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# **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Dear Friends,

With great pleasure we welcome you to the pages of our yearly magazine.

University sport entered into 2022 with many fears and challenges. The COVID-19 virus was not defeated yet. The pandemic safety measurements were still used by several governments, in different scales in different Continents. However, at the beginning of the year, perspectives of Europe looked optimistic since most of European countries, including Poland the host country of the VI edition of the European Universities Games, suspended all COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. In such circumstances EUSA, Lodz EUG OC and Polish NUSA - AZS entered in last phase of the preparations to the Games. With great hope, but not having guarantee that situation could not change. We can also not ignore the aggression and war on the European continent which unfortunately has not been peacefully resolved yet.

And then came July, July in magenta colour. 4459 participants from 37 countries, representing 417 Universities competed for 14 days in 20 sport disciplines, enjoying their presence and performances, being also able to experience educational, cultural and social activities, with outstanding organization and hospitality provided by Poland. For many it was the best time at the sport event in their life. I'm one of them.

There were many devoted people behind the great success of the Games. I'm unable to list all of them, but allow me to thank a few of them, knowing that the words of appreciation of EUSA community are addressed to all individuals and institutions which made the Games possible: Rector of the Lodz University of Technology prof. Krzysztof Jóżwik, President of AZS prof. Alojzy Nowak, AZS Secretary General Dariusz Piekut and the youngest in the history of Games director Dominik Leżański. Big thanks also goes to the entire EUSA family – starting from members, EC representatives, technical delegates, commission members, staff, as well as partners and numerous volunteers. Institutional support by the hosting University, AZS and the City was complemented by the support of the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union, as well as several national, regional and local institutions, organisations and bodies.

## LODZ, We Can. LODZ, We Made It!

Very early on, EUSA condemned the aggression of the Russian Federation aggression in Ukraine and expressed its solidarity to Ukrainian NUSA and entire society. Together with our members and partners, a dedicated Solidarity Fund was created, with vast support of LODZ EUG OC and AZS. This allowed more than 200 student athletes from Ukraine to take part in the Games.

In April, EUSA Executive Committee met in Italy, and solemnly attributed the European Universities Games 2026 to Salerno. Grazie Italia, Grazie Salerno!

Apart of the events in Poland and Italy, there was one specifically active country – Turkey, rebranded as Türkiye. With the support of the Turkish University Sport Federation, the country hosted EUC Rowing in Istanbul, FISU University World Cup Combat Sports in Samsun, EUSA EC meeting in Istanbul, and FISU University World Cup 3x3 in Istanbul. Big thanks and compliments, and we are looking forward to see you keeping moving forward!

Thanks to the partnerships and our previous experiences, EUSA and its Institute were again recognised by the European Commission with the support of projects and initiatives through several EU funding mechanisms. Apart of continuing work in several projects, new projects were confirmed. Let me highlight one, with EUSA Institute leading the Enhancing sport organisations and management (ESOM) project, closely working with our members and partners. We are very proud and honoured by the acknowledgment of our work and trust put in us at a European level.

Continuous support is provided by the International University Sport Federation – FISU, and I am very thankful to Acting President Leonz Eder and entire Executive Committee for the support and their faith in us.

I invite you to keep contributing to the development of university sport on local, national and international level, and keep in touch with us throughout the year.

I hope to see you soon and welcome to visit one of the Championships which will be organized in 2023!

# Adam Roczek,

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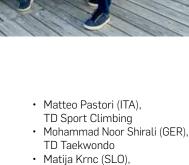
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# **EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES LODZ 2022**

JULY 17-30

Another edition of the European Universities Games successfully happened, this time in Lodz, Poland. The Lodz University of Technology, and the City of Lodz were the home of university sport in Europe for two weeks, full of sports and competitions.

Poland's third-biggest city Lodz, was the hosting city for the sixth edition of the European Universities Games. This event took the title of the biggest university sport event organised in Poland since the Winter Universide in 2001.

Over 6000 people were directly engaged in the event, recording 4459 participants,

representing 417 universities from 37 countries, competing in 20 sports. Over 800 volunteers contributed to the success of the event, and other key people making the event a reality were members of the Organising Committee, EUSA representatives and staff, as well as a strong delegation of referees and judges, many of them nominated through

European sport governing bodies.

The European Universities Games in Lodz represents the largest multi-sport event in Europe this year. The biannual event, which was celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, started with the official opening ceremony on July 17 at the Atlas Arena, where

over 7000 people welcomed athletes, officials, referees, and volunteers of this year's European Universities Games.

At the opening ceremony athletes, official, volunteers and invited guests witnessed welcoming speeches, music performances, audio-visual acts and an amazing march pass with around 2000 athletes and officials, proudly representing their universities.

EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek said: "It was a dream to bring the games to Poland, it has taken hard work and time, but we can proudly say: welcome to EUG Lodz 2022! "Dear students, you are in the heart of the games, your games, games of equal opportunities, play fair, compete in the right way, be champions in and out of the field.

After the march pass of the athletes and delegation officials, following the official speeches, the event was opened by the Rector of the Lodz University of Technology and the President of the Organising Committee, Mr Krzysztof Jozwik. Present at the opening ceremony were also high representatives

of the City of Lodz, Polish Ministry of Education and Science, regional government, University Sports Association of Poland, International University Sport Federation, European Commission, and several representatives of the partner organisations.

The European Universities Games in Lodz featured competitions in 20 sports and included social, cultural and educational programmes and activities, where the development of university sport was primarily discussed. This year's edition of the Games offered the athletes a chance to compete in 3x3 Basketball, Badminton, Basketball, Beach Handball, Beach Volleyball, Chess, Football, Futsal, Handball, Judo, Karate, Kickboxing, Sport Climbing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Water Polo and featuring Sitting Volleyball and Para Powerlifting as promo sports.

Within EUSA and its events, strong emphasis is given to a wide range of participation of student athletes, representing their universities from all over Europe, including students and volunteers with disabilities,

working on gender equality and safe, non-discriminatory environment, promoting fair play and university sport values and integrity.

Besides the exciting and competitive sports competitions, the programme of the European Universities Games in Lodz had a variety of workshops, open to all participants free of charge. The topics included volunteering, dual career, inclusion, antidoping, development of personal skills, ECO workshops, Sports for people with disabilities and many others.

Activities such as a mobile post office where you can buy the specially created post stamps with the face of the European Universities Games mascot, EUGenio, a public teqball playing table, Mobile Museum, EUSA exhibition and the Museum Of Sport, Sambodrom and Erasmus+ run were also offered as part of the social activities open for visiting.

After 15 days full of sport, joy, emotions, medals, friendships, small and big victories and new experiences, it was time to say goodbye for two more years until the forthcoming 7<sup>th</sup> edition

of the Games, that will await for us in Debrecen-Miskolc in Hungary in 2024.

Like the opening ceremony, the closing ceremony was also full of emotions, new beginnings, many thankful messages and happy faces. The audience was able to enjoy many thankful speeches, great impressions, and a well-made audio-visual presentation of all the sports present at the Games.

After the flag of EUSA was dehoisted and given to the next organisers of the European Universities Games in Debrecen-Miskolc in 2024, the ceremony was closed and all those who gathered were able to continue to the last final of the Games and cheer the last champions for this edition of the games.

EUSA would like to thank the Lodz University of Technology, University Sports Association of Poland (AZS) and City of Lodz for hosting such a great event and all other Polish authorities for their support and hospitality.







# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2022 – FACTS AND FIGURES

Compared to the previous edition of the Games, numbers in participation were not record breaking. However, the numbers show that the interest in the university sport has not been decreasing during such a period of time. On the contrary, it has been a quite successful edition of the Games after such a big break due to Covid-19.

At the very first edition of the European Universities Games in 2012 in Cordoba (ESP), EUSA recorded 2574 participants who represented 154 universities from 32 countries, and two years later in Rotterdam (NED) 2828 participants representing 174 universities from 34 countries were present. The Games in Zagreb-Rijeka (CRO) in 2016 still holds the record figures, doubling the figures from the first edition of the event, having 5408 participants, representing 388 universities from 40 European countries.

However, compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Games in 2018 in Coimbra (POR), where 4027

participants representing 291 universities from 38 countries were recorded, the numbers in participation in 2022 showed an increase.

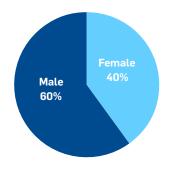
The 14-day event in Lodz featured 20 sports, and again integrally included participation of student athletes with disabilities. This would not have been possible without the commitment and continued support of the European Paralympic Committee (EPC) and cooperation between EUSA, EPC, our members and participating universities.

EUSA is also happy and proud to offer all sports to male and female participants, promoting gender equality and active participation. Out of 3586 registered athletes, 2144 were men and 1442 women. The 40% female participation shows slow yet steady progress in gender balanced participation.

Through the help of the development fund offered by EUSA and EUG2022 organizers, a lot of athletes from Ukraine were enabled to participate. In total 295 Ukrainians (athletes and officials) were recorded, who presented 40 universities in 16 disciplines.

In terms of participating athletes, football took the lead with 377 athletes, followed closely by Futsal and Volleyball.

# ATHLETES' PARTICIPATION PER GENDER



The best university regarding the results in 2022 is the University of Zagreb (CRO), followed by the University of Vienna (AUT) and Vytautas Magnus University

## TOP 10 UNIVERSITIES IN TERMS OF PARTICIPATION AND NUMBER OF TEAMS

	UNIVERSITY NAME	Р	TA	TW
CRO	University of Zagreb	197	19	14
HUN	Hungarian University of Sports Science	124	16	11
POL	Lodz University of Technology	106	11	7
ESP	University of Valencia	86	10	5
POR	Nova University of Lisbon	63	7	3
FRA	University of Bordeaux	62	8	5
CZE	Charles University	54	6	4
NOR	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	54	4	3
POR	University of Lisbon	54	6	2
ESP	University of Granada	53	3	3

#### **HISTORICAL OVERVIEW**

SPORT	AVARAGE	MIN	MAX	2012	2014	2016	2018	2022
Badminton	145	120	165	144	120	165	149	147
Basketball	393	319	494	371	333	494	450	319
3x3 Basketball	200	172	216			172	216	211
Beach Volleyball	97	86	103	86		102		103
Beach Handball								131
Bridge						52		
Canoe Sprint							73	
Chess	71	66	76			66		76
Football	473	434	506	460	469	506	497	434
Futsal	455	393	506	393	488	506	478	412
Golf						74		
Handball	348	262	434	315	262	434	363	365
Judo	321	285	388			285	291	388
Karate	333	306	359			306		359
Kickboxing								153
Para Swimming						42		
Para Table Tennis	22	18	24			24	23	18
Rowing	454	328	525		328	510	525	
Rugby 7s	184	170	194	178	194	194	170	
Sport Climbing	55	49	62			62		49
Swimming	200	195	204			195		204
Table Tennis	152	123	190	138	153	190	123	154
Taekwondo	227	211	242			242		211
Tennis	124	116	142	121	116	124	142	116
Volleyball	375	308	448	322	308	411	448	385
Water Polo	157	135	179			179		135
General Coordinations	69	46	89	46	57	73	79	89
TOTAL				2574	2828	5408	4027	4459

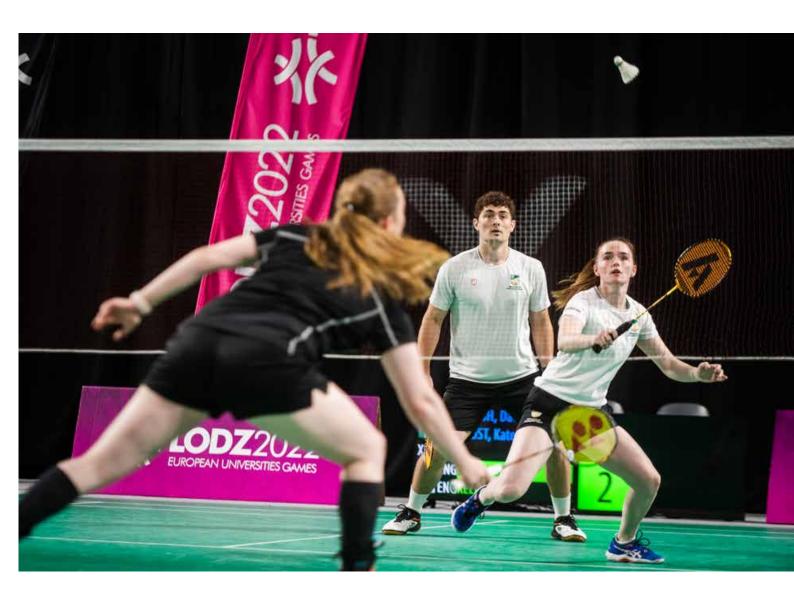
## **NUMBER OF ATHLETES**

COUNTRY	NUMBER
POL	523
HUN	419
GER	383
POR	336
UKR	295
FRA	286
CRO	282
GBR	237
ESP	213
TUR	205
CZE	194
NOR	148
ROU	135
LTU	119
SUI	97
AUT	77
ITA	69
FIN	68
NED	49
CYP	43
GEO	41
ISR	36
SL0	33
SRB	26
SVK	26
BIH	17
LAT	16
BEL	15
IRL	14
ALB	12
KOS	12
MCD	12
ARM	8
BLG	5
GRE	5
EST	2
LUX	1

(LTU). In terms of participation the most active university is again the University of Zagreb, followed by the Hungarian University of Sports Science and the host university – Lodz University of Technology. The most successful National University Sports Association this year regarding the results achieved by their students was the National University Sports Association of Poland (AZS), while the Sports Students'

Union of Ukraine claimed the second place, followed by a wide margin of the Turkish University Sports Federation.

The National University Sports Association of Poland also finished on the top of the list of the most active national university sports associations; and the German University Sports Federation (ADH) second, followed by the Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS).





# **BADMINTON** JULY 25-30

Badminton competition welcomed a total of 122 student athletes (68 male and 54 female) to Lodz, forming a total number of 19 universities competing.

The competition of badminton was played in both men's and women's singles and doubles, as well as in badminton teams and mixed doubles, all of them showing their full willing power and determination to earn a place on the podium.

In the men's singles tournament, John Torjussen from University of Nottingham (GBR) defeated Valentin Singer from University of Bordeaux (FRA) with the result of 2:0.

Rosy Pancasari from University of Strasbourg (FRA) won the gold medal in a match against Daniella Csilla Gonda from University of Pecs (HUN) in the finals of women's singles.

In women's doubles Sian Kelly and Rachael Woods from University of Nottingham (GBR) won the title after winning the final against their fellow athletes from Admiral Makarov National University of Shipbuilding (UKR), Valyeriya Masaylo and Polina Tkach.

At the final in the tournament of men's doubles, the athletes from University of Strasbourg (FRA), Thomas Baures and Mateo Martinez won the gold medal in a match against Samuel Smith and John





# (V) FINAL STANDINGS

1.	University of Strasbourg	FRA
2.	Admiral Makarov National University of Shipbuilding	UKR
3.	Gdansk University of Technology	POL
3.	Technological University of Dublin	IRL
5.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
6.	University of Nottingham	GBR
7.	National Technical University Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute	UKR
8.	University of Bordeaux	FRA
9.	University School of Physical Education in Wroclaw	POL
10.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
11.	University of Pecs	HUN
12.	Jozef Pilsudski Academy of Physical Education in Warsaw	POL
13.	University of Lausanne	SUI
14.	University of West Bohemia	CZE
15.	Nova University of Lisbon	POR
16.	University of Zagreb	CRO
17.	University of Cyprus	CYP
18.	University of Duisburg-Esse	GER
19.	University of Oxford	GBR



Torjussen from University of Nottingham (GBR).

In the mixed double final Samuel Smith and Sian Kelly from University of Nottingham (GBR) played a great match and won the gold medal against Kate Frost and David Walsh from Technological University of Dublin (IRE).

The winner in the badminton team tournament was University

of Strasbourg (FRA), followed by Admiral Makarov National University of Shipbuilding (UKR). The third place was shared between Gdansk University of Technology (POL) and Technological University of Dublin (IRL).

At the finals of the Badminton competition, we had a visit from the President of Badminton Europe, at that time, Mr Peter Tarcala.

All in all, we can see that University of Nottingham (GBR) and University of Strasbourg (FRA), continued their great performances from the last European Universities Games in Coimbra, winning various gold and silver medals, occupying top three spaces on the podium.

EUSA and the city of Miskolc, Hungary are looking forward to joining forces in organising the next EUSA Badminton event as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.





# **BASKETBALL** JULY 24-30

A total number of 257 athletes, competing in 16 male and 7 female teams, making a total number of 23 teams, coming from 21 different university, participated in the Baskeball competition held in Lodz, as part of the European Universities Games 2022.

On the basketball field the men's teams Beykent University (TUR) and Vytautas Magnus University (LTU) confronted each other in the final games.

