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WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to a new edition of the EUSA Annual Magazine, a platform that highlights the achievements and special moments of the past year, while also introducing the most important events ahead in 2026.

Each new year offers an opportunity to reflect on our shared journey, to acknowledge the accomplishments behind us, and to look forward with renewed motivation and ambition.

The 18 European Universities Championships in 2025 brought together 6058 participants from 540 universities, representing the diversity, talent, and spirit of European university sport. The final event of the year took place in December in Val di Zoldo, Italy, where the EUSA Winter Championships featured Alpine Skiing, Snowboard, and Snow Volleyball.

The past year has once again demonstrated the strength, resilience, and unity of our community. Through competitions, educational initiatives, conferences, and collaborative projects, we have continued to promote excellence in university sport while reinforcing core principles such as fair play, inclusion, sustainability, and mutual respect. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our member federations, partner institutions, volunteers, officials, and, above all, the student-athletes who are at the heart of everything we do.

University sport continues to play a vital role in connecting students, institutions, and nations across Europe, and EUSA remains firmly committed to supporting this unique environment where education, sport, and shared values come together.

As we move forward, EUSA will continue to focus on strengthening cooperation, enhancing the quality and visibility of our activities, and responding to the evolving needs of university sport in a rapidly changing world. Our mission

remains clear: to create meaningful sporting and educational opportunities for students and to contribute positively to European society through sport.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the former EUSA President, Mr Adam Roczek, and the entire Executive Committee for their outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment over the past four years. Their work has laid strong foundations for the continued development and success of EUSA, and their contribution to European university sport deserves our deepest appreciation.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the work of EUSA over the past year and to the preparation of this magazine. Your passion, professionalism, and trust inspire us to keep moving forward together.

I wish you an enjoyable read and a successful, healthy, and inspiring year ahead. Let 2026 be the best year so far!

Yours sincerely,

Haris Pavletic
President





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Albanian Federation of
University Sport

 **ARM** Armenia
Armenian Student
Sports Federation

 **AUT** Austria
Austrian University
Sports Organisation

 **AZE** Azerbaijan
Freewill Student Sport Society
of Azerbaijan Republic "Genjlik"

 **BEL** Belgium
Belgian University
Sports Federation

 **BIH** Bosnia and Herzegovina
Sports Federation of Bosnia
and Herzegovina – Committee
for University Sports

 **BUL** Bulgaria
Association for University
Sport "Akademik"

 **CRO** Croatia
Croatian Academic
Sports Federation

 **CYP** Cyprus
Cyprus University
Sports Federation

 **CZE** Czechia
Czech University
Sports Association

 **EST** Estonia
Estonian Academic
Sports Federation

 **FIN** Finland
Finnish Student Sports
Federation

 **FRA** France
French University
Sport Federation

 **GEO** Georgia
University Sports
Federation of Georgia

 **GER** Germany
German University
Sports Federation

 **GRE** Greece
Hellenic Committee for
University Sport

 **HUN** Hungary
Hungarian University
Sports Federation

 **IRL** Ireland
Student Sport Ireland

 **ISR** Israel
Academic Sports Association

 **ITA** Italy
Italian University
Sport Federation

 **KOS** Kosovo
Kosovo University
Sports Federation

 **LAT** Latvia
Latvian University
Sports Federation

 **LIE** Liechtenstein
University Sports Federation
of Liechtenstein

 **LTU** Lithuania
Lithuanian Students'
Sports Association

 **MDA** Moldova
Moldavian Student and
Veterans Sports Federation

 **MNE** Montenegro
Students Sports Association
of Montenegro

 **NED** The Netherlands
Student Sports the Netherlands

 **MKD** North Macedonia
University Sports Federation
of Macedonia

 **NOR** Norway
Norwegian Association
of University Sports

 **POL** Poland
University Sports
Association of Poland

 **POR** Portugal
Portugal University
Sports Federation

 **ROU** Romania
Romanian Schools and
Universities Sport Federation

 **SMR** San Marino
San Marino University
Sports Association

 **SVK** Slovakia
Slovak University
Sports Association

 **SLO** Slovenia
Slovenian University
Sports Association

 **ESP** Spain
Spanish University
Sport Committee

 **SWE** Sweden
Swedish University
Sports Federation

 **SUI** Switzerland
Swiss University Sports

 **TUR** Turkiye
Turkiye University
Sports Federation

 **UKR** Ukraine
Sport Students' Union of Ukraine

 **GBR** United Kingdom
British Universities &
Colleges Sport

Inactive/Suspended:

 **BLR** Belarus
The Republican Center of
Physical Education and Sports
for Pupils and Students

 **DEN** Denmark
Danish Student Sport Association

 **ISL** Iceland
University of Iceland Students'
Athletics Association

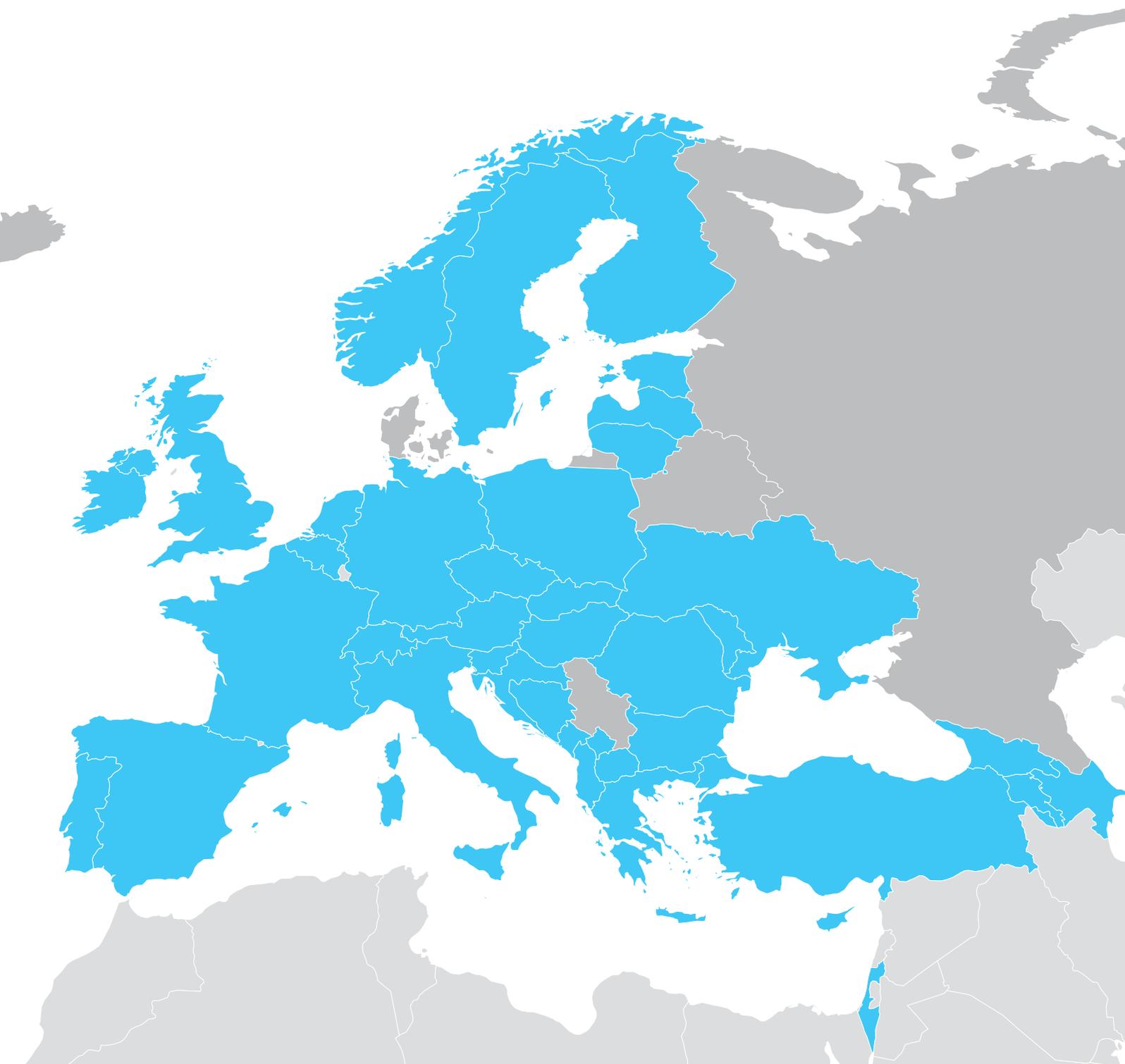
 **MLT** Malta
Malta University Sports Club

 **RUS** Russia
Russian Students Sport Union

 **SRB** Serbia
University Sport
Federation of Serbia

MORE INFO





EUSA ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) expanded its membership structure by opening its doors to universities and other organizations, in addition to its traditional national university sports body members, allowing them to join as Associated Members.

At the time of writing, the status of EUSA Associated Members has been granted to 122 universities from 24 countries.

The universities that became Associated Members of EUSA are coming from: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Turkiye, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.

This list is preliminary, and the opportunity to become an Associated Member of EUSA remains open.

Universities interested in joining the EUSA community and earning this distinguished status are invited to submit an application.

There is no membership fee, yet Associated Members gain access to a range of exclusive benefits and opportunities. Universities awarded the EUSA Associated Member status may enjoy the following advantages:

- a. Become a member of the EUSA Universities Club
- b. Participate in EUSA Events under a lower Entry Fee (as determined by the EUSA Executive Committee) for their students and teams
- c. Priority in selection of the organisers of EUSA Sport and Educational Events
- d. Use the Logotype of EUSA Associated Member for their internal promotion.

You can now explore the universities that have been awarded EUSA Associated Member status on our website and across our social media channels.

ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

122

Universities

24

Countries



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LIST OF UNIVERSITIES IN ASSOCIATED MEMBERS PROGRAMME

ALBANIA (1)

- FAN NOLI UNIVERSITY

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- ARMENIAN STATE INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL C.S.
- ARMENIAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

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- UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (1)

- UNIVERSITY OF BIHAC

CROATIA (5)

- UNIVERSITY OF DUBROVNIK
- UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA
- UNIVERSITY OF SPLIT
- UNIVERSITY OF ZADAR
- UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB

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- LAUREA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

FRANCE (3)

- ARTOIS UNIVERSITY
- INSA LYON
- UNIVERSITY OF LYON

GEORGIA (4)

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- GEORGIAN AVIATION UNIVERSITY
- GEORGIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
- TBILISI STATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

GERMANY (1)

- UNIVERSITY OF HAMBURG

GREECE (2)

- ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI
- PANTEION UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL & POLITICAL S.

HUNGARY (10)

- BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

- BUDAPEST UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND E.

- EOTVOS LORAND UNIVERSITY

- HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITY OF SPORTS SCIENCE

- JOHN VON NEUMANN UNIVERSITY

- MOHOLY-NAGY UNIVERSITY OF ART AND DESIGN

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- UNIVERSITY OF MILANO-BICOCCA

- UNIVERSITY OF SALERNO

KOSOVO (1)

- UNIVERSITY OF PRISHTINA

LATVIA (1)

- RIGA STRADINS UNIVERSITY

LITHUANIA (6)

- KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

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- VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY

MONTENEGRO (1)

- UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO

POLAND (6)

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- JOZEF PILSUDSKI UNIVERSITY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- KAZIMIERZ WIELKI

- UNIVERSITY IN BYDGOSZCZ

- LODZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

- POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

- UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK

PORTUGAL (11)

- NOVA UNIVERSITY OF LISBON

- POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF LEIRIA

- POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF PORTO

- UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO

- UNIVERSITY OF BEIRA INTERIOR

- UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA

- UNIVERSITY OF EVORA

- UNIVERSITY OF LISBON

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- UNIVERSITY OF MINHO

- UNIVERSITY OF PORTO

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- UNIVERSITY OF PLOIESTI

- TITU MAIORESCU

- UNIVERSITY

- UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA

- UNIVERSITY POLITEHNICA OF BUCHAREST

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- UNIVERSITY OF BACAU

- VASILE GOLDIS WESTERN

- UNIVERSITY OF ARAD

- VICTOR BABES UNIVERSITY OF M. P. TIMISOARA

SPAIN (11)

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- UNIVERSITY OF LEON

- UNIVERSITY OF MALAGA

- UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA

- UNIVERSITY OF ZARAGOZA

SWITZERLAND (2)

- UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE
- UNIVERSITY OF ST. GALLEN

TURKIYE (31)

- ALTINBAS UNIVERSITY

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- ATLAS UNIVERSITY

- BAHCESEHIR UNIVERSITY

- BALIKESIR UNIVERSITY

- BAYBURT UNIVERSITY

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- ZAIM UNIVERSITY

- ISTANBUL YENI YUZYIL

- UNIVERSITY

- KILIS 7 ARALIK UNIVERSITY

- MANISA CELAL BAYAR

- UNIVERSITY

- MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL

- UNIVERSITY

- MUS ALPARSLAN

- UNIVERSITY

- NISANTASI UNIVERSITY

- ORDU UNIVERSITY

- OZYEGIN UNIVERSITY

- PAMUKKALE UNIVERSITY

- SELCUK UNIVERSITY

- TEKIRDAG NAMIK KEMAL

- UNIVERSITY

- TRAKYA UNIVERSITY

- YASAR UNIVERSITY

UKRAINE (1)

- NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF UKRAINE ON P. E. S.

UNITED KINGDOM (3)

- IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON

- UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

- UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

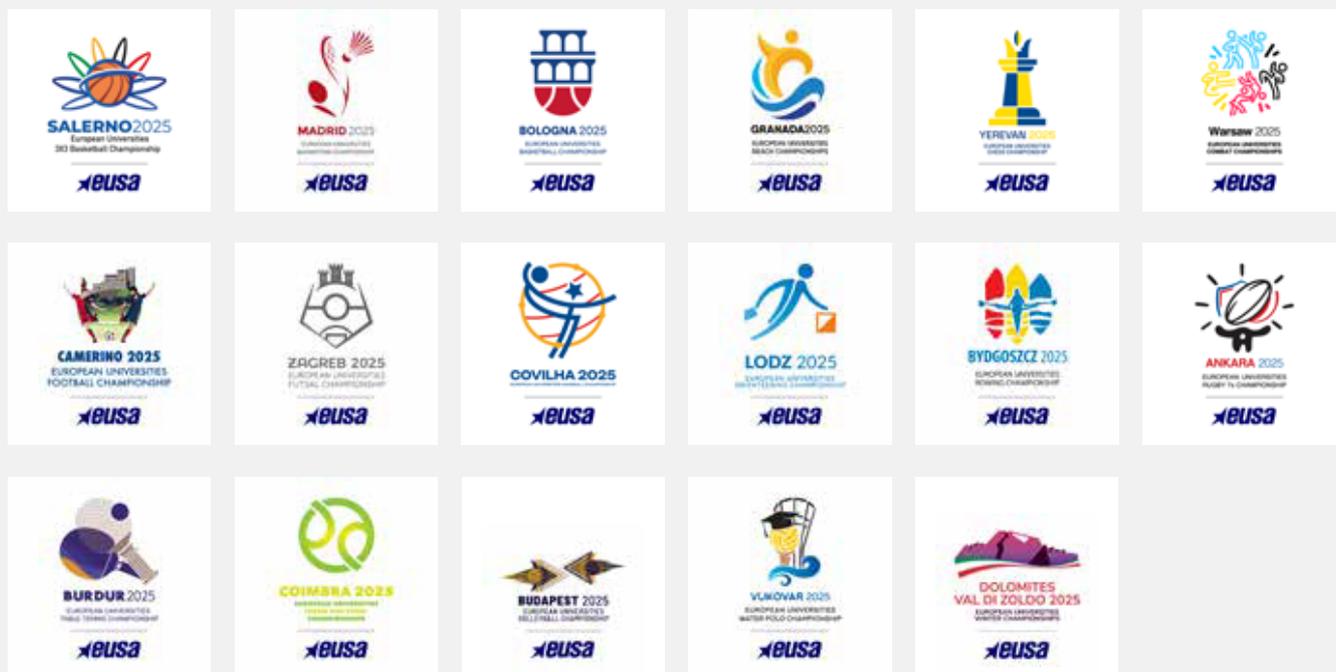
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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

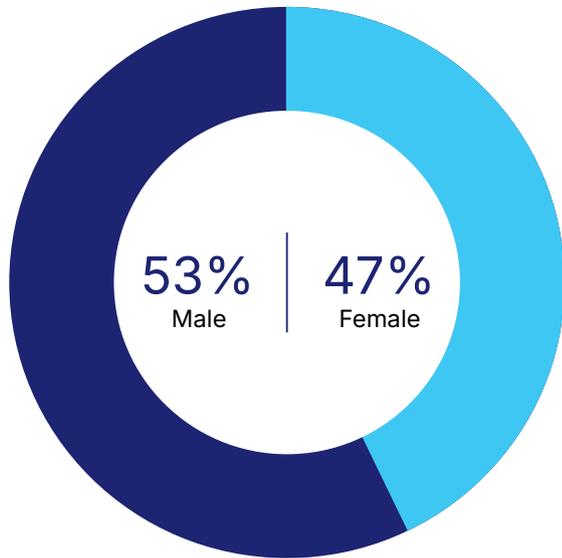
European Universities Championships are university sports competitions governed by EUSA. In 2025, 18 sports events comprising 24 competitions unfolded in 17 European cities across 8 countries, involving 6,058 participants from 540 universities, forming 1,146 university teams.



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 – FACTS AND FIGURES



ATHLETES' PARTICIPATION PER GENDER



GENERAL OVERVIEW OF PARTICIPANTS

39

Total number of countries

38

EUSA Members that participated in EUC

1

Non-member country that participated in the EUC

1,146

Total number of university teams

540

Total number of universities

6,058

Total number of participants

The 2025 European Universities Championships delivered yet another remarkable season for EUSA, showcasing a record number of participants across both the summer and winter editions.

Across the continent, 18 sports events comprising 24 competitions unfolded in 17 European cities across 8 countries, offering student-athletes an unforgettable experience.

In total, 6,058 participants from 540 universities, forming 1,146 university teams across 39 countries, took part in the 2025 European Universities Championships season, breaking the previous season's record of 5,570 participants.

The season spanned a diverse range of disciplines, from 3×3 Basketball, Badminton, and Basketball, to Beach Sports (Beach Handball and Beach Volleyball), Chess, Combat Sports (Judo, Karate,

Kickboxing, Taekwondo), Football, Futsal, Handball, Orienteering, Rowing, Rugby 7s, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo – and, for the first time in EUSA EUC history, Padel.

June marked a historic milestone as Madrid hosted the European Universities Badminton Championship, celebrating the 200th EUSA Championship since the association's founding.

July followed with a flurry of activity, featuring 11 Championships, while August saw two, September three, and the season concluded in December with the European Universities Winter Championships.

The debut of Padel in Coimbra, Portugal, highlighted EUSA's

commitment to evolving student sports, offering fresh opportunities and new excitement for participants. Meanwhile, Vukovar (CRO) proudly hosted the Water Polo Championship for the first time, marking its inaugural EUSA European Universities Championship.

Chess enthusiasts welcomed a return to Yerevan, where the European Universities Chess Championship made its comeback 10 years after last being held in 2015, reconnecting the city with its prestigious EUSA heritage.

This year, as in the previous season, the top three sports with the highest participation were the same: Rowing again led the list with 510 participants, followed

by Football with 505, and Futsal with 463.

EUSA would like to thank all participants and congratulate those who achieved success during this season's Championships, while expressing its sincere appreciation to all local organizing committees, partners, European sports governing bodies, and member federations.

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3x3 BASKETBALL

*SALERNO, ITALY
AUGUST 1-5, 2025*

Salerno hosted Europe's top university 3x3 basketball teams as **around 250 participants from 33 universities across 17 countries** competed at the European Universities 3x3 Championship.

The event featured **24 men's and 20 women's teams** and was organised by CUS Salerno in collaboration with the University of Salerno.

In the men's tournament, **Vytautas Magnus University (LTU)** continued their dominance, defeating the **University of Valencia (ESP)** in the final to claim its third consecutive European title. **Nantes University (FRA)** secured bronze.

