Structured dialogue and problem-solving with stakeholders such as International Federations (IFs) and National Associations (NAs).
- Creation of a platform for easier reporting of issues journalists face in stadiums and places of work, which are then communicated to AIPS, the IF's and the NA's.
- Focus on issues such as Freedom of Press, Protection from and embracing AI, Expansion of participation of Women in Sports Journalism.
- Regular organization of regional and European-wide conferences and seminars, with tangible results (identification of issues and ways forward) communicated to stakeholders.

Pillar 5

Financial strengthening of AIPS Europe & National Associations

- Increase revenue for AIPS Europe by expanding the number of AIPS Cards (currently, AIPS Europe receives 5 USD per card) and by creating clear benefits for cardholders, such as transnational cooperation to facilitate access to sporting events in other countries,
- Resuming Erasmus+ programs, by utilizing persons identified by the NA's who are experienced in this matter,
- Creation of an annual event, such as the European Sports Awards, in order to attract sponsors,
- Creation of a Solidarity Fund, amounting to 50% of the annual allocation received from AIPS Cards, to be reinvested directly into our National Associations, under clear and transparent criteria approved and monitored by the Executive Committee.

Dear colleagues,

As I have noted during my intention email, dated February 7, having served AIPS Europe as Treasurer for the past four years, led the Cyprus Sports Writers Union for eight years, and worked in sports journalism for 25 years, I believe I have acquired the knowledge and experience necessary to kindly ask for your support to lead our continental association for the next four years. Always, working closely with the colleagues who will be elected in the EC, in a collaborative, transparent and inclusive way of leading!

Yours faithfully,

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