Beykent University (TUR) won the title of champion of basketball at European Universities Games 2022 in Lodz, Poland, after wining the match with result of 77:70. The bronze medal belonged to the team of Masaryk University (CZE) after a well-played match against Polish Naval Academy





# FINAL STANDINGS

MEN TEAM COMPETITION			
1.	Beykent University	TUR	
2.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU	
3.	Masaryk University	CZE	
4.	Polish Naval Academy of the Heroes of Westerplatte	POL	
5.	University of Zagreb	CRO	
6.	University of Pitesti	ROU	
7.	University of Seville	ESP	
8.	University of Miskolc	HUN	
9.	University of Bologna	ITA	
10.	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	GER	
11.	University of Liège	BEL	
12.	University of Lisbon	POR	
13.	University of Vienna	AUT	
14.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN	
15.	Lodz University of Technology	POL	
16.	University of Goettingen	GER	
WOI	MEN TEAM COMPETITION		
1.	University of Pitesti	ROU	
2.	Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University	UKR	
3.	Charles University	CZE	
4.	National Institute of Applied Sciences Lyon	FRA	
5.	University of Aveiro	POR	
6.	Lodz University of Technology	POL	
7.	Szechenyi Istvan University	HUN	

of the Heroes of Westerplatte (POL).

At the women's competitions in basketball this title belonged to University of Pitesti (ROU) after they defeated Vasyl Stefanyk University (UKR). Third place was taken by Charles University (CZE), in the decision making game against National Institute of Applied Sciences Lyon (FRA), played at the last day of the European Universities Games in Lodz.

Besides the titles of champions, gold, silver and bronze medals, the awards for Fair Play were also given. In the men's

competition this award was proudly raised by University of Göttingen (GER) and in the women's competition it stayed on home grounds, with the team of University of Lodz (POL).

Awards for All Star Team in the women's competition were given to:

- Alona Samokhvalova from Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (UKR)
- Alina Maria Podar from University of Pitesti (ROU)
- Clarisse Legrand from National Institute of Applied Sciences Lyon (FRA)
- Teresa Barnetova from Charles University (CZE)

 Kseniaa Afanasieva from Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (UKR)
 MVP award in the women's competition was given to Alina Maria Podar from University of Pitesti (ROU).

All Star Team award in the men's competition were given to: Emre Tanisan and Kaan Sariaslan from Beykent University (TUR) and to Martynas Pocevicius from Vytautas Magnus University (LTU). The MVP award went in the hands of Jakub Jokl from Masaryk University (CZE).

EUSA and Aveiro, Portugal are looking forward to organizing the next EUSA Basketball event as part of the European Universities Championships 2023.





# **3X3 BASKETBALL** JULY 17-20

One hundred and sixty-seven participants making up 42 teams of both female and male students gathered in Lodz, to attend the 3x3 basketball competition. 3x3 basketball was one of the most attended and popular sport events for the general public, during the European Universities Games in Lodz. This was proven by the large number of spectators at each of the games, especially for the final games in both men's and women's competition.

In the women's competition, the first place on the podium was won by Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (UKR) which scored for the win against University of Ljubljana (SLO) in a nail-biting

anticipating game, ending with the result of 14:12. Third place was awarded to University of Vienna (AUT) which competed against University of Pitesti (ROU). In Men's 3X3 basketball Vytautas Magnus University (LTU) won 21:9 against Vilnius University (LTU). The game for third place was won by University of Vienna (AUT) who played against University of Pitesti (ROU), as it happened in the women's game for third place, with the result of 21:4.

In women's category Veronika Kosmach from Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (UKR) was given the title of MVP, while the top scorer title belonged to Miriam Uro-nilie, from the same university.

Men's most valuable player was Justinas Ramanauskas from Vytautas Magnus University (LTU). The player Petar Dubelj from University of Dubrovnik was the top scorer in this competition.

Fair play awards in both men and women's competition were given. In men's competition the fair play award was earned by Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN), while in women's competition went into the hands of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (UKR).

Besides the team tournaments, side tournaments were also held which included the men's Slum Dunk Contest. The winner of the Slam Dunk Contest for male students was Nick Boakye from University of Goettingen (GER).

The winners of first and second place of both men's and women's competition, qualified for the FISU University World Cup in 3x3 Basketball, that took place in Istanbul, in late October.

EUSA and the city of Debrecen in Hungary are excited to organise the upcoming European Universities Championship in 3x3 basketball in 2023.





# FINAL STANDINGS

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MEI	N TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
2.	Vilnius University	LTU
3.	University of Vienna	AUT
4.	University of Pitesti	ROU
5.	University of Dubrovnik	CRO
6.	Riga Stradins University	LAT
7.	University of the Littoral Opal Coast	FRA
8.	Opole University of Technology	POL
9.	University of Malaga	ESP
10.	Budapest University of Technology and Economics	HUN
11.	University of Aveiro	POR
12.	Loughborough University	GBR
13.	University Palacky Olomouc	CZE
14.	Solent University	GBR
15.	University of Goettingen	GER
16.	University of Le Havre	FRA
17.	Norwegian School of Sport Sciences	NOR
18.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
19.	University of Ljubljana	SL0
20.	College of Applied Sciences Lavoslav Ruzicka in Vukovar	CRO
21.	Corvinus University of Budapest	HUN
22.	Kadir Has University	TUR
23.	Medical University of Lodz	POL
24.	University North	CRO
wo	MEN TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University	UKR
2.	University of Ljubljana	SL0
3.	University of Vienna	AUT
4.	University of Pitesti	ROU
5.	Riga Stradins University	LAT
6.	Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun	POL
7.	University of Malaga	ESP
8.	University of Zagreb	CRO
9.	University of Goettingen	GER
10.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
11.	University of Split	CRO
12.	University of Miskolc	HUN
13.	Medical University of Lodz	POL
14.	Charles University	CZE
15.	Szechenyi Istvan University	HUN
16.	University of Porto	POR
17.	Kadir Has University	TUR
18.	Norwegian School of Economics	NOR





# CHESS JULY 16-19

In duration of 3 days of Chess competition, fighting with kings and pawns, the best of 62 participants (37 men and 25 women) took home victories and medals.

In the women's individual tournament, the most successful three players were Alicja Sliwicka from Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun (POL) winning the gold medal, Giedre Vanagaite from Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (LTU) winning the silver medal and Elise Tomasi

from School of Engineering (FRA) wining the bronze medal.

While in the men's individual the top three places were occupied by Paulius Pultinevicius from Mykolas Romeris University (LTU) on the 1<sup>st</sup> place, Igor Kowalski from Kozminski University (POL) on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

place and Tomas Laurusas from Mykolas Romeris University (LTU) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The blitz team competition in men's category had three participants celebrating their triumph. The gold medal went to Mykolas Romeris University (LTU), while Ozyegin University





(TUR) took home the silver medal. Third place went to Kozminski University (POL).

In women's blitz team competition, the first and second place were celebrated by two universities from Poland, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun winning the gold medal and University of Silesia in Katowice winning the silver medal. Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN) took home the bronze.

In the rapid tournament of chess for men, the gold went to Kozminski University (POL). The 2<sup>nd</sup> place was occupied by Georgian State Teaching University of Physical Education and Sport (GEO), following by

SKEMA Business School (FRA) on the third position.

At the women's competition Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN) was standing on the first place on the podium, holding the gold medal, while Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun (POL) won the silver medal. West University of Timisoara (ROU) celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy and the bronze medals.

GOLD MEDAL in Men's Blitz Tournament – Mykolas Romeris University (LTU) – Paulius Pultinevicius

GOLD MEDAL in Women's Blitz Tournament – Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun (POL) – Alioja Sliwicka

# FINAL STANDINGS

MEI	N TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Kozminski University	POL
2.	Georgian State Teaching University of Physical Education and Sport	GEO
3.	SKEMA Business School	FRA
4.	Mykolas Romeris University	LTU
5.	Ozyegin University	TUR
6.	University Paris Est Creteil	FRA
7.	Kozminski University 2	POL
8.	Czech Technical University	CZE
9.	University of Porto	POR
10.	University of Pecs	HUN
11.	Lviv State University	UKR
12.	Eotvos Lorand University	HUN
13.	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne	SUI
14.	West University of Timisoara	ROU
15.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
16.	University of Valencia	ESP
17.	Armenian State University	ARM
18.	RheinMain University of Applied Sciences	GER
19.	University of Lodz	POL
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1.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
2.	Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun	POL
3.	West University of Timisoara	ROU
4.	University of Silesia in Katowice	POL
5.	ECAM School of Engineering Lyon	FRA
6.	Lithuanian University of Health Sciences	LTU
7.	Lviv State University of Physical Culture	UKR
8.	Ozyegin University	TUR
9.	Masaryk University	CZE
10.	University of Pecs	HUN
11.	Tbilisi State Medical University	GEO
12.	University of Porto	POR







# **FOOTBALL** JULY 21-27

A total number of 22 different universities, coming from 14 countries met in Lodz, seeking victory in the Football competition.

SMS and Minerska stadiums were filled with competitive energy for both men and women football finals. Women semi-final took place first, with the University of Coimbra celebrating their 3<sup>rd</sup> place earned, playing against Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (GER). The final followed with University of

Bordeaux (FRA) winning the title of European Universities Champion against Pavlo Tychyna Uman State Pedagogical University (UKR). This match was one of the most fun to watch, seeing how both teams gave their best to play fair and celebrate the victory, ending with the result of 4:1.

Regarding the men competition, the University of Split (CRO) and the Ramon Llull University (ESP) played a tight match for the bronze trophy. The suspense went on as the Croatian university won the penalty kicks and won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The final was played between the State University of Trade





# FINAL STANDINGS

MEN TEAM COMPETITION  1. West University of Timisoara ROU  2. State University of Trade and Economics UKR  3. University of Split CRO  4. Ramon Llull University ESP  5. University of Granada ESP  6. University of Toulon FRA  7. Norwegian School of Economics NOR  8. Hungarian University of Sports Science HUN  9. Charles University CZE  10. Nova University of Lisbon POR  11. University of Jyvaskyla FIN  12. University of Cyprus CYP  13. University of Tubingen GER  14. Swiss Federal Institute of Sport Magglingen SUI  15. University of Szczecin POL  WOMEN TEAM COMPETITION  1. University of Coimbra POR  4. Karlsruhe Institute of Technology GER  5. University of Frankfurt GER  6. Norwegian School of Economics NOR  7. Technical University of Munich GER  8. University of Lausanne SUI			
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and Economics (UKR) and West University of Timisoara (ROU). West University of Timisoara (ROU) is the one holding the 1<sup>st</sup> place on the podium, winning the match 8:7 on penalties.

Apart from the medals awarded, to the first three teams, individual prizes were also given.

Among the women's teams the Fair Play Award went in the hands of University of Laussane (SUI), while in the men's category the winners was the Swiss Federal Institute of Sport Magglingen (SUI).

The Most Valuable Player in the men's competition was awarded to Oscar Gonzalez Piera from the Ramon Llull University (ESP), while the Most Valuable Player in the women's competition went in the hands of Lise Ruf from Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (GER).

The award for Best Goalkeeper in men's competition was earned by the Alexandru Gabriel from the West University of Timisoara (ROU), while among the women's competition went in the hands of Diana Simoes

De Oliveira from University of Coimbra (POR).

Top scorer prizes were also awarded, going in the hands of Marie Dehri from University of Bordeaux (FRA) in women's competition and to Nicolas Bononi from University of Toulon (FRA) in men's competition.

This year, under the umbrella of the European University Sports Association (EUSA), the European Universities Games are the main continental qualifying event for European universities for the FISU

University World Cups in 3x3 and Football.

Therefore, from the Football competition, the West University of Timisoara (ROU) and University of Bordeaux (FRA) qualified for the FISU University World Cup in Football, that will take place in China in 2023.

EUSA and Tirana, Albania are looking forward to organizing the next EUSA Football event as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.





# FUTSAL JULY 16-23

Twenty-six universities coming from eighteen countries which included 224 male athletes and 128 female athletes that competed in Lodz, trying to outscore their opponents and walk away with a title of Futsal champion at EUG Lodz 2022.

The atmosphere at Zatoka Sportu indoor court was very lively and festive for the both men and women futsal finals.

At the awards ceremony, for the men's final, the University of Beira Interior (POR) was standing at the 3<sup>rd</sup> place as the team won its match in the afternoon against Caucasus International University (GEO). The University of Zagreb (CRO) won the gold trophy as the team defeated the University of Reims Champagne Ardenne (FRA).

At another day on the same futsal court at Zatoka Sportu, the audience witnessed a very anticipating final game between Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics (UKR) and Rey Juan Carlos University (ESP). With the result of 5:3, the win went to Rey Juan Carlos University (ESP). Both teams played amazingly, gave their best and gave the public a great game to watch. Third place on the podium was this time earned by University of Munister (GER).





Fair Play awards were received by V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University (UKR) in the men's competition and Tampere University (FIN) in women's category.

The Best Goalkeeper awards were given to Kathrin Klimas from University of Munster (GER) and Ante Piplica from University of Zagreb (CRO).

The award for Most Valuable Player went in the hands of Hatim Nachate from University of Reims Champagne Ardenne (FRA) in the men's competition and Maria Sanz Navarro from Rey Juan Carlos University (ESP) in women's competition.

The one that got the award for Top Scorer was Lucia Gutierrez

Moreno from Rey Juan Carlos University (ESP).

All Star Team awards were given at this year's futsal competitions. In women's category the prizes went in the hands of University of Lisbon (POR) and Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics (UKR) while in the men's competition the prizes went home at University of Zagreb (CRO) and University of Beira Interior (POR).

EUSA and Split, Croatia are looking forward to organising the next EUSA Futsal event as a part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.

# FINAL STANDINGS

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ME	N TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	University of Zagreb	CRO
2.	University of Reims Champagne Ardenne	FRA
3.	University of Beira Interior	POR
4.	Caucasus International University	GEO
5.	V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University	UKR
6.	University of Belgrade	SRB
7.	University of Maribor	SL0
8.	Eotvos Lorand University	HUN
9.	Czech Technical University in Prague	CZE
10.	Loughborough University	GBR
11.	University of Economy Bydgoszcz	POL
12.	University of Debrecen	HUN
13.	University of Lausanne	SUI
14.	Lithuanian Sports University	LTU
15.	University of Munster	GER
16.	Norwegian School of Economics	NOR
17.	Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology	FIN
18.	Cyprus University of Technology	CYP
wo	MEN TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Rey Juan Carlos University	ESP
2.	Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics	UKR
3.	University of Munster	GER
4.	University of Lisbon	POR
5.	University of Zagreb	CRO
6.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR
7.	Jagiellonian University	POL
8.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
9.	Tampere University	FIN
10.	University Palacky Olomouc	CZE







# **HANDBALL** JULY 25-30

At the handball competition in Lodz, a total of 306 students, 170 female and 136 male athletes, coming from 22 universities, from 15 countries competed and gave their best to win and succeed with great results.

In the women's competition there were 13 enthusiastic teams, all playing with the same spirit, to win and earn the medals around their necks. At the finals the matches were anticipating and the competitiveness was on such

a high level. Fighting for the bronze medal were University of Bordeaux (FRA) and Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NOR). The bronze ended up on the necks of University of Bordeaux (FRA). For the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the podium, Lviv State University of Physical Culture (UKR) and University of Zagreb (CRO) played an amazing match, which resulted with Lviv State University of Physical Culture





# FINAL STANDINGS

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MEI	N TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava	ROU
2.	University of Granada	ESP
3.	University of Minho	POR
4.	Jan Evangelista Purkyne University	CZE
5.	University of Valencia	ESP
6.	University of Bochum	GER
7.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR
8.	Opole University of Technology	POL
9.	Istanbul University	TUR
10.	Lithuanian Sports University	LTU
11.	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	ISR
WOI	MEN TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Lviv State University of Physical Culture	UKR
2.	University of Zagreb	CRO
3.	University of Bordeaux	FRA
4.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR
5.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
6.	University of Gdansk	POL
7.	Ovidius University	ROU
8.	University of Bochum	GER
9.	Radboud University Nijmegen	NED
10.	University of Valencia	ESP
11. U	Jniversity of Aveiro	POR
12.	Lodz University of Technology	POL
13.	University of Liverpool	GBR

(UKR) winning the gold medal with the result 37:30.

Fighting for the title of European University Handball Champion were also 11 teams in the men's category. The final in men's handball was the last match of the European Universities Games in Lodz, having University of Granada (ESP) and Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava (ROU) competing for the title. They played a great match, that resulted with Stefan cel Mare University of

Suceava (ROU) wining the gold medal. The Bronze medals were awarded to University of Minho (POR).

The Fair Play award in this competition in the men's category went in the hands of University of Valencia (ESP) and in the women's category it went home with University of Liverpool (GBR).

