

Launch of the European Committee for Jigsaw Puzzling (ECJP)

Dear Jigsaw Puzzle Associations in Europe,

During the World Jigsaw Puzzle Championship 2025 in Valladolid, Spain, a new committee took shape. A European Committee to coordinate competitive puzzling in Europe and to connect, represent and unite all the different associations.

This independent committee is founded by association presidents in Europe, on their own initiative. This means that it is not connected to the World Jigsaw Puzzle Federation or Championship in any way.

These are the key responsibilities of the ECJP:

- Coordinate the European Jigsaw Puzzle Championship (EJPC)
 - o Appoint the yearly rotating host country
 - o Unify the format and ruleset of the EJPC
 - o Oversee the finances of the EJPC
- Assist in establishing new Jigsaw Puzzle Associations (JPA) in Europe
- Support the countries affiliated with the ECJP

The committee recognizes maximum 1 not-for-profit JPA per country.

Member JPAs share and follow the objectives that are laid out by the ECJP. Members can use the network of the ECJP for best practices and to learn from other associations.

The ECJP is managed by a board of 11 people who were elected in Valladolid by the representatives of each country present.

Every year, at the open General Assembly (to be held at the yearly EJPC and to be attended by all member JPAs), board member elections will be held and the host for the next EJPC is revealed.

The following board members have been elected (bold = 2 year term, normal = 1 year term):

- **Andreas Heyerick, Belgium (president)**
- **Michael Smit, Germany**
- **Pelin Çelik, Türkiye**
- **Pierminia Garau, Italy**
- **Anna Dyl, Poland**
- **Dulce Pereira, Portugal**
- Anneka Thompson, UK (vice-president)
- David Engelhardt, Sweden
- Daniela Berendsen, The Netherlands
- Jenni Puhto, Finland
- Klara Exnerová, Czechia

Communication with/from ECJP

We are in the process of building a homepage. An email address is provided below where JPAs can contact us with any concern, question, request to join, etc. The European JPAs will receive regular updates from the ECJP via email and via an informal WhatsApp group called *European JPAs*.

- Homepage: www.ecjp.eu
- Email address: board@ecjp.eu
- You can always contact an individual board member – contact details will be available through our website.
- We are on Instagram! For general updates, follow us: @ecjp_ejpc

On the homepage, you will be able to find our contact information and all our publications (minutes of board meetings or separate communications).

EJPC 2026 in Türkiye

During the Teams final livestream at the World Jigsaw Puzzle Championship, it was announced that Türkiye will be the host of the European Championship in 2026. A final date and venue will be announced as soon as possible.

The committee will, before the end of 2025, decide on the format, rules, fees and structure of the tournament.

We have seen some comments on social media with concerns about Türkiye as host for this tournament. However, the ECJP fully supports the Turkish JPA in hosting the EJPC and hope you will join us with your support of what will be a successful event.

Should your JPA have any concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Türkiye next year!