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Summary: Update of European Area Groups

Affects:

Constitution x
Deed of Gift
Other X

By-Laws Rules of Conduct Class Rules NoR or SI Template

Objective:

- Create a central European group
- Dissolve the Eastern group

Curently Rules

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Proposal Change

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Reasons:

Issues:

- Central European nations are now grouped with southern countries. Central
 countries are not attracted to organize a South Europeans. South European
 countries are not interested in participating in a South Europeans in Central
 Europe.
- Eastern Europe, Poland: Isolating Poland in a separate eastern group limits its opportunities for collaboration and competition with other central European nations. To hold a regional championship, you should have at least three participating countries from that region. Currently that is only Poland. The championship has little value.

By adjusting the groups and creating central group this region will be able to hold meaningful championship. Rotating the organization will actively encourage exchange between these countries.

The revised structure would look like this, from North, to Central, and South:

Northern Group:

- Denmark
- Finland
- Norway
- Sweden

Central Group:

- Belgium
- Germany
- France
- Lithuania
- Netherlands
- Poland
- United Kingdom

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- Austria
- Croatia
- Italy
- Portugal
- Spain
- Switzerland