MVP prize at the men's competition was handed to Stefan Tirzioru from Ştefan cel Mare University of Suceava (ROU) and the same prize among the women players was awarded to Tetiana Poliak from Lviv State University of Physical Culture (UKR).

The title and award of top scorrer in the women's competition went in the hands of Josipa Bebek from University of Zagreb (CRO) and in the men's competition it belonged to Ramazan Mutlu from Istanbul University (TUR).

EUSA and the city of Podgorica, Montenegro are looking forward to organizing the next EUSA Handball evet as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.





A hundred and ninety-eight male student athletes and 121 female student athletes, were competing in a total of 15 individual competitions, played out across different weight categories and Judo styles.

One of the combat sports, judo, where techniques are generally intended to turn an opponent's force to one's own advantage

rather than to oppose it directly has been part of the European Universities Games. All the competitors showed courtesy in practice and intended to promote an attitude of calm readiness and confidence throughout all the matches.







UN	VERSITY RANKING	
1.	Sumy State University	UKR
2.	University School of Physical Education in Wroclaw	POL
3.	Lithuanian Sports University	LTU
3.	University of Grenoble Alpes	FRA
IND	IVIDUAL GOLD MEDALISTS	
ME	N	
-60	kg: University of Coimbra, Francisco Simoes Mendes	POR
+60	to 66 kg: Gori State Teaching University, Guram Gasitashvili	GEO
+73	kg to 81 kg: Grigol Robakidze University, Giorgi Sherazadishvili	GEO
+81	kg to 90 kg: Aix-Marseille University, Lucas Duchaussoy	FRA
+90	kg to 100 kg: Jozef Pilsudski Academy of Physical Education in Warsaw, Oleksii Lysenko	POL
+10	0 kg: Szechenyi Istvan University, Richard Sipocz	HUN
wo	MEN	
-48	kg: Kastamonu University, Sila Ersin	TUR
+48	kg to 52 kg: Kastamonu University, Buketnur Karabulut	TUR
+52	kg to 57 kg: University of Sarajevo Andela Samardzic	BIH
+57	kg to 63 kg: Sumy State University, Anastasiia Antipina	UKR
+63	kg to 70 kg: University of Sarajevo; Aleksandra Samardzic	BIH
+70	kg to 78 kg: Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport, Julia Jaskiewicz	POL
+78	kg: University Paris Est Créteil, Tahina Durand	FRA

Emotions and willingness to win were not lacking. Competing single and in teams in both men and women categories, they all had their chance to give their best and earn a medal and as well to make sure they compete in the fair play spirit and have fun. We can easily say that judo had a great journey on these European Universities Games in Lodz, Poland.

The athletes came from all corners of Europe and competed to the same high standard, within their own category, having the collective points from all represented universities collated to produce a winner of the mixed team competition.

Out of all the universities represented at the European Universities Games in Lodz, the gold medal was won by Sumy State University (UKR), while the silver medal went to University School of Physical Education in Wroclaw (POL). The third place and the bronze were split between Lithuanian Sports University (LTU) and University of Grenoble Alpes (FRA).

EUSA and the city of Zagreb, Croatia are looking forward to organizing the next EUSA Judo event as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.







# **KARATE**JULY 28-30

285 of the best student karatekas from across Europe (161 males and 124 females) came to compete in karate, as the sport has it's second time being present on the European Universities Games program. Total of 16 separate competitions, across many different disciplines and weight categories were played out.

Zgierz Hall was the home for karate competitions that led up to the great finals. Fighting both in Kata and Kumite, athletes were chasing the win, with fair play and strong will. The hard work, concentration, strategy, and competitive spirit have brought the medals to the ones that gave their best. For the rest, nothing is lost, there will be next games, next championships that are the next chance to win a place on the podium.







TEAM GOLD MEDALISTS	
KATA – MEN	
Gazi University	TUR
KATA – WOMEN	
College of Physical Education and Sport Palestra	CZE.
KUMITE – MEN	
St. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje	MKD
KUMITE WOMEN	
Odesa Mechnikov National University KW	UKR
INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALISTS	
KATA – MEN	
Gazi University, Enes Ozdemir	TUR
Kumite -60 kg: Gazi University, Burak Ozdemir	TUR
Kumite -67 kg: Saints Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, David Petkov	MKD
Kumite -75 kg: Yerevan State Medical University; Davit Makyan	ARM
Kumite -84 kg: National Aviation University, Andrii Toroshanko	UKR
Kumite +84 kg: University of Sarajevo, Rijad Dzuho	BIH
KATA – WOMEN	
College of Physical Education and Sport Palestra, Zuzana Augustinova	CZE
Kumite -50 kg: The South Ukrainian National Pedagogical University K.D. Ushinskogo, Yuliia Palashevska	UKR
Kumite -55 kg: Lviv State University of Physical Culture, Diana Shostak	UKR
Kumite -61 kg: Marmara University, Aysima Karakaya	TUR
Kumite -68 kg: Zaporizhzhia National University, Elina Sieliemienieva	UKR
Kumite +68 kg: Lodz University of Technology, Kinga Harast	POL

One of the disciplines in competing was Kumite, which is one of the three main sections of karate training, along with kata and kihon. Kumite is the part of karate in which a person trains against an adversary and it is very attractive for watching.

The other discipline, in which the student athletes were competing was kata, where the detailed patterns of movements are practiced solo and its also a great spectacle to watch. The most popular image associated with kata is that of a karate practitioner performing a series of punches and kicks in the air. The kata are executed as a specified series of approximately 20 to 70 moves, generally with stepping and turning, while attempting to maintain perfect form.

In the kata discipline the champions in men's competition was Gazi University (TUR) and in kata women's tournament College of Physical Education and Sport Palestra (CZE).

In kumite men's team tournament, the gold medal went to St. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje (MKD), while in kumite women's team tournament the winner was Odesa Mechnikov National University KW (UKR).

EUSA and the city of Zagreb, are looking forward to organizing the next EUSA Karate event as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.





For the very first time, Kickboxing, was included in EUSA Sport Events program, in 2019 European Universities Combat Championships. This year Kickboxing was a separate competition as part of the program of European Universities Games in Lodz, Poland, brining 80 male and 30 female student athetes.







(V) MEDALLISTS

UNIVERSITY RANKING	
Eotvos Lorand University	HUN
2. Jozef Pilsudski Academy of Physical Education in Warsaw	POL
3. Hungarian University of Sports Sciences	HUN
INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS	
MEN	
FC -67: Donbass State Pedagogical University, Zakaria Dzhalilov	UKR
FC -71: Donbass State Pedagogical University, Stanislav Danichev	UKR
FC -81: University of West Bohemia, Zdenek Marel	CZE
FC -86: University of Economics and Management, Martin Viktorin	CZE
K1 -67: Uludag University, Zafer Sayik	TUR
K1 -71: Drohobych Ivan Franko State Pedagogical University, Sviatoslav Hasiuk	UKR
K1 -75: Obuda University, Bence Laska	HUN
K1 -81: Jozef Pilsudski Academy of Physical Education in Warsaw, Rafal Dobies	POL
K1 -86: Czech Technical University in Prague, Lukas Cyprian	CZE
KL -63: Poltava National Technical Yuri Kondratzuk University, Mykhailo Serdiuk	UKR
KL -74: Hungarian University of Sports Science, Lajos Fesu	HUN
KL -84: Eotvos Lorand University, Emanuel Szmolek	HUN
KL +84: Kozminski University, Serhii Babenko	POL
PF -63: Technological University of Dublin, Kieran Boyle	IRL
PF-74: Pazmany Peter Catholic University, Bence Laszlo Zajacz	HUN
PF -84: University College Cork, Conor Johnson Mc Glinchey	IRL
PF +84: Hungarian University of Sports Science, Jeno Rohonczi	HUN
WOMEN	
FC -56: University of Vincent Pol, Olena Shydlovska	POL
K1 -56: University Of Grenoble Alpes, Eva Guillot	FRA
K1 -60: University of Minho, Sofia Machado Da Cunha Oliveira	POR
KL -55: University of Presov, Lucia Feckova	SVK
KL -65: Medical University of Gdańsk, Natalia Zakrzewska	POL
KL +65: Gdansk University of Physical Education and Sport, Paulina Stenka	POL
PF -55: Brunel University, Isabel Brider	GBR
PF -65: University College London, Isabelle Whitmore	GBR
PF +65: Eotvos Lorand University, Dorina Szabo	HUN

Student athletes from 69 universities around Europe participated in the Kickboxing competition. The kicks of the fights for the medals were showing the athletes' strong will and thrive for a place on the victory podium. Both in men's and women's competition, the athletes competed in 2 tatami disciplines: point fighting (PF)

and kick light (KL) and in 2 ring disciplines: K1 style and full contact (FC) in different weight categories.

The overall final ranking of successful universities in the Kickboxing competition on the European Universities Games in Lodz, has Eotvos Lorand University (HUN) on the first

place, Jozef Pilsudski Academy of Physical Education in Warsaw (POL) on the second place and Hungarian University of Sports Sciences (HUN) on the third place of the podium of winners. All participants in the kickboxing tournament acted with honor, fair play, respect in accordance with these rules, making the

matches to be a great thing to watch.

EUSA and the city of Zagreb, are looking forward to organizing the next EUSA Kickboxing event as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.





# **TAEKWONDO** JULY 28-30

At the European Universities Games in Lodz, the competition in taekwondo welcomed 89 male and 74 female student athletes, that competed in many different weight categories and styles, all of them eager to win the title of European Universities champion.

After the first time taekwondo has been incorporated into the European Universities Games program in 2016 at the Games in Zagreb and Rijeka, this

year, once again, taekwondo demostrated a great success.

Eighty-five universities were represented in taekwondo

competition, coming from different universities all over Europe. They all competed to the same high standard, with fair play and equal will to win





# MEDALLISTS

UNIVERSITY RANKING	
1. Marmara University	TUR
2. University School of Physical Education in Poznan	POL
3. University of Lisbon	POR
INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS	
FREE-STYLE POOMSAE – MEN	
National Technical University "Dnipro Polytechnic", Mykhailo Kniazhev	UKR
KYORUGI – MEN	
-54 kg: V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Oleksandr Toropov	UKR
+54 kg to 58 kg: Tilburg University, Aymen Achnine	NED
+58 kg to 63 kg: Ukrainian State University of Railway Transport, Oleksandr Dziuba	UKR
+63 kg to 68 kg: University of Nottingham, Matthew Howell	GBR
+68 kg to 74 kg: Sabanci University, Mehmet Kani Polat	TUR
+74 kg to 80 kg: Kharkiv National Automobile and Highway University, Konstiantyn Kostenevych	UKR
+80 kg to 87 kg: Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Kelen Bailey	HUN
+87 kg: Donbass State Engineering Academ, Andrii Harbar	UKR
FREESTYLE POOMSAE – WOMEN	
University of Mainz, Leah Lawall	GER
KYORUGI – WOMEN	
-46: Marmara University, Seher Sen	TUR
+46 kg to 49 kg: University of Glasgow, Elisha Shaw	GBR
+49 kg to 53 kg: University of Valencia, Paula Temina Monleon	ESP
+53 kg to 57 kg: Corvinus University of Budapest, Luca Marta Patakfalvy	HUN
+57 kg to 62 kg: University of Zagreb, Ivana Arelic	CRO
+62 kg to 67 kg: Northumbria University, Simone Abley	GBR
+67 kg to 73 kg: Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Rebeka Furedi	HUN
+73: University School of Physical Education in Poznan, Dagmara Haremza	POL

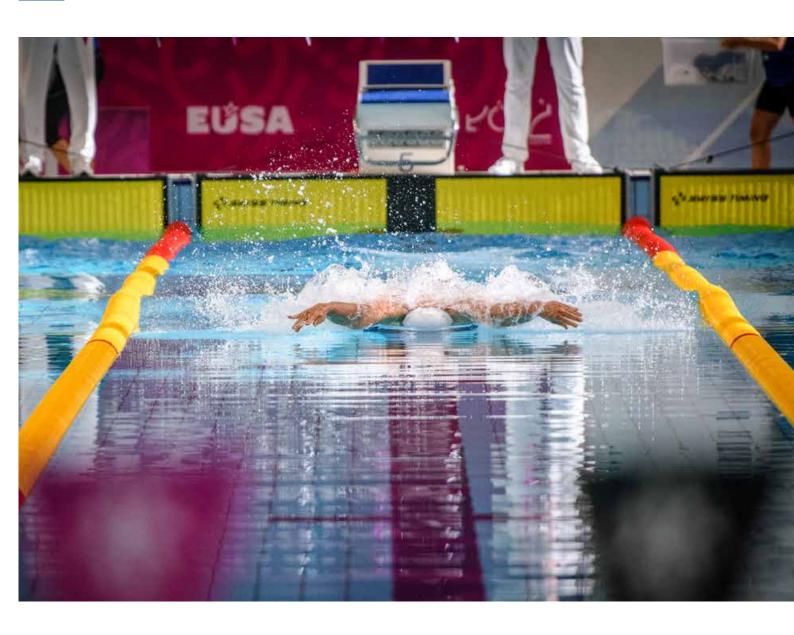
the title. They were competing in different weight and style categories, from which the collective points from all represented universities were collated to produce the winners of the mixed team competitions.

Out of all the universities that participated in the taekwondo competition in Lodz, Marmara University (TUR) was the most succesful, taking the first place in the overall results. On the

second place was University School of Physical Education in Poznan (POL) and on the third place was University of Lisbon (POR).

EUSA and the city of Zagreb, Croatia are looking forward of organising the next EUSA taekwondo event as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.







The pool area of Zatoka Sportu was the competition base for the swimmers at the European Universities Games in Lodz, 2022. In the swimming competition 108 male and 70 female student athletes, competed for the medals.

The athletes showed readiness, competitiveness, strive for the win, but mostly happiness and satisfaction to be part of the swimming competition at the European Universities Games 2022 in Lodz, Poland. The competition was held in great sporting spirit and with a lot of awards for the sucessful results.

Both in men's and women's competitions, athletes coming from 38 universities, competed in 16 categories, with different length and style and in one mixed tournament. They competed in backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly on 50 m, 100 m, 200 m, freestyle on 50 m, 100 m, 200 m and

400 m, medley on 200 m, as well as freestyle relay 4x100 m and medley relay 4x100 m. The athletes also competed in mixed tournament, Freestyle Relay 4x100 m.

In this mixed tournament, freestyle relay 4x100 m, the most successful universities







were Aix-Marseille University (FRA), University of Lyon 1 (FRA) and Yeditepe University (TUR).

In the overall ranking of most successful universities in the swimming tournament of the European Universities Games in Lodz, Poland, the three universities with the best results were: Yeditepe University (TUR), holding the first position, followed by Univeristy of Lyon (FRA) on the second and Nova Universitiy of Lisbon (POR) on the third position.

#### FINAL STANDINGS

UNIVERISTY RANKING	
1. Yeditepe University	TUR
2. University of Lyon	FRA
3. Nova University of Lisbon	POR
MIXED TOURNAMENT, FREESTYLE RELAY 4x100 m	
Aix-Marseille University	FRA
University of Lyon 1	FRA
Yeditepe University	TUR
GOLD MEDALISTS	
MEN	
Backstroke 50 m: University of Lyon, Jean Lamorisse	FRA
Backstroke 100 m: Yeditepe University, Muammer Baran Efendioglu	TUR
Backstroke 200 m: Yeditepe University, Bora Gulsen	TUR
Breaststroke 50 m: Lodz University of Technology, Jan Kalusowski	POL
Breaststroke 100 m: Lodz University of Technology, Jan Kalusowski	POL
Breaststroke 200 m: University of Hamburg, Justin Bott	GER
Butterfly 50 m: University of Lyon, Serguei Comte	FRA
Butterfly 100 m: University of Lyon, Serguei Comte	FRA
Butterfly 200 m: Yeditepe University, Samet Alkan	TUR
Freestyle 50 m: Lodz University of Technology, Marcel Wagrowski	POL
Freestyle 100 m: Aix-Marseille University, Emmanuel Limozin	FRA
Freestyle 200 m: Yeditepe University, Bora Gulsen	TUR
Freestyle 400 m: Lodz University of Technology, Jan Komorowski	POL
Medley 200 m: Lodz University of Technology, Marcel Wagrowski	POL
Freestyle Relay 4x100 m: Yeditepe University	TUR
Medley Relay 4x100 m: Yeditepe University	TUR
WOMEN	
	FRA
Backstroke 50 m: Aix-Marseille University, Mathilde Cini	FRA
Backstroke 100 m: Collegium Humanum branch in Rzeszów, Dominika Kulaga	POL
Backstroke 200 m: University of Lyon, Rebecca Gensane	FRA
Breaststroke 50 m: Yeditepe University, Gulsen Beste Samanci	TUR
Breaststroke 100 m: Vytautas Magnus University, Kotryna Teterevkov	a <b>LTU</b>
Breaststroke 200 m: Vytautas Magnus University, Kotryna Teterevkov	a <b>LTU</b>
Butterfly 50 m: Hungarian University of Sports Science, Monika Beatrix Olle	HUN
Butterfly 100 m: Hungarian University of Sports Science, Monika Beatrix Olle	HUN
Butterfly 200 m: Nova University of Lisbon, Francisca Salvador Mesquit	a <b>POR</b>
Freestyle 50 m: University of Miskolc, Anna Sztankovics	HUN
Freestyle 100 m: University of Lyon, Amel Melih	FRA
Freestyle 200 m: University of Economy Bydgoszcz, Kinga Paradowsk	a <b>POL</b>
Freestyle 400 m: Nova University of Lisbon, Maria De Ornelas Sousa Ribeiro Armas	POR
Medley 200 m: Nova University of Lisbon, Raquel Gomes Ramos Pereira	a POR
Freestyle Relay 4x100 m: University of Lyon	FRA
Medley Relay 4x100 m: Nova University of Lisbon	POR





## **SPORT CLIMBING** JULY 28-30

The competition in sport climbing at the European Universities Games in Lodz, Poland consisted of the best 21 males and 15 females,

The Sport climbing competition started on 28 of July in Zatoka Sportu with the lead competitions for both men and women. The finals took place in the evening resulting with Hannah Schubert from University of Innsbruck (AUT) winning the first place among the competitors in the women's Lead category. James Pope from Sheffield Hallam

University (GBR) was the one that guaranteed the win in the men's competition.

