## Floorball Development Seminar in Kiev in Ukraine, 18<sup>th of</sup> May – 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2018

## **Participants:**

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## **Report on** 1. The Ukrainian Floorball Federation (UFF) requested a seminar for coaching and refereeing block already for the summer 2018, but at that time it was already decided that the seminar would present issues take place in Hungary. The planning for the seminar in Ukraine started during the summer 2017 and the invitation for the seminar was sent out in February 2018.

The seminar was meant for selected participants mainly to have participants who already have experience of Floorball from player, coaching and refereeing side. This concept worked well and gave the instructors the opportunity to concentrate on more advanced topics and deepen their knowledge of game tactical issues, player observation and what different roles the players have in a team and in the field of play.

In referee block all the participants had actual experience of real games for few years' time and they were able to adopt topics related to the game management and interpretation of the new rules as well as the new IFF Way of Refereeing Playbook.

There were altogether 22 participants in the coaching block from Belarus, Israel and Ukraine. Iranian delegation also registered, but their visas were refused before their departure from Tehran, which was a huge disappointment for them and also for the organizer, who did a huge work in order to help the Iranian delegation to participate.

16 participants participated to the referee block from Belarus and Ukraine.

The feedback of the seminar was very positive from both blocks and according to the participants gave a lot new ideas how to deal with new issues during the upcoming new season.

Upcoming meetings and issues

UFF has been very active mentor in the region and they have been able to co-operate with Belarus, Bulgaria, Moldovia and Romania and from the UFF perspective the co-operation is one way to expand the EOTO project in the region. The UFF is organizing a club tournament in Lviv in June and they have so far registered teams from seven different countries from the neighbour region as well As some from Western Europe.

**Issues that need** to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

The UFF will investigate the possibility for exchange programs regarding the coaches educations if they would be able to invite some coaches from more established countries to educate the coaches in the region.

It was also discussed with the UFF that the Ukraine Open tournament in June in Lviv in the future could be a step up tournament for the referees from the region to get more education and actual referee coaching in real games eventually to reach the international level.

New ideas, etc...