



1 July 2026  
Lausanne, Switzerland

Asunción Lorient  
President  
European Rowing Confederation

**Dear President of the ERC, dear Asuncion,**

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the recent World Rowing Council meeting regarding the European Rowing Board casual vacancy.

Following the submission deadline, nominations were received from four candidates:

- Gwenda Stevens (BEL)
- Axel Mueller (GER)
- Katharina von Kodolitsch (GER)
- Vladimir Meglic (SLO)

The Council reviewed the nominations and acknowledged the excellent profiles of the four candidates. Taking into account the priorities outlined by the European Rowing Board, as well as the broader World Rowing perspective, the Council considered Axel Mueller to be the strongest candidate, with the full range of required skills, together with valuable insight from his current role as a Council member.

I have personally informed the candidates, and World Rowing will issue formal notifications to all concerned. World Rowing looks forward to continuing its constructive and collaborative relationship with the European Rowing Board and extends its best wishes for the General Assembly in Varese, Italy, on 1 August 2026.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JC Rolland", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jean-Christophe Rolland

President