Climbers representing the Sheffield Hallam University (GBR) was the most successful in the men's bouldering competition, taking the first 3 places and celebrating a total victory. The gold medal was won by James Pope, the silver

by Kieran Forrest and the bronze by Elias Bignold.

In the women's bouldering competition, the gold was won by Celina Schoibl competing for University of Innsbruck (AUT). On the second place, winning the silver medal was Hannah Smith from University of Edinburgh (GBR), followed by Florence Gruenewald from Technical







BOULDERING MEN	
Sheffield Hallam University, James Pope	GBR
BOULDERING WOMEN	
University of Innsbruck, Celina Schoibl	AUT
LEAD MEN	
Sheffield Hallam University, James Pope	GBR
LEAD WOMEN	
University of Innsbruck, Hannah Schubert	AUT
SPEED MEN	
University of Lille, Leo – Paul Larzul	FRA
SPEED WOMEN	
University of Applied Sciences in Tarnow, Aleksandra Kalucka	POL





University Kaiserslautern (GER) on the third place.

The competition was also high in sport climbing for both women and men in the speed category. First we attended great elimination rounds which led even better finals. The first place in men's speed category belonged to Leo – Paul Larzul from University of Lille (FRA), following with Iker Ortiz Tudela from University of Valencia (ESP) on the second place and Hippolyte Larzul from University of Lille (FRA) on the third place.

In women's speed category the gold and silver medal went to the University of Applied Sciences in Tarnow (POL). The gold medal went to Aleksandra Kalucka and the silver medal went to the hands of Natalia Kalucka. The third place on the victory podium was occupied by Agata Lesiewicz from Maria Curie-Sklodowska University (POL).

After the competition finished, the three most sucessfull universities were awared with their well deserved medals. There was University of Lille (FRA) on the first place,

University of Sheffield (GBR) on the second place and University of Innsbruck (AUT) on the third place.





#### **BEACH HANDBALL** JULY 23-25

Being present for the first time on the European Universities Games sports programme, Beach Handball had 68 male and 46 female student athletes, forming a total number of 11 teams (7 men and 4 women) competing and shaking the goal net with their shootings for the win.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of competition at the European Universities Games in Lodz, at the hot sand in Geyer's Garden, the beach handball women's final was a great match to watch, full with competitive spirit and will to win the titles of Beach Handball champions. The crowds were cheering on top of their lungs, supporting their favourite teams.

For the bronze medal we had University of Goettingen (GER) playing and winning against Lodz University of Technology (POL). The final for the 1 and 2 place was played by University of Zagreb (CRO) and Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church (HUN). The gold medal was won by University of Zagreb (CRO) and

the silver went in the hands of Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church (HUN).

A double victory for University of Zagreb was celebrated, having them wining the first place in the men's competition. They played the final match and fought hard for the gold medal, against German Sport University







**FINAL STANDINGS** 

University of Zagreb CRO GER German Sport University Cologne TUR Sumy State University UKR 5. University of Duisburg-Essen GER Karlsruhe Institute Technology GER 6. 7. Warsaw University of Life Sci. POL **WOMEN TEAM COMPETITION** 1. University of Zagreb CRO 2. Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church HUN University of Goettingen GER Lodz University of Technology POL



Cologne (GER). The third place on the victory podium was taken by Ozyegin University (TUR), after they won 2:1 against Sumy State University (UKR).

Besides the medals and cups for the victorious teams, some additional awards were also given.

The Fair Play award in the women's competition was earned and awarded to University of Goettingen (GER), while in the men's competition was proudly held by Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (GER).

The award for Most Valuable Player in the men's competition was given to Mateo Budic from University of Zagreb (CRO) and in the women's competition went in the hands of Luca Vajda from Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church (HUN).

Top Scorers earned their own prizes, too. In women's category the one that scored the most was Barbara Brdovcak from University of Zagreb (CRO), while in among the men, the prize went to Kari Klebinger from German Sport University Cologne (GER).

The best ones, strongly defending the goals to not get into the net, were also awarded with the prize of Best Goalkeeper. In men's competition the Best Goalkeeper was Yorick Wolters from German Sport University Cologne (GER) and in the women's competition that award belonged to Lena Dunderovic from University of Zagreb (CRO).







## **TABLE TENNIS** JULY 16-20

Total number of 121 students athletes from 31 different European universities came with eagerness to Lodz to play, enjoy, show their skills and to celebrate their succes and victories.

The final of the team competitions was played between Zamojski Academy (POL) and Nisantasi University (TUR) where with result of 3:2 Zamojski Academy (POL) took the first place in the men's category. Nisantasi University (TUR) earned the silver medal.

Third place belonged to the University of Pecs (HUN).

First place in the women's competition belonged to the University of Ostrava (CZE), second place was earned by Paris Dauphine University (FRA) and the University of Ljubljana

(SLO) brought the bronze medals home.

In the men's singles competition in table tennis the victory was celebrated by Jakub Folwarski from Zamojski Academy (POL) that played against Ibrahim Gunduz from Nisantasi University (TUR), with the





result of 3:2. Meanwhile in the women's singles competition Anna Wegrzyn from Wroclaw University of Economic (POL) won the silver medal after she played a great match against Ece Harac from Nisantasi University (TUR).

In the women's doubles competition the victory belonged to Simay Kulakceken and Ece Harac from Nisantasi University (TUR) after winning with 3:2 against Zdena Blaskova and Gabriela Stepanova from University of Ostrava (CZE).

Nisantasi University (TUR) with competitiors Abdullah Talha Yigenler and Ibrahim Gunduz, won the gold medal in men's doubles competition also, playing against the competitive couple from University of Pecs (HUN), David Molnar and Sebestyen Kovacs.

EUSA and the city of Olomouc, Czech Republic are looking forward to organising the next EUSA Table Tennis event as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.

#### FINAL STANDINGS

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MEI	N TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Zamojski Academy	POL
2.	Nisantasi University	TUR
3.	University of Pecs	HUN
3.	Technical University of Ostrava	CZE
5.	University of Economy Bydgoszcz	POL
5.	University of Geneva	SUI
5.	University of Goettingen	GER
5.	University of Vienna	AUT
9.	Gdansk University of Technology	POL
9.	University of Nottingham	GBR
9.	University of Porto	POR
9.	Nottingham Trent University	GBR
13.	University of Freiburg	GER
13.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
15.	University of Shumen	BUL
15.	Rzeszow University of Technology	POL
17.	University of Jyvaskyla	FIN
17.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
17.	Imperial College London	GBR
17.	National University «Yuri Kondratyuk Poltava Polytechnic»	UKR
wo	MEN TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	University of Ostrava	CZE
2.	Paris Dauphine University	FRA
3.	Wroclaw University of Economic	POL
3.	University of Ljubljana	SL0
5.	University of Edinburgh	GBR
5.	Nisantasi University	TUR
5.	University of Gdansk	POL
5.	University of Nottingham	GBR
9.	University of Zagreb	CRO
9.	University of Warsaw	POL
11.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
11.	University of Coimbra	POR
13.	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	GER
13.	King's College London	GBR





At the Tennis competition during the European Universities Games in Lodz, total of 93 tennis players (54 men and 39 women) were showcasing their talent and competitive spirit, to win the title of European University Tennis Champions. Hot weather and long matches would best describe this tournament.

Both outdoor and indoor AZS Tennis courts were busy for Tennis finals. In men's competition, the University of Bordeaux (FRA) got 3<sup>rd</sup> place playing against University of Zagreb (CRO). Kozminski University (POL) won the gold medal and 1<sup>st</sup> place after the long match against University of Zurich (SUI).

In women's competition, the Erasmus University Rotterdam (NED) did not succeed to be victorious against Kodolanyi Janos University (HUN), which won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Women's finals finished with University of Innsbruck (AUT) earning its

 $1^{\rm st}$  place to the podium wining against Kozminski University (POL), that went home with a silver medal.

EUSA and Granada, Spain are looking forward to organising the next EUSA Tennis event as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.



ME	N TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Kozminski University	POL
2.	University of Zurich	SUI
3.	University of Bordeaux	FRA
4.	University of Zagreb	CRO
5.	University of Klagenfurt	AUT
6.	University of Mainz	GER
7.	Erasmus University Rotterdam	NED
8.	University of Warsaw	POL
9.	University of Nottingham	GBR
10.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
11.	Ben-Gurion University Negev	ISR
12.	University North	CRO
13.	University of Porto	POR
14.	University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland	SUI
15.	Marmara University	TUR
16.	University of Goettingen	GER
wo	MEN TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	University of Innsbruck	AUT
2.	Kozminski University	POL
3.	Kodolányi János University	HUN
4.	Erasmus University Rotterdam	NED
5.	University of Geneva	SUI
6.	University of Nottingham	GBR
7.	Nova University of Lisbon	POR
8.	University of Debrecen	HUN
9.	Poznan Uni of Medical Sciences	POL
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10.	University of Mainz	GER







12. University of Beira Interior

13. University of Goettingen

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GER





#### **VOLLEYBALL** JULY 16-22

Twenty-eight teams made up of 321 athletes, coming from 17 countries, brought their passion, energy and talent to Lodz, all with one goal, to win the tournament title of European Universities Volleyball Champions and bring home the medals.





#### FINAL STANDINGS

MEN	N TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Beykent University	TUR
2.	Gazi University	TUR
3.	Masaryk University	CZE
4.	Sumy State University	UKR
5.	West University of Timisoara	ROU
6.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
7.	University of Oslo	NOR
8.	University of Valencia	ESP
9.	Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek	CRO
10.	University of Porto	POR
woi	MEN TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	University of Bologna	ITA
2.	University of Venice	ITA
3.	University of Zagreb	CRO
4.	University of Granada	ESP
5.	West Ukrainian National University	UKR
6.	University of Lausanne	SUI
7.	Masaryk University	CZE
8.	University of Minho	POR
9.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
10.	Paris Dauphine University	FRA
11.	Lodz University of Technology	POL
12.	Babes Bolyai University	ROU
13.	University of Valencia	ESP
14.	University Fan Noli	ALB
15.	University of Belgrade	SRB
16.	Technical University of Munich	GER
17.	University of Oslo	NOR
18.	Ben-Gurion University Negev	ISR

For seven days the competition of volleyball was going strong, which resulted with even greater and exciting matches in the finals. In the mens's finals we were able to witness a fantastic game that gave the first two places of the victory podium to two universities from the same country, Gazi University (TUR) and Beykent University (TUR). Beykent University was stronger and won the match with 3:1, taking the title of European Universities

Champions in Volleyball in men's competition.

The bronze went in the hands of Masaryk University (CZE) after playing a better game against Sumy State University (UKR) wining with result of 3:0.

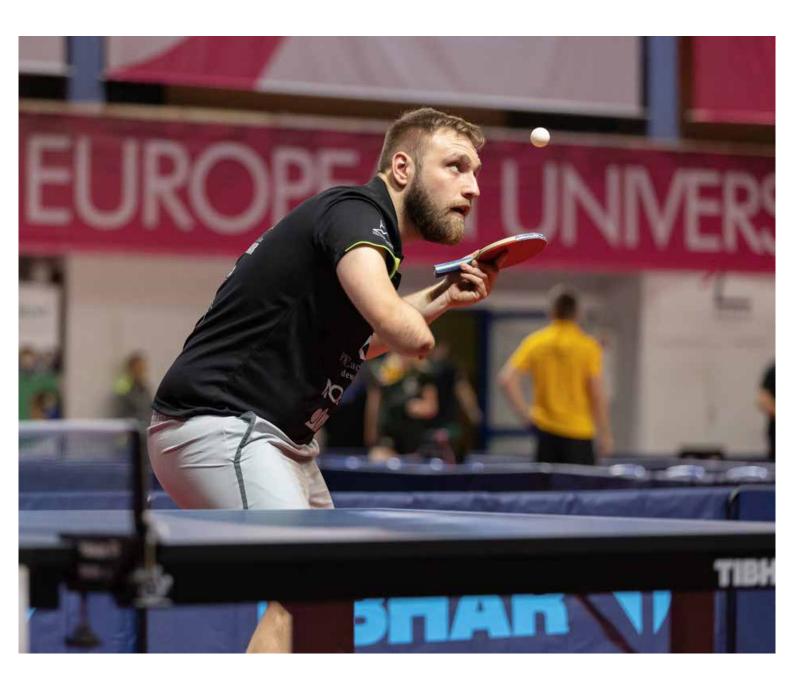
The situation in the women's competition was the same, having the final match played between universities coming from the same country, this time between University of Venice (ITA) and University of Bologna

(ITA), having University of Bologna celebrating the victory and holding the gold medal. University of Zagreb (CRO) joined these two universities on the podium for winners, having the bronze medal, after a wellplayed match against University of Granada (ESP).

Fair Play awards were handed out to Sumy State University (UKR) in men's competition and to University of Granada (ESP) in women's competition.

Daniel Rimal from Masaryk University (CZE) won the award for Most Valuable Player men's category while the same prize in women's category went in the hands of Malwina Schonhofer from Lodz University of Technology (POL).

EUSA and the city of Braga, Portugal are looking forward to organizing the next EUSA Volleyball event as part of the European Universities Championships 2023.





#### PARA TABLE TENNIS JULY 18-20

After Para Table Tennis had its debutante appearance on the sports program in Zagreb, at the European Universities Games in 2016 and came back in Coimbra in 2018, this year in Lodz it was the third time this sport showcased its greatness. Having athletes competing in this sport, brought great joy, and once again was a great proof of inclusion and access to sport to everyone.



#### **LIST OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

1.	Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and sport	ARM
2.	University of Bordeaux	FRA
3.	Imperial College London	GBR
4.	University of Sheffield	GBR
5.	Norwegian School of Sport Sciences	NOR
6.	University of Zielona Gora	POL
7.	University of Rzeszow	POL
8.	Rzeszow University of Technology	POL
9.	Ozyegin University	TUR





This year, Para Table Tennis has welcomed 10 male and 3 female para-student athletes, representing 9 different universities.

The fifth day of competition was the day of Para Table Tennis finals in all classes.

In class 8, two medals, gold and bronze, went to Norwegian School of Sport Sciences (NOR). The gold medal was won by Christian Pablo Pereira Jacobsen, while the bronze medal was awarded to Fredrik Johansen. The silver medal was won by Ryan Henry playing for University of West of Scotland (GBR).

In class 9, Baptiste Guillas from University of Bordeaux (FRA) and Joseph Crouse from Imperial College London (GBR) competed for gold. Baptiste Guillas from University of Bordeaux (FRA) took the win and earned the gold medal. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> place, winning the silver medal was Kerim Ozay competing for Ozyegin University (TUR), followed by Joseph Crouse from Imperial College London (GBR), on the third place.

In the competition of class 7-6 we had the chance to see Nora Korneliussen from Norwegian School of Sport Sciences (NOR) competing and winning the gold

medal, against Klaudia Pachuta from University of Rzeszow (POL).

Class 10 had Shae Thakker from University of Sheffield (GBR) winning the 1st place on the victory podium, followed by Igor Misztal from University of Zielona Gora (POL) on the second place and Gevorg Beglaryan from Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and sport (ARM) on the third place.





#### **BEACH VOLLEYBALL** JULY 16-20

Beach Volleyball welcomed 80 student athletes, 46 men and 34 women to Geyers Gardens in Lodz, Poland. 17 women teams and 23 men teams were challenging their opponents and giving the audience a spectacular time watching every game of the tournament.