The women's title went to the **University of Seville (ESP)**, who triumphed over defending champions **Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (UKR)**, with the **University of Valencia (ESP)** finishing third.

The championship also served as a **qualification event for the FISU University World Cup 3x3 Basketball 2025** in Brasília, Brazil, with both gold medalists earning their spots.

The action continues in Gdansk, Poland, where the next European Universities 3x3 Basketball Championship will be held in 2027, while the sport will also be part of the European Universities Games 2026 in Salerno, Italy.







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ALPINE SKIING

VAL DI ZOLDO, ITALY
DECEMBER 15–18, 2025

At the European Universities Alpine Skiing Championship in Val di Zoldo, Italy, **90 athletes representing 37 universities from 15 countries** battled for medals within the framework of the second edition of the European Universities Winter Championships.

Organised by FederCUSI – the Italian University Sports Federation CUS Venezia, the sports branch of Ca' Foscari University and IUAV University of Venice, and with the contribution of local stakeholders, the competition featured races in Slalom, Giant Slalom and Team Giant Slalom, with both women and men delivering high-level performances.

In the Women's Slalom competition, the **gold medal** went to Katharina Lochner from the

University of Innsbruck. Her teammate, **Amelie Stoellinger**, claimed **silver**, while **Maja Chyla** from Jagiellonian University took home the **bronze**.

In the Men's Slalom competition, the **gold medal** went to **David Hrovath** from the University of Klagenfurt, while the **silver medal** went to **Philipp Schmid** from the Technical University of Munich. The **bronze medal** went to **Simon Dupont-Roc** from the University of Grenoble Alpes.

In Women's Giant Slalom, **Maja Chyla** (Jagiellonian University) secured **victory**, successfully defending her title from the 2023 competition. **Amelie Stoellinger** (University of Innsbruck) finished just fourteen hundredths behind Chyla, reaching **second place**. **Patrycja Florek** (Jerzy Kukuczka Academy of Physical Education) completed the **podium**.

In Men's Giant Slalom, the top three athletes were separated by less than one second. **Simon Nantschev** (University of Applied

Sciences Munich) claimed the **top spot**, ahead of **Julien Hermann** (University of Zurich) and **Philipp Schmid** (Technical University of Munich).

In **Team Giant Slalom**, the three most successful teams were:

1. University of Innsbruck (AUT) – Jonathan Mika-Cortolezis, Tobias Raphael Schmidt, Katharina Lochner, Amelie Stoellinger



2. University of Grenoble Alps (FRA) – Rudy Morand, Zoe Cantel, Simon Dupont-Roc, Chiara Tardelli

3. University of Warsaw (POL) – Mikolaj Sosnowski, Karolina Debicka, Maja Wozniczka, Bartosz Dajda

University of Innsbruck also claimed the top spot in the overall final ranking of the Championship, with University of Grenoble Alpes and Jagiellonian University sharing second place.

European Universities Alpine Skiing Championship will return in next EUC season, for another competition full of passion, excitement, and top-level performances.





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BADMINTON

MADRID, SPAIN
JUNE 22-28, 2025

The 200th European Universities Championship brought together **over 150 participants from 19 universities across 15 countries** for a week of sport, friendship, and fair play.

Organized by **Camilo Jose Cela University** and the **Spanish High Council for Sports (CEDU)**, the event showcased top-level university badminton.

In the singles competition, **Shashwat Dalal** and **Zhou Meng** (**University of Nottingham, Great Britain**) won the gold medals. In the Men's Doubles competition, gold was claimed by **Aymeric Torres** and **Nicolas Hoareau** (**University of Strasbourg, France**). **Zhou Meng** and **Yiyi Tao** (**Nottingham, GBR**) took the Women's Doubles, and **Aymeric**

Torres with **Lilou Schaffner** (**Strasbourg, FRA**) triumphed in Mixed Doubles.

Crowning an exceptional week, the **University of Strasbourg (FRA)** won the **Team Competition**, followed by **Gdansk University of Technology (POL)** and **Nottingham (GBR)**. The championship celebrated young talent, European cooperation, and a shared passion for badminton.

This championship has been a true celebration of university sport, reinforcing cooperation

among European institutions, showcasing young athletic talent, and true passion for the sport.

The next EUC Badminton will be held in **Strasbourg, France**, in 2027, with all teams invited to join the **European Universities Games 2026** in **Salerno, Italy**.





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BASKETBALL

BOLOGNA, ITALY

JULY 6-13, 2025

Nearly 400 participants from 22 universities across 16 countries transformed Bologna into a hub of sporting excellence and cultural exchange.

The championship brought together student-athletes from across Europe, creating an electric atmosphere buzzing with energy, excitement, and the spirit of friendly competition. In Bologna, the event celebrated not only basketball, but also international fellowship, sportsmanship, and the joy of coming together as a diverse community.

Organized by Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna (CUSB), the event received strong support from national and regional partners, sponsors, and media.

In the men's tournament, **Vytautas Magnus University (LTU)** claimed gold after a thrilling victory over the **University of Bologna (ITA)**, with **Polish Naval Academy (POL)** taking bronze.

In the women's competition, the **University of Bologna (ITA)** delighted the home crowd, defeating the **University of Valencia (ESP)** in the final, while the **University of Toulouse (FRA)** earned bronze.

Fair Play Awards went to **Prague University of Economics and Business (women)** and

University of Debrecen (men), while MVP honours were awarded to **Alessandra Ossili (University of Bologna)** and **Augustinas Mikstas (Vytautas Magnus University)**.

Beyond the scores, the championship was a celebration of student life and European sportsmanship, with people coming together from diverse backgrounds to share their passion for basketball. The next EUC Basketball Championship will be held in **Zadar, Croatia**, in 2027, with all teams invited to the **European Universities Games 2026 in Salerno, Italy**.





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BEACH HANDBALL

GRANADA, SPAIN

JULY 14-17, 2025

This year's competition welcomed over **230 participants**, representing **14 universities from 7 countries**, and showcased the best of European university sport.

Languages, cultures, and playing styles came together to form a vibrant mosaic of talent and teamwork.

The competition was organised by the **Spanish University Sport Committee** and the **University of Granada**, with contributions from the **Junta de Andalucía**, the city of **Albolote**, and the city of **Granada**.

From early morning matches to evening showdowns, the courts buzzed with energy. With every goal, save, and celebration, the athletes left their mark, not just

on the scoreboard, but on the memories of fans and fellow competitors. The intensity was palpable, with teams giving their all in pursuit of the coveted championship titles.

In the men's final, the **Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN)** edged out the **University of Porto (POR)** in a thrilling match to take home the gold. **University of Malaga (ESP)** delivered a strong performance to claim **bronze**.

On the women's side, the hosts, **University of Granada (ESP)**,

delighted the home crowd by capturing the gold medal. The **University of Malaga (ESP)** earned silver, while **Eszterhazy Karoly Catholic University (HUN)** secured bronze.

The next **European Universities Championship in Beach Sports** will take place in **Split, Croatia in 2027**. However, athletes are welcome to join the next competition as part of the **European Universities Games 2026** in **Salerno, Italy**.





BEACH VOLLEYBALL

GRANADA, SPAIN
JULY 14-19, 2025

This year's European Universities Beach Volleyball Championship welcomed around 120 participants, representing 36 universities from 17 countries.

With such a rich mix of nationalities and cultures, the courts were more than just a battleground; they were a living stage of European unity through sport, where heat and high-stakes competition collided.

The competition was organised by the Spanish University Sport Committee and the University of Granada, with contributions from the Junta de Andalucía, the city of Albolote, and the city of Granada. The event also enjoyed strong support from the local municipality, civic institutions, and local sports associations.

Throughout the week, the championship reflected not only top-tier athletic performance but also the core values of sportsmanship, cultural exchange, and mutual respect. Behind the scenes, a team of dedicated local and international student volunteers ensured every detail ran smoothly, while the city itself embraced participants with warm hospitality and cultural flair.

In the men's final, Austria dominated the top of the podium. Niels Antoni and Raphael Trauth from the University of Vienna (AUT) claimed the gold in an all-Austrian showdown, defeating

Maximilian Trummer and Felix Friedl from the University of Klagenfurt (AUT).

Tomas Semerad and Adam Miroslav Stoczek of the Czech Technical University of Prague (CZE) secured a strong third-place finish.

On the women's side, the gold went to Patrycja Jundzill and Julia Gierczynska from the University of Warsaw (POL), who overcame Urte Andriukaityte and Irina Zobnina of Vytautas Magnus University (LTU) in a thrilling match. The bronze medal was claimed

by Sarah Kastenberger and Sofija Saric from the University of Vienna (AUT), adding another medal to the university's impressive performance.

While waiting for the next edition of the Championship taking place in Split, Croatia in 2027, all teams and fans are warmly welcomed to join the next EUSA Beach Volleyball competition taking place during next summer's European Universities Games Salerno 2026, in Italy.





CHESS

YEREVAN, ARMENIA

SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2025

Yerevan hosted **100 participants from 30 universities across 16 countries** for the European Universities Chess Championship, featuring **26 open and 14 women's teams**.

Europe's brightest student minds faced off in intense battles of strategy and precision at the **European Universities Chess Championship**, where every move counted.

Organised by the **Armenian Student Sports Federation and the Armenian State University of Economics**, the event combined top-level competition with cultural exchange and European unity.

This year, the **Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and Sport (ARM)** dominated,

claiming gold in Rapid Open, Rapid Women's, and Blitz Open tournaments.

In **Blitz Women's**, the **American University of Armenia (ARM)** took the title.

In the **Rapid Open**, **Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ROU)** claimed second place, followed by **Yerevan State University (ARM)** in third. **The Blitz Open** saw **Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ROU)** again take second, with **Ozyegin University (TUR)** securing third place. In the

women's competitions, the **Rapid Women** category awarded second place to the **Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN)** and third to the **American University of Armenia (ARM)**, while in the **Blitz Women**, the **University of Warsaw (POL)** took second, followed by the **Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN)** in third.

The European Universities Chess Championship will move to **Zaragoza, Spain**, where we invited student-athletes from across Europe to gather and

challenge themselves for the next titles.





FOOTBALL

CAMERINO, ITALY
JULY 27–AUGUST 3, 2025

For one unforgettable week, Camerino became the heart of European universities Football. **Over 500 participants from 21 universities across 14 countries** showcased talent, teamwork, and tenacity, turning the city into a festival of sport, friendship, and unforgettable moments on and off the pitch.

The competition was organised by FederCusi and the University of Camerino, with the contribution of the City of Camerino, and the Marche Region.

From stunning comebacks to decisive goals, both finals delivered heart-pounding action and memorable moments that reflected the intensity of university sport at its highest level.

In the women's competition, the University of Wurzburg

(GER) secured the gold medal, followed by the Goethe University Frankfurt (GER) with silver, while Pavlo Tychyna Uman State Pedagogical University (UKR) earned bronze.

In the men's tournament, the West University of Timișoara (ROU) claimed gold, the University of Granada (ESP) took silver, and the University of Rouen Normandie (FRA) completed the podium with bronze.

Individual accolades, including **Most Valuable Player, Best Goalkeeper, Top Scorer, and Fair Play awards**, recognized standout athletes and teams who combined performance excellence with sporting spirit.

The next edition of the European Universities Football Championship will be held in **Porto, Portugal**, in 2027, with the participants being invited to **European Universities Games 2026 in Salerno, Italy**, for another opportunity to witness

thrilling university football and unforgettable sporting stories.





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FUTSAL

ZAGREB, CROATIA
JULY 17-25, 2025

Zagreb came alive as **over 450 participants**, divided into **32 university futsal teams from 30 different universities**, battled it out in a week of speed, skill, and sheer excitement.

The championship, organised by the **Zagreb Academic Sports Federation** with support from local partners, was a celebration of sport, friendship, and teamwork.

In the men's final, **Azerbaijan Sport Academy (AZE)** dazzled with a commanding 7-2 victory over the **University of Valencia (ESP)**, while the **University of Castilla-La Mancha (ESP)** claimed bronze.

Standout performers included **Aghaseyid Gasimov (AZE)** as **Best Goalkeeper**, **Mario**

Garcia Sanchez (ESP) as **Top Scorer** with 14 goals, and **Jorge Arechaga Lull (ESP)** as **MVP**. **Fair Play honours** went to the **University of Warwick (GBR)**.

The women's final saw **National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (UKR)** edge out the **University of Barcelona (ESP)**, with **Rey Juan Carlos University (ESP)** taking bronze.

In the women's competition, **Kseniia Hrytsenko (UKR)** was **MVP**, **Laia Rojo Querol (ESP)** took the award for **Top Scorer** with 10 goals, and **Silvia Garcia**

Milla Ramirez (ESP) was the **Best Goalkeeper**.

Zagreb 2025 was more than a championship; it was a festival of futsal passion, teamwork, and unforgettable moments.

The next European Universities Championship of Futsal will be held in Madrid, Spain, with all the participants being invited to join the competition during the **European Universities Games 2026 in Salerno, Italy**.





HANDBALL

COVILHA, PORTUGAL

JULY 22-28, 2025

Covilha became the beating heart of the European Universities Handball Championship as **over 400 participants from 18 universities across 9 countries** competed in a week of high-intensity matches and unforgettable moments.

For seven days, Covilha buzzed with teamwork, passion, and the unifying spirit of university sport.

The event was organised by the **Portugal University Sports Federation**, the **Academic Association of the University of Beira Interior (AAUBI)**, the **Covilha City Council**, and the **University of Beira Interior**.

In the **men's tournament**, **University of Cote d'Azur (FRA)** clinched **gold**, narrowly defeating **Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava (ROU)**, while **University**

of Zagreb (CRO) proudly took **bronze**.

On the **women's side**, **Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN)** soared to victory over **University of Leon (ESP)**, with **Polytechnic University of Bucharest (ROU)** securing **third place**.

Special awards highlighted the championship's stars: **Top Scorers Niko Marakovic (CRO)** and **Rebeca Ioana Necula (ROU)**; **Best Goalkeepers Clovis Morison (FRA)** and **Barbora Zigraiova (GER)**; and **MVPs**

Rebeca Ioana Necula & Botond Balazs (ROU). The **Fair Play Awards** went to **University of Valencia (ESP)** and **University of Zagreb (CRO)**, celebrating sportsmanship alongside skill.

The next European Universities Handball Championship will be held in **Podgorica, Montenegro, 2027**. Meanwhile, the **European Universities Games 2026** in **Salerno, Italy**, promise another spectacular celebration of university handball.

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JUDO

WARSAW, POLAND
AUGUST 22–25, 2025

As part of the European Universities Combat Championships, which saw a total of **1,373 participants**, Judo was one of the most strongly represented sports, with **407 participants** representing universities from across Europe.

Over 320 judokas representing more than 140 universities, from 26 countries, participated in the European Universities Judo Championship in Warsaw, making Judo the largest of the four Combat Sports in the Championship.

The competition was organised by the University Sports Association of Warsaw and the University Sports Association of Poland, with the contribution of the City of Warsaw and other local stakeholders.

At the OSIR Wlochy hall in Warsaw, matches in seven weight categories took place on three tatami mats. Women competed in the 48 kg, 52 kg, 57 kg, and 63 kg categories, while men competed in the 60 kg, 66 kg, and 73 kg categories.

In the **bronze medal** matches, the **University of Grenoble Alpes (FRA)** and **Student Sports from the Netherlands (NED)** secured their spot on the podium. In the fight for **gold**, the golden point decided the winner. The **University of Leipzig (GER)**

defeated the **Polytechnic University of Bucharest (ROU)**. In addition, the **Polytechnic University of Bucharest (ROU)** won the cup for the **most medals in Judo**, with 7 medals, including 3 gold.

It was a Championship full of fun, smiles, and a high level of sport, as athletes emphasized. With the bar set high, the Judo family is looking forward to meeting again at the next Judo competition, part of the European Universities Combat Championships, foreseen to happen in 2026.





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KARATE

WARSAW, POLAND
AUGUST 22–25, 2025

Showcasing the best of European university talent, Karate at the European Universities Combat Sports Championships brought together around 355 athletes competing in kata and kumite, demonstrating exceptional technique, agility, and precision on the tatami.

Around 280 karateka from 25 countries, representing 144 universities, competed at the 11th edition of the European Universities Karate Championship.

The competitions were dominated by Turkish universities, once again confirming their power on the European stage.

Karate student-athletes met at Ursynow Arena in Warsaw for three intense competition days, full of skill, precision, and

passion. They delivered top-class action in eight women's and eight men's categories, as well as in the team events.

In women's kata, the University of Porto (gold) triumphed over the University of Nottingham (silver), while bronze medals were awarded to Eotvos Lorand University and Istanbul Aydin University. Istanbul Aydin University also claimed the men's kata gold against Gazi University (silver). Bronze medals were awarded to Poznan

University of Technology and the University of Freiburg.

The Istanbul Aydin University team also secured victory in the men's team kumite event, defeating the University of Nottingham in the final. Comenius University and the University of Zagreb each claimed bronze medals.

The women's team kumite champion title went to the University of Salzburg, who defeated Istanbul Kent University

(silver). Bronze medals went to the University of Prishtina and the University of Tuzla.

Thanks to these results and to victories in individual competitions, Istanbul Aydin University was the university that won the most medals in karate.

Karate will return to the programme at the next European Universities Combat Sports Championships, foreseen to take place in 2026.





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KICKBOXING

WARSAW, POLAND
AUGUST 22–25, 2025

Bringing intensity and skill to the tatami, Kickboxing featured at the European Universities Combat Championships in Warsaw, with more than 200 athletes from 99 universities across 17 countries competing.

At the Arche Krakowska hotel, fierce kickboxing matches took place, hosting **131 male and 71 female athletes**. The best athletes were selected in 15 classifications in full contact, pointfighting, and K1 formulas.

Athletes donned their university colours and protective gear to compete, knowing every punch, kick, and well-executed combination could be the difference between gold and glory.

The level of competition was nothing short of spectacular. Across categories, fighters

showcased not just physical power but tactical acumen, delivering thrilling moments that kept spectators on the edge of their seats. In the end, standout performances cemented legacies for both individuals and their institutions, with host university teams and international squads alike earning podium finishes and honours.

The Jozef Pilsudski Academy of Physical Education in Warsaw was the best university in the overall kickboxing classification, winning a total of 6 medals,

including 3 gold medals. **The second best university was the University of Ostrava, followed by Gazi University.**

For some of the athletes, this was their first international competition, so participating in the kickboxing tournament was a great adventure. Although everyone wanted to win, after defeat they were able to shake hands with their opponent. Everything was done in the spirit of fair play.

"As for combat sports, they are worth watching because

they teach discipline. If you want to fight your opponent, you first have to fight yourself. That means getting up in the morning to run and train several times a week. Without character and discipline, nothing can be achieved. All this translates into everyday life", said Antoni Kuhala, winner of the 67 kg (FC).

Kickboxing will continue to be part of the European Universities Combat Championships programme, with the next championship scheduled to take place in 2026.





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ORIENTEERING

LODZ, POLAND

JULY 24-27, 2025

Lodz turned into a hub of adventure, with **over 150 participants from 58 universities across 15 countries** racing through forests, streets, and parks at the European Universities Orienteering Championship.

Competitors faced sprint, middle distance, and relay challenges, blending speed, strategy, and sharp navigation skills.

The event was hosted by the **University of Lodz**, in close cooperation with **UKS Orienteering Lodz, the Polish Orienteering Federation, the University Sports Association of Poland, the City of Lodz, and a team of seasoned orienteering experts.**

Sprint Victories:

Men: Masaryk University (CZE) gold, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZE) silver,

Mendel University in Brno (CZE) bronze

Women: University School of Physical Education, Wroclaw (POL) gold, Charles University (CZE) silver, Semmelweis University (HUN) bronze

Middle Distance:

Men: Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZE) gold, Bern University of Applied Sciences (SUI) silver, Eszterhazy Karoly University (HUN) bronze

Women: Charles University (CZE) gold, University School of Physical Education, Wroclaw (POL) silver,

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZE) bronze

Relays:

Men's Relay: Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich (SUI) gold, Czech Technical University, Prague (CZE) silver, Vilnius University (LTU) bronze

Women's Relay: Charles University (CZE) gold, Eotvos Loránd University (HUN) silver, Wroclaw University of Science and Technology (POL) bronze

Mixed Relay: Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZE) gold, University School of Physical

Education, Wroclaw (POL) silver, Eszterhazy Karoly University (HUN) bronze

Over four days of intense competition, athletes navigated demanding terrain with endurance, focus, and teamwork. Beyond medals, friendships were forged, and the spirit of fair play shone through every checkpoint.

