

# **EFC: European Federation of Colposcopy and Cervical Cancer Prevention General Assembly 2025**

## **MINUTES**

The Annual General Assembly is held virtually on 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2025, at 6 p.m. (CET) and it is chaired by the member of the Bureau and EFC president Maggie Cruickshank.

### **Attendance list**

Apologies and the attendance list is available [here](#).

Maggie invites participants to introduce themselves.

### **1. Activity Report of 2024**

- Presentation of the President's report - presented by EFC president Maggie Cruickshank.

There are 37 member societies across Europe.

Maggie Cruickshank reports the change of the EFC name "EFC: European Federation of Colposcopy and Cervical Cancer Prevention". New name emphasizes cervical cancer prevention, aligns with global health priorities, reinforces collaboration and advocacy. This change better represents who EFC is and the impact we strive to make. EFC continues to raise awareness, advancing research, training and education and improving standards and outcomes for women across Europe.

Maggie Cruickshank informs that the previous General Assembly was held as an online meeting on 16th May 2024. There were 10 online executive Board meetings in 2024. In 2024 we sadly lost Dr Charles Redman. Robert Jach has changed his role within the Board: currently he is a Board member with responsibility for international relationships, but Michaela Grigore is an interim EFC Treasurer. Andrea Caviatini is a Chair of the Social Media Group. Anne Hammer is a Chair the Colposcopy Standards Group.

- Presentation of the Secretary's report – presented by EFC Secretary Jana Zodzika

Jana Zodzika informs that there were 15 newsletters published during the last year. EFC regularly publishes news on its Facebook (427 followers), X platform (185 followers) and LinkedIn (326 subscribers) accounts.

There were 3 educational webinars organised by EFC in 2024 (led by Amelia Pedro):

- 21/02/24 in collaboration with the German Colposcopy Society "Interventional colposcopy essential skills state of the art 2024";
- 15/05/24 in collaboration with the Swiss Colposcopy Society "Treatment strategies for vulvar and vaginal dysplasia";
- 30/10/24 "Immunological aspects of vulvar HSIL, the role of imiquimod and HPV vaccination" in collaboration with the Dutch Society.

During 2024 EFC approved two colposcopy courses - Colposcopy Basic course in Belgium and The Nordic Colposcopy Society Basic Colposcopy course.

EFC Board members are involved in the different projects:

- Anne Hammer, Xavier Carcopino – in the “European Cervical Screening QA Update (IARC)”;
- Jana Žodžika in the *EUCanScreen*, WP 11.5 “Cervical cancer screening specialist training”;
- Jana Žodžika, Xavier Carcopino - Value of endocervical curettage - ESGO consensus statement.

EFC Quality and Standards Group is very active. Output of the group during 2024:

- Quality indicator survey (lead Anne Hammer) – published in Sep 2024 in *Acta Obstetric Gynecolog Scand*;
- QI position paper (lead Grainne Flannelly) - second draft in preparation;
- Clinical management of older screen-positive women (lead Anne Hammer) – manuscript is in preparation;
- Covid systematic review and meta-analysis (lead Giovanni Deli Carpini) – paper submitted to *Acta Obstetric Gynecolog Scand* Q1 in 2025;
- AIN Survey (lead Vesna Kesic) – data collection in progress;
- AIN consensus statement (EFC/ESGO) – paper nearly ready for submission.

From 18-21/09/24 10<sup>th</sup> EFC Congress was organized in Riga. Congress was attended by 458 delegates and 50 speakers. There were 2 pre-congress courses – “Difficult cases in colposcopy”, “Basic Colposcopy course”, 10 scientific sessions, 4 selected best oral presentation sessions and 5 free communication sessions during the event. 2 prizes for the best oral and free communication presentations were awarded.

EFC Board has started to organise 9<sup>th</sup> Satellite meeting which will take place in Marseille 27/28 of November 2025, and the 11<sup>th</sup> EFC Congress in Lisbon in October 2026.

## 2. Financials 2024

- Treasurer’s report

The EFC Treasurer, Dr. Michaela Grigore presents the financial situation of EFC. In 2024 P&L incomes came from member fees and 4 colposcopy courses, amount 25.640 EUR, but expense was related to association management, website hosting, membership fees, legal consultancy, bank accounts, amount 27.467,62 EUR. Balance minus 8.538,82 EUR. The total Events income 2024 came from the 10<sup>th</sup> EFC Congress, 3 webinars, it was 320.753,16 EUR, expenses were 320.753,16 EUR, and balance in 2024 was 22.258,87 EUR. Total EFC income in 2024 was 367.709,03 EUR, expenses – 353,988,08 EUR, total profit 13.720,05 EUR.