It was quite heated on the sand where finals of beach volleyball took place. In the men's competition, University of Frankfurt (GER) took on Vytautas Magnus University (LTU) in the final game and won. Medical University of Bialystok (POL) challenged Charles University (CZE) and won the game for third place, taking home the bronze medals.

In the women's finals Mendel University in Brno (CZE) managed to beat Adam Mickiewicz University (POL) and celebrated the champions title. Vilnius University (LTU) got third place after the match against Sumy State University (UKR) . Besides the medals and throphies, two more awards for Most Valuable playera among both teams were awarded. Among women the prize went to Justyna Kozlowska competing for Adam Mickiewicz University (POL) and among men, this award went in the hands of Arnas Rumsevicius from Vytautas Magnus University (LTU).

EUSA and Malaga, Spain are looking forward to organising the next EUSA Beach Volleyball event as part of the European Universities Championships in 2023.





#### FINAL STANDINGS

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MEI	N TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	University of Frankfurt	GER
2.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
3.	Medical University of Bialystok	POL
4.	Charles University	CZE
5.	Poznan Technology University	POL
6.	University of Warsaw 1	POL
7.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
8.	University of Vienna	AUT
9.	Sumy State University	UKR
10.	Vilnius University	LTU
11.	University of Porto	POR
12.	Haaga-Helia University	FIN
13.	University of Rennes 1	FRA
14.	University of Ljubljana	SLO
15.	Lodz University of Technology	POL
16 K	Karlsruhe Institute Technology	GER
17.	University of Warsaw 2	POL
18.	Yeditepe University	TUR
19.	University of Twente	NED
20.	Estonian Academy of Security Sciences	EST
21.	University of Zagreb	CRO
22.	University North	CRO
23.	University of Miskolc	HUN
wo	MEN TEAM COMPETITION	
1.	Mendel University in Brno	CZE
2.	Adam Mickiewicz University	POL
3.	Vilnius University	LTU
4.	Sumy State University	UKR
5.	University of Ljubljana	SL0
6.	University of Vienna	AUT
7.	University of Helsinki	FIN
8.	University of Bordeaux	FRA
9.	Jagiellonian University	POL
10.	Tbilisi State Medical University	GEO
11.	University of Porto	POR
12.	Riga Stradins University	LAT
13.	University of Economics in Prague	CZE
14.	Poznan Technology University	POL
15.	University of Zagreb	CRO
16.	University North	CRO
17.	Lavoslav Ruzicka Vukovar	CRO





#### **WATER POLO** JULY 16-20

After being a demonstrative sport at the European Universities Games in Zagreb-Rijeka in 2016, and skipping the program of the Games in 2018, Water Polo was one of the sports that went on full with competitive spirit on this year's Games in Lodz, Poland. 110 participants were part of the competition, forming total number of 9 teams coming from 7 countries.

The 6<sup>th</sup> day of competition was the day of Water Polo finals, full of suspense and anticipation due to the final match. In a very tight match, Corvinus University of Budapest (HUN) made its way to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place of the podium by winning its match against the University of Debrecen (HUN). Water Polo grand final started right after, with Budapest Business School (HUN) playing a spectacular match and wining against Lviv State University of

PC (UKR). Lviv State University of PC (UKR) was a favourite during the whole competition, showing off great skills and talent for scoring. However, the grand final was an interesting game, dominated by Budapest





1.	Budapest Business School	HUN
2.	Lviv State University of PC	UKR
3.	Corvinus University of Budapest	HUN
4.	University of Debrecen	HUN
5.	University of Zagreb	CRO
6.	Lodz University of Technology	POL
7.	Sheffield Hallam University	GBR
8.	Ozyegin University	TUR
9.	Rhine-Westphalia Institute of Technology Aachen	GER





Business School with a result of 29 : 9.

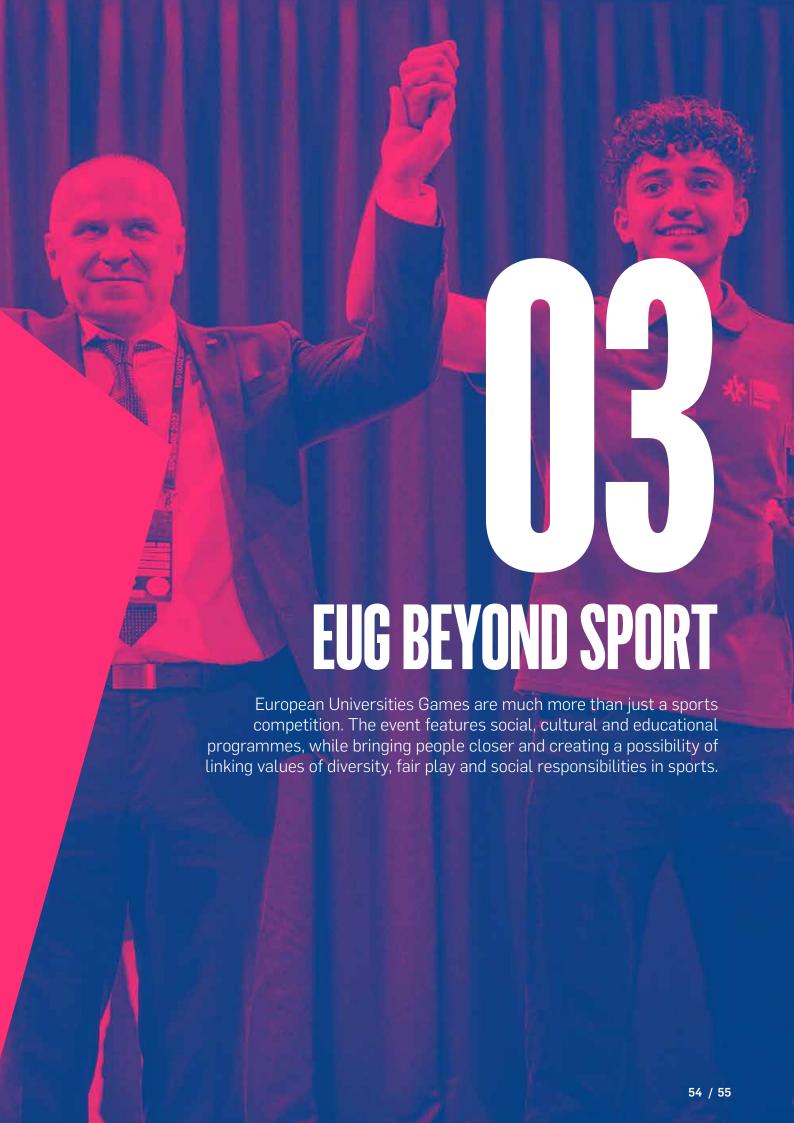
The crowds were cheering and making sure their support is louder than the support of the rival. Afterwards they had the chance to enjoy a nice award ceremony, seeing the participants proudly receiving the medals around their necks.

Besides the medals and cups, three additional prizes were given in the water polo competition. The prize for Most Valuable Player went to Andras Garancsy from Budapest Business School (HUN). Award

for Best Goalkeeper went to Daniel Korom from Budapest Business School (HUN). Top Scorer prize went in the hands of Patrick Macsi from University of Debrecen. (HUN)

EUSA and the city of Miskolc, Hungary are looking forward to organising the next EUSA Water Polo event as part of the European Championships in 2023.







# INTERVIEW WITH THE RECTOR

Mr. Jóźwik, how do you, as the Rector of Lodz University of Technology, look back on the whole experience of the European Universities Games 2022?

The experience of organizing the European Universities Games 2022 was great for Lodz University of Technology. Firstly, the EUG is a very big event, so it was a time for development for our staff, aided by cooperation with the EUSA Office. We are currently collaborating with some members of the EUG Team while implementing new projects. An event like this is also of an important in making even more of our students. interested in academic sport. I am convinced that interest in sports units is going to soar in the current academic year and that we will benefit from the experience of hosting the EUG while organizing future events. I am proud of Lodz University of Technology and its staff for organizing such a great event.

What made the University to decide to take the leading role and to give big support in the project, in cooperation with other key partners?

Lodz University of Technology has a long-standing tradition of supporting student athletes. We have organized the Polish Academic Championships or the World University Championships many times. The EUG was another step in developing our university's organizational potential. We have a very good sports infrastructure and a large accommodation base. This constitutes a good basis for being a leader in the organization of the EUG. I am very pleased with exemplary cooperation with the co-organizers, among which the University Sports Association and the City of Lodz played a key role. I am also really satisfied with close collaboration with the University of Lodz, the Marshal's Office of Lodz and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. Their support was very strong. Good cooperation is the key to stateof-the-art organization of the European Universities Games.

We know that you were present at the matches and award ceremonies, how will you describe the atmosphere of it? The atmosphere was great. For me, the factors that created it were the high skills, commitment, will to win whilst respecting the opponent and unadulterated joy of the participants that I experienced during all EUG competitions. At the same time, there were moments of student frenzy and immense joy. There were also tears of sadness after defeat, but we must understand that this is what the life of an athlete is about. It was a great honour for me to participate in medal ceremonies. All in all, the atmosphere was wonderful and unique, I think.

## Did you have the chance to attend other activities, like workshops, educational programmes?

My goal was mainly to attend as many sports events as possible and I managed to cover almost all the sport disciplines. Of course, I also participated in side events, such as the Erasmus Run. We also held educational events and workshops. I did not have the opportunity to participate in these, but I know about activities on the campus in which volunteers and athletes participated. I am glad that the European Universities Games 2022 were not only a sports event, but also encompassed a range of other interesting activities that provided the participants and volunteers with an opportunity for development.

#### Which elements of the Games did you like the most?

The most impressive thing for me was the opening ceremony, of course. The parade of all the athletes was magnificent and I will remember it for the rest of my life. I think the artistic programme combined with a presentation of videos related to Poland, higher education, and academic sport, made an impression on everyone present at the opening ceremony. The 3x3 basketball competition will



also stay in my memory forever a specially built zone, a lot of fans and incredible emotions, just like players enjoying a victory and fans cheering during the dunk contest. Of course, I was also very pleased with medals and the good performance of Lodz University of Technology representatives. There was one more thing, already after the closing ceremony and the last match tears of sadness in the eyes of representatives of all teams involved in organizing the EUG, caused by the end of the event.

#### How would you evaluate the importance a role of Volunteering at the European Universities Games?

To cut a long story short, the EUG would not have taken place without volunteers who provided tremendous organizational support. They were everywhere: at sports venues, the accreditation centre, medal ceremonies, information desks and the airport. They did a wonderful job, building a great atmosphere at the same time. I am happy to have such an extensive programme for volunteers, because, while being involved in the organization of the EUG, they also had an opportunity to develop their skills and make new friends.

#### How would you describe the importance of the colaboration with other key partners, like AZS, EUSA and others?

As I have already mentioned, cooperation with co-organizers, partners and the EUSA is key to providing high-quality organization of the EUG. The expertise of the Secretary General, the EUSA Office staff and technical delegates was very helpful. I very much appreciate the fundraising from competitions and programmes, which allowed us to expand our offer for athletes and volunteers. Funds obtained

from the European Commission and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education were especially important here.

#### Did the European Universities Games fullfiled your expectations and paid off your hard work from an organisational point of view?

Definitely yes. It was the first event organized on such a large scale in the world of university sport after the COVID-19 pandemic. I am delighted that we organized competitions in as many as 20 disciplines and, additionally, in demonstration sports. At the same time, initiatives for people with disabilities are worth highlighting. It is important that the programme of such a large international event includes interesting activities for this group of students.

I am very pleased to have received positive feedback from athletes, coaches and the EUSA Executive Committee. Positive opinions of people who have been to many international sporting events are particularly important and valuable to me.

## In your opinion what is the greatest legacy of the event for your city and university?

In terms of legacy, I am convinced that we have gained a lot by hosting the EUG 2022. Lodz is a city that is becoming more and more popular with tourists. Thanks to the European Universities Games 2022, our city has certainly convinced several thousand more people that it is worth returning to Poland and Lodz.

From the perspective of the university, there are many benefits. First of all, we have developed our infrastructure and thoroughly modernized one of our dormitories.

Secondly, we have shown what an attractive place to study Lodz University of Technology



is. Many students had the opportunity to see our campus and immerse themselves in the great atmosphere of our university, so we hope to make Lodz University of Technology more popular, especially in terms of the Erasmus+ exchange programme. Thirdly, I think it is very important how our staff developed during the organization of the EUG 2022.

## What do you envisage for the future of university sport in Europe?

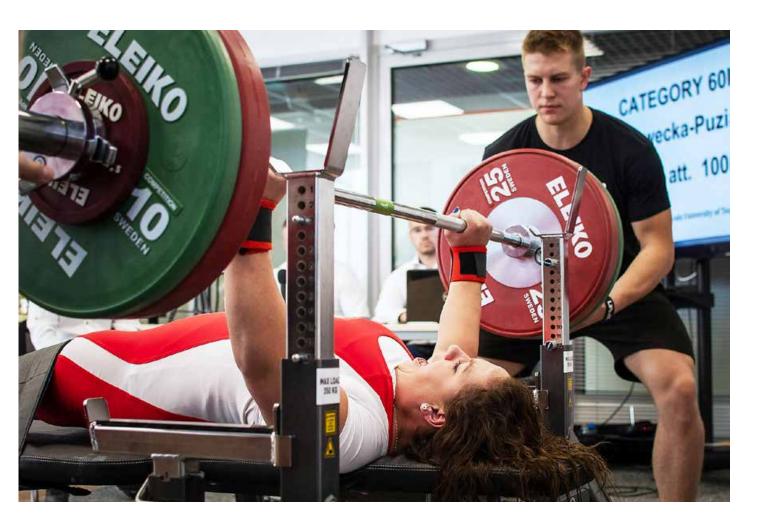
I think we have taken a big step forward, so that university sport can develop anew after the time of problems related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Studying is not only a period of acquiring knowledge, but also developing one's skills and interests. I am convinced that sport is a very interesting passion. EUSA is growing steadily and successfully initiating many interesting activities, so I am

sure that there is a bright future ahead for university sport in Europe.

# The event also received support from the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union as one of the not-for profit events. Why do you think this project stood out?

The European Universities Games is a far-reaching event with very good reputation. Thanks to activities targeted at volunteers and people with disabilities, people think highly of the EUG.

As tasks are performed in a more and more professional manner by the EUSA Office and successive organizers of the EUG, the brand of a great organizer is being created. I think these are the key elements that influenced the positive outcome of the competition and contributed to the receipt of funding.



# PROMO SPORTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

European Universities Games is not only about sport competition between academic teams but also about the accompanying events. It is also about inclusivity and giving the possibility of participation and sports for all. Having this as a pillar both in organising and realisation of the European Universities Games, this year, among the big number of events that took part of the overall programme, two of them were promo sports for people with disabilities: sitting volleyball and para weightlifting.

Disability inclusion allows for people with disabilities to take advantage of the benefits of the same health promotion and prevention activities experienced by people who do not have a disability.

The great opportunity that sports offer, to exchange linguistic, cultural and social barriers makes it an excellent platform for inclusion and

adaptation, using the universal popularity of sport and its physical, social and economic development benefits, which make it an ideal tool for fostering the inclusion and well-being of persons with disabilities.

EUSA strongly supports the idea that sport can change the person with disability in an equally profound way by

empowering persons with disabilities to realize their full potential and advocate for changes in society, as well as to vital social skills, develop independence, and become empowered to act as agents of change.

Supporting these tools and goals, EUSA has a long history of being one of the game changing organisations, when it

comes to inclusion of students with disabilities, in the sports events, such as the European Universities Games, as well as working on inclusion in sports in general, through multiple projects. EUSA believes that sport teaches individuals how to communicate effectively, teaches them the significance of teamwork and cooperation and promotes extra integrity values.

By providing student athletes with disabilities the opportunity to compete and demonstrate their physical ability, competing in EUSA events and doing sport in general, also can help to reduce stereotypes and negative perceptions associated with disabilities. The opportunity to compete in the European Universities Games started with the European Universities Games in Zagreb - Rijeka in 2016, which brought sports for athletes with disabilities for the first time to EUSA sports events. Two sports were introduced at that time, para swimming and para table tennis, being the moment to open the doors to some other para sports as well. In 2016 student athletes with disabilities were also part of the Mind Games competition, as well as being among the hard-working volunteers. At the European Universities Games in 2018 in Coimbra, Para Table Tennis was again present at the official sport program, including also an educational event, a Forum of Sport, Special Movement, a sport event for people with intellectual disabilities.

In 2022, at the  $6^{th}$  edition of the European University Games, there was no difference when it comes to inclusion. Speaking of which, on  $19^{th}$  of July, two teams met at Sport Arena to play against each other in one of the promo sports for this year, Sitting Volleyball . Even though the size of the playing field is smaller than in the traditional volleyball ( $6\times10$  meters) the same couldn't be said about the emotions and the level of competition.

