Dear EMA Affiliates,

IAAF suspended the All-Russia Athletic Federation from any competition from now on. This decision was respected by the European Athletic Association as well:

"Following the provisional suspension of the All-Russia Athletics Federation (ARAF) by the IAAF, European Athletics confirms that this suspension extends to its competitions and non-sporting activities with immediate effect. As a result, European Athletics will today write to the ARAF informing them that Russian athletes will not be able to compete in the upcoming SPAR European Cross Country Championships or any other European Athletics competitions until the suspension is lifted."

As partner of EA we are also member of WMA which is partner of IAAF. The constitution of WMA says in article 3.1 (viii) the following:

... to work in co-operation with the IAAF, and to ratify and implement IAAF rules, regulations, directives and sanctions as they apply to masters athletics.

For us – the European Masters Athletics Association – the situation is obvious, EMA will follow the rules, regulations, directives and sanctions applying to masters athletics.

This concerns the European Masters Athletics Championships in Ancona (ITA) and the Non-Stadia Championship in Villa Real de Santo Antonio (POR) as well.

With best regards and respect to our partners in europe and the world

Kurt Kaschke
EMA President