Estimated budget in 2025 - total P&L income 28.644 EUR, expenses – 29.219 EUR, balance 2025 – minus 575,00 EUR. Total estimated events income (Satellite Meeting, 3 webinars) 72.000,00 EUR, total estimated events expenses 68.206,75 EUR, provisional balance 3793,25 EUR. Total estimated income 100.644,00 EUR, expenses – 97.425,75 EUR, final provisional balance 3218,25 EUR.

The current assets in the Bank by April 2025 is 68.062,82 EUR.

- Approval of the annual accounts for the financial year ended on December 31, 2024.

The annual accounts for 2024 have been unanimously approved.

- Release of liability to the members of the Executive Board, for the performance of their duties during the financial year ended on December 31, 2024.  
The financial results for 2024 have been unanimously approved.
- Approval of the budget for the financial year ending on December 31, 2025.  
The 2025 budget has been unanimously approved.

### **3. Criteria for hosting the EFC Congress**

Xavier Carcapino reports, that criteria have been already presented during the previous General Assembly in 2024. Within the board, we have worked a lot with Triumph on our collaboration and what should be the role of the core PCO, Triumph, in collaboration with possible local PCO. There is a possibility that Triumph might be the only and sole PCO for an event. But depending on where the next Congress will be organised and depending on the local society's wishes, we can collaborate with the local PCO, and we have planned in detail exactly what is the role of any of the local and the core PCO.

Triumph should oversee basic things including decisions about venue and accommodation, registration, payment, management of participants, dealing with the local subventions, budgeting, reporting, and dealing with the European CME credits, international sponsors and sponsorship brochure. All the rest might be the role of the local PCO. Detailed information will be sent out at the nearest time.

Xavier informs us, that the next EFC Satellite meeting will be on the 27-28/11/25 in Marseille. In 27/11 there will be pre-courses – one dedicated to the treatment of cervical lesions and another to difficult colposcopy cases. Xavier regrets that there will be the Spanish National Congress at the same dates, but it was impossible for EFC to change the date. It is planned to have 4 sessions: Quality and standards, EFC guidelines on post-treatment HPV Vaccine, Management of CIN2, ESGO / EFC guidelines on endocervical curettage and assessment of current clinical practices throughout Europe. All participants will have the possibility to vote for Delphi on different points.

The idea is to have consensus statements on what we agree to do in Europe regarding vaccination, CIN 2 management and endocervical curettage, and also to publish all.

We'll have two rounds of Delphi. The first one will be during the Satellite meeting and the second one will be online.

There will be voting for the hosting of the next Congress in 2028, candidates will have the opportunity to show presentations (5 minutes length) about their countries.

Xavier thanks all the Members of the board for a lot of work done, particularly Jana for organisation of the successful EFC Congress in Riga last year.

### **4. AoB**

Noirin Russell suggests having also consensus statements for the management of older women in colposcopy. Anne Hammer informs about the progress in gathering data about practices in Europe and later considers the consensus statement. Noirin Russell express her wishes join to

this group of specialists in the clinical management of older screen-positive women (lead by Anne Hammer).

Kristine Elfgrain suggests sharing our experiences in cervical cancer audit in different countries. There are a lot of cervical cases in post-screening-aged women in Sweden. Maria Castro opens debates about screening age extension. Noirin Russell informs that the European Commission's new guidelines will advise that the stopping screening at 64 is not going to extend any older than that, but they do specify that some of the women who finish their screening journey in a cytology program may benefit from HPV test.

Ruud Beckers informs that also in the Netherland more attention is paid to the older women group, who have a higher incidence of cervical cancer. Extension of the screening age should be considered.

Triumph will send information to all societies on how to apply for hosting the next Congress.

Kobe Dewilde – suggests making records of webinars, to have them available later. Maggie suggests discussing it on the EFC board.

Maggie – voting for EFC executives will be within the next Congress.

Maria Castro – encourages to share information about dates of Lisbon Congress in the nearest time.

**6. Date, time, and place of the next General Assembly:  
June, 2026.**

**7. Closing.**