As sitting volleyball is all about promoting equality, integration, and inclusion, the team members can be both: players with disabilities and those without. The most important rule is that during the time that the action takes place, the buttocks must touch the floor. One more difference that can be found in this variety of the discipline is that it is possible to block the ball directly after it has been served.

During the Sports' Arena's competition there were two minor changes introduced

into the rules in comparison with the original sitting-ball's regulations—the teams consisted of 4 people (instead 12, 3 people on the playing field at time) and they had to win 2 sets played up to 25 points (2 points difference still had to be present) instead of 3. While watching the competition, one could easily notice that the teams were not only immersing themselves in the rivalry, but they were also having fun time playing the game they love.

Another promo sport, para weightlifting also had its own competition day and well-deserved spotlight, under the slogan "Lift for Health". Paralympic powerlifting, also known as para powerlifting and para-lifting, is an adaptation of the sport of powerlifting for athletes with disabilities. The only discipline in Paralympic powerlifting is the bench press.

In para powerlifting, athletes assume a supine position on a specially designed bench, and after taking or receiving the bar at arms-length, the lifter waits with locked elbows and the bar under control for the Referee's signal.

The competition of this promo sport happened at Zatoka Sportu and had participants from different countries, competing in both men's and women's categories, in bench press. Competitors were supposed to lower the bar to their chest, hold it motionless on the chest and then press it upwards to arms-length with locked elbows. The athletes were given three attempts and the winner was the athlete who lifted the highest number of kilograms. In the men's category of this competition some of the most successful athletes winning gold medals were, Tomasz Majewski, competing in category to 95 kg, Tomek Zajac, in weight category to 68 kg and Marek Trykacz, competing in the weight category up to 65 kg. Among the women, one of the most successful winning a gold medal were Paulina Przywecka-Puziak, competing in the weight category up to 60 kg and Monika Majewska, in the category up to 50 kg.









## **ACCOMPANYING EVENTS**

The European Universities Games in Lodz, was much more than just a sporting competition that was held in July 2022. Different events and activities were also held, offering social and entertaining opportunities to the participants, volunteers and the greater public that was willing to follow this multi-sport event, taking place in their city.

Besides the educational events offered at the European Universities Games in Lodz, the program consisted of social, promotional, and entertaining events, of open character for participants and visitors, being also a strong element of the accompanying events.

Three weeks before the official start of the Games, through a short preview event in Manufaktura Lodz, local participants got a small glimpse of what can be expected at the European Universities Games between July 17-30 in the third biggest city in Poland.

The Organisational Committee had prepared stations with several disciplines that were planned to be played in Lodz in July as part of the European Universities Games. There the visitors could test themselves in football, basketball 3×3, beach handball, beach volleyball, martial arts, table tennis, badminton chess and even climbing. All attractions were free for participants. The first day of this event was dedicated to students from schools. They took part in practice sessions of the above-mentioned disciplines. The event brought a lot of joy, great involvement and besides

the weather not cooperating well, the brave young athletes coped with the challenges and collected attractive gadgets.

In the next few days, different age groups of visitors enjoyed what this event had to offer, delivering a lot of emotions, especially in 3×3 basketball or time climbing competitions. For the ones preferring mind games, a science zone prepared by The Lodz University of Technology, the University of Lodz and the Medical University of Lodz, waited for them.







Once the European Universities Games started, the accompanying, fun, exciting and competitive side events, had their spotlight too. People had the chance to experience a march in Lodz in a colourful procession. To the rhythm of samba and with dancing steps, athletes, volunteers, participants and citizens of Lodz, marched down Piotrkowska Street. The colourful procession was led by a truck with a platform, from which Latin American sounds blasted and entertained the visitors along with the dancers that put the participants in a memorable mood. The musical parade started by the Games countdown clock, at Piotrkowska Street.

After the fun part of the Sambodrom, the 6th edition of the Erasmus+ run happened at the same place, at Piotrkowska Street in Lodz. The 6th International Erasmus Run is the accompanying event to the European Universities Games 2022, coordinated in Poland by the Lodz University of Technology, the Academic Sports Association, and the authorities of the City of Lodz. The European University Sports Association (EUSA) was represented with its own team consisting of Mr Andrej Pisl, Ms Eszter Gulyás, Mr Nathan Liegeon and Ms Anna Edes, all in the team of EUSA Management, working on the European University Games 2022. The competition was in the relay race over 10 km and with participation of teams

consisting of 4 people. The starting order of the relay members was free, and each participant must have run at least one shift meaning one lap of 1 km.

Zatoka Sportu, as one of the main sport venues, has been busy with sports competitions but not only. Multiple fun activities were offered to visitors and participants, making their free time more enjoyable. Near the catering area, there was an open mobile post office selling souvenirs, postcards, magnets and the very famous EUG 2022 unicorn stamps, available in limited edition.

Few metres away from this mobile post office, athletes and visitors could enjoy and try their skills in Teqball table competition. The ones that were trying to avoid the sports activities, were able to enjoy the Mobile Muzeum, offering them a special sports exhibition. Visitors were welcomed to enter inside and look at the medals from diverse competitions won by Polish athletes, take a picture at the photo booth, get some gifts, and see a hologram of the most famous Polish football player, Robert Lewandowski. After trying to take a picture and memorise all these fun activities, people had the chance to charge their phones by using the cycling bikes in front of the museum! The EUSA media team tried it, and it worked.

To get away from the powerful July sun in Lodz, participants had the chance to visit EUSA Exhibition and Muzeum Sportu,



the permanent Sport Museum, both located in the inside of Zatoka Sportu.

Outside of the sporting complex of Zatoka, the City game happened. It was an event focused on integration and a fun-way to get to know the city and the event itself. Participants played in groups and had a series of tasks to perform around the city. The game was related to the event and the city itself - as it took place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the event, participants were already a bit familiarised with the surroundings. Groups were mixed considering both gender and age, so all participants could integrate and socialise.

One of the side-events dedicated for participants was the EUG Quiz – an event testing the knowledge of the city, event and other aspects in a fun way. Participants were playing in groups for EUG related gadgets and prizes. It was a chance to integrate with athletes and

officials – it took place in Zatoka Sportu and attracted a wide range of participants.

Besides the entertaining part of the activities, sports sessions were also organized for the volunteers and other participants to promote physical activity as well as promote sports that were a part of the EUG programme. It was also a chance to use the infrastructure that was prepared for the Games. Leaders of particulars sports organized a time slot for the volunteers to use the facility - training in disciplines like futsal, table tennis, handball, beach handball, basketball, volleyball, and swimming.



# WORKSHOPS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

In the context of the European Universities Games in Lodz 2022, a comprehensive educational program was conceived and developed which involved discussions of topics mainly related to volunteerism and sport, consisting of various conferences, round tables, workshops sessions, sport activities, exhibitions, and other social events.

Being the largest multi-sport event organised in Poland, the organisers, together with EUSA, took the opportunity to enrich the educational programme. During the EUG, a series of events, activities, seminars, and workshops took place dedicated to the integration of volunteers, but also enabling them to gain additional knowledge and information about different programs. Some of the activities were open to other participants

also, offering topics related to sport. Additional experts and external facilitators were invited to support the implementation of the side-events.

The main place of integration of volunteers and implementing most of the educational activities has been the Volunteers centre, situated at Zatoka Sportu – the main building of the competition. This centre was the place where the volunteers had their own space,

a place where sports could be watched, serving as well as an information centre – about ongoing activities, as well as about different initiatives – like Erasmus+, local university sport or on-going health enhancing physical activity campaign.

During the first days of the event, special workshops dedicated to the teambuilding of the volunteers were organized – both in Polish and English language. All volunteers have

been invited and few different time slots were organized each day to enable participation of all volunteers. It was the first chance to meet other participants of the event as well as start building relations with them, especially the ones that worked closely in one team.

As volunteers from over 40 different countries took part in the volunteering programme as well as the general competition, an open tandem language exchange took place. The activity supported language learning in a very open and unofficial way – in the volunteers centre, a space that has been prepared for the participants to group according to the language they want to talk in. The session has also been facilitated to help and guide the participants and encourage them to talk.

As the topic of sustainability in sport and especially at multisport events is very important, one of the proposed workshops has been eco-workshops organized during the EUG. Few sessions on different days took place in Zatoka Sportu, to enable participation of different groups. Workshops have been carried out by European Solidarity Corps volunteers who are during their projects in Poland. Participants could engage in both practical activities but also theoretical conversations – on solutions that may be more ecological and environment friendly. These seminars have been organized a few times on different days, to enable participation of different groups.

Participation of so many young people in one event has been a great chance to introduce programmes that are similar and may be of interest for the participants such as Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps (ESC). Presented were possibilities to take part in Training Courses, Youth Exchanges or Volunteering projects and different information on the funding for travel expenses and accommodation, on the types of volunteering you can get through this program, as well as the duration of different programs.

Important topic of the event has been sport for people with disability as well as social inclusion. Series of events in this topic took place, to familiarise volunteers and sport participants with the topic. A workshop has been organized in the centre of the campus to bring the topic of social inclusion in practise. giving the participants the chance to experience how is it to be in the "shoes" of visually impaired people. The workshop that took place has been also a part of the events before, besides being one of the most challenging, was also one of the most rewarding, giving the participants lots of knowledge and new perspectives.

Volunteers and EUSA Representatives also had the chance to attend a workshop led by ENGSO Youth. The goal of the workshop was to train them how to better themselves and to deliver their tasks professionally to the guests and athletes. The two dynamic facilitators Mr Christian Saleh Hajj and Ms Isaiah Kioiloglou, took the volunteers through an amazing experience of interaction, different situations, evaluation and insight about themselves and others, communication, and teamwork.

Anti-doping as a topic was also present on the European Universities Games in Lodz, in a interactive and educational way on behalf of the Polish Anti-Doping Agency - POLADA. Polish anti doping agency, had a stand where athletes, officials, and other visitors could inform themselves about anti-doping policies, rules, and regulations within different sports. They held quizzes to test the knowledge and were present there to answer any questions regarded prohibited use of substances and other antidoping related subjects.

As one of the educational events on the program, was the conference on the topic of volunteering open to anyone wanting to learn about international university sport volunteering and EU volunteering projects, organised and hosted by EUSA. This event was of big importance within

the framework of the European Universities Games 2022 Lodz and the future sport events. Different guest speakers shared different experiences and knowledge when it comes to volunteerism, such as managing volunteers in big sports events, operational management, best management practices for volunteers, from the promotional part, through the different positions and positions given to volunteers, the leader's programme supported by the European Commission, different volunteering projects in which the EUSA Institute takes part in and multiple other personal volunteering experiences and project presentations.

EUSA held a Round Table focusing on Dual Career at Zatoka Sportu venue in Lodz, as well. The European University Sports Association, apart from the sports competitions and other educational events, also runs independent projects,

together with other partners. Empowering young people and encouraging employability related to the sport sector is an important part of work done by projects related to Dual Career. This round table included many guests experts in this field tha emphasized matters related to Dual Career such as career path, roles of different actors in the athletes career, dual career possibilities and projects working on developement of this concept.

Besides the previously mentioned ones, the programmes of the European Universities Games in Lodz, consisted of an extensive pallete of workshops and events of educational and entertaining character with many other workshops and events. Seminars and workshops attracted all together hundreds of participants – it was also one of the most often mentioned matters in the feedback form as one of the biggest advantages of the event.







### OBSERVER PROGRAM EUG 2022

The European Universities Games are not just about sports and competition, one part is also about education, transfer of knowledge and information. At this edition of the Games, EUSA reserved a part of the schedule for the Observer program. The Observer program is a program that aims to give a wider insight into the whole key information about the process of organizing the European Universities Games for future host and organizers. This program took place during the Games in Lodz, from 17-20 of July.

The purpose of the Observer Programme was to provide first-hand experience and opportunity for an easier understanding of the scope, dimension, and complexity of the European Universities Games, as well as, to create a platform for learning, exchanging ideas and knowledge and to network with EUSA staff and different

stakeholders. Some of the objectives of this program was to provide a structured tailor-made program for future organizers to observe EUG time operations in full action, to offer guided visits, briefings, and round table discussions on specific EUG topics and to support and assist observers through allowing them to meet

experienced staff to learn more. This program is available for the future organizers, candidate cities, European Universities Championships organizers, NUSA, sports organisations, and other multi-sport event organizers.

Ms Nataša Jankovic, was moderating the Observer





Programme, throughout the three working days. Mr Krzysztof Jóźwik, rector of the Lodz University of Technology and Mr Adam Roczek, President of EUSA, opened the Program, inviting the future hosts to take as much knowledge and experience from this program, as well as to define their goals in advance so we can all put a bigger value on the longlasting legacy of the European Universities Games, in order to keep developing the community and the university sport.

The program consisted of presentations on different topics connected to the Observer Programme and organizational matters of European Universities Games, as one of the biggest sports events organized in Europe.

First to have a presentation was Mr Matjaž Pečovnik, who spoke about EUSA, EUSA sport event philosophy, joint projects, publications and past experiences and knowledge gained from organizing the past 5 editions of the European Universities Games, pointing out that the collaboration, good work, mutual communication and keeping the legacy of the Games is a very important thing

to focus on, to build bigger and better European Universities Games in the future.

Next to transfer knowledge, was Mr Besim Aliti, who spoke about managing EUSA sports events, the lifecycle of an event, the strategic planning, operational planning, event delivery and mobilisation, stating the importance of understanding the process and learning from previous experiences, as the best way to prevent risks and to do better. Mr Aliti shared a lot of examples and practices from previous experiences related to different parts of the managing process such as: bidding, mobilising partners, stakeholders, strategic planning, priorities, engaging human resources, operational planning, event delivery and testing through organizing bigger sports events before organizing European Universities Games.

Sharing personal organisational experience was also, Ms Marta Rybicka, representative from this year's OC, explaining different roles, details about accreditation process, deadlines, transportation, accommodation, safety measures, guests and officials, sports and many other details related to the experience

of the process of organizing this edition of the Games.

In the next days of the EUSA Observer Programme, attendees had the chance to hear more about other parts of organizational matters and insights of different teams and representatives working in different fields, such as sport and media, protocol, and hospitality. They also had multiple tours, visiting sports venues, accreditation centre, catering area, that served as a tool to get to know the process from a practical point of view, on the spot.

The transfer of knowledge and best practice related to the sports competition, belonged to Mr Miha Zvan, Sports Manager of EUSA and Mr Kamil Kozlowski, Sports Manager from the Organizational Committee, while Mr Besim Aliti, EUSA Representative and Mr Cezary Sysiak, OC representative shared their experience and best practices related to organization of transportation.

Experience and advice related to Protocol and Hospitality were shared by Ms Sara Rozman, EUSA Education and Development Manager and Mr Kole Gjelosaj, mostly pointing out the importance of Protocol, the receptions, the program for the officials and guests, the Opening and Closing ceremonies, as well as the medal ceremonies.

The future organizers of European Universities Games 2024 and 2026, as well as other potential organizers and quests had the chance to also hear more about organizing details about Media coverage, the needs and the requirements that must be fulfilled for promotion and the role of media in the European Universities Games. Presentation on Marketing. Media and Communications was given from Mr Andrej Pisl, EUSA **Project and Communications** Manager and Mr Dominik Kowalczyk, OC Representative.

The participants were very pleased and happy to take part of this programme, sharing that the knowledge and practical examples and information that they got through these discussion and presentations, gave them a better insight and that will help them a lot in future planning and organization of the next European Universities Games and Championships.









The European Universities Rowing Championship 2022 took place in Istanbul, with the event hosting 534 participants representing around 71 Universities, from 16 European Countries.

The 2022 European Universities Rowing Championship was organised by the Turkish University Sports Federation (TUSF) and Yeditepe University, with the contribution of Istanbul General Directorate of Youth and Sport, Fatih Municipality Canoe and Rowing Sports Center, under the licence of the European University Sports Association (EUSA).

On behalf of the European University Sports Association, the Championship was attended by its President Mr Adam Roczek, Technical Delegate for Rowing Mr Lionel Girard,





#### FINAL STANDINGS

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UNIVERISTY RANKING	
1. University of Vienna	AUT
2. Leiden University	NED
3. Szechenyi Istvan University	HUN
3. Kazimierz Wielki University	POL
GOLD MEDALISTS	
MEN	
M1x: University of Eastern Finland	FIN
LM1x: Marmara University	TUR
LM2x: University of Vienna	AUT
M2x: Comenius University	SVK
LM2-: Kazimierz Wielki University	POL
M2-: Leiden University	NED
LM4x: Delft University of Technology	NED
M4x: Marmara University	TUR
LM4-: Leiden University	NED
M4-: German Sport University Cologne	GER
M8+: University of Lyon	FRA
WOMEN	
LW1x: Yeditepe University	TUR
W1x: University of Wuppertal	GER
LW2x: University of Wageningen	NED
W2x: Kazimierz Wielki University	POL
W2-: Leiden University	NED
LW4x: University of Vienna	AUT
W4x: Kazimierz Wielki University	POL
W4-: University of Twente	NED
W8+: Charles University	CZE

Sports Manager Mr Miha Zvan and Assistant Sport Manager Mr Mariano Carcatella. Working closely with the local Organising Committee, their partners and volunteers, they made sure that the event runs smoothly and without problems.

