



ISKCON

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A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

Euro RGB meeting September 26, 2025

Total number of members: 24

Voting members: 18

Quorum: 9

Voting members present: 16

Global GBCs present: 7 (out of 7)

Non-voting members present: 3

Attendance

PRESENT – VOTING MEMBERS

GBCs

1. Bhaktivaibhava Swami (GBC for Albania, Czech Republic, Finland, Macedonia, Slovakia, Co-GBC with Prahladananda Swami for Bulgaria)
2. Hrdaya Caitanya das (GBC of Andorra, Gibraltar, Portugal, Spain, New Mayapur; Co-GBC with Madhu Sevita d for Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, and France)
3. Krsna Premarupa das (GBC for Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Lichtenstein)
4. Madhu Sevita das – present online (GBC for Italy, Malta, San Marino; Co-GBC with Hrdaya Caitanya d for Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, and France; Co-GBC with Radha Krsna d for Cyprus and Greece)
5. Praghosa das (GBC for the UK, Faroe Islands, Channel Islands, Denmark, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden)
6. Prahladananda Swami (GBC for Croatia, Poland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia; Co-GBC with Bhaktivaibhava Swami for Bulgaria; Sannyasa Minister)
7. Radha Krsna das (GBC for Hungary, Romania, Turkey; Co-GBC with Madhu Sevita d for Greece and Cyprus)



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OTHER MEMBERS

1. Devasri Radhika devi dasi (Head of Legal Department)
2. Janesvara das (Almviks Board; Regional Secretary for Sweden, Norway, and Denmark)
3. Lalitanatha das (Regional Secretary for Denmark)
4. Mahendra das (Euro RGB 1st vice-chairman, Chair of Bulgarian National Council)
5. Parabhakti das (Euro RGB 2nd vice-chairman, IGPO Continental Officer for Europe)
6. Tapo-divyam das (Chair of the Finnish National Council)
7. Trilokatma das (Euro RGB chairman, Zonal supervisor for Slovakia, Albania, and Macedonia)
8. Trisama das (Chair of the Polish National Council)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

1. Citrarupini devi dasi (Child Protection Office Regional Director for Europe)
2. Dayanidhi das (Chairman of the Greece National Council)
3. Mahabhavi das (Chairman of Norway National Council)
4. Sandhya devi dasi (Representative of the Netherlands National Council)

GUESTS

1. Vishvasu Swami (Germany, on the invitation of Krsna Premarupa d)

NOT PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS

1. Divya-prabandha das (Chair of the Croatian National Council)
2. Krsna Ksetra Swami (Minister of the Ministry for Cow Protection and Agriculture)
3. Mahaprabhu das (Minister of ISKCON Communications Europe)



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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

1. Nrsimha Krsna das (Zonal supervisor for Turkey)
2. Sankirtan das (Representative of the Czech National Council)

MINUTES

1. Membership

Trilokatma das is Euro RGB Chairman.

Mahendra das is Euro RGB First Vice-Chairman.

Parabhakti das is Euro RGB Second Vice-Chairman.

Two devotees acquired voting status: Devasri Radhika dd, head of the Legal Department, and Tapo-divyam das, Chair of the Finnish National Council.

Divya-prabandha d has resigned from his membership in the Euro RGB EC.

Tapas d left his body earlier this year. Euro RGB members expressed their deep appreciation for his long life of dedicated service.

Following Divya-prabandha das' relocation outside of Europe and his consequent resignation from the Euro RGB, a replacement for the Executive Committee (EC) was urgently required. Lalitanath das has been nominated and accepted as the new member of the Euro RGB EC.

Action point:

1. Lalitanath das will begin participating in the Euro RGB EC's weekly meetings immediately.

2. Euro RGB EC report

Since the last Euro RGB meeting, the EC has made steady progress across several areas. Concerning the European CPO, Mahendra d has been appointed to take the lead on behalf of the EC. After reviewing Devasri Radhika dd's proposal, the EC decided not to pursue it further. Productive meetings were held with CPOC as well as Citrarupini dd, resulting in a plan that was to be presented to the Euro RGB. The EC finalized the Rules and Regulations paper, which has been submitted to the Legal Counsel for review. A few



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complaints were also reported and have since been reviewed. Further discussions addressed topics including Trivikrama prabhu, the GBC College in Europe, the European ISKCON Youth Minister, the Justice Ministry European Committee, and the finalization of the copyright purchase for ISKCON and Govinda's from Praghosa das, who holds it privately. The EC also worked on preparing the agenda for the current Euro RGB meeting.

3. GBC report

Krsna Premarupa das gave a report on behalf of the present GBC Secretaries, regarding the GBC meetings held online since April 2025 (last Euro RGB meeting), while also providing additional information and responding to questions from the Euro RGB members. Among the topics discussed were the Bangalore case, improving GBC meetings and a request by the King of Puri to ISKCON regarding the date of Ratha Yatra celebrations.

