

4) FIDE CONGRESS IN BUDAPEST

During the FIDE Congress in Budapest, the commission held an internal meeting, where the following topics were discussed and actions initiated:

- Capacity Building Series: continue on the concept, as this is a way to connect with our stakeholders; and initiate some workshops to help small federations answer some of their issues by fostering collaboration among them.
- Website: the PDC website needs to be reviewed to be more useful to the community, to better access a repository of shared resources and also better advertise the actions done through the FIDE *Fed Funding*. Sachkia Barnes is helping the team a lot on this initiative.
- In the capacity building area, a brainstorming on how to better help federations concluded that a good approach would be to start by defining a Job/Skills matrix of federation leaders and then decide which training modules we would offer to cover the required skills. We should build a comprehensive training for federation leaders by aggregating new modules step by step. Majlinda Pilinci and Luigi Maggi will provide the matrix by the end of November.
- The Federation Relationship Management System is a recurring topic, which corresponds to a huge IT project for FIDE, hence not started yet. Nevertheless, PDC feels that there is a need to move forward with it and the first step will be to move from MS Word documents to a proper tool to collect funding requests from the 2025 cycle.
- Fed funding: reach a more “prescriptive” approach, where FIDE would encourage some sectors to be covered by development projects in federations, so that the amounts are more significant when grouped together when we analyze how the development fund is spent. For instance, in 2025, year of social chess, to encourage social projects.

We also held 2 public sessions (during the Zonal council and the next time slot), where the approach was mostly to have some interaction with the audience. The discussions were very fruitful and connections were made with federations to continue working together.

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