The event, which is already the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Universities Rowing Championship, was officially opened with the Opening Ceremony taking place on Wednesday, 7 September 2022 in Istanbul at Yeditepe University. The present athletes, officials and other participants, were welcomed by the Yeditepe University Rector Ms Canan Aykut Bingöl, the President of the Turkish University Sport Federation (TUSF) Mr

Mehmet Günay, the Head of the Organising Committee Mr Taner Karabulut, as well as by Mr Adam Roczek President of the European University Sports Association (EUSA), wishing all the teams and participants, best of luck and great success.

The Opening ceremony also included march pass of the participants, as well as a special programme, showcasing the history and culture of the hosts.

During the European Universities Championship in Rowing, competitions took place in several categories, for men and women student athletes, representing the European universities where they study. Besides the sport and the competing, the athletes had the chance to also enjoy other educational and social activities, where they can all hang out together, among which was the Ferry Boat Trip.

In the most prestigious race, the eights, in men's category, the University of Lyon (FRA) claimed the champions' title over Institute of Technology (GER) and Charles University (CZE). In the women's eights finals, Charles University (CZE) secured the title of the champions, reaching the finish line ahead of Institute of Technology (GER) and Leibniz University of Hanover (GER).

At the final ranking of universities, we have Leiden University (NED) on the first place, Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz (POL) on the second place and University of Vienna (AUT) standing on the third position.

The next European Universities Rowing Championship will be hosted by the city of Bydgoszcz in Poland, taking place from 7 to 10 September, 2023...





# EUSA may also endorse other events, granting its Patronage to already established university sport events in Europe, contributing to the promotion and visibility of such events.



#### FRIENDSHIP GAMES 2022 EILAT, ISRAEL JUNE 8-15, 2022

The Friendship Games is an international basketball tournament which takes place annually in Israel that brings teams from all over the world together, with emphasis on countries that have ongoing conflict between them.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Friendship Games took place in Eilat, a Red Sea resort from 8-15 of June, hosted by the Tel Aviv University Sports Club and ASA Israel, under the patronage of EUSA and the International University Sports Federation (FISU).

The Friendship Games have a mission and is a "simple" one – to create friendship in the Middle East and other countries, using Sport as a bridge to connect people. The power of sport provides the basis of encounters and friendships

between students from diverse cultures, religions and backgrounds.

Due to Covid 19 pandemic situation, this year the participation in this edition of the Friendship Games was not in big numbers. The students that took participation were in teams from Germany, Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, including Israeli Arabs and Jews. These participants formed a total number of 9 teams in both men's and women's categories.

The final game for the women's teams was played between Israel and Ukraine, where the win was conquered by Ukraine.

At the final game of the men's teams, the competitive spirit was shared between Israel and Germany and the trophy went in hands of Israel.

At the end of the Friendship Games, new friendships were formed, new cultures have been met and new memories have been created.







### SELL GAMES 2022 RIGA, LATVIA MAY 20-22, 2022

The SELL Games is an international sports competition for students, with its roots going back to the year 1923 when the first International Regional Student Sports competitions were organised in Tartu and then later became known as the SELL Games.

The 37<sup>th</sup> edition of the SELL Games was hosted by the city of Riga in Latvia from 20-22 May. The event was attended by over 1200 participants, coming from 5 countries, competing in 14 sports. Three days full of teamwork, competition spirit, sports matches and fun took places in various sports venues in and out of Riga.

Students competed in 14 different disciplines – 3x3 basketball, 7x7 football, athletics, badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, chess, floorball, orienteering, powerlifting, swimming, table tennis and volleyball.

At this edition of the SELL games, held after the Covid-19

break, 29 universities took part in the competitions, having Latvia with the highest number of universities 12, Lithuania with 8, Estonia with 5, Finland with 3 and 1 from Slovakia.

The total medal tally of the 37<sup>th</sup> SELL Student Sport Games was dominated by Lithuania with 161 medals, (67 gold, 47 silver, 47 bronze), following with Latvia – 101 (25 gold, 32 silver, 44 bronze), Estonia – 18 (3 gold, 9 silver, 6 bronze), Finland – 4 (3 gold, 1 silver) and Slovakia with 1 silver medal.

The universities with the highest numbers of medals on this year's SELL games were Lithuanian Sports University with 43 medals, on the second

spot there was Riga Technical University with 40 medals and the third place was taken by the Vilnius University with 39 medals in total.

On the 22 of May the SELL games were officially closed and the next years hosting honour was given to Tartu, the second biggest city in Estonia.

SELL Games are organised by the national university sports associations in 4 founding countries, and held under the Patronage of EUSA and FISU. EUSA was represented at the event by Mr Haris Pavletic, 1st Vice President of the European University Sports Association (EUSA).





## INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA SVETI DUJE

SPLIT, CROATIA MAY 14-15, 2022

In 2000, 175 years after the first regatta on St Domnius Day, International Rowing Regatta Sveti Duje was restored by the Rowing Association of Dalmatia and has been taking place every year since. The International Rowing Regatta "Sveti Duje" consists of two competitions: Student regatta in Spinut and Legends race in front of the Riva.

The International Regatta Sveti Duje returned to Split for the 20<sup>th</sup> jubilee on May 14-15. For the twentieth year, the best European university rowing crews were gathered in Split, through their participation in the Sveti Duje International Rowing Regatta. A month after their clash on the Thames, they had the opportunity for a rematch at the regatta in Split.

On May 13, the event had its grand opening at the Meštrovič Gallery in Split, where all the participants, attendees and guests gathered to have this event being officially opened.

The first day of the Regatta, on May  $14^{\text{th}}$ , started with a great racing spirit and it consisted of qualifying races which continued with the grand University Eight race.

In the women race there was some strong competition shown which resulted with a great final, where the win belonged to the University of Oxford, followed by University of Cambrige in the second place and University of Split in the third place. The joy for winning the gold medal in the men finals, went to University of Oxford, continuing with University of Split 1, with the silver medal and University

of Cambrige with the bronze medal.

Two more races, the Exhibition race and the Race of Legends happened on 15 of May. Legends of Split, Oxford and Cambridge, alumni who have rowed in the legendary Boat Race on the River Thames in the last 15 years and who have won the brightest Olympic and world medals, competed on a 220m long track. In this race the win went in the hands of Oxford, followed with Cambrigde and Split.

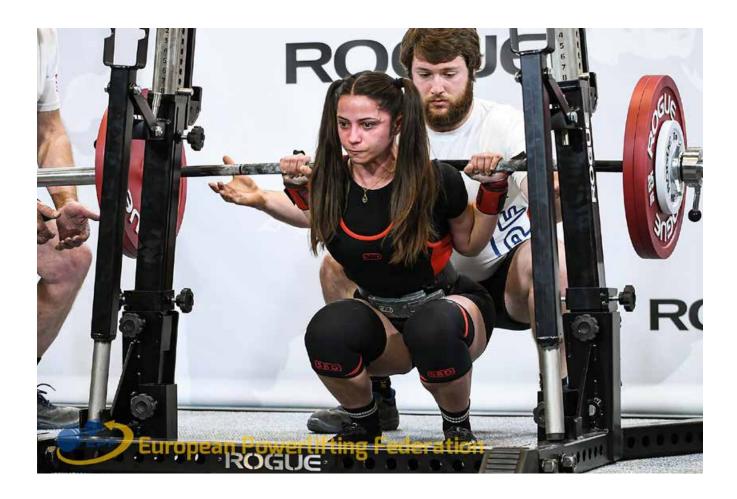
The Exhibition university race was between University of

Split, University of Zagreb and University of Aachen, in the waters of the beautiful river Riva. In this race the first place belonged to Split, second place was Zagreb and the third place belonged to Aahen.

The event was organised also under the EUSA Patronage, and was attended by EUSA 1st Vice-President Mr Haris Pavletić and Secretary General Mr Matjaž Pečovnik.







## **EUROPEAN OPEN UNIVERSITIY POWERLIFTING CUP 2022**

HAMM, LUXEMBOURG MARCH 23-27,2022

Total number of 144 athletes representing their universities from 18 countries from across Europe, took part in the European Open University Powerlifting Cup.

Between March 23 and 27, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the European University Cup in Classic Powerlifting was held in Hamm, Luxembourg. All along the four days, women were competing in 6 categories, from -52 kg to +86 kg and men also in 6 categories, from -59 kg to +120 kg.

Besides the competitive spirt and will power to win and get the first place of the competition, what was the most astonishing during this competition were the records, with quite a few of university records being broken.

The first one was set by Julie Ribere (University of Grenoble, FRA) with 90 kg left at the bench press in the -57 kg. She was followed by another record-breaker, Asude Daglioglu (Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University, TUR) for the 160 kg squat in the 69 kg women category. The Swedish representatives broke a lot of records with Simon Suderland (Lund University) for the men 83 kg class with 180 kg on the bench press as well as Maxim Uebel (Royal Institute of Technology) for a 190,5 kg record bench press and Eric

Lindblad (Chalmers University of Technology) with 302,5 kg in deadlift for 93 kg, Emil Johansson (Umea University) with a 278 kg squat for 105 kg men.

The last day, Saara Puusaari (University of Jyvaskyla, FIN) left 190 kg in squat for the +84 kg women and Moise Mircea (Romanian-American University Bucharest, ROU) set up the university record at 272,5 kg for the squat record in the +120 kg men.

The event was held under the auspices of the European

Powerlifting Federation (EPF) and the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF), under the patronage of the European University Sports Association (EUSA), as an open cup.





## THE XXV. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

Besides the EUSA flagship events such as the European Universities Games and the European Universities Championship, EUSA's grants its patronage to already-established university sport events in Europe, helping to promote them through its networks. One of these events is the The XXV. International Student Christmas Tournament, taking place in Dubrovnik

The competition was held from 15-18 of December, organized by the Dubrovnik University Sports Association, with coorganizing hand of the Student Centre Dubrovnik, Student Union of Dubrovnik, University of Dubrovnik, and Croatian Academic Sports Federation.

The student-athletes competed in men's basketball and women's volleyball, having 8 basketball teams and 6 volleyball teams competing in 3 sports halls, around Dubrovnik.

The tournament lasted 3 days, including the opening ceremony, the matches, closing ceremony, and entertainment programs. The opening ceremony was held on 15.12. in which the VIP guests and the Organizational Committee welcomed the

As result of the tournament matches in Basketball the first three places on the winner's podium were reserved for: University of Dubrovnik (CRO) on the first position, University of Bucharest (ROM) on the second

place and University of Zadar (CRO) on the third place.

The gold medal in the tournament of Volleyball went with University of Prishtina (KOS), the silver medal went in the hands of University of Osijek (CRO) and the bronze was earned by University of Bucharest (ROM).

During the closing ceremony, the medals and trophies were handed out to the most successful team, individuals, and Fair Play teams.

Besides the tournament, the quests had available a free entrance to Dubrovnik's biggest tourist attraction, the City walls, while the teams had an opportunity to go on an organized city tour as well as to attend various social activities.



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## EUROPEAN BOCCIA INTEGRATIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

With the commemorative intention, marking the International Day of People with Disabilities the European Boccia Integrative Championship, was organised for the first time, by the Academic Sports Association, hosted at the venues of Warsaw Medical University.

The inaugural European Boccia Integrative Championship was held successfully in Piastow near Warsaw between December 9 and 11.

The first edition of the championship was organized by the University Sports Association of Poland (AZS), under the patronage of the European University Sports Association (EUSA), commemorating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3.

Boccia is a Paralympic sport, where the goal is to throw the blue or red balls as close as possible to the white ball, and is conceptually characterized in terms of performance as well as its structure, dynamics and normative play as a precision and coordination ball sports activity – with a set of 13 balls (1 white ball (target ball), 6 red balls and 6 blue balls. Nearly one hundred participants took part in the event, composing sixteen teams coming from five countries -Poland, Greece, Italy, Slovakia and Ukraine. Apart of the teams, individual competitions were divided into five categories (Open, BC1, BC2, BC4, BC5). The event was held in competitive, yet friendly and enjoyable manner.

Among the teams, the Nike Bydgoszcz team turned out to be the best, ahead of the Slovakian team and Prometeus Konopiska.

Entitled to take part in the 3 days European Boccia Integrative Championship, were people with disabilities together with their coach/guardian. Teams could've been comprised of 5 participants and 1 coach/guardian, or more than 6 participants and 2 coaches/guardians. One country had the opportunity be represented by a maximum of 3 teams.

Boccia can be a sport for everyone, but it has gained the greatest popularity among people with disabilities, especially those affected by cerebral palsy and wheelchair users. It engages both body and mind, acting therapeutically. It is a great way to integrate physically disabled people with able-bodied people - in sports clubs, non-governmental organizations, schools, rehabilitation centres and even at home.

Boccia represents a discipline with many aspects - it is a sport with elements of competition, a therapeutic tool, and can be used as means of integration. The organisers were encouraged by what has happened in Piastów, and certainly intend to continue the idea of Integrative Boccia Championship.







### INTERNAL SEMINAR FOR TECHNICAL DELEGATES KRANJSKA GORA, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Before the EUSA Convention for the Organisers of the next year's European Universities Championships, in Kranjska Gora, started, EUSA hosted a seminar for the Technical Delegates and for members of the Technical Commission on September 22, 2022.

The EUSA Convention, was preceded by an internal seminar for Technical and Medical Commission members and involved numerous presentations on various topics, discussions, as well as sporting activities.

At the official start and opening of the Internal Seminar for EUSA Technical Delegates, the participants were welcomed by the Secretary General of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) Mr. Matjaž Pečovnik and Ms. Ivana Ertlova, Chair of the EUSA Technical Commission, wishing them a productive and successful seminar, stating that this seminar is a chance for them to

have open discussions and share all the positive experiences, practices, as well as to share their ideas for improvement in order to succeed better future European Universities Championships and Games.

The program then continued with the first part dedicated to the role of Technical Delegates, before, during and after the event, presented by Mr Miha Žvan, EUSA Sports Manager. He presented in detail what tasks should Technical Delegates fulfil in different stages of their involvement in EUSA events, such as encouraging organizations to organize European Universities Championships, participating

in EUSA Conventions and other events, implementing international sports rules, influencing level of refereeing quality and development and promotion of European university sport.

In the next part of the seminar, the floor was given to two technical delegates to share their own experience and best practices, Technical Delegate of Beach Handball, Ms Jelena Eric and Technical Delegate of Beach Volleyball, Mr Anton Fichtinger. Both tackled organizational matters of importance, challenges, positive experiences and fields of possible improvements.

The audience then listened and got detailed presentation of EUSA Operational documents, used for the European Universities Championships 2023, as well as rules and regulations of the championships, the bidding process and multiple other Minimum Organizational requirements, presented by Mr Miha Žvan.

This topic raised a productive discussion about positive practices, challenges, and room for improvements, regarding some of the rules related to certain sports and sport venues, based on past and recent experiences on EUSA sport events, rules and regulations



when it comes to choosing working staff of the venue, the referees, and volunteers, as well as the medical service.

Important information regarding the Inspection Visits for EUC 2023, were then presented by Mr Mariano Carcatella, Assistant Sport Manager of EUSA. Mr Carcatela was presenting different Inspection visits Reports, important points and requirements to meet during the inspection visits, multiple important aspects of it, such as venue visiting, accommodation, catering area, GTM rooms, inspection of sports equipment, meetings with the designated Organizational Committees and other important aspects of the inspection visits.

Chair of the medical commission, Ms Abosede Ajayi discussed the medical service requirements related to the organization of the events, rules and regulations of the medical services, medical protocols, local services, hygiene, catering, food requirements, health insurance, dietary requirements, special needs, as well as recommendations for having an anti-doping program during European Universities Championships.

The Internal Seminar for EUSA Technical Delegates was wrapped up with the addresses of Mr Wieslaw Blach, EUSA Technical Delegate for Judo and Mr Radomir Jovovic, EUSA Technical Delegate for Badminton. They both were sharing their experience and good practices gained on EUSA events, their history of collaboration with EUSA, future possibilities for cooperation and growing up even more fond collaborative relationships in the future.

The next day, later in the morning, a #letsidus #beactive sports activity happened, giving the whole group of EUSA Technical Commission and EUSA Office, the chance to choose between having an adrenaline zip-lining activity or an to go cross-country skiing.

Half of the group, had an amazing adrenaline adventure, on the zip line track, enjoying their time and while the rest of the group was successfully trying cross country skiing for the first time. Both sport activities were a great way to celebre the start of the European Week of Sport.