4. GBC succession – GBC College in Europe

At present, only a few European countries have zonal supervisors, making it difficult to reach the minimum attendance threshold of 25–30 participants required to hold a training session in Europe. So far, there have been only a few suggestions for participants in training from Prahladananda Swami. To address this, the EC urges European leaders to express interest and request leadership training in their regions; by doing so, we may be able to gather sufficient participation to successfully organize a zonal supervisors and other managers training.

5. Rules and Regulations – resolution on quorum

The present version of the Rules and Regulations state:

“As a matter of rule, a majority of the present Global GBC members has to be present in order for the meeting to be valid (Euro RGB Resolution 2016/05/14/03, point 4).”

The wording of the referenced Resolution reads:

“A majority of the present Global GBC members has to be present in order for the meeting be valid.”



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Resolution 2025/09/26/01:

Whereas rules are already in place to ensure that the RGB's decisions align with those of the GBC – such as the requirement that a majority of local GBC members present in a meeting must be in favour of a proposal, and that minutes from all RGB meetings must be sent for approval to the corresponding GBC secretary (see GBC Resolutions 309 and 310 of 2010);

Whereas adding a further requirement for the presence of a majority of the GBC secretaries active in Europe would unnecessarily complicate the RGB procedures and discourage other members from participating in meetings if it remains uncertain until the last moment whether a meeting can take place;

It is therefore resolved that:

Point 4 in Euro RGB Resolution 2016/05/14/03 is changed to:

“A Euro RGB meeting has a quorum when a majority of the voting members are present.”

Action point:

1. Euro RGB EC will update the Rules and Regulations according to this resolution.

6. Justice Ministry European Committee and Euro RGB Legal Department

Devasri Radhika Devi Dasi introduced the Justice Ministry European Committee (JMEC) as part of ISKCON Europe's governance system to ensure fair, transparent, and consistent dispute resolution across temples, leaders, committees, and devotees. Complaints begin with local ombudsmen or panels, following clear procedures and multiple appeal levels that may lead to specialized offices such as JMEC, ISKCON Resolve, or Child Protection Oversight Committee when needed. JMEC provides judicial oversight, handles cases, and supports oversight, education, and communication efforts.

Resolution 2025/09/26/02:

Devasri Radhika dd is appointed as the European Justice Minister.

Action Points:

1. Conduct a review of JMEC's work every three years.
2. JMEC to establish clear and transparent complaint-handling guidelines.
3. JMEC to finalize proposal for Committee members by year-end, ensuring a full rollout in the beginning of 2026.



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7. Establishing European Child Protection Office

Citarupini dd presented a report from the Office and annual plan for further development which inspired a discussion among Euro RGB members.

Resolution 2025/09/26/03:

- The Euro RGB accepted the ECPO annual plan for 2026 proposed by the ECPO director Citarupini dasi.
- The following devotees have been appointed by the Euro RGB as members of the ECPO for a one-year term to support the ECPO Director Citarupini dd: Gandharvika dd, Kamalesh Krishna d, Nama Krishna dd, Dakshina dd, Dandaniti dd, and Pushkarini dd.
- The Euro RGB approved an annual ECPO budget of €20,000–€30,000 with €1000 allocated in the current RGB budget and the rest to be raised by targeted fundraising in European ISKCON communities.

8. Euro RGB funding and budget for 2025/6

The 2025/26 budget proposal was presented, highlighting the modest resources available and the limitations in supporting the work of European Ministries, Offices, and Euro RGB departments. Euro RGB members discussed strategies to increase financial support. A recorded presentation by the North American RGB representative, Madan Gopal d, was shared to inspire members and provide examples of a well-functioning system. The EC had previously explored this topic and proposed a broader fundraising initiative led by a dedicated team.

Resolution 2025/09/26/04:

The Euro RGB approved the proposed budget for 2025/26, including an increase in the base amount used for calculating the yearly fees.

Resolution 2025/09/26/05:

The Euro RGB mandates the Euro RGB EC to develop and manage a fundraising strategy that will ensure sustainable funding for European Ministries, Offices, and Euro RGB departments.



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9. Community and Temple Crisis Preparedness

The presentation elaborated on 72-hour preparedness framework, urging both devotees and temples to be ready for crises such as war, cyberattacks, or power outages. It outlined the importance of self-reliance, recommending that households maintain basic emergency kits and communication plans. Temples were encouraged to develop continuity systems to sustain worship, food distribution, and security even during disruptions. The plan also included coordination with other temples, legal readiness, and backup communication methods. Presentation handouts are available upon request.

10. Next Euro RGB meeting

The next Euro RGB meeting will be held on 18-19th of April (tentative date), 2026, at Villaggio Hare Krishna, Italy.