Next stop for Europe's top student orienteers, ready for another chapter of speed, strategy, and unforgettable adventure, hosting the **European Universities Orienteering Championship** in **Kastamonu, Turkiye, in 2027.**





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PADEL

COIMBRA, PORTUGAL
JULY 29–AUGUST 1, 2025

The first-ever EUSA European Universities Padel Championship in Coimbra introduced this fast-growing sport to the European university stage, bringing together 48 athletes from 19 universities across 8 countries.

The debut edition delivered thrilling matches, new rivalries, and an electric atmosphere both on and off the court.

Organized by the Portuguese University Sports Federation, the Academic Association of Coimbra, and the University of Coimbra, the padel

championship highlighted both experienced athletes and emerging talents in high-energy matches.

In the men's competition, the University of Barcelona (ESP) claimed the inaugural title after a gripping final against Abat Oliba CEU University (ESP),

with the University of Seville (ESP) completing an all-Spanish podium in third place.

The women's title went to the University of Seville (ESP), who triumphed in the final against the University of Cologne (GER). The University of Porto (POR) secured the bronze medal.

With stunning performances and landmark moments, the championship marked a major milestone for university padel.

The next edition will take place in Madrid, Spain, in 2027, with teams also encouraged to take part in the European Universities Games 2026 in Salerno, Italy.





ROWING

BYDGOSZCZ, POLAND
SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2025

The 2025 Rowing Championship welcomed **510 participants** representing **77 universities** from **20 countries** to compete across three days of racing, turning Bydgoszcz into the rowing capital of European university sport.

The Championship was organised by the **University Sports Association of Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz**, in cooperation with Kazimierz Wielki University, the City of Bydgoszcz, the Marshal's Office of the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship, the Ministry of

Sport and Tourism, the Polish Rowing Federation.

Student-athletes competed in 19 different boat classes, including one mixed event, providing excitement until the very last races. Fans witnessed stunning comebacks, new rivalries, and memorable victories.

This year's edition brought success for **Polish universities**, which claimed the highest medal tally of the Championships: **11 medals** in total, including **6 gold medals**.

Right behind Poland, Portuguese universities finished with **5 gold medals and 7 medals overall**,

while France secured **2 gold medals and 8 medals in total**.

Rowing will continue at the next **European Universities Championships**, scheduled to take place in **Zagreb** in **2026**.





RUGBY 7s

ANKARA, TURKIYE
JULY 21-24, 2025

Four days of high-octane Rugby 7s action took over Ankara as 220 athletes from 14 universities across six countries battled it out: 10 men’s teams and 5 women’s teams competing for the European title.

Organised by I.D. Bilkent University and METU, with support from the Turkiye University Sports Federation, Turkish Rugby Federation, and Rugby Europe, the Championship delivered thrilling matches, unforgettable moments, and a showcase of sportsmanship.

In the men’s final, San Jorge University (ESP) edged out University of Pau and Pays de l’Adour (FRA) with a last-possession winning point, while Nova University Lisbon (POR)

claimed bronze. MVP honors went to Eduardo Martin Tutard (San Jorge University), and the Wooden Spoon to the University of Debrecen (HUN).

The women’s final saw an all-French showdown, with the University of Bordeaux triumphing over the University of Toulouse. Bronze went to Ankara University (TUR). Laurea Berrieix (University of Bordeaux) earned MVP, and METU took home the Wooden Spoon. The Fair Play Award went to Eduardo

Torres Moreira (University of Porto).

Beyond the scores, the Championship was a celebration of cultural exchange, friendship, and fair play, complete with local hospitality and citywide festivities. From stunning comebacks to surprise victories, Ankara delivered memories that will last well beyond the final whistle.

Teams are invited to join the Rugby 7s at the European Universities Games in Salerno 2026 and the next European

Universities Championship in Zaragoza, Spain, 2027.





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SNOWBOARD

VAL DI ZOLDO, ITALY
DECEMBER 15–18, 2025

The Snowboard competition in Val di Zoldo brought together **49 athletes** from **16 universities** across **6 countries**, forming **16 teams**. Competitors showcased skill, speed, and daring on the slopes, delivering exciting performances and memorable moments throughout the event.

Speed and precision characterised the Snowboard Giant Slalom events, with clear winning margins in both categories.

In the **women's Giant Slalom**, the podium was led by **Olga Kaciczak of Jagiellonian University (POL)**, who delivered a composed and technically precise performance to secure the **gold medal**. **Silver** went to **Nisa Ozsoy** from **Ozyegin University (TUR)**, whose

dynamic run kept the competition tight from start to finish. The **bronze medal** was claimed by **Zuzanna Sokalska** of **Wroclaw University of Science and Technology (POL)**, rounding out a highly competitive top three.

In the men's **Giant Slalom**, Polish student-athletes dominated the podium. **Michal Lachowicz** of **University of Warsaw (POL)** captured the **gold** with a flawless run, while **Bartlomiej Kaciczak** from **AGH University of Krakow**

(POL) earned **silver** with a strong, precise performance. **Gabriel Seroczynski**, also representing **University of Warsaw (POL)**, rounded out the top three, taking home the **bronze**.

The Snowboard **Team Giant Slalom** once again underlined the dominance of the Polish university teams, who secured all three podium places. The **gold medal** went to the first team from **Warsaw University of Technology**, followed by the

team from the **University of Warsaw 2** in silver, while the team from the **University of Warsaw 1** completed the podium in third place.

In the Women's Snowboard Parallel Giant Slalom, **Olga Kaciczak** of **Jagiellonian University** confirmed her excellent form, taking **gold** ahead of **Nisa Ozsoy** (**Ozyegin University**) and **Zuzanna Sokalska** (**Wroclaw University of Science and Technology**),



repeating the podium of the Giant Slalom.

The Men's Parallel Giant Slalom saw another strong showing from Polish universities, with **Gabriel Seroczynski (University of Warsaw)** taking the top step of the podium, followed by teammate **Michal Lachowicz**, while **Bartlomiej Kaciczak (AGH University of Krakow)** completed the podium in third place.

Across all snowboard disciplines, the competitions confirmed the high technical level and growing competitiveness of European university snowboarding, with Poland emerging as the dominant force throughout the events. Indeed, **the final ranking was dominated by Polish universities**, with the

University of Warsaw claiming the first place, the Jagiellonian University the second, and the AGH University of Krakow the third.

With the bar set high, the European Universities Snowboarding Championship will return the next EUC season showcasing sporting excellence, cooperation, and resilience.





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SNOW VOLLEYBALL

VAL DI ZOLDO, ITALY

DECEMBER 15–18, 2025

The Snow Volleyball competition brought **16 men's and 16 women's teams from 25 different universities** to the snow pitch in Val di Zoldo. **120 athletes from 11 countries** competed and created fair-play and fun-spirited matches, showcasing amazing points, blocks, and recoveries.

Despite persistent rain that affected the overall competition schedule, the Snow Volleyball programme was carried out successfully, thanks to the close cooperation between EUSA, the Local Organising Committee, and the participating teams.

In the **women's Tournament**, several matches were decided by fine margins and tactical discipline. The **gold medal went to the University of Warsaw (POL)**, represented by Julia Jaroszczak, Patrycja Jundzill, Martyna Wisniewska, and Maja

Kruczek. **Silver was secured by the University of Vienna (AUT)** team, consisting of Sofija Saric, Rebekka Kremser, Marlene Renner, and Larissa Schlax, while the **bronze medal was earned by Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University (UKR)**, represented by Anhelina Matsiuchenko, Kateryna Biliak, Sofiia Shchutka, and Viktoriia Shandra.

In the **men's Snow Volleyball competition**, the **gold medal went to the University of Klagenfurt (AUT)**, represented by Maximilian

Trummer, Finn Oerley, Laurenc Groessig, and Theo Hanni. **Silver was claimed by the University of Warsaw (POL) team**, consisting of Michal Korycki, Tomasz Jaroszczak, Aleksander Czachorowski, and Szymon Beta, while the **bronze medal went to Charles University (CZE)**, represented by Tadeas Troustil, Jan Mrkous, Adam Waber, and Jindrich Zavadil.

The two **MVP awards in the Snow Volleyball competition went to Patrycja Jundzill from the University of Warsaw in the**

women's competition and to Maximilian Trummer from the University of Klagenfurt in the men's competition.

Snow Volleyball confirmed its growing role within the European Universities Winter Championships programme. It proved to be a major attraction, delivering excitement and entertainment for spectators and participants alike, demonstrating its adaptability to challenging weather conditions and embodying the values of university sport.





TABLE TENNIS

BURDUR, TÜRKİYE

SEPTEMBER 11-16, 2025

Burdur hosted nearly 150 participants from 26 universities across 12 countries at the European Universities Table Tennis Championship, featuring 17 men's and 15 women's teams.

From smashing serves to intense backhand rallies, the European Universities Table Tennis Championship highlighted the talent and competitive spirit of student athletes across the continent.

Organised by Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, with support from Türkiye University Sports Federation (TUSF) and local authorities, the five-day event delivered thrilling matches and memorable performances.

In the women's team competition, Wrocław University of Economics (POL) claimed gold, with the University of Nottingham (GBR) being second, and Paris Descartes University (FRA) and University of Warsaw (POL) sharing bronze.

Men's team gold went to Zamojski Academy (POL), silver to University of Leipzig (GER), and bronze shared by Istanbul Aydın University (TUR) and Pantheon-Sorbonne University (FRA).

In the women's singles competition, Anna Węgrzyn from Wrocław University of Economics (POL) claimed the gold medal, while her teammate Katarzyna Węgrzyn secured silver. The bronze medals were shared by Tin Tin Ho and Jianqi Meng of the University of Nottingham (GBR).

In the men's singles competition, Szymon Kolasa from Zamojski Academy (POL) captured the gold medal, while Rundong Liu of Pantheon-Sorbonne University (FRA) secured silver.

The bronze medals were shared by Martin Truneček from the University of Hradec Králové (CZE) and Jan Zandecki of Zamojski Academy (POL).

The next edition of the European Universities Table Tennis Championship will be held in Covilhã, Portugal, in 2027, with table tennis also featured at the European Universities Games 2026 in Salerno, Italy.

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TAEKWONDO

WARSAW, POLAND
AUGUST 22–25, 2025

The 2025 European Universities Combat Sports Championships saw Taekwondo take center stage alongside Judo, Karate, and Kickboxing, with student-athletes delivering explosive matches, masterful technique, and true sportsmanship in poomsae and kyorugi.

Around 240 athletes from 23 countries, representing 127 universities, fought for the medals in the traditional Recognised Poomsae, the electrifying Freestyle Poomsae, and Kyorugi, the sparring competition.

Inside the University of Warsaw's Faculty of Management, Taekwondo competitors demonstrated why poomsae is often called "the art of fighting shadows". The discipline rewards technical mastery,

balance, and style rather than direct combat. Yet the intensity was unmistakable, especially in the free-style category, where athletes performed choreographed routines to music, featuring acrobatic elements and thrilling the crowd.

After the impressive poomsae, taekwondo athletes turned their focus to Kyorugi. In this traditional sparring competition, they battled across eight categories. Turkish universities dominated the mats,

collecting ten medals, including six golds.

Once again, the overall European Universities Taekwondo Championship was dominated by universities from Turkiye. **Anadolu University placed first in the final ranking and Ondokuz Mayıs University second. University of Zagreb ranked third**, making it the only non-Turkish university in the top five.

Taekwondo remains a key discipline in the European

Universities Combat Championships programme, with the next edition of the championship planned for 2026.





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TENNIS

*COIMBRA, PORTUGAL
JULY 29–AUGUST 3, 2025*

Coimbra welcomed Europe’s top university tennis players as **110 participants from 19 universities across 12 countries** competed at the European Universities Tennis Championship. With 16 men’s and 12 women’s teams, the tournament delivered six days of intense rallies, passionate crowds, and unforgettable moments.

With each fast-paced rally and perfectly placed shot, the European Universities Tennis Championship highlighted the passion and talent of student athletes from across Europe.

Organised by the **Portuguese University Sports Federation**, the **Academic Association of Coimbra**, and the **University of Coimbra**, the championship

showcased both experience and rising talent on court.

In the **men’s competition**, the **University of Regensburg (GER)** claimed the European title after defeating **Sorbonne Paris Nord University (FRA)** in the final, while the **University of Zurich (SUI)** secured bronze.

The **women’s title** went to the **University of Valencia (ESP)**, winners of an exciting final

against the **Technical University of Munich (GER)**. The **University of Debrecen (HUN)** completed the podium in third place.

The next European Universities Tennis Championship will take place in **Split, Croatia, in 2027**, with all teams also invited to compete at the **European Universities Games 2026** in **Salerno, Italy**.





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VOLLEYBALL

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

JULY 27–AUGUST 3, 2025

Budapest set the stage for university volleyball as **around 450 participants** gathered for the European Universities Volleyball Championship. A total of **16 women's** and **14 men's teams** from **26 universities** across **15 countries** delivered a week defined by intensity, fair play, and spectacular spikes, strategic sets, and powerful serves.

Organised by the **Hungarian University of Sports Science** and the **Hungarian University Sports Federation**, with support from national volleyball partners, the championship produced high-quality matches and electric atmospheres throughout.

In the **women's competition**, hosts **Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN)** made history, defeating **Yasar University (TUR)** 3-2 in a

dramatic, undefeated clash to claim their first European university title. **University of Zagreb (CRO)** secured **bronze** after a thrilling 3-2 victory over **Ovidius University (ROU)**.

The **men's title** went to **Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (GER)**, who edged **Fenerbahce University (TUR)** 3-2 in a tense final between two unbeaten teams. **Bronze** was claimed by **Technical University of Dresden**

(GER), winners of the all-German third-place match against the **University of Rostock**.

With unforgettable matches and standout performances, Budapest delivered a championship to remember.

The next step for the European Universities Volleyball Championship will be **Granada, Spain, in 2027**, while teams are being invited to be part of the

volleyball competition during the **European Universities Games 2026** in Salerno, Italy.





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WATER POLO

VUKOVAR, CROATIA
JULY 7-13, 2025

Vukovar was a host to a vibrant championship, welcoming a hundred student-athletes from seven universities across four countries.

The championship was hosted by the **University of Applied Sciences "Lavoslav Ružička"** and the **Croatian Academic Sports Federation (CASF)**, the City of Vukovar, Vukovar-Srijem County, and local partners.

In a thrilling men's final, the **University of Pecs (HUN)** claimed the European title,

defeating fellow **Hungarian Budapest University of Technology and Economics (HUN)**. The **Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (HUN)** secured **bronze** after beating the **University of Zagreb (CRO)**, completing an all-Hungarian podium.

Individual honours went to **Turan Andras** as Top Scorer with 33 goals, **Abel Ferenc Szilagyi** as Best Goalkeeper, and **Zsombor Vidovenyecz** as MVP.

The event celebrated not only competitive water polo but also cultural exchange and the unifying spirit of EUSA.

The next European Universities Championship in Water Polo will be in 2027, with the host city being announced at a later stage.





EUROPEAN STUDENTS RUN

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA
OCTOBER 19, 2025

The first European Students Run was held on **October 19, 2025, in Ljubljana, Slovenia**, as part of the **Ljubljana Marathon** and supported by the **EU Runners4All project**, co-funded by the **European Union**.

The event gathered **1,922 student participants from 34 European countries**, competing in **10 km, 21 km (half-marathon), and 42 km (marathon) races**. Students and recent graduates aged 18–30 took part, alongside the wider EUSA community within the main marathon program.

The Students Run was integrated into the Ljubljana Marathon, which reached a record participation of over 19,000 runners on Sunday and 29,000 across the weekend, with athletes from more than 80 countries. Overall, **student**

runners came from 54 universities in 18 countries.

The event was organised in cooperation with **EUSA, the City of Ljubljana, and Timing Ljubljana**. Promotion was supported by student ambassadors active in 15 countries, and a conference on good practices was held on October 18, 2025.

European Students Run Winners:

10 km Men: 1. Vid Botolin (SLO) – University of Ljubljana; 2. Mathis Brun (FRA); 3. Luka Aljaz Pajek (SLO)

10 km Women: 1. Klara Lukan (SLO) – University of Ljubljana; 2. Lea Haler (SLO); 3. Marta Durante (ITA)

21 km Men: 1. Nil Kerin (SLO) – University of Ljubljana; 2. Jost Znidarsic (SLO); 3. Szymon Koncewicz (POL)

21 km Women: 1. Rita Erdos (HUN); 2. Nusa Mali (SLO); 3. Ziva Kregulj (SLO)

42 km Men: 1. Varna Kristaps (LAT); 2. Janez Sedeljsak (SLO); 3. Maks Cuzak (SLO)

42 km Women: 1. Nina Gubanc (SLO); 2. Irene Abfalterer (USA); 3. Celine Herbst (GER)

The main Ljubljana Marathon winners were Abadi Gebresilase Haftamu (ETH) in the men's race and Gezahagn Menigstu Tigist (ETH) in the women's race.

The Runners4All project promotes student participation, social inclusion, and access to sport, including for disabled and vulnerable groups, through large-scale not-for-profit sporting events.



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EUSA ENDORSED SPORTS EVENTS

EUSA supports select sport events to promote international university sport across Europe. These endorsed events also serve as opportunities to trial sports with the potential to be included in EUSA's Sport Programme in the future.



EUROPEAN OPEN UNIVERSITY POWERLIFTING CUP 2025

*HAMM, LUXEMBOURG
FEBRUARY 20-23, 2025*

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A total of 251 participants took part in 3 days of intense competition, showcasing the growing enthusiasm for weightlifting at the university level. Among them were 153 lifters, including 89 men and 64 women, competing at a high level of performance representing 21 countries and 97 universities.

The event was a showcase of raw power and unwavering determination, culminating in the setting of one European record and an impressive 30 EUSA records.

The athletes received medals both in individual lifts (squat,

bench press, and deadlift) and in total. At the end of the competitions defined by the IPF GL Formula 3 strongest women and 3 strongest men of the Cup were awarded the Best Lifters trophies.

Uniting students passionate about powerlifting, the three-day European University Cup 2025 highlighted their commitment to intellectual and physical growth. The event's success lay not only in its sporting achievements but also in its broader mission: to develop a generation of intelligent, inclusive, healthy, and resilient individuals.



INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA SVETI DUJE 2025

*SPLIT, CROATIA
MAY 9-11, 2025*

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With 22 university eights, 13 universities, forming a total number of approximately 300 competitors including legends and a packed program blending sport, tradition, and science, the 3-day-competition of International Rowing Regatta Sveti Dujë was once again unforgettable.

In the men's category, the joy for winning the gold medal belonged to the University of Cambridge, while the silver medal went into the hands of the University of Oxford. The bronze medals were won by the rowers of Imperial College London.

In the women's category, the gold medal went to the University of Oxford, while the silver medals were won the University of Cambridge. The third place belonged to the rowers of Imperial College London.

The second competition day was reserved for the Race of the Legends, which saw rowers from Oxford, Cambridge, and Split. The winner of the Race of Legends this year were the Cambridge Legends, while the second and third place on the podium were taken by Split Legends and Oxford Legends.



SELL GAMES 2025

VIERUMAKI (HEINOLA), FINLAND
MAY 16-18, 2025



This edition of the SELL Games brought together a vibrant and diverse community, featuring 508 athletes from a total of 37 universities from six different countries, representing an impressive 12 nationalities, highlighting the international spirit and inclusivity of the Games.

Student-athletes showcased their talents across a variety of disciplines, including 3x3 basketball, Judo, men's Padel, Powerlifting, Athletics, and Football (women's 7 vs. 7 and men's 11 vs. 11) on Saturday. Beach Volleyball, Table Tennis, and Orienteering extended over Saturday and Sunday,

while Chess and Badminton got underway earlier, starting on Friday. Many of these competitions also doubled as Finnish Student Championships (OSM), adding national significance to the international spirit of the games.

The results reflect not only athletic achievement but also the dedication and preparation of the student-athletes and their coaching teams.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT 2025

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA
DECEMBER 4-7, 2025



The 28th International Student Christmas Tournament "Vedran Jelavic Memorial" was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, from December 4 to 7, 2025. Organised by the Academic Sports Association Dubrovnik under the patronage of EUSA, the tournament continues to strengthen its visibility within the European student sports community.

This year, 140 student-athletes competed, continuing a long-standing tradition in student sport. After an opening ceremony featuring a lively artistic performance, the tournament saw intense basketball and volleyball matches between

university teams from Croatia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Slovenia.

In basketball, the University of Maribor defeated the University of Dubrovnik in the final, while the University of Zagreb Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing claimed bronze. In volleyball, the School of Dental Medicine Zagreb won the title after defeating the University of Pula, with the University of Prishtina finishing third.

The event concluded with an award ceremony honouring the winning teams, outstanding performers, and the Three-Point Shootout champion.



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04 EUSA CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

University sport extends beyond competition, results, and scoreboards. Recognizing this, EUSA places strong emphasis on offering diverse educational programmes and regularly organizing meetings, seminars, and conventions to foster knowledge sharing, effective leadership, networking, and good governance.

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Zagreb, Croatia

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EUSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The elected EUSA Executive Committee (EC) is responsible for the organisation's good governance and the implementation of General Assembly decisions. In 2025, the final year of this board mandate, the EC met in-person twice and online twice to coordinate and review the association's work and ensure its progressive path forward.

Online meeting February 27, 2025

At the first meeting of the year, the EUSA Executive Committee approved the appointment of EUSA representatives for the 2025 European Universities Championships and confirmed 5 new universities as associated members.

In preparation for the electoral General Assembly, the EC proposed holding an extraordinary online General Assembly to allow members to vote on some changes ahead of the regular session.

Tbilisi (GEO) April 4–5, 2025

The first in-person EC meeting of 2025 brought together EC members and office staff in Tbilisi for two days of strategic discussions. The meeting was hosted by the University Sports Federation of Georgia and Georgian National University SEU, further highlighting Georgia's commitment to advancing university sports both on the local and European stage.

The meeting began with a review of EUSA's 2024 activities and a look ahead to the 2025 event and institutional calendar. Internal developments and financial matters were discussed

alongside new proposals, such as the introduction of the EUSA Annual Awards. EC members also elected new EUSA Technical Delegates.

Preparations for the Extraordinary General Assembly and the 2025 General Assembly were discussed, as well as updates to statutory documents and progress on the EUSA-FISU Strategic Dialogue.

The Branding and Marketing Council delivered its report, reflecting on recent progress and providing insights into visibility and outreach. This was followed by updates from the Student Commission on past and future meetings, projects and participation.

The Inclusion and Diversity Commission presented key documents, including updates of EUSA Safeguarding and Incident Policy, the revised Inclusion and Diversity core principles and commitments, and the drafting of a new white paper on the inclusion of Gender-Diverse (GD) Participants, which tries to create more inclusive participation procedures.

EUSA's strong involvement in EU-funded initiatives was highlighted by the presentation of current initiatives. Additional reports on EUSA-led or partnered projects reaffirmed the organisation's role as a leading player in youth engagement and innovation through sport.

Online meeting September 4, 2025

EC members met online for their third meeting of the year in preparation for the electoral General Assembly. Members approved the minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly, the Assembly agenda, the proposed General Assembly Chair candidature, and financial and activity reports for 2023 and 2024.

After confirming Membership and Board Membership fees for 2026-2029, Tbilisi, Georgia, was approved as the host of the 2027 EUSA General Assembly. Following this decision, EUSA Board also approved the proposals for the next Honorary Distinctions and the list of candidates for the elections. Lastly, one new associated member was confirmed, bringing the total to 118 universities from 23 countries.

Zagreb (CRO) October 9, 2025

The second in-person EC meeting of the year took place just before the General Assembly and EUSA-FISU Strategic Dialogue, setting the framework for these two significant events. The meeting was hosted by the Croatian Academic Sports Federation, showcasing Croatia's dedication to promoting and developing university sports at the European level.

Besides the EUSA Executive Committee, the meeting was attended by FISU President Leonz Eder, who acknowledged EUSA as the most structured continental association, for its deep and detailed schedule of sports and educational events.

Updates on the current EU-funded projects were given, with special attention to the Runners4All (European Students Run) project, involving more than 1,900 students. The presentation highlighted the event's goals, detailed planning, and coordination efforts, as well

as initiatives to boost students' involvement. Focus was also placed on fostering inclusivity and promoting physical activity.

The EC reviewed office and finance reports, including budget performance for the last part of the year. New membership fees for 2026-2027 were also approved. An overview of ongoing and upcoming events was then offered, featuring detailed progress on the European Universities Championships 2025, alongside updates for EUC 2026, 2027 and European Universities Games 2026.

In addition, the committee reviewed reports on endorsed and partnership events, underscoring the ongoing collaboration between EUSA and its partners. The meeting also featured an update from the EUSA Ethical Panel, which announced the creation of a new commission to oversee ethics and governance, reaffirming the organisation's dedication to integrity.

The meeting concluded with a gesture of appreciation for the outgoing board members, each receiving a commemorative pen in recognition of their four years of commitment and contributions to EUSA.

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) new Executive Committee held an online meeting on December 22, 2025 to wrap up activities for the year after their earlier Zagreb session. They reviewed reports, made key competition decisions (like venue changes for future European Universities Championships), set dates for 2026 events, and approved new internal commissions and working groups. The Committee also opened calls for nominations and applications for future initiatives, confirmed three new universities as pending associated members, and announced their first in-person meeting for March 19-22, 2026, in Slovenia.





EUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On October 10 and 11, EUSA held its General Assembly in Zagreb, Croatia, once again demonstrating the power of collaboration and shared commitment to the values of sport, education, and unity.

The General Assembly brought together delegates from 36 EUSA member countries, guests, partners, as well as representatives from FISU and the FISU Continental Federations, highlighting the global collaboration and spirit of university sport. The Assembly focused on the Executive Committee elections and strategic priorities for the 2025–2029 term.

The event began with a #BeActive Run, promoting an active lifestyle among attendees. FISU presented tokens of appreciation and long-term

partnership to both the European University Sports Association and the Croatian Academic Sports Federation.

EUSA Members reviewed organisational matters and activity reports, with Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik presenting the 2023–2024 report. He outlined the main activities and key sporting events, including the awarding of hosting for the 2028 and 2030 European Universities Games, as well as the 25th EUSA Anniversary, celebrated in November 2024 in Vienna.

He also emphasised EUSA's educational initiatives and webinars dedicated to key topics as gender equality. In addition, the report covered major organisational meetings, EUSA's participation in EU and FISU-supported projects, volunteering programs, and international cooperation and concluded with the introduction of EUSA's refreshed visual identity.

Francis Cirianni, EUSA Treasurer, presented the EUSA Annual Accounts and provided insights into the provisional budget for the upcoming period.



The Assembly then proceeded with approving various amendments and motions, including honorary distinctions, awarding the title of Honorary President to Adam Roczek, in recognition of his dedication to European university sports during his tenure as EUSA President.

The 2025-2026 Activity Report highlighted upcoming sporting events and the introduction of Padel as a new sport, as well as the European Universities Championships planned for 2026-2029, featuring the addition of Powerlifting and

Athletics. The next edition of the European Universities Games 2026 in Salerno was also presented. The report further covered ongoing projects, the activities of the EUSA Development Fund, volunteering initiatives, and efforts in international cooperation.

During the General Assembly, the Executive Committee was formally discharged, accompanied by heartfelt thanks for their dedication, hard work, and support throughout their mandate. Candidates for the upcoming elections shared their

vision and plans for advancing EUSA's mission, allowing members to gain insights into the priorities of each candidate. The new EUSA Executive Committee for the next 4-year term was elected. Haris Pavletic has been elected President, joined by a newly appointed Board set to shape the future direction and strategic vision of university sport across Europe.

Together, the leadership team embarks on a mandate focused on strengthening collaboration, enhancing opportunities for student-athletes, and further

elevating the profile of university sport at the continental level.



STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

Zagreb, Croatia



EUSA – FISU STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

On 9 October 2025 in Zagreb, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and the International University Sports Federation (FISU) convened the Strategic Dialogue, bringing together leaders, stakeholders, and practitioners from across European and global university sport.

Hosted by the Croatian Academic Sports Federation (CASF) alongside the EUSA General Assembly and Awards Gala, the event provided a platform to reflect on achievements, address current challenges, and explore the future of student sport.

Opening remarks were delivered by Haris Pavletic (CASF President), Adam Roczek (EUSA President), and Leonz Eder (FISU President), emphasising collaboration, inclusion, and the transformative power of sport in uniting communities.

The first panel, *“University sport in Europe: past, present and future,”* featured Leonz Eder (FISU President), Haris Pavletic (CASF President), Milan Zvan (EUSA Education Commission),

and Amalie Husby (President of Norwegian Association of University Sports). Discussions focused on evolving student lifestyles, digital engagement, and the importance of inclusive, accessible, and well-resourced university sports programmes. Panelists stressed that “sport-friendly universities” must balance academic rigor with athletic opportunities, providing facilities, medical and psychological support, and flexibility for student-athletes.

The second panel, *“FISU and the continental federations: connecting ideas, creating impact,”* included Matthias Remund (FISU Secretary General), Matjaz Pecovnik (EUSA Secretary General), Peninnah Kabenge Aligawesa (FASU

Secretary General), and Luciano Atayde Costa Cabral (FISU 1st Vice-President) exploring global collaboration, solidarity programs, and strategies for supporting federations facing structural or participation challenges. Speakers underscored the value of international exchange, inclusion of para-sports, and sustainable structures to ensure the long-term development of student sport worldwide.

The Strategic Dialogue concluded with a reaffirmation of the shared commitment to strengthen partnerships, enhance the student-sport experience, and sustain university sport as a vehicle for education, health, inclusion, and international understanding.

The event highlighted Europe's leadership role while fostering connections that will shape the next decade of university sport globally.



EUSA – EUG 2026 CONVENTION

SALERNO, ITALY

MAY 29–31, 2025

Between 29 and 31 May 2025, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and the local Organising Committee for the European Universities Games 2026 convened a three-day preparatory convention in Salerno, Italy.

Participants included EUSA staff and Technical Delegates, members of the EUG 2026 Organising Committee, national technical delegates, and representatives from previous (2024) and future (2028, 2030) EUG editions – underlining the cooperative spirit and institutional continuity across Games.

The Convention formally commenced on 30 May with opening and welcome addresses from EUSA President Adam Roczek, CUS Salerno President Lorenzo Lentini, and the University of Salerno's Director-

General Attilio Riggio. Following this, Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik provided an overview of EUSA's mission, highlighting the organisation's structure and its commitment to inclusion, fair play, the balance between academic and athletic pursuits, and cooperation among member federations, host cities, and event organisers

Over the course of the Convention, the Organising Committee delivered a detailed progress report on infrastructure, venue readiness, logistics, and stakeholder coordination.

Technical sessions addressed sports scheduling, registration and accreditation procedures, volunteer and observer programme, media and communications strategy (including branding, live-streaming, and merchandise), and protocols for ceremonies.

On the final day, delegates conducted site inspections of proposed sports facilities and accommodation locations to ensure compliance with EUSA's standards. Working-group meetings refined operational plans – from volunteer

mobilisation and accreditation to media operations and event protocol.

Overall, the Convention served as a major milestone, demonstrating that preparations for EUG 2026 are actively underway with a structured plan and strong collaboration – with emphasis not only on sport, but also on values such as inclusion, sustainability, education, and legacy for the local community.





EUSA ANNUAL AWARDS AND GALA

ZAGREB, CROATIA
OCTOBER 10, 2025

On 10 October 2025, Zagreb hosted the European University Sports Association (EUSA) 2024 Annual Awards Ceremony and Gala, celebrating excellence in university sport across Europe.

ORDER OF MERIT



University of Zagreb was named **Best University** and **Most Active University**, recognizing its strong participation in EUSA events and commitment to inclusive, quality sport.



Hemma Angerer, President of Unisport Austria, honoring her dedicated efforts in organising the EUSA 25th Anniversary Gala.



Hungarian University Sports Federation (HUSF) received both **Best NUSA** and **Most Active NUSA** awards, honouring its organisational excellence and role in hosting the 2024 EUSA Games.



Eric Saintrond for his lifelong commitment to international university sport.



The **Fair Play Award** went to **University of Twente (Netherlands)** for exemplary sportsmanship.



Hungarian University Sports Federation and its President **Lajos Mocsai**, honoring the exceptional organisation of the EUSA Games 2024.

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MEDAL OF APPRECIATION



Croatian Academic Sports Federation (CASF) – for stepping in at short notice to host the European Universities Rowing Championship.



Chinese Taipei University Sports Federation (CTUSF) – for effective cooperation and partnership since 2018.



Kraft&Werk – for a decade-long partnership and contribution to EUSA's visual identity in 2014 and 2024.



University of Vienna – for the excellent organisation of EUSA's 25th-anniversary events.

HONORARY PRESIDENT



Dorota Luczak-Dydowicz – for outstanding volunteer contribution at EUC Tennis 2023 and EUSA Games 2024.



In a tribute to service and leadership, President **Adam Roczek** was honoured with the "Honorary President" award for his contribution as EUSA President from 2012–2025.



EUSA WINTER FORUM *VAL DI ZOLDO, ITALY* *DECEMBER 16, 2025*

The EUSA Winter Forum 2025 was held in Val di Zoldo during the European Universities Winter Championships under the title University Winter Sports at a Crossroads: Current Challenges and Opportunities. The Forum brought together over 40 participants, including athletes, officials, EUSA Executive Committee members, and distinguished guests. It was officially opened by Haris Pavletic, EUSA President, and Ivano Sambo, Vice President of CUS Venezia.

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The programme continued with a roundtable discussion on *Building Cooperation Across Borders* among university sport stakeholders, moderated by Natasa Jankovic, Olympic Committee of Serbia. The panel included representatives from five organisations and countries: Yngvild Larsen Schei (Norwegian Association of University Sports), Marianna Pikul (University Sports Association of Poland), Manfred Pfeifer (Austrian University Sports Organisation), Mutlu Turkmen (Bayburt University, Turkey), and Andrej Pisl (EUSA Director Projects & Policy). Despite

different national contexts, panellists highlighted shared challenges such as participation, funding, sustainability, and climate change. They agreed that solutions lie in cooperation at university, national, and European levels, supported by both large international events and smaller innovative initiatives that promote accessibility, student engagement, and sustainability.

The second roundtable, *Healthy Campuses, Healthy Athletes: Linking Winter Sports and Student Well-*

Being, was moderated by Bill Thompson, EUSA EC member, with contributions from Ivo Carvalhosa (FISU), Alberto Rainoldi (University of Turin), Julia Zlatkova (EUSA Student Representative), Marta Studzinska (EUSA Education Officer), and Will Roberts (British Universities and Colleges Sport). The discussion explored how student physical activity and wellbeing can be maintained during winter, addressing declining activity levels, major winter events, and innovative formats such as Snow Volleyball. Panellists shared best practices,

emphasized adaptability and personal engagement, and highlighted initiatives supporting mental health, including the YouMind project and the FISU Healthy Campus programme.

The Forum concluded with remarks by Bill Thompson, summarising key discussions and reinforcing the importance of collaboration, innovation, and wellbeing in sustaining university winter sports. The event was co-funded by the European Union and also supported by FISU.



EUSA WEBINARS

Since the virtual boom, webinars have become part of the EUSA’s program to gather people more easily and to provide participants with the opportunity to learn from experts. EUSA has extensive experience in organising webinars on different topics and for different audiences; here are the ones hosted in 2025.

Barriers to female officials in sports

In February, EUSA hosted the empowering webinar “Barriers to Female Officials in Sports”, an initiative of the EUSA Inclusion and Diversity Commission. With over 70 participants from various countries, the event addressed gender inequality in sports officiating through personal stories and inspiring projects.

Moderated by Andrej Pisl, the event featured Tom Webb,

who presented findings from the WINS Project on systemic challenges and solutions for recruiting and retaining female officials; Tihana Nemcic Bojic, who shared her journey from player to futsal official, emphasizing persistence and education; Jamila Boulhimsse, who outlined France’s mentoring programs and Feminisation Plan for referees; and Pascale Weiiwers, who reflected on decades of experience in Luxembourg basketball,

highlighting ongoing inclusion efforts.

Key takeaways included the importance of role models, mentorship, targeted strategies by federations, and research-informed policies to support women in officiating. The webinar concluded that while progress has been made, deliberate actions remain essential to ensure gender equality in sports officiating.



EUSA – EUC OC Webinars

In Spring, EUSA organised two webinars (in March and May) for the Organising Committees of European Universities Championships (EUC) 2025.

The first webinar covered progress reports, deadlines, communication strategies, volunteer integration, and the importance of close cooperation with EUSA.

The second focused on practical event planning, including registration, accreditation, live streaming, volunteer management, ceremonies, GTMs, and EUSA's centralised results management system for over 2,000 games.

Both sessions concluded with recommendations for proactive planning, attention to detail, and adherence to EUSA guidelines to ensure a successful championship season.

EUC 2025 EUSA Representatives Preparation Webinar

In June, EUSA hosted the EUC 2025 Representatives Preparation Webinar to gear up for the European Universities Championships. The session guided participants through their roles, responsibilities, and expected conduct, offering a clear picture of what it takes to represent EUSA at the events. Highlights included an overview of the Championships, insights into the work of Technical Delegates, sport-specific

technical briefings, and practical guidance on accreditation, ceremonies, and safeguarding policies. The webinar wrapped up by emphasizing the support available from the EUSA office and the value of strong collaboration among all stakeholders.

EUSA-NUSA meetings

In 2025, EUSA held two online meetings with NUSAs, in April and December. The first shared updates on General Assemblies, attributed championships, and projects like DiscoverU, highlighting new disciplines in the European Universities Championships such as Winter Sports, Padel, and Powerlifting, plus the Runners4All event in Ljubljana. Speakers from Croatia, Hungary, Poland, the University

of Salerno, and European Student as Athlete presented local and national initiatives.

The second meeting focused on preparing for upcoming events, EUC 2025 reflections, rules and regulations, registration, deadlines, and long-term planning, including EUC 2029 bidding. Updates on EUSA's Executive Committee, new commissions, and projects in education, inclusion, dual careers, volunteering, and digital development emphasized the importance of continuous cooperation between EUSA and NUSAs.

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EUSA focuses on creating a meaningful impact through sport and promoting its core values. The organisation engages in a variety of projects and initiatives that offer equal opportunities and educational experiences across diverse programmes.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) is committed to equality, respect, and full inclusion of all student-athletes, while fostering fair play and the core values of sport.

GENDER

All EUSA events are open to all genders, a principle the association proudly upholds. At the 2025 European Universities Championships, athletes were 57% men and 43% women, while officials were 76% men and 24% women. Although progress is ongoing, EUSA continues striving for more balanced participation in future events.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

EUSA recognizes that its member federations vary widely in resources. To strengthen participation, a development fund – supported by the Club of Donors- provides targeted support for athletes from underrepresented or less-funded countries. In 2025, this solidarity fund helped increase access to the European Universities Championships for athletes from developing member nations and to other educational and institutional events of EUSA.

DISABILITIES AND PARA SPORT

Since 2016, EUSA has championed the inclusion of athletes with disabilities. After having the presence of Para Table Tennis, the next European Universities Games in Salerno, Italy, will potentially feature Inclusive Show Dance and Sitting Volleyball as side events. Additionally, collaborations with partners like the European Paralympic Committee ensure that university sport becomes increasingly accessible to all students.

EUSA remains dedicated to creating more inclusive, equitable, and inspiring opportunities for student-athletes across Europe.





FAIR PLAY

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) has long championed Fair Play as a core value, embedding ethics, respect, and integrity across university sport.



In May 2025, EUSA participated in a series of events hosted by the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) at the International Olympic Academy in Olympia, Greece, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. These events marked EFPM's 30th anniversary and the inaugural World Fair Play Day, a UN-endorsed initiative promoting friendship, solidarity, inclusion, and ethical conduct in sport.

The Olympia programme included educational sessions on Fair Play, recognition of individuals and organisations through the 2025 European Fair Play Awards, and tributes to sporting pioneers. EUSA was represented by Treasurer Francis Cirianni and Director of Projects

& Policy Andrej Pisl, reinforcing the association's commitment to ethical, inclusive, and responsible sport.

EUSA also celebrated World Fair Play Day on 19 May 2025, highlighting how sport can foster social cohesion, equality, and tolerance both on and off the field. Initiatives such as Fair Play oaths, the "Fair Play Green Card," and the Enno Harms Fair Play Award exemplify how EUSA translates these values into education, competition, and volunteering.

At this year's European Universities Championships across Europe, multiple Fair Play awards were presented during medal ceremonies in sports including futsal, handball,

beach handball, beach volleyball, basketball, volleyball, football, 3×3 basketball, and rugby 7s. EUSA continues to recognise exemplary behaviour on and off the field, promoting values such as respect, equality, integrity, solidarity, tolerance, and joy.

Through these efforts, EUSA strengthens its collaboration with EFPM and other partners, ensuring that Fair Play is not only a guiding principle for competition but a lived experience for all student-athletes across Europe.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The European University Sports Association (EUSA), in collaboration with its Student Commission and the Organising Committees of the European Universities Games (EUG) and Championships (EUC), offers students across Europe a unique opportunity to actively participate in the organisation of major university sport events.

Beyond logistics, volunteers experienced the energy of diverse cultures, built new skills, and immersed themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of EUSA events.

In 2025, volunteers were part of the European Universities Championships, supporting local organising teams across multiple sports, assisting athletes and officials, managing information desks, coordinating communications, and helping ensure the smooth running of

competitions. Volunteers gain hands-on experience, develop skills in event management, and enjoy the multicultural and vibrant atmosphere that EUSA events provide.

Looking ahead, in 2026, volunteering opportunities will be available at the European Universities Games in Salerno, Italy. Full board and local transportation from the official airport or station are provided, and volunteers receive

certificates recognizing their contribution and hours worked.

The program offers students not only practical experience in sports organisation but also cultural exchange, personal growth, and the chance to be part of Europe's most exciting university sport events. It's an unforgettable opportunity to combine professional learning, teamwork, and the joy of sport.

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EUSA INSTITUTE

The EUSA Institute, based in Ljubljana, is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation established by the European University Sports Association (EUSA) to advance university sport in Slovenia and across Europe.

Its mission is to develop and support university sport through a combination of educational programmes, sports events, projects, and activities that enhance professional, technical, and organisational expertise at the university level. One of the Institute's main aims is to maintain local cooperation and participation, ensuring that communities are actively engaged in its initiatives.

Through seminars, workshops, and training initiatives, the Institute equips its members with the skills necessary to deliver high-quality sport and education programmes. It works closely with individuals, interest groups, civil society organisations, NGOs, and institutions at local, national, and international levels to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Many of the Institute's projects are funded by the Erasmus+ programme and other partners, addressing a wide range of sporting values and educational objectives. Through its work, the EUSA Institute not only delivers tangible results in university sport but also strengthens partnerships and drives innovation, helping to shape a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable sporting culture throughout Europe.





CLUB OF DONORS

EUSA works closely with its member associations, also offering possibilities of financial support to the active members who are in development. Special focus is given to enable participation of university teams, student-athletes, and representatives from member associations, with the aim to support the progress of university sport throughout Europe, fostering growth, opportunity, and participation.

The primary targets of EUSA activities are sports events (European Universities Championships and Games), educational events (conferences, conventions, and seminars), and projects (volunteer training, equal opportunities, dual career, clean sport, etc.), as well as advocacy, promotion, and other activities in the field of University Sports in Europe.

In 2025, the project set out to empower NUSA and their university teams to shine on Europe's university sport and education stage. From competing in the EUSA European

Universities Championships to contributing to the EUSA General Assembly and the FISU-EUSA Strategic Dialogue, the initiative aimed to foster athletic excellence, meaningful connections, and a stronger voice for student athletes across the continent.

For EUSA Sport Events, special consideration was given to applications from universities with EUSA Associated Member status, to those promoting participation in sports with lower representation, and to applications for new or recently added sports on the EUSA

program, such as padel and winter sports.

As a result of this joint effort, athletes and officials representing eight different countries received crucial financial assistance to compete in the Championships, particularly in sports like beach volleyball, volleyball, chess, combat sports, and winter sports.

Beyond the Championships, these funds also facilitated participation in the EUSA General Assembly and the EUSA-FISU seminar, broadening access to professional development and networking opportunities.

Looking ahead to 2026, EUSA remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting developing member National University Sports Associations, prioritizing their participation in EUSA events.

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**18 JULY
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-  **Badminton**
-  **Football**
-  **Futsal**
-  **Handball**
-  **Padel**
-  **Table Tennis**
-  **Tennis**
-  **Volleyball**

-  **3x3 Basketball**
-  **Basketball**
-  **Beach Handball**
-  **Beach Volleyball**
-  **Rugby 7s**



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNIVERSITY SPORT (IDUS)

Student-athletes, trainers and sport enthusiasts around the world came together on September 20 to celebrate the International Day of University Sport (IDUS), proclaimed by UNESCO and FISU.

EUSA joined through activities at the European Universities Rowing Championship in Poland, the opening of the European Week of Sport in Denmark, and sport sessions for office staff. Members and partners across Europe also celebrated the day with diverse initiatives.



Albania & Kosovo



- Sport competitions in karate, basketball, volleyball, table tennis and futsal at Fan S. Noli University, for student-athletes of the two federations
- Beach volleyball and swimming activities in Albania

Austria



- Participation in the Day of Sport in Vienna, meet-and-greet with elite university athletes and obstacle race
- Healthy Mind Days, workshops on mental training and breathwork organised by Innsbruck University
- Carinthian Academic Tennis Championships, organised by the University of Klagenfurt
- Social media campaign

Croatia



- Opening ceremony of the European Week of Sport in Zagreb, with different sport activities to try

Czechia



- Social media campaign

Estonia



- 21 events (including padel and 3x3 basketball tournaments, running, rowing, spikeball, rope pulling), with over 2,000 participants and 14 universities involved

Finland



- Online meeting about participation and inclusion of international students in university sport
- Campaign "The Time for a break?", with social media content and an online panel discussion on the importance of reducing sitting in universities
- Seminar on dual careers and awards ceremony by the Finnish Olympic Committee

France



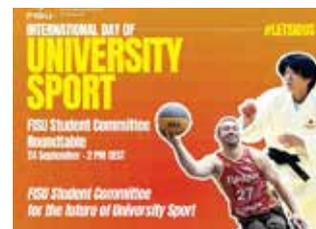
- Online content, reminding students of the Pass'Sport tool
- Interview with a top-level student-athlete, by the National Institute of Applied Sciences of Lyon.

Germany



- Digital university run organised by the German University Sports Federation, with 838 participants from 81 ADH member universities running nearly 7,000 km

Hungary

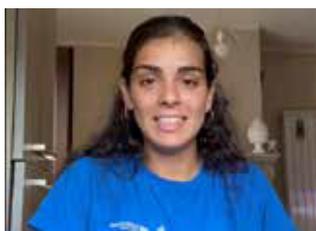


- Promotion of the FISU Student Committee for the future of University Sport
- XXV. University of Miskolc Sports Day, with different activities, including football, sabre fencing, cornhole and orienteering



**INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF UNIVERSITY SPORT**
Proclaimed by UNESCO
20 September

Italy



- Various activities organised by different University Sports Centres (CUS)
- Interviews and greetings videos

Latvia



- International conference "European Athletes as Students" at the University of Latvia, with around 70 participants from 16 countries

Montenegro



- Memory movie of a university hike
- Sport activities such as tennis, 3x3 basketball and running

Norway



- Students run organised by the Norwegian Association of University Sports to raise funds for NOWSPAR (National organisation for women in sport, physical activity and recreation)

Portugal



- Event at the Cidade do Futebol, in Lisbon, organised by Portugal University Sports Federation, including a guided tour, futsal training, a lecture and an EA FC26 session

Slovenia



- Social media campaign

Spain



- Video with elite athletes by the Spanish University Sport Committee
- Sporting activities in handball, rugby, volleyball and Sports Gala with over 300 people attending, organised by the University of Granada

Sweden



- Different sports activities in Uppsala and Jonkoping, including volleyball, spikeball, padel and cheerleading

Switzerland



- Sport-oriented challenges across the University of St. Gallen, with about 400 participants

Turkiye



- Social media campaign by Turkiye University Sports Federation
- Hike organised by Bilkent University

Ukraine



- Sporting events organised by the National University of Physical Education and Sport, including football, badminton, basketball and volleyball

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EU INITIATIVES

EUSA actively contributes as a committed partner to projects and initiatives led or supported by European institutions, agencies, and peer organisations. Through this involvement, EUSA receives essential support from the European Union, the Council of Europe, and other key institutional bodies.





EUROPEAN WEEK OF SPORT

The European Week of Sport (EWOS) and #BeActive campaign, initiated by the European Commission, promotes sport and physical activity across Europe. EUSA, along with national coordinators and partners, aims to improve health and strengthen the continent based on shared values.



Every year from 23 to 30 September, the European Week of Sport promotes more active, healthier lifestyles for millions of people in Europe and beyond. This year, the International Day of University Sports joined the global Olympic initiative #LetsMove. 2025 also marked the 10th anniversary of the EWOS campaign, and in total 15,107,722 participants attended the 79,420 #BeActive events held across 39 countries in Europe. This milestone edition focused on celebrating a decade of impact, encouraging healthier digital habits by inspiring people to swap screen time for sport, and motivating everyone to #BeActive.

The Opening Ceremony of the European Week of Sport took place in Copenhagen, Denmark on 23rd of September, 2025, setting the tone for a week of activities across Europe. The

opening ceremony welcomed around 150 participants from different countries, and the event included urban sport activities, workshops, and the initiation of new partnerships.

Key presentations at the event covered topics such as physical literacy as a tool for social innovation, sedentary behavior, screen use and health, and introduced initiatives like the Active Sister Schools project, which highlights the importance of play and physical activity. A panel discussion further explored mental well-being and the role of sport, featuring experts from Trinity College, Icehearts Europe, and the Danish Olympic Committee.

As every year, also this year, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) celebrated the European Week of Sport (#BeActive, #HealthyLifestyle4All

and #LetsIDUS) in multiple ways: from organizing activities during the European Universities Rowing Championship in Poland, to participating in the official opening of the European Week of Sport in Denmark, as well as engaging office staff in sport activities and encouraging members and partners to celebrate these initiatives in their own way, promoting sport, health, and active lifestyles within their communities.

The staff of EUSA, along with all participants and volunteers of the 2025 European Universities Rowing Championship, came together in Bydgoszcz, Poland, to celebrate the International Day of University Sports (IDUS) and to get ready for the upcoming European Week of Sport (EWOS). In Slovenia, part of the EUSA staff team took part in the SloFit Challenge at the Faculty of Sport, University of Ljubljana.

The challenge was both fun and educational, allowing them to step away from their desks, test their own fitness, and reflect on the role sport plays in everyday life.

EUSA continued the celebrations of the #LetsIDUS and #BeActive campaign at events in October, such as the EUSA General Assembly, the EUSA – FISU Strategic Dialogue, and the Runners4All – European Students’ Run.



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Through its EUSA Institute, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) is accredited to run European Solidarity Corps (ESC) projects in volunteering and solidarity, supported by the EU.

Milena Alessandria:

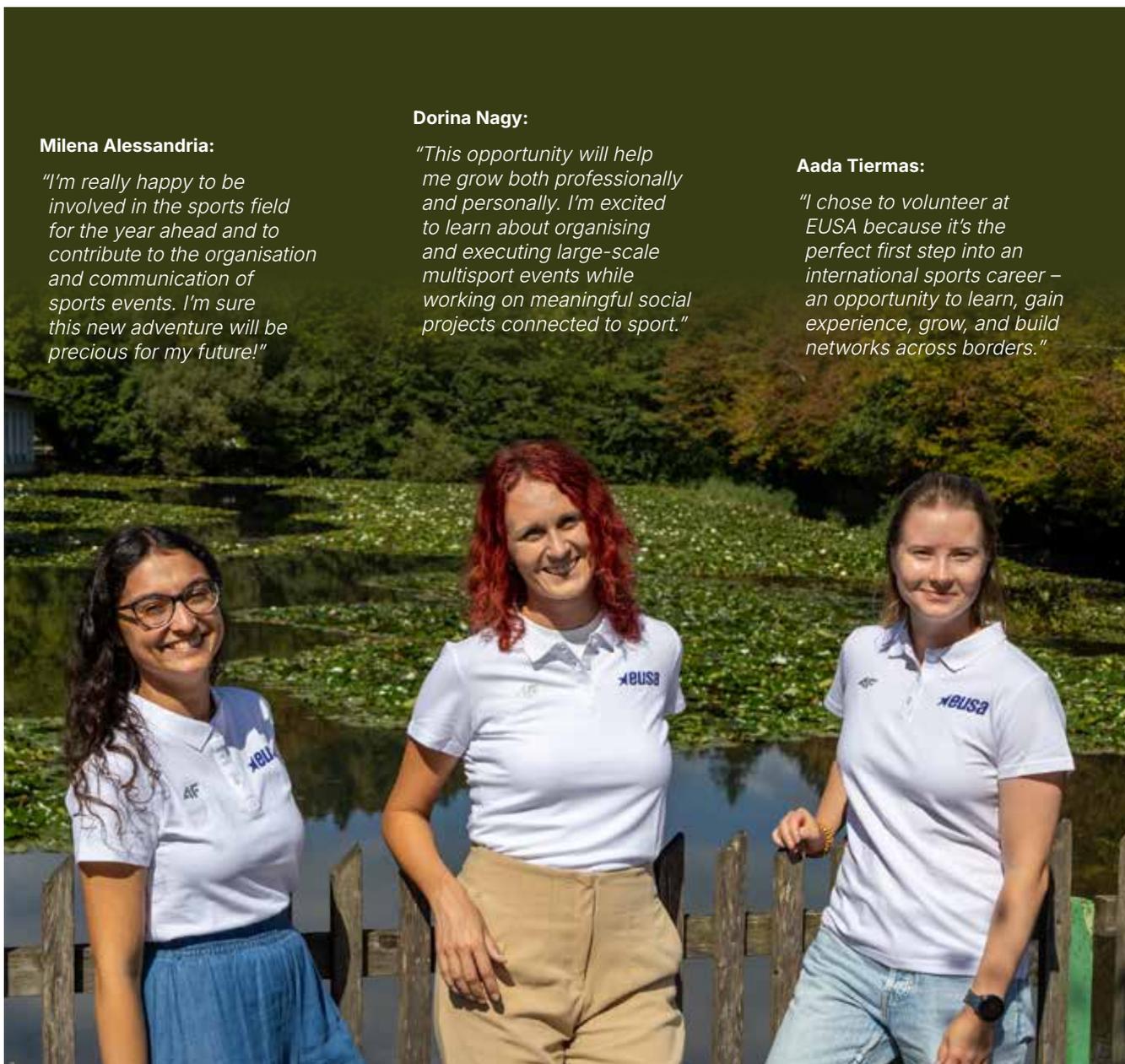
"I'm really happy to be involved in the sports field for the year ahead and to contribute to the organisation and communication of sports events. I'm sure this new adventure will be precious for my future!"

Dorina Nagy:

"This opportunity will help me grow both professionally and personally. I'm excited to learn about organising and executing large-scale multisport events while working on meaningful social projects connected to sport."

Aada Tiermas:

"I chose to volunteer at EUSA because it's the perfect first step into an international sports career – an opportunity to learn, gain experience, grow, and build networks across borders."



EUSA hosts long-term ESC volunteers at its Ljubljana office for 12 months, providing hands-on experience in sports and organisational projects,

continuous support, and opportunities to grow personally and professionally. In recent years, volunteers from countries including France, Hungary,

Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Ireland, Russia, Poland, Croatia, Spain, Malta and Finland have joined, contributing to the vibrant work of EUSA.

Markus Schneider:

"It was truly an era marked by learning and new beginnings... I am happy to look back and see who I have become during my journey, and all the friends I have made along the way... I'm happy I made them with the lovely people at EUSA."

Jan Hussu:

"Looking back on the past 12 months, I can truly see a complete transformation in my life... What I cherish most are the personal connections I built... forming friendships that will last beyond this project."

Milia Molinie:

"I discovered a community eager to support one another's growth and progress whenever opportunities arose... Beyond my official missions, I built friendships across Europe and immersed myself in different communities, making this chapter of my life both unique and deeply inspiring."



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The EU Sport Forum is a pivotal event for shaping the European sport agenda, fostering networking, dialogue, cooperation and driving positive change across the continent. Organised yearly, it is one of the main platforms for dialogue between the European Commission and key sport stakeholders.



The EU Sport Forum 2025 took place in April in Krakow, Poland, bringing together key stakeholders from across Europe to discuss the future of sport in the European Union. Andrej Pisl, Director of Projects and Policy, represented EUSA.

Organised by the European Commission, in cooperation with the Polish presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Forum served as a key platform for dialogue between the sport community and EU institutions, promoting cooperation and policy development in the field of sport.

This year's edition focused on several strategic topics, including the future of the European Sport Model (based on solidarity, values and competitiveness), sport's role in education, athletes' rights and wellbeing, artificial intelligence in sport, and the implementation of Erasmus+ Sport actions.

Keynote speeches were delivered by Glenn Micallef, European Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport, who emphasised the importance of institutional cooperation to safeguard sport's values, and remotely by Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, who underlined the global relevance of the topics discussed.

The presentation of the 2026 Milano-Cortina Olympic Winter Games added a forward-looking dimension to the discussions. Special attention was given to inclusion and empowerment through sport, with sessions dedicated to the Special Olympics and the transformative power of sport. Furthermore, projects supported by the European Union in which EUSA is coordinating or partnering have been promoted.

Apart from the educational and networking opportunities, indoor and outdoor sport activities were also offered.

In the closing remarks, Georg Hausler, Director for Culture, Creativity and Sport at the European Commission, reiterated the Commission's commitment to further supporting sport in Europe through collaborative and innovative approaches.

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SHARE 2.0

SHARE 2.0 is an initiative developed by the European Commission to enhance cooperation among stakeholders in the sports sector and promote regional and local development through physical activity. EUSA, with its Institute, is a member of this initiative.



At the beginning of 2025, the European Commission's initiative SHARE 2.0 started its second round of online Community of Practice (COP) capacity-building events.

The first thematic event was held in January on the topic of EU Funding, with a special focus on the LIFE programme. COP members expanded their knowledge on funding opportunities in the field of sport, besides Erasmus+ Programme. As the sole EU programme dedicated exclusively to the environment, nature conservation and climate action, the LIFE programme does not primarily focus on sport, but allows supporting long-term initiatives also in the field, for example, when sport is linked to circular economy and nature.

The second online event was held in February about Urban planning and health. It was attended by several Community of Practice members, including representatives of EUSA. Speeches were made on European Mobility Initiatives and the Determinants of Health in Cities.

The third SHARE 2.0 COP session was held on February 11. This session focused on Sport sector innovations driving social change. Different local initiatives were presented, linking sport to urban space revitalisation, local communities, inclusion and engagement. Participants also discussed how impactful actions could be implemented locally.

In May, the SHARE 2.0 COP on Health capacity-building activities focused on sports and their relation to education and

health. Projects were presented, such as the FitBack initiative involving battery testing and monitoring analysis carried out with children and youth in educational institutions in several countries.

After these online events, the SHARE 2.0 Conference took place in Brussels in September. The conference gathered key stakeholders to discuss the future of the European sport sector and showcase the achievements of the SHARE 2.0 Communities of Practice in the areas of innovation, health, and green sport. One of the key highlights was a masterclass on the practical applications of Artificial Intelligence for sports organisations.

EUSA was represented at the event by Andrej Pisl, EUSA Director of Projects and Policy.

As a member of the SHARE 2.0 Health Community of Practice, EUSA remains committed to supporting sport development at the European level.

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YOUMIND

The Youth Individual Sports Mindset (YouMind) project is a small-scale partnership project that aims to raise awareness about the importance of mental health in youth sport and to develop different strategies to prevent mental health issues for young athletes.

The project entered its second year of development in 2025 and on January 8th the four partner organisations, gathered for an online seminar on mental health and meeting to discuss the next steps. During the meeting the analysis of the survey about the mental health of young athletes was shared to contribute to raising awareness among the youth.

There was a rapid follow-up online meeting held in February where discussions centered on key action points, including the realization and structure of upcoming workshops, the creation of a project video, and details surrounding individual workshops planned in each partner country.

During spring, impactful workshops were held in each of the partner countries, with one workshop taking place in every participating country to address the vital connection between mental health and sport. Among them, EUSA took a leading role by organizing a powerful and engaging session in Ljubljana on April 9, in collaboration with the youth center Zavod Bob.

On June 5, during the European Youth Sport Platform (EYSP) in Munich, the final in-person meeting of the YouMind Project marked a significant milestone in the project's lifecycle. Apart of the plenary session in Munich, also parallel workshops on mental health were provided for the participants.

In the end of September, during the European Week of Sport, the YouMind project launched new resources on mental health. The initiative introduced guidelines on mental health in youth sports and a project video specifically designed to support young people in sport. The resources are freely available; the video can be viewed online, and the guidelines can be downloaded directly from the project website.

Launched in January 2024 and running through December 2025, the YouMind project brought together a diverse partnership of European NGOs and university sport clubs to address mental health challenges in athletic environments and empower

youth to speak up and seek support.

The YouMind project is co-funded by the European Union and is coordinated by the EUSA Institute in cooperation with the following partners: ENGSO Youth, University of Miskolc Sport Club (MEAFK), and University of Salerno Sports Center (CUS Salerno).



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EUYOUSPORT

The European Youth and Sport Together (EUYOUSPORT) project aims to enhance youth participation in decision-making processes within sports organizations. The initiative focuses on providing young individuals with valuable opportunities to ensure their voices are heard and represented in the sports sector.



Partners from seven European organizations, representing different countries, gathered to officially launch the project at the first in-person meeting held in Frankfurt, Germany, at the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB) headquarters, on February 20–21, 2025. The main goal of the two-day meeting was to review key aspects of the project, finalize implementation strategies, and outline upcoming activities to drive the initiative forward.

The second in-person partner meeting was held on June 7, 2025, in Munich, Germany, alongside the flagship European Youth and Sport Platform 2025 (EYSP2025). This meeting

brought together all project partners to review progress, share insights, and plan the next phase of activities. It marked a critical milestone in the project, reaffirming the shared commitment to empowering youth participation in sport governance across Europe.

Online meetings have been conducted to monitor progress, ensure that actions and tasks remain on track, and support the successful delivery of project goals.

In 2025, the EUYouSport course was launched as part of the European Youth and Sport Together project, covering: EU Sport Policy – how the

EU coordinates sport funding and cooperation; EU Youth Policy – the EU's framework for empowering young people; EU Institutions – how key EU bodies function and influence youth and sport sectors. The course is free and aims to equip participants with knowledge and skills to increase youth engagement and influence in sport governance at local, national, and European levels.

The EUYouSport project brings together a diverse and experienced consortium of partners committed to strengthening youth participation in sport governance. The project is led by ENGSO Youth in collaboration with the

European University Sports Association (EUSA), the Finnish Olympic Committee, OPES (Organizzazione Per l'Educazione allo Sport), German Sports Youth (Deutsche Sportjugend – dsj), the Confederacao do Desporto de Portugal (Sport Confederation of Portugal), and the Cyprus Youth Council.

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FUSION

The main aim of the Future links for University athletes with Sports clubs Integrating Organised Networks (FUSION) project is to strengthen the connection between universities and sports clubs, helping students continue their sports practice after graduation. The project seeks to establish a supportive network, encourage a healthy lifestyle transition into adulthood, and facilitate communication between universities, students, and sports clubs.

 Co-funded by
the European Union

FUSION

As part of the activities of the FUSION project, a survey was launched in February on student and alumni engagement in sports. The survey is part of the project's data-gathering efforts, aiming to better understand the motivations and obstacles students and alumni face in maintaining their sports engagement beyond university.

The survey results provide valuable insight into students' and graduates' motivations,

barriers, and expectations regarding continued sports participation, helping project partners tailor activities and strategies to real needs identified across participating countries.

By raising awareness about the importance of sustaining sports engagement, FUSION aims to support students in maintaining an active lifestyle beyond their academic years. The values promoted by the project will be endorsed by all project partners

During 2025, two sports events were organised in Lithuania and Germany, aimed at strengthening cooperation between universities and local sports clubs, supporting students in continuing their sports engagement after graduation, and testing models of networking and communication promoted by the FUSION project.

The project has EUSA Institute as a coordinator and the Latvian University Sports Federation (LUSF), Lithuanian Students'

Sports Association (LSSA), University of Hamburg (UHAM), and Toulouse University Club (TUC), as partners.

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EUROPEAN WEEK OF WINTER SPORT

Inspired and modelled by the European Week of Sport (EWOS) and the #BeActive campaign, celebrated in Europe between September 23-30, the European Week of Winter Sport (EWWS) with its #BeActiveWinter campaign is being celebrated February 1-8 in partner countries in Europe.



The general object of the European Week of Winter Sport (EWWS) project is to encourage the healthy lifestyles for all and participation in sport and physical activity in winter, embracing cold, snow and ice. At the same time, through the project we are raising awareness about climate change, promote sustainability and greener sports through the creation and the implementation of the EWWS.

2025 was the pilot edition of the project, resulting in great success. 2147 participants in 36 events across 10 countries.

During that week, EUSA also hosted an online webinar to officially launch the project and outline the activities planned

for the future. The discussions provided an opportunity to contextualize governing bodies EUSA and FISU and their initiatives in relation to winter sports, while also highlighting the connections between sports and climate change.

Following the online webinar on European Week of Winter Sport and university sport winter events on February 6, an ice-skating activity was organised at the Tivoli Ice-Skating Rink in Ljubljana on the same day. Together with the University of Ljubljana, a training course in cross-country skiing was held at the Planica center near Kranjska Gora on February 8.

After a few months of reflection, there were several online meetings organised through the summer. On May 27, the EWWS project team gathered for an online coordination meeting, enabling the partners to reconnect, reflect and refocus on the shared mission. At the pre-summer online meeting on July 23, the final preparations before the 2025/26 season launch were discussed and agreed. The project partners met online on August 29, reviewing the past activities and discussing next steps.

On 9–10 September 2025, the 3rd in-person transnational meeting of EWWS project partners was held in Berlin, hosted by NGO NEST Berlin. At the meeting,

representatives of partners from eight countries met to prepare for the 2025-2026 winter season. The Berlin meeting confirmed the project's commitment to supporting new organisers, helping communities thrive, and ensuring that winter sports play a role in building healthier, more sustainable lifestyles.

On October 8, an international webinar of the European Week of Winter Sport (EWWS) took place online, ahead of the 2025-2026 winter season, with more than 100 participants attending. On November 19 another online meeting was held with reflections on the events during the pilot edition and the advantages of becoming an event organiser in the 2026 edition.



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DISCOVERU

Discovering University Sport and Supporting Dual Career (DiscoverU) is a 36-month-long project, co-funded by the European Union, with the main aim to improve sport and physical activity opportunities for students in higher education on one hand, addressing a larger student population; and at the same time promote and support dual career in higher education in partnering countries.



The project primarily and directly enhances sport and physical activity opportunities for students in higher education and increases their participation in these activities, engaging partner organisations through blended learning, sharing experiences, and gaining new information and skills.

The project engages entities from different countries and experiences, looking into existing good practices and exploring new ways of improvement.

In 2025, the project aimed to implement different sporting activities across the project

partners, with the spotlight being given to introducing new sports.

EUSA and the partners presented updates and new initiatives in European university sports, including the addition of padel, winter sports, and powerlifting to the European Universities Championships, and health-focused events like Runners4All. National federations highlighted local and grassroots activities, such as Croatia's UniSport Health initiative, Poland's university championships and leagues, Hungary's MEFOB Festival, and Italy's Erasmus Day promoting inclusivity and sportsmanship. Additionally, the

European Student as Athlete (EAS) programme showcased dual career support, stakeholder dialogue, and awareness activities, including online Cafes and the annual conference, all aiming to enhance youth engagement, health, and education through sport.

The results and goals were promoted in different occasions, such as the 2025 EPAS annual meeting in Strasbourg, the LUPA Festival of NGOs in Ljubljana, the online EUSA- NUSA meeting, and the University Sport Congress and Dual Career Conference held in Warsaw.

The project is lead by the EUSA Institute, and brings together two NGOs; besides EUSA, also the European Athlete as Student network (EAS), national university sport bodies from Croatia (CASF/HASS), Hungary (HUSF/MEFS), and Poland (AZS), as well as the University of Salerno are also part of the project partnership.

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RUNNERS4ALL

The main event of the project was the European Students Run, which was organised as part of the NLB 29th Ljubljana Marathon on Sunday, October 19, 2025. The project was not focusing on high performance but rather on the motivation and health of the student-athletes. Participants could choose from three distances: 10 km, 21 km (half marathon), or 42 km (full marathon).



On Wednesday, 22nd of January 2025, Tining Ljubljana hosted an online meeting to start the Runners4All – European Students Run project, co-funded by the European Union. During the project meeting, important dates and information regarding the European Students Run were shared, including the explanation of the individual work packages and the establishment of future bilateral communication flow with each of the partners.

In March, two surveys were launched as part of the Runners4All project, one for participants and one for organisers, with the goal to gather important information for the preparation of the event.

Between May 13 and 15, a series of Runners4All Project workshops took place online as

a key component of the project's mission to prepare students for the European Student Run.

On Thursday, June 12, 2025, the project held an important follow-up seminar online. The seminar focused on implementation updates, addressing current challenges, and planning upcoming summer and early autumn activities. It marked a strong step forward in building momentum for the summer phase of Runners4All and continuing to inspire students across Europe to run together, learn together, and grow together.

On September 17, an official press conference of the Marathon and the European Students Run was held at the Ljubljana City Hall. The event was used to highlight the

record-breaking participation of students, children, and running enthusiasts.

A day prior, on September 16, 2025, all partners of the Runners4All – European Students Run project gathered for an online partnership meeting to review the latest developments and coordinate activities ahead of the marathon weekend.

The day before the Marathon, the Beyond the Finish Line Conference took place in the Stozice Sports Hall in Ljubljana. The conference was closed with final remarks reflecting on future commitments and goals, particularly focusing on how to expand and evolve Runners4All across Europe. Young participants shared their enthusiasm for continuing to engage in cross-border runs,

organizing local events, and promoting a culture of well-being among their peers.

Finally, on October 19, the inaugural edition of the European Students Run became a reality, with an exceptional number of 1922 registered participants from 54 universities and 18 countries amongst the record number of total registered participants of 19.379 – the overall participants of the Ljubljana marathon, including the three official distance runs.





ERASMUS+ YOUTH MOBILITY AND YOUTH WORKERS MOBILITY PROJECTS

Erasmus+ presents an exceptional opportunity to launch projects that promote the mobility of young people and youth workers. Youth Exchanges and Youth Workers mobilities enable diverse groups of young individuals from various countries to come together and participate in meaningful activities for professional development and networking.



In 2025, EUSA led an EUSA Youth Exchange and implemented a youth worker mobility activity, further strengthening capacity-building, knowledge exchange, and cooperation within European university sport.

The Youth Exchange was held in Warsaw, Poland, during the European Universities Combat

Sports Championships. It brought together 26 young participants from Slovenia, Poland, Croatia, and Albania for a week of learning, volunteering and cultural exchange.

Co-funded by the European Union through Erasmus+ Programme in the field of youth mobility, this activity empowered

young people to become active citizens, build professional and personal skills and strengthen connections across Europe.

The programme, held between August 20-26, combined interactive workshops on event organisation, volunteer management, and leadership with hands-on experience,

contributing directly to the championship. As volunteers, participants supported various organisational areas, including accreditation, logistics, competition management, media, protocol, and athlete services, gaining valuable first-hand experience in international sport event delivery.

A special workshop was held, focused on Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps, and other available pathways to raise awareness about opportunities that are often not well-known to young people.

To encourage personal reflection and creative expression, participants were also given a special task called "One Photo, One Story." Each participant was asked to capture a moment from the championships or the exchange that was meaningful to them and to share the story behind it. This activity allowed them to reflect on their experiences in a personal way, showcase their perspective, and create a collective mosaic of memories representing the exchange.

The exchange offered more than practical skills. Young people gained confidence, problem-solving abilities, teamwork experience, and intercultural understanding, while expanding their networks and feeling part

of a wider European sports community.

At the end of 2025, during the EUSA Winter Sports Championships, a Mobility of Youth Workers took place, hosting 25 participants, coming from Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and Turkiye. Participants engaged and were actively involved in activities throughout the EUC Winter Sports and the EUSA Winter Forum.

Mobility of Youth Workers is an opportunity through Erasmus+ programme in the field of sport, offering learning activities for professional development and capacity building of youth workers and their organisations.

The programme emphasised peer learning and networking, enabling youth workers from different countries to exchange good practices, discuss organisational approaches and build transnational cooperation through group work.

Participants were engaged in shadowing and field activities in Val di Zoldo by observing the event organisation, including logistics, volunteer coordination, communication, participation and youth engagement, as well as sustainability actions, gaining practical insight into sport event delivery.

Active participation in the EUSA Winter Forum further complemented the mobility by engaging the youth workers to policy discussions, thematic panels and round table discussions, while allowing them to contribute perspectives from their own youth work practices and experiences.

The mobility included cooperation with national and regional university sports bodies, focusing on fostering dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders. Participants addressed the current challenges facing youth engagement, sport in higher education - with a special focus on winter sports.

Furthermore, they explored new opportunities for growth and innovation and how to strengthen the development of wellbeing programmes for youth during their university studies across Europe.

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FIT FOR GREEN (FIT4GREEN)

Launched in June 2024, the 18-month Fit4Green project set out to inspire young people to adopt more sustainable lifestyles through sport and physical activity. By combining environmental awareness with youth-led “green campus” sport events, the project showed how movement and eco-conscious thinking can go hand in hand.



Fit4Green

The year 2025 marked the most dynamic phase of the project. It began with an in-person partner meeting in January in Munich, hosted at the sustainability-driven Impact Hub Munich. Partners aligned on methodology, shared best practices, and brainstormed creative ways to embed sustainability into sport events.

By spring, Fit4Green activities were well underway. An online partner meeting in May reviewed the first green campus sport events, which already showcased innovative approaches such as cooperation with public transport providers, environmental NGOs, and smart waste-management solutions.

In late June, partners met again in Kuchl, Austria, to exchange experiences from their local

events and to take part in the Austrian Green Campus Sport Event at Holztechnikum Kuchl. The event combined diverse physical activities with a strong sustainability focus, bringing project values to life.

The project's highlight came in October with the Beyond the Finish Line Conference in Ljubljana. Bringing together over 100 students, educators, and sports leaders, the joint Fit4Green and Runners4All conference explored how sport – especially running – can promote sustainability, inclusion, and long-term impact.

Fit4Green concluded with an online final meeting in November, reflecting on 18 months of co-creation, learning-by-doing, and youth engagement. Led by the

EUSA Institute and supported by partners from Germany, Latvia, Slovenia, Austria, and Sweden, the project leaves behind a strong legacy.

After 18 months of youth-driven innovation, the Fit4Green project has published two practical resources to help sport organisers make events greener and more impactful. Created through co-creation and real-world testing, the Fit4Green Manual in Action and Impact Assessment Report turn sustainability goals into actionable guidance.

Aligned with the EUSA Green Policy, these tools offer a clear “6-Step Journey” for designing eco-friendly sport events and evidence-based insights on how

engagement boosts sustainability skills.

Built on lessons from green campus events across Austria, Latvia, and Slovenia, the resources are now freely available online for universities, youth groups, and sport organisers looking to make sustainability standard practice in grassroots sport.

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NEW PROJECTS

The European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) has announced the Erasmus+ Sport funding results, and we are delighted that the EUSA Institute will coordinate one project and contribute to another, both supported by the European Union.

With centralised actions, the European University Sports Association (EUSA), with its EUSA Institute in Ljubljana, Slovenia, was granted funding for a cooperation partnership “ESSEPA – European Sport Safeguarding Education and Promotion Action”. The project will address safeguarding education and training for athletes and other participants of sports events, and will be co-funded by the European Union.

EUSA Institute will also partner in the projects “YouthSportCV – Empowering young people

to assess their soft skills gained in sports for improving employment opportunities”, addressing promotion of employability through sport; and a not-for-profit sport event “CYCLE2CONNECT – European student cycling challenge: Connecting for sustainable mobility 2027”, encouraging a healthy lifestyle for all and promoting sustainable sport. Also, these projects will be co-funded by the European Union.

We also remain an active partner in several ongoing projects, supported by the European

Union. We are proud to be able to continue our active contribution to the development of university sport and sport in general on the European level, also with the support of the European Union.



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EUSA PARTNERS AND NETWORK

Long-term advancement in sport and youth development relies on meaningful collaboration and open exchange between organisations. EUSA approaches partnership-building as a strategic priority, strengthening trusted relationships while proactively engaging with new stakeholders to broaden its impact.





HIGHLIGHTS OF EUSA MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ACTIVITIES 2025

ELECTORAL ASSEMBLIES

- On February 28, the 54th General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) convened, featuring the election of its new Executive Committee and Director.
- Delegates' meeting of Swiss University Sports and election of Daniel Rohner as new Chief Financial Officer
- European Paralympic Committee (EPC) General Assembly and election of its new Executive Board
- Finnish Student Sports Federation (OLL) General Assembly and election of the 2026 Board
- 120th General Assembly of the German University Sports Federation (ADH) and election of the new chairmanship of the association's board
- Election of Executive Committee of the Council of the Czech University Sports Association (CUSA)

UNIVERSITY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

- During the FISU World University Games Winter 2025, working meetings with some EUSA member federations, the respective institutional bodies and with FISU President Leonz Eder, and FISU Secretary General Matthias Remund
- Kosovo University Sports Federation visit EUSA Headquarters
- Meeting between EUSA and the Organising Committee representatives of the European Universities Games 2026
- Meeting organised by the University Sports Federation of Georgia (USFG) in Tbilisi with EUSA representatives, government officials, Olympic champions, and the university Rector
- FISU Secretary General Matthias Remund visit to EUSA headquarters in Ljubljana, Slovenia

- During European Universities Combat Sports Championships 2025 in Warsaw, meeting between University Sports Association of Poland (AZS), EUSA representatives, representatives from National University Sports Associations (NUSAs), Organising Committee, and distinguished guests
- Seminar for Continental University Sports Federations (CUSFs) at the FISU headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between EUSA and Asian University Sports Federation (AUSF)
- FADU representatives visit of EUSA Office in Ljubljana, Slovenia
- OKS-ZSZ strategic and celebratory event with EUSA Secretary General attending
- The European University Sports Association (EUSA)

and the Asian University Sports Federation (AUSF) have formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking a significant milestone in fostering collaboration and developing joint initiatives between Europe and Asia.

- EUSA was represented at the FASU General Assembly and FISU-FASU Strategic Dialogue, bringing together university sports leaders from across the continents.
- Academic Sports Congress and Gala organised by the University Sports Association of Poland

GALA EVENTS

- UniSport Stars awards held by Croatian Academic Sports Federation (CASF)
- 35th anniversary of the Portugal University Sports Federation – FADU Portugal celebrated with a special event and 16th Portugal University Sports Gala





INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (FISU)

Two FISU World University Games, two FISU University World Cups, two... hundred Healthy Campus member universities, achievements came in pairs in 2025 for Matthias Remund's first year as FISU Secretary General/CEO.



In 2025, both FISU World University Games Winter and Summer took place in Europe: in Torino, Piemonte, Italy in January, and in the Ruhr region and Berlin, Germany in July.

They were a huge success as the best student-athletes of the world competed in a total of 31 sports. In Winter, France topped the medal table (40) followed by the Republic of Korea (20) and Finland (15). In Summer, it was Japan who won the most medals (a total of 70 with 34 gold!), with The People's Republic of China second (74) and The United States of America (84 but "only" 28 gold) third.

The population of Piemonte, of the Rhine-Ruhr and Berlin regions

welcomed the event with open arms, filling the spectator stands, supporting their home teams and many students volunteered, contributing to make lifelong memories.

And both events celebrated inclusion like no other: by the introduction of para-sports within the Games programme. Not only did para-student athletes take part to the festivities, they competed alongside their teammates on the same day and on the same slopes – for para-alpine-skiing – the same runs – for para-cross-country skiing – and the same court – for 3x3 wheelchair basketball.

FISU GAMES: NUMBERS THAT TELL STORIES

Torino 2025 FISU World University Games

- 10 competition days
- 13 disciplines
- 12 cities involved
- 2565 athletes and staff
- 50 delegations
- 2099 volunteers
- 15,000 accreditations
- 100,000 tickets sold
- 85 million views for the Opening Ceremony
- 10,000 tracked online publications

Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games

- 12 days of sport, science, education and culture
- 102 counties
- 9047 participants
- 1970 universities
- 913 media accreditations
- 20 competition venues
- 18 sports
- 234 medal events
- 27 broken FISU records
- 445 + hours of live sport on FISU.TV



FISU University World Cups: showtime in China and Brazil

43,386 people showed up at Suoyuwan Stadium in Dalian, China on 27 and 28 September to the finals of the Dalian 2025 FISU University World Cup Football where Shanghai University of Sport (CHN) and University for Development Studies (GHA) were crowned football university world champions.

In Brasilia mid-November, nobody was able to knock the Lithuanians from Vytautas Magnus University off their throne as they claimed a third FISU University World Cup 3x3 Basketball overall victory in a row, beating the locals from

Paulista University. Canada's Carleton University players were crowned this year's queens after finishing second in 2024.

Healthy Campus passed the 200 member universities milestone in October

Following the registration of Western Sydney University – ranked #1 in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings – as the 196th member of the FISU Healthy Campus Programme, ten additional institutions have since joined, bringing the total number of participating universities to 206.

A significant milestone was reached with the 200th

registration, achieved by Université Côte d'Azur (France).

To date, 113 universities from 48 countries have been certified under the FISU Healthy Campus Programme, reflecting its strong and diverse global community.

Seminar for Continental University Sports Federations

For the first time in six years, representatives with operational responsibility from all five continents met at FISU headquarters to share successes and challenges around – amongst others – sport events, education, student wellbeing, and resources and sustainability.

A first year of visits, discussions and projects

FISU Secretary General/ CEO didn't only welcome stakeholders and partners at Synathlon in Lausanne. He met many of them during events, strategic dialogues or through visits, like the one he paid to EUSA in Ljubljana in June, engaging in productive discussions with Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik and with the rest of EUSA Directors: Sara Rozman, Director Education & Operations / COO; Liam Smith, Director Sports Events; and Andrej Pisl, Director Projects & Policy.



Matthias Remund admits that his first year has flown by. "At FISU, we all have the privilege of promoting sport for young, intelligent people. For this reason alone, we must be eager to learn and always look forward. FISU must meet the needs of students, universities, and its members."

Looking forward to the future

As all even years at FISU, 2026 will showcase World University Championships and University World Cups all over the globe as well as the FISU Forum in Östersund, Sweden, from 24-28 August.

In parallel, the International Federation of University Sports will of course continue its work, developing its new Strategy 2031 focused on sport events, education, student wellbeing, resources and sustainability. And of course will pursue the preparations for its next major events: the Changchun 2027 Winter Universiade in China's Jilin Province (15-25 January) and the Chungcheong 2027 FISU World University Games in the Republic of Korea (1-12 August).

Join the World University Sports movement we dive, swim, slide, jump, cycle, run or even sail excitingly into 2026!





ASIAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (AUSF)

2025 has seen AUSF make significant efforts toward improving the governance of the organization, providing on-site sports and educational opportunities for Asian youth, and strengthening its collaborations with partners.

In our commitment to scientific and transparent governance, AUSF convened one productive General Assembly and three Executive Committee meetings in 2025. These meetings were crucial in refining our strategic development plan, ensuring it remains aligned with the evolving landscape of university sports.

A landmark moment was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AUSF and EUSA during the 13th AUSF General Assembly in Macao, China, in November 2025. This MoU significantly reinforces our mutual commitment to friendship and collaborative exchange.

Guided by a student-centred philosophy, we expanded competitive opportunities and enhanced event quality. The 7th Asian University 3x3 Basketball Championship, held from 23-25 May in Zhoushan, China, was a great success, attracting 27 university teams (17 men's and 10 women's) from 12 Asian countries



and regions. The athletes' exceptional skills truly captured the excitement and charm of the sport. Furthermore, 2025 saw the launch of innovative competition formats, including the inaugural Asian University Basketball League in Hangzhou and the Asian University 3x3 Basketball Tour & Women Series in Shanghai, China, diversifying our sporting portfolio.

Beyond competition, we actively invest in student development. A significant step was the establishment of the AUSF Student Media Committee. The first online AUSF Student Media Bootcamp equipped young Asian students with the skills to become compelling storytellers for university sports.

To promote inclusive growth across our continent, AUSF

initiated its Regional Development Program. The first edition was successfully held in Mongolia, providing a crucial platform to understand the specific needs, challenges, and suggestions of our members, particularly encouraging greater participation from Central Asia. This program will be extended to Southeast and South Asia, ensuring a more balanced development of university sports across all Asian regions.

AUSF continues to broaden its collaborative network. We solidified global ties by signing MoUs with FISU, FISU Oceania, FISU America, and EUSA, while maintaining excellent communication with FASU to jointly contribute to the global university sports forward.



As we reflect on 2025, we are filled with gratitude for the collective spirit that drives our federation. We look forward to continuing our fruitful dialogue and collaboration with EUSA, working hand-in-hand to build a more dynamic and interconnected future for university sports worldwide.





FEDERATION OF AFRICA UNIVERSITY SPORTS (FASU)

The year 2025 marked a significant milestone for the Federation of Africa University Sports (FASU), defined by strategic leadership, strengthened partnerships, and historic sporting achievements. Across governance, competitions, education, and development, FASU continued to position African university sport as a powerful contributor to global student sport.



FASU's strategic agenda gained momentum in Cairo, Egypt, which hosted the FASU General Assembly and Strategic Dialogue. University leaders, federation officials, and partners convened to reflect on governance reform, sustainability, and the future direction of African university sport.

High-level engagement with government authorities, including a landmark meeting with the Prime Minister of Egypt, reaffirmed sport's growing role in education, youth development, and continental cooperation. Strategic discussions with FISU, EUSA, FISU America, and members of the FISU Executive Committee further strengthened collaboration across regions.

A key highlight was the launch of the FISU Healthy Campus Africa Initiative at New Giza University, reinforcing a shared commitment to holistic student wellbeing and sustainable campus environments.

On the sporting front, 2025 delivered excellence and breakthrough performances.

In Kampala, the 7th Afro-Varsity 3x3 Basketball Challenge and 2nd FASU Badminton Showdown highlighted rising competitiveness in emerging university sports. Nairobi's USIU-Africa hosted the 4th FASU Kings of Africa Rugby 7s and FASU Tennis Championships as part of International Day of University Sport (IDUS) celebrations.

Africa made its mark globally at the FISU World Cups: University for Development Studies (Ghana) became the first African university to win the FISU Football World Cup (Men), while Uganda Christian University secured bronze at the FISU 3x3 Basketball World Cup (Women).

Beyond competitions, FASU continued to invest in human capital development. The FASU Volunteering Programme and Youth Leadership Training and Mentorship Programme equipped young Africans with practical skills in governance, event management, and leadership.

The Healthy Campus Africa Initiative expanded its reach, supporting universities to embed wellbeing, inclusion,

and sustainability into campus life – balancing performance with student health and long-term development.

FASU enters 2026 with an ambitious continental calendar with the centerpiece being the 12th FASU Games in Egypt (9–16 August), a qualifier for the FISU University World Cup, complemented by a Pre-Games Scientific Conference, Vice Chancellors' Forum, and FISU–FASU NUSF Seminar, linking sport, education, and research.

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FISU AMERICA

FISU America continues to strengthen its role as a leading force in the development of university sport across the American continent. Through a dynamic competition calendar, increasing international visibility and a strong institutional agenda, 2025 has marked a year of consolidation, innovation and cooperation, reinforcing the values of education, excellence and unity through sport.



Sporting highlights of 2025

A first for the region came with the FISU America Combat Sports (25 Oct–1 Nov) in Lima, Peru, featuring 1,061 athletes from 70 universities across Wrestling, Taekwondo, Wushu, Judo, and Karate. The event included the FISU America General Assembly and the Strategic Dialogue “America in Play,” underlining innovation, inclusion, and collaboration.

Intercontinental ties were strengthened in January when FISU America and FASU signed a Memorandum of Understanding to boost cooperation in sport, education, and exchange

programs across Africa and the Americas.

Looking ahead to 2026

FISU America has already outlined a dynamic and diverse calendar for 2026, reinforcing its commitment to the growth of university sport across the continent. The year will include **FISU America Chess** with an opening tournament in **April** and a closing tournament in **October**, as well as **e-Sports competitions** with an opening tournament in **June** and a closing edition in **September**, continuing the expansion of digital disciplines within the university sports movement.

Key continental events will also mark the year, including **FISU America 3×3 in Honduras (26–29 May 2026)**, the **FISU America Games in Peru (20 July – 1 August 2026)**, and the **FISU America Forum in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago (26–28 November 2026)**. Together, these events reflect FISU America’s strategic vision of combining high-level competition, education and international cooperation to strengthen university sport in the Americas.

FISU America – One continent, one passion.

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FISU OCEANIA

FISU Oceania is the smallest of the Continental University Sport Federations and has relations with 12 National University Sport Federations in American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Papua New Guinea and Samoa.

In 2025, FISU Oceania worked under the 2025–2029 Strategic Plan to strengthen member engagement and support university sport across the region. Operating within a volunteer-based structure, efforts focused on realistic, sustainable actions: engaging

member NUSFs, prioritising initiatives across multiple Pacific nations, and raising awareness of programs like Healthy Campus. Key achievements included clarifying communication channels, adapting programs to local contexts, emphasising capacity-building, contributing

to the FISU Global Strategy, and a strategic visit to Fiji to engage universities, attend the FUSA Games, and discussions with government and sector stakeholders on student wellbeing and campus sport.

Our Green Path

FISU Oceania further continues to prioritise our commitment to environmental sustainability by implementing our action plan associated with our sustainability strategy **Our Green Path**.

Reducing our impact on the environment is important to FISU Oceania as a signatory to the United Nation's Sport for Climate Action. We continue to engage our client groups and stakeholders in climate action and promote climate change action within university sport communities.

Events

Across Oceania, university sport thrived in 2025, with Games, championships, leagues, and intervarsity events held in Australia, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, and Papua New Guinea. Over 12,000 students competed, with national champions including the University of Sydney (Australia), University of Canterbury (New Zealand), and Fiji National University (Fiji). IDUS celebrations on 20 September engaged students across seven nations: Fiji's Inter Tertiary Games drew 3,000 participants, New Zealand involved over 5,000 students, Northern Mariana

Islands strengthened community links, French Polynesia ran fitness challenges, and the Marshall Islands focused on health, nutrition, and wellbeing.

Auckland University of Technology hosted the FISU Oceania 3x3 Basketball Qualifying Tournament, bringing together teams from Australia and New Zealand. Winners earned the right to represent Oceania at the FISU University World Cup 3x3 in Brasilia in November.

In football, the Oceania qualifying tournament (December 2024) determined which top men's and women's teams from Australia and New Zealand would compete at the University World Cup in October 2025. These two nations remain the region's only countries with national university football tournaments, highlighting their leading role in Oceania's university sport landscape.

Oceania participation at FISU Winter and Summer University Games

Oceania was represented by a small number of student-athletes from Australia (19 participants) and New Zealand (five participants) for the Torino Winter University Games in January 2025. Oceania was



represented by Australia (236 participants) and New Zealand (113 participants) at the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 World University Games in July 2025.

In 2025, FISU Oceania saw strong engagement through programs and partnerships: two student ambassadors from Australia and New Zealand participated, 17 Australian universities signed up to FISU Healthy Campus, and MOUs were renewed with the Asian University Sports Federation and ASEAN University Sports Association. The region also strengthened its global footprint as a signatory to the UN Sport for Climate Action and a member of Sport Environment Alliance and Oceania Sport.

Looking ahead to 2026, the focus will be on supporting members to implement the new FISU Global Strategy, expanding Healthy Campus initiatives, developing scalable student and workforce capability programs, boosting communication and visibility, and maintaining a sustainable, member-focused delivery model.



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OVERVIEW

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Through knowledge sharing, practical support, the provision of personnel and equipment at sporting events, and cooperation on various projects, EUSA's partners play a crucial role in driving the association's ongoing growth and development.

With the list of partners ever-growing, we are proud to be associated with the following list of partners:

International University Sport Federation (FISU); African University Sport Federation (FASU); Pan-American University Sport Federation (FISU America); Oceania University Sport Association (FISU Oceania); Asian University Sport

Federation (AUSF); European Commission; Council of Europe; European Non-governmental Sports Organisations (ENGSO); European Fair Play Movement (EFPM); European Olympic Committees (EOC); European Paralympic Committee (EPC); European Union of Sports Press (AIPS Europe); European Athletes as Student (EAS) – Dual Career Network; European Students' Union (ESU); Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC); European Bridge League (EBL); European Chess Union (ECU); European Handball Federation (EHF); European Judo Union (EJU), European Karate Federation (EKF); European Powerlifting Federation (EPF), European

Rowing, European Table Tennis Union (ETTU); European Volleyball Confederation (CEV); International Orienteering Federation (IOF); ParaVolley Europe; Rugby Europe; European Kickboxing Federation (WAKO Europe); World Climbing; World Taekwondo Europe (WTE) and Radio Capodistria as a media partner.

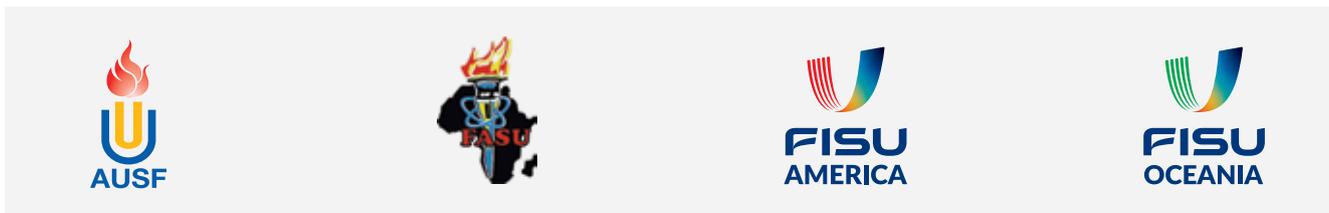
We are also happy to have Kraft & Werk Marketing and Communications Agency as our official marketing partner, ORKA Holding with Damat brand as the official clothing supplier, DSpot as IT Solution provider and FURKI Sport as the official results management provider.

EUSA remains committed to advancing university sport in close collaboration with its existing partners and looks forward to expanding its network by forging new relationships and developing additional partnerships in the coming years.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Each year, the European Commission organises online and in-person sessions for sports stakeholders across the continent to discuss and highlight various aspects of sport in Europe. Here is a brief overview of the meetings involving EUSA, which is proudly involved in several projects developing sport and its values.



The European Education and Culture Executive Agency held two online kickoff meetings (January and November) for coordinators of Erasmus+ sport projects funded in 2024 and 2025, among which was EUSA. In these events, participants explored topics such as project management, communication, and reporting.

In February, EUSA joined the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Stakeholders' Conference in Brussels, discussing priorities and future directions as preparations for the new generation of programmes post-2027.

In May, the European Commission hosted the traditional #BeInclusive EU Sport Awards as a hybrid event, with global live streaming. EUSA

attended the event online, showing its support for initiatives that use sport to promote peace, inclusion, and solidarity.

In June, EUSA joined an inspiring online event, launching preparations for the 2025 European Week of Sport (EWoS). Celebrating the 10th anniversary, the Commission announced some innovations: a more integrated approach that merges #BeActive, #BeInclusive, and #BeActive Awards into one campaign, and new communication guidelines.

The EWoS campaign took place from 23 to 30 September, with Copenhagen hosting the 2025 opening ceremony, where EUSA was present. Every year, this campaign promotes healthier and more active lifestyles across Europe, with significant progress

made over the last decade. This year's edition focused on healthier digital habits by inspiring people to swap screen time for sport.

To wrap up the year, EUSA participated both in person and online at the European Week of Sport 2025 Debrief Seminar took place in a hybrid form gathered representatives from the European Commission, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), National Coordinating Bodies and official partners of the European Week of Sport and the #BeActive campaign for a comprehensive reflection on this year's implementation and future directions.

Speakers highlighted the impressive reach of the campaign, which mobilised

more than 15 million participants across some 80 000 events in 39 countries during the 10th anniversary of the European Week of Sport, and discussed trends in engagement and social media activity. Updates on the 2026-2027 call for national coordinating bodies underscored priorities such as sustainability and thematic focus areas, while national good practices from Cyprus and Ireland and insights from new partners like Eurosport illustrated the diversity of approaches to promoting physical activity.

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE

EUSA works closely with the Council of Europe (CoE), as a member of the Consultative Committee of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and member of the Conference of International Non-governmental Organisations (INGO). Below are the events joined by EUSA in 2025.



In February, the closing event of the Council of Europe-European Union joint project "All in Plus: Promoting Greater Gender Equality in Sport" took place in Luxembourg and online, presenting recommendations and an analytical report on gender equality in European sport. EUSA, associate partner of the project, was represented by Andrej Pisl, EUSA Director Projects & Policy and member of the EPAS Consultative Committee.

EPAS, a body of the Council of Europe, promotes intergovernmental sports cooperation and supports ethical, inclusive and safe sport. Its annual Governing Board and Consultative Committee meeting was held in May in Strasbourg, gathering representatives from 41 states and 30 sports organisations, including EUSA.

Together with European Athlete as Student, EUSA promoted the EU-funded project "DiscoverU" (Discovering University Sport and Supporting Dual Career).

The joint European Union-Council of Europe project "Sport For All: Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities" was also launched, accompanied by a blind football session.

One day ahead of the International Women's Day, EPAS hosted a Roundtable on Women's Health and Sport, attended online by EUSA representatives. Experts, athletes and policymakers discussed key challenges and solutions for women in sport, with a special focus on physical and mental health.

In October, the EPAS Diversity Conference brought together policymakers, sports organisations, and experts in Strasbourg and online to discuss how sport can unite generations and promote inclusion across Europe. Sessions focused on youth engagement, senior participation, and intergenerational collaboration, with the aim of tackling barriers

preventing young and older people from engaging in sport.

To turn analysis into action, the conference concluded with practical recommendations, an online compendium of best practices, and a roadmap for inclusive sports policies, reaffirming the CoE's vision of sport as a space where everyone can participate, connect and thrive.

In November, EPAS held the annual meeting of its Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport in Paris and online. EUSA also attended this event, focused on creating safer environments for children in sports associations and providing practical guidance for the implementation.

Toward the end of the year, the European Commission and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) hosted the Erasmus+ Sport Info Day 2026 in Brussels and online, gathering sport stakeholders from across Europe,

including EUSA, to explore funding opportunities and policy developments within the Erasmus+ Sport programme.

Plenary sessions delved into sport policy priorities such as health, innovation and green sport, and detailed the 2026 calls for proposals, highlighting new elements and practical insights for successful applications. In the afternoon, participants joined workshops on mobility opportunities for sport staff, application guidance and capacity-building funding, while a special session previewed the European Commission's forthcoming strategic vision for sport in Europe.





ENGSO & ENGSO YOUTH

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) and its EUSA Institute continue to strengthen their long-standing partnership with the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO), united by shared values and a commitment to equality and inclusion in sport.



This collaboration has taken many vibrant forms over the year, starting with the 2nd Summit on Gender Equality and Diversity in Luxembourg. Organised by ENGSO's *Equality within Sport* committee, the summit brought together sport leaders from across Europe to exchange ideas, share experiences, and discuss the challenges of promoting gender equality. Beyond conversations, the meeting focused on fostering collaboration and coordinated efforts, paving the way for future initiatives.

The momentum continued with an engaging webinar on advancing gender equality in sport, featuring insights from signatories of the Brighton Plus Helsinki Declaration. This international roadmap, also embraced by EUSA, guides organisations in creating a sport

system that is fully inclusive of women and champions equitable opportunities at every level.

EUSA representatives also participated in ENGSO's seminar and assemblies in Oslo, exploring topics ranging from talent development and financial barriers in grassroots sport to youth leadership. Discussions highlighted the indispensable role of volunteers and the importance of proper recognition and management – a cause EUSA actively promotes. The assemblies offered a broader view of ENGSO's activities, including updates from the Youth and Equality committees and collaborative EU projects such as EUYouSport and YouMind, where EUSA plays a vital role.

Ahead of the assemblies, an EUSA delegation joined the European Youth and Sport

Platform in Munich, a dynamic space for young people to voice ideas on the future of sport. Over 150 participants engaged in workshops, roundtables, sport sessions, and interactive exhibitions, including a fun quiz on ideal roles in sports volunteering crafted by EUSA volunteers. Key discussions explored the use of AI in sport, visibility of women's sport, climate challenges in grassroots activities, and the critical need to normalize conversations around mental health, placing it alongside traditional performance metrics.

The year's activities culminated at the 8th European Sport Platform in Barcelona, focused on innovation and transformation in grassroots sport. Opening with the 3rd International Women in Sport Congress, the event showcased inspiring stories of women in

conflict zones alongside insights from elite athletes and coaches. EUSA participated actively, attending panels on gender equality, inclusive environments, and sponsorship in women's sport, as well as celebrating achievements at the IWISC Awards, recognising individuals and organisations making a tangible impact on equality.

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EUROPEAN FAIR PLAY MOVEMENT

European Fair Play Movement (EFPM), founded in 1994, brings together members from 40 different countries to promote Fair Play values through sports. EUSA and EFPM have an established partnership through a signed Memorandum of Understanding.



In May, the 30th EFPM Congress, European Fair Play Awards, and EFPM Electoral Assembly took place at the International Olympic Academy in Ancient Olympia, with EUSA attending.

The Congress explored the meaning and ethical challenges of inclusion in sport, as well as the topic of fair play, combining academic insights, institutional contributions, and personal testimonies. A Gala Dinner was also held, featuring the 2025 Fair Play Awards, where EUSA representatives co-presented some of the awards.

During the General Assembly, EFPM reviewed its main activities and achievements, including the results of the "Crossing Europe for Fair Play and Peace" initiative,

and elected its new Executive Committee for the next four-year mandate.

The events in Olympia also provided EUSA with an opportunity to highlight its commitment to fair play and to promote its sports events, educational initiatives, and projects, particularly the DiscoverU project (Discovering University Sport and Supporting Dual Career).

In celebration of the inaugural World Fair Play Day, participants attended a ceremony commemorating Pierre de Coubertin, initiator of the modern Olympic Games and advocate of fair play education. The United Nations has proclaimed May 19 as World Fair Play Day, in

recognition of the spirit of fair play rooted in the Olympic ideal and of sport's role in fostering peace, development, and gender equality.

Established through a joint initiative of EFPM, the International Committee for Fair Play, Panathlon International, and Panathlon Wallonia-Brussels, the day builds on previous informal celebrations and encourages broader participation in sport.

To further emphasise that fair play has to be a daily commitment, the "Perpetual Calendar for a Fair Play World" was created, offering 365 concrete examples of fair play to inspire everyday action and everyone's engagement toward a

fairer sporting culture and a more just society.

Fair play is a core value for EUSA, embedded in its statutes and actively implemented. In cooperation with the EFPM, EUSA annually presents the Enno Harms Fair Play Award, recognising outstanding acts of fairness, respect, and integrity among participants. Both organisations remain dedicated to promoting fair play in policy and practice, shaping a positive and inclusive sports culture across Europe.



EUROPEAN ATHLETE AS STUDENT

The European Athlete as Student (EAS) – dual career network aims to support European athletes in combining high-performance sport and education. EUSA and EAS are strategic partners, working together in the field of dual career in Europe since 2016.



In October, the EAS network held its 22nd Annual Conference and General Assembly in Riga, Latvia, bringing together 82 delegates from 17 countries to exchange expertise and advance the Dual Career policy agenda across Europe. This event successfully reinforced EAS's commitment to forging supportive pathways for European student-athletes, ensuring their excellence in both university and sport.

The program explored diverse aspects of the Dual Career strategy, such as a global approach for stakeholders and the legacy of the FISU World University Games, particularly concerning Student-Para-Athletes. A lecture about ERASMUS+ funding opportunities for Dual Careers

was also given, stimulating ideas for new collaborations among participants.

During the conference, participants joined Working Group Activities addressing four key transitional themes: Dual Career in high school, the transition to university, Dual Career in Universities, and the shift from sport to employment.

The General Assembly ratified the network's strategic direction, confirming "Sports" as the official EAS scientific journal and endorsing the new Next Generation EAS Committee. Oulu, Finland, was announced as the host of the 23rd EAS Conference in 2026.

In November, EAS President Laura Capranica and Treasurer Mojca Doupona met with EUSA Director of Projects and Policy Andrej Pisl in Rome to discuss ongoing initiatives and future possibilities of cooperation. EUSA and EAS are working together on the DiscoverU project, co-funded by the European Union, and will cooperate as project partners in the 2026 CERV project "Give Sport a Say."





BADMINTON EUROPE CONFEDERATION

Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC) is the governing body of badminton in Europe, and it is one of the continental bodies under the Badminton World Federation. It was founded in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1967 as European Badminton Union. From 11 founding members, it has grown to 52. Badminton is regularly included in the European Universities Championships and Games program.



The Badminton Association of Serbia hosted the Badminton Europe Congress and Awards Gala in March, welcoming over 150 representatives from nearly 50 countries across three continents. Guests also included members of the Badminton World Federation.

Adam Roczek, EUSA Honorary President, and Matjaz Pecovnik, EUSA Secretary General, attended the event, emphasising

the strong partnership and continued collaboration between EUSA and BEC. The event was hosted by Radimir Jovovic, President of the Badminton Association of Serbia and former EUSA Technical Delegate for Badminton.

The Congress featured both the Forum and the Annual General Assembly, serving as key platforms where member nations gathered, exchanged ideas and

experiences, and discussed important topics influencing the future of badminton in Europe.

During the final Gala Awards Ceremony, it was announced that Denmark will host the 2026 Badminton Europe Congress.

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EUROPEAN ROWING CONFEDERATION

The European Rowing Confederation is the organisation that represents the 46 European national rowing federations and is recognised by World Rowing Federation as the Continental Confederation for Europe. Rowing has been part of the European Universities Championships and Games program for 18 years.



In May 2025, the President of European University Sports Association, Adam Roczek, and European Rowing, Annamarie Phelps, formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Split, Croatia, during the 23rd edition of the International Rowing Regatta Sveti Duje, held for the fifth time under EUSA's patronage.

The MoU marks a commitment by EUSA and European Rowing to cooperate to strengthen university rowing in Europe. The cooperation will focus on promoting each other's events and fostering partnerships between the members of the two organisations. They will also exchange information and updates, explore broader synergies and identify new

opportunities and projects arising from their cooperation.

Several concrete actions have been identified to strengthen the consistency and growth of rowing, including the coordination of umpires and relevant rowing regulations, competition data, event organisational standards, and calendars.





HEPA Europe is a network of the World Health Organisation (WHO), dedicated to advancing health-enhancing physical activity (HEPA) research, policy, and practice for better health and well-being in Europe. Established in 2005, its work is based on WHO and European Commission documents and aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.



In September 2025, Kaunas, Lithuania, hosted the 20th annual meeting and 16th conference of HEPA Europe (European Network for the Promotion of Health-Enhancing Physical Activity). Under the title "Health-Enhancing Physical Activity: Taking Steps Towards Sustainability", the conference focused on the strong synergy between physical activity promotion and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting opportunities

to address multiple public health priorities simultaneously.

During the event, EUSA was officially accepted into the HEPA Europe network, marking a significant step in advancing health-enhancing physical activity within university sport across Europe. This partnership recognises and reinforces EUSA's commitment to supporting physical activity among university students and staff.

HEPA network aims to foster interdisciplinary communication and knowledge exchange between researchers, practitioners, and policymakers, facilitate the sharing of experiences and best practices, and contribute to the development of multisectoral and intersectoral policies and strategies for HEPA.

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FUTURE PROGRAMME

Being the leading organisation working in the field of university sport in Europe, EUSA remains focused on student-athletes and strives to enhance the quality and reach of the sports events it oversees. Simultaneously, it develops its educational programmes to promote its values, aiming to meet and surpass the expectations of participants, partners, and universities.





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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2026

SALERNO, ITALY

The EUG 2026 represents the largest European university multi-sport event, offering a unique opportunity for cultural exchange and high-level sporting competition. Scheduled from July 18 to August 1, the event will bring together around 4,000 student-athletes from nearly 500 European universities.

Beyond sport, the 8th edition of the EUSA European Universities Games is also a major social and cultural project, promoting the university's role in spreading values of unity, solidarity, inclusivity, and mutual respect, in line with the vision of the common good.

With its rich history, natural beauty, and hospitality, Salerno provides an ideal setting for an international event like EUG 2026. From the Amalfi Coast to the Cilento, Vallo di Diano, and Alburni National Park, the province offers diverse landscapes that encourage connection and cultural exchange.

The University of Salerno and the surrounding areas will be the Games' hub. Most competitions take place here, with athletes staying in campus residences close to venues. Sports include badminton, football, futsal, volleyball, handball, tennis, and padel. Along Salerno's stunning southern coast, athletes will compete in basketball, 3x3 basketball, beach volleyball, beach handball, rugby 7s, and table tennis. Comfortable hotels

and scenic coastal views make this place a perfect mix of sport and culture.

European Universities Games 2026 will not only be a showcase for university sport, but will also leave a great legacy behind in terms of social and cultural impact. The interaction among European students, citizens, and institutions will contribute to promoting integration, mutual respect, and intercultural cooperation, strengthening the role of CUS Salerno, the University of Salerno, and the whole Campania region as a role model for hospitality and sharing.

The slogan "Passion never ends" aims to place a new light on an educational experience, which goes way beyond a sports competition, enriching the lives of all participants with the certainty that something never-ending will be left in everybody's memory.





EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027

In 2027, student-athletes will have the opportunity to take part in multiple European Universities Championships, hosted across various cities in Europe, allowing them to compete in their sport, pursue success, and enjoy another EUSA event experience.



Badminton, Strasbourg, FRA, 20–26 June



Chess, Zaragoza, ESP, 2–6 July
Rugby 7s, Zaragoza, ESP, 3–6 July
Futsal, Zaragoza, ESP, 13–21 July



Handball, Podgorica, MNE, 6–12 July



Rowing, Sukoro, HUN, 11-14 July



Volleyball, Granada, ESP, 14-21 July



Padel, Madrid, ESP, 17-21 July



Beach Volleyball, Split, CRO, 18-23 July
Beach Handball, Split, CRO, 19-22 July
Tennis, Split, CRO, 18-24 July
Powerlifting, Split, CRO, 19-23 July



3x3 Basketball, Gdansk, POL, 11-15 July



Basketball, Zadar, CRO, 21-28 July



Football, Porto, POR, 25 July-1 August



Table Tennis, Covilha, POR, 26-31 July



Orienteering, Kastamonu, TUR, 24-27 August



Athletics, Lisbon, POR, 24-27 August



Combat Sports, La Nucia, ESP, 7-10 September



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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2028

SPLIT, CROATIA

As Europe prepares for its largest student sports event, the Split team of the Croatian Academic Sports Federation (CASF) is intensively working on the strategic foundations that will ensure the success of the European Universities Games 2028. The initial phase is marked by careful planning, coordination, and the establishment of key partnerships at local, regional, and national levels.



"This phase of the project is crucial," emphasizes Toni Gamulin, Vice President of CASF. "We are creating a framework that will enable Split in 2028 to become not just a host of the Games, but a catalyst for long-term development of University sport in Croatia and Europe." Key activities have now been clearly defined, aimed at smooth cooperation with all stakeholders ensuring that EUG 2028 becomes a shared project with a strong legacy.

We have also focused on the strategic positioning of the project, including meetings and consultations with representatives of public authorities regarding infrastructure development and benefits for Split and its citizens. The core organisational team in Split has been formed, with defined roles and areas of responsibility taking shape and becoming very real for our day-to-day operations.

An important aspect of the preparations is the continuous development of university sport

in Croatia, carried out through the Croatian Academic Sports Federation and EUG as a platform for promoting dual careers, where sporting excellence meets academic achievement. Several sports facilities have already been opened for use. A detailed investment plan will be presented during the year, as proof of Split's readiness to host this prestigious event. Discussions focus on specific projects for renovating sports facilities and building new capacities that will serve both the city and students long after the Games conclude.

As we approach the phase of actual delivery, Split is demonstrating that it is poised to become a serious host, methodically and thoughtfully building the foundations for the best European Universities Games yet.

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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2030 *GRANADA, SPAIN*



The 10th edition of the European Universities Games will be held in Granada, Spain, bringing together thousands of student-athletes from universities across Europe to compete in a wide range of sports.

Extensive preparations are currently underway to ensure high-quality venues, efficient logistics, and a safe, welcoming environment for all participants.

Granada has established itself as a leading global player in the sports sector, having successfully hosted

the European Beach Sports Championships in July. This competition has provided an important and decisive opportunity to evaluate one of the recently constructed facilities in anticipation of the eagerly anticipated European Universities Games. These facilities will leave a legacy not only in terms of

infrastructure, but also serve as a testament to the commitment and organisational capabilities of the host city.

The renovation of the sports facilities is proceeding according to plan. In addition, the University Swimming Pool at Fuentenueva Campus (indoor/outdoor 50



metres pool) is scheduled to reopen in the first semester of 2026, as previously planned.

EUG Granada 2030 has been present at all major sporting events organised by the University of Granada and the City of Granada in 2025. Its presence has been noted in the Half Marathon of Granada and the 10 km University of Granada race, thanks to its prominent appearance on the commemorative t-shirt.

VIVA, the mascot for the EUG Granada 2030, has undoubtedly been the star performer in several events. These include the European Week of Sport (VIVActive), the University of Granada (UGR) champions cup, which brought together champions from the three university campuses (VIVA's Cup), a fun day for children at the University of Granada's summer camps (Gymkana VIVA), and, of course, the Day of Persons

with Disabilities, which promoted inclusive sport (Include VIVA).

The different UGR teams have been promoting the EUG Granada 2030 with great conviction via their various outfits, including formal attire for events and sportswear for competitions, at regional, national, and international levels. Examples of this include the EUG Football in Camerino, Italy, and the FISU World Football Cup in Dalian, China.



UPCOMING EVENTS

EUSA events and meetings

2026

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
European Universities Games	 Salerno, ITA	July 18–August 1
European Universities Rowing Championships	 Zagreb, CRO	August 26–29
European Universities Combat Sports Championships	TBD	TBD
EUSA Convention	 TBD, SLO	TBD
EUSA – FISU Seminar	 TBD, SLO	TBD
European Students Run	 Ljubljana, SLO	October 17–18

European Universities Championships

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SPORTS	ATTRIBUTED CITY	PROVISIONAL DATES *
Badminton	 Strasbourg, FRA	June 20–26
Rugby 7s	 Zaragoza, ESP	July 3–6
Chess	 Zaragoza, ESP	July 2–6
Handball	 Podgorica, MNE	July 6–12
Rowing	 Sukoro, HUN	July 11–14
Volleyball	 Granada, ESP	July 14–21
Futsal	 Zaragoza, ESP	M: July 13–21 W: July 14–21
Padel	 Madrid, ESP	July 17–21
Beach Volleyball		July 18–23
Tennis		July 18–24
Beach Handball	 Split, CRO	July 19–22
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3×3 Basketball	 Gdansk, POL	July 11–15
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Athletics	 Lisbon, POR	August 24–27
Combat Sports	 La Nucia, ESP	September 7–10
Water Polo	TBD	TBD

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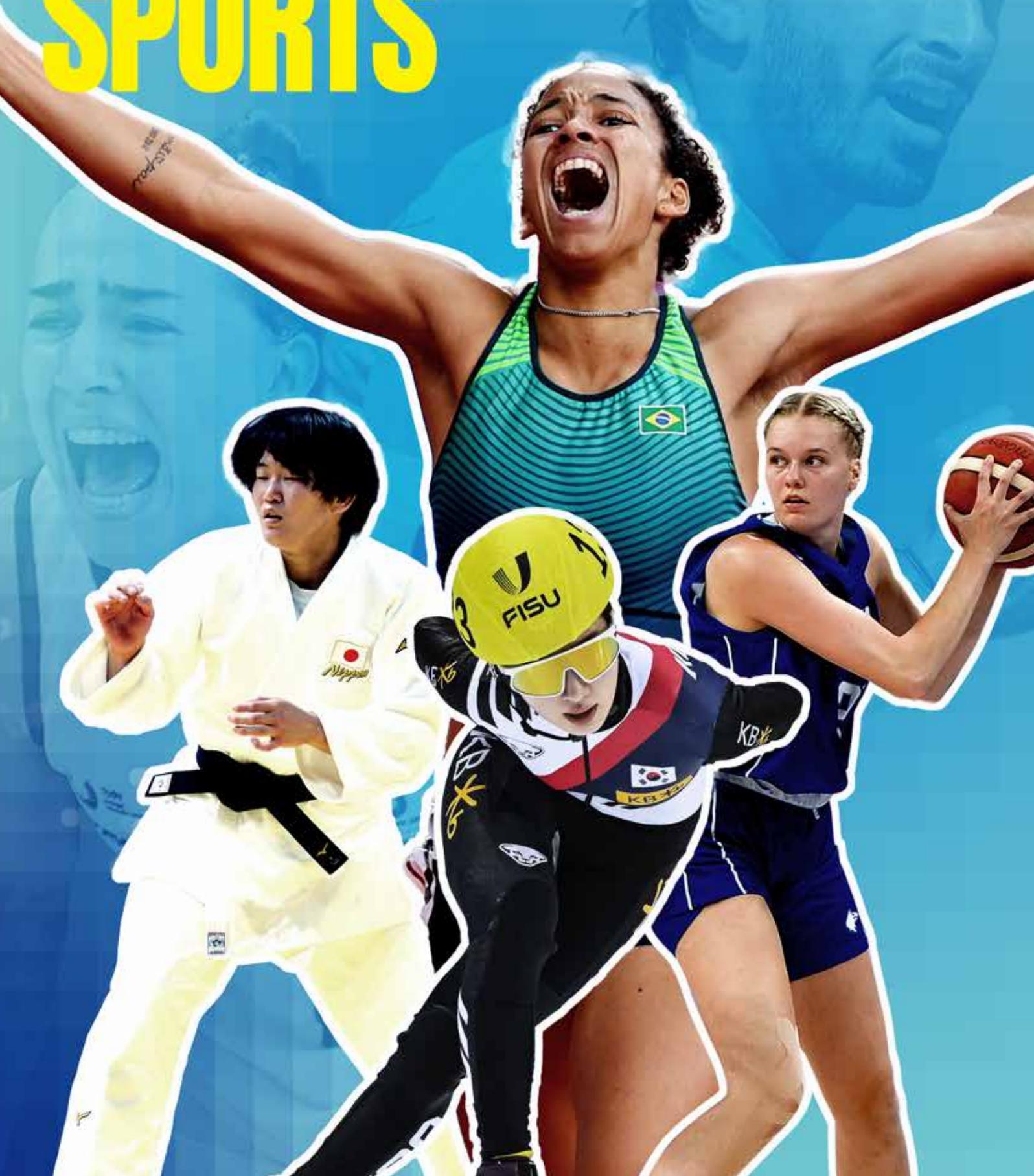
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