The program from this Internal Seminar for EUSA Technical Delegates was concluded with a thank you note from Mr Matjaž Pečovnik, wishing the participants a pleasant stay and productive work for the next two days of the EUSA Convention in Kranjska Gora, that took place from 22 to 25 of September 2022.









### **EUSA-EUC2023 CONVENTION** KRANJSKA GORA: SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2022

Between September 23 and 25, European University Sports Association (EUSA) organized a special Convention for the Organisers of the upcoming European Universities Championships 2023. The event was held in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, and coincided with celebrations recognising the International Day of University Sport and the European Week of Sport, in conjunction with the #beactive campaign.

The first to address through video, the participants of the Convention, held in Ramada Resort in Kranjska Gora, was EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, welcoming them and wishing them a pleasent and productive stay at EUSA Convention 2022. EUSA Secretary General, Mr Matjaž Pečovnik also greeted and welcomed all the present representatives of the

Organizational Committees, Technical Delegates and Executives of the Technical and Medical Commission, wishing them a fruitful and productive two days of Convention and a great future collaboration for the upcoming European Universities Championships 2023.

Assistant Sports Manager, Mr Mariano Carcattela then kicked off the programme with a presentation about EUSA, as well as an overview of the European Universities Games and Championships.

The audience than listened the panel session on the topic of: European Universities Games, moderated by Ms Hristina Hristova, EUSA Communications Officer, having Mr Matjaž Pečovnik, EUSA











Secretary General, Ms Abosede Ajayi Chair of EUSA Medical Commission and Mr Tomasz Aftanski, representative of the Organizational Committee of this year's European Universities Games in Lodz, Poland. Questions about the experience of an organizational aspect, important key points, matters related to challenges, collaborations, finances, protocol, and the medical aspect of organizing the Games, were some of the many topics covered through this panel session.

EUSA Sports Manager, Mr Miha Žvan and Assistant Sports Manager Mr Mariano Carcatella, wrapped up the program of the first day of the convention, speaking and presenting important information and documents related to the future European Universities Championships 2023. Matters such as key benefits of organizing EUC, documents and minimum organizational requirements, important aspects, technical and nontechnical matters of inspection

visits, EUC project management, registrations, and team structures, were presented and discussed.

The first day of EUSA Convention was later concluded with an official dinner, on which the participants were joined by two guests, Mr Bogdan Gabrovec President of the Slovenian Olympic Committee and Mr Tomaž Barada Vice-President of the Slovenian Olympic Committee.

The second part of EUSA Convention was held on 24 of September, kicking off with a session devoted to the registration process of the upcoming European Universities Championships 2023 as well as the accreditation procedure, led by Mr Marianno Carcatella.

In continuation, Mr Andrej Pišl, EUSA Communications and EU Project Manager, led a session on the topic of Visual Identity and Media, as another important key aspect of organizing the European Universities Championships 2023, before a

presentation on EUSA's Result Management System, was given by Mr Marin Furcic, director of Furki Sport.

Another, very important matter related to the EUC 2023, Volunteers Program was presented by Ms Marianna Pikul, Head of Volunteers Programme for this year's European Universities Games in Lodz. Poland, Ms Pikul spoke about different aspects of the volunteers programme, volunteering areas, promotional plans, international volunteering programme, the educational and social part of the events, as well as sharing some crucial tips when it comes to volunteering recruitment.

The participants had the chance to also hear more on the topic of Diversity and Inclusion, presented by Mr Andrej Pisl, covering governance, media visibility, participation, as well as EUSA role and involvement in Educational events and EU Projects related to Diversity and Inclusion.

Good practices of the previous season on the European Universities Championships were also shared by representatives of the Organizational Committees of previous championships in 2019. Sharing on behalf of the European Universities Championship in Rowing in 2019, was Ms Mirjam Sipos and in Combat Sports in 2019, Mr Nikola Vicentic.

Organizers of the European Universities Championship in 2023 then presented their events in two parallel afternoon sessions, following which internal meetings and workshops with the EUSA Technical Delegates were held.

To finalize the last day of the EUSA Convention 2022, all participants were also invited to join the #letsidus #beactive sports activities, playing volleyball, basketball, and badminton, held in a local sports hall in Kranjska Gora.

# EUSA EXECUTIVE COMMITEE MEETINGS

The elected EUSA Executive Committee, which is responsible for the organisation's good governance and executions of decisions taken by the General Assembly, met in 2022 in person twice and several times online, to coordinate and review the work done by the association and to ensure its progressive path forward.

#### Salerno (ITA)

#### April 22-23, 2022

The members of the Executive Committee of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and invited guests met in Salerno on April 22 and 23 for the first in-person meeting, after the pandemic, with the main focus of the meeting being, the attribution of the European Universities Games 2026 to Salerno, and preparation of the upcoming Universities Games Lodz 2022.

EUSA Executive Committee members, staff and invited guests were welcomed and hosted by the University of Salerno, CUS Salerno and CUSI. They were greeted by the Vice-Rector of the University of Salerno Mr Maurizio Sibilio and the President of CUS Salerno Mr Lorenzo Lentini.

Part of the official meeting was attended also by the Acting President of the International University Sports Federation (FISU) Mr Leonz Eder, and FISU Vice-President Mr Marian Dymalski.

The EUSA Executive Committee Meeting was started with the general activity and office report, presented by the EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek and Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik, before passing the floor to EUSA Treasurer Mr Fracis Cirianni, who provided an insight into the annual accounts and provisional budget for EUSA and its Institute.

EUSA Sport Manager Mr Miha Zvan, then presented aspects related to the European Universities Championships 2023, as well as to EUSA endorsed events and partnership sport events.

Several projects, some supported by the International University Sports Federation (FISU), and some by the European Union, mainly through the Erasmus+ Programme, covering a diverse range of activities and fields, were presented by EUSA Secretary General Mr Pecovnik and EUSA communications and Project Manager Mr Andrej Pisl. These projects include the topics of anti-doping, dual career, equal opportunities and inclusion, good governance, mobility, safeguarding, skills development, sustainability and volunteering.

The first day concluded with the bidding and awarding of the European Universities Games 2026.

The second day of the meeting started with an overview and analysis of the preparations and current status of this year's European Universities Games, from July 17 and 30 in Lodz, Poland. Delegation of the European Universities Games from Lodz attended part of the meeting as well, sharing the latest progress report and current activities in preparation for the upcoming event in Lodz, such as expected participation, Rectors Conference, sports. social and educational program.

Multiple other activities were presented and discussed on this meeting in Salerno, including the supportive activities to the Ukrainian national university sports association and their students through the dedicated solidarity fund and actions. The President of the Sports



Students' Union of Ukraine (SSUU) Mr Yevgeniy Imas thanked EUSA for the support and solidarity with Ukraine and SSUU.

As part of the program of the Executive Committee meeting in Salerno, participants were also able to experience a #BeActive scenic tour of the city, and enjoy regional culinary cuisine.

#### Istanbul (TUR)

#### 14-15 October, 2022

The second Executive
Committee meeting of the
European University Sports
Association (EUSA) in 2022
was held in the Turkish historic
and economic hub Istanbul
on October 14 and 15, hosted
by the Turkish University
Sports Federation (TUSF).

Members of the Executive Committee, representative of the Auditors and EUSA Staff were welcomed in Istanbul by TUSF President Mr Mehmet Gunay and Marketing Consultant Mr Suleyman Kocasert, as well as with EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek thanking the local hosts and greeting all the participants of the meeting.

An extensive overview of activities and an office report, were presented by EUSA Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik. He highlighted the main achievements of the organisation in the past period this summer, especially the successful organisation of the European Universities Games Lodz 2022 and the European Universities Rowing Championship Istanbul 2022.

The European Universities Games Lodz 2022 (EUG2022) were then presented in more details also by the EUSA Sports Manager Mr Miha Zvan. The impressive event attracted 4459 participants, representing 417 universities from 37 countries, coming together to compete in 20 sports and enjoy educational and cultural programme.

In the manner of speaking, on behalf of the Representatives of the Organising Committee – Mr Dominik Lezanski and Ms Iwona Neroj presented the



final report of the Games. They highlighted the main achievements, successes, and legacy, as well as challenges and recommendations for future events.

Highlighted as special achievement was also the support of EUSA and Club od Donors, who – in cooperation with the local Organising Committee – supported 285 participants from Ukraine who took part in 16 sports.

A report on the second EUSAlicensed sports event in 2022, the European Universities Rowing Championship, was also presented by Assistant Sport Manager Mr Mariano Carcatella. The event welcomed 534 participants, representing 71 universities from 16 countries. 20 races in all boat classes were held, from single sculls to eights.

Besides the 2023
Championships, also the next editions of the European Universities Games were discussed; namely the 2024 edition Debrecen-Miskolc in Hungary, and the 2026 edition Salerno in Italy. EUSA Executive Committee also opened the bidding procedure for the 2028 edition of the European Universities Games.

The events under the EUSA Patronage in the current year were presented as well, with the European Open University Powerlifting Cup in May (Hamm, LUX), International Rowing Regatta Sveti Duje in May (Split, CRO), SELL Games in May (Riga, LAT), Friendship Games in June (Eilat, ISR) – and coming up International Student Christmas Tournament in December (Dubrovnik, CRO).

Projects supported by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) were presented by EUSA Secretary General and those supported by the European Union were presented by EUSA Communications and Projects Manager Mr Andrej Pisl. EUSA, through its Institute, is currently leading the Inclusion in Sport (iSport) project, and co-funding has also been received for the last edition of the European Universities Games, supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. It was also presented that EUSA is a partner on several other Erasmus+ projects, on the topics of dual career, social inclusion and equal opportunities, sustainability, Erasmus+ Internship and European Solidarity Corps, as well as an organisation that nominated youth delegates and ambassadors for the Healthy Lifestyle For All initiative and Youth Ideas Labs.

The educational events and meetings were presented by EUSA Education and Development Manager Ms Sara Rozman. Apart from educational

events during the European Universities Games, EUSA hosted a successful Convention in September, targeting organisers of the European Universities Championships 2023 and Technical Commission. The event was also used to celebrate the European Week of Sport with #BeActive and #HealthyLifestyle4All campaigns by the European Commission, as well as the International Day of University Sport with the #LetsIDUS campaign, initiated by FISU.

Reports from EUSA member federations, FISU and continental federations, as well as partner and other organisations were also presented before the Chairs and Secretaries of the Student Commission, Inclusion and Diversity Commission, and Education Commission.

EUSA Executive Committee members also confirmed adaptations to the EUSA events regulations, and fees adjustments. EUSA Treasurer Mr Francis Cirianni presented the treasurer report and interim budget realisation for the current year.

On the invitation of TUSF, the participants also enjoyed innovative sporting activities, sightseeing tours, as well as local culinary specialties, reflecting the traditional hospitality and variety of Istanbul.



## NUSA COORDINATION MEETING LODZ 2022

Representatives of the national university sports associations (NUSA) had the opportunity to visit Lodz, and attend the NUSA Coordination Meeting, with the purpose of getting acquainted with the ongoing preparations for the European Universities Games 2022, hosted by the Organizing Committee and EUSA Representatives.

#### Lodz, Poland

#### 17-18 May

The fully planned two days meeting started on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, having the day reserved for the OC and EUSA representatives to meet, to discuss and to finesse all the required steps and information regarding the upcoming NUSA Coordination meeting as well as the European Universities Games 2022.

Representatives from The Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Croatia, Germany, Georgia, France, Portugal, Norway, Slovenia, Kosovo and the UK attended this NUSA Coordination Meeting, being the event prior to the European Universities Games.

The official two day program, consisted of various activities, starting with the general meeting where the present attendees were welcomed by the speeches of the Vice-Mayor of the City of Lodz, Joanna Skrzydlewska, Rector of Lodz University of Technology, professor Krzysztof Jóźwik,

the President of EUSA, Adam Roczek, the Secretary General of EUSA, Matjaz Pečovnik, Vice-Rector for organization and student affairs of the Medical University of Lodz, professor Janusz Piekarski and the spokesman of University of Lodz, Paweł Śpiechowicz.

All the speakers expressed their convictions that EUG 2022 will be an amazing event, with a great atmosphere as well as pointing out the importance of teamwork and cooperation of the NUSA and University representatives in the

preparation of the event before and during the games, to ensure smooth running and big success.

The warm welcoming part was followed by a presentation about the staff members of the OC team, which was responsible for hosting 4459 athletes, competing in 20 sports as well as other team members and guests. A detailed presentation about the accreditation system, registration information, sports venues and disciplines, transportation details, accommodation, catering and volunteering, was given as well.

The second half of the day included venue - visits of facilities as the campus and the dormitories of Lodz University of Technology, the catering area, places designated for the NUSA Offices and accreditation centre as well as sporting venues as Geyer Gardens, Skorupki Hall and Zatoka Sportu, where the tournaments of kickboxing, taekwondo, beach sports, 3x3 basketball, badminton, sports climbing, swimming and water polo happened. A fruitful Q&A session wrapped up the first day of this NUSA Coordination Meeting.

On Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>, the attendees started the day with visiting the monumental EC1 complex, the hosting hall for the chess competitions, followed by visits of Malachowskiego hall, designated for futsal and basketball competitions, Lodzianka football pitch, AZS Lodz tennis courts, Anilana hall and the dormitories of Lodz University. During these visits the NUSA representatives had

the chance to inspect and to get more detailed information about the courts and venues.

The second part of venuevisiting was reserved for the Minerska football pitch and the two arenas in designated for the opening and closing ceremonies, the Atlas arena and Sports Arena. While visiting these arenas the group had the chance to hear more about the activities foreseen to happen during these ceremonies.

#### Lodz, Poland

#### 16 of July

Following the prior NUSA Coordination Meeting in spring, another one took place during the European Universities Games in Lodz, held at the Institute of Physics of University of Technology of Lodz, having representatives of 17 national university sports associations (NUSA) and representatives of the European University Sports Association (EUSA), attending.

The opening words of this NUSA Coordination Meeting were given from Mr Matjaz Pecovnik, Secretary General of EUSA, who thanked the representatives for attending this meeting and invited them to share any challenges or questions they have regarding the time in Lodz, by far.

Next to greet the attendees were Mr Adam Roczek, President of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and Mr Haris Pavletic, 1st Vice-President of EUSA, both expressing their gratitude and happiness, seeing the athletes and officials, already arriving and the games having a smooth start.

In their, addresses both Mr Pečovnik and Mr Pavletic, invited the NUSA representatives to collaborate as much as possible with the OC and EUSA, to continue to make the games run as smoothly as possible and to assure that everyone is having a great time. Representatives of the Organizational Committee, Mr Dominik Kowalczyk and Ms Paula Lesniewska took the stand, sharing information about the Opening Ceremony. They presented the schedule and location of the transportation and other details regarding the march pass and the presence of the athletes and officials. They also invited all the attendees present to encourage their athletes to be present during the whole ceremony to witness the great work that was put in the spectacle of the ceremony

EUSA considers NUSA officials, as a very important partner in the organisation, as well as the implementation of the games, as them being direct link between the European Universities Games as a big multisport event and the athletes as the main actors, expressing big gratitude for their cooperation and support.









EUSA Insider brings you stories from athletes, volunteer and organisers from the European Universities Games in Lodz, sharing first hand experiences and insight from time spent at the competitions, as well as their inspirational messages.

These people com from different countries, sports, are of different age, different fields of studies, but the one thing they have in common is the love for sport.

EUSA aims to give them a voice in sharing their stories and feelings towards sport and EUSA events in which they participated, as well as their thoughts on university sport in general.

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Eva Guillot, 24 Kickboxing Grenoble Alpes University (FRA)

"Sport is an important value. It allows you to express yourself, meet new people, discover yourself and experience incredible emotions. I encourage all athletes to multiply their sports experiences, including participation in the EUG, to live magical and unique moments in their lives."



Zoltan Rakaczki. Board member of the Hungarian University Sports Federation Member of the Organising Committee for EUG 2024

"Since the EUG2024 will be held in two cities. which is a different situation from the EUG2022 in Lodz, we put a lot of importance into working efficiently together with all the partners from both cities Miskolc and Debrecen for the success of the event."



Marie Dehri, 19 Football University of Bordeaux (FRA)

"It is an experience to live in one's life. It was an incredible adventure to participate to this event and now we are looking forward to next EUSA Games and Championships."



**Maher Trabelsi**Volunteer in Futsal result management, from Tunisia

"I just heard about EUSA around one month before the start of the event through social media and I decided to try the experience and come as a volunteer. I am really glad I did it and II strongly suggest to all young people to try volunteering to go out of their comfort zone and try something new!"



**Natalija Ristic, 22** Volleyball University of Belgrade (SRB)

"As first time being at an EUSA event, I can say it is an amazing experience and everyone lucky enough to have an opportunity to participate should go ahead and grab it!"



**Baptiste Guillas, 19**Para Table Tennis
University of Bordeaux

"It is my first time on EUSA event and I have to say it is a very nice experience and a good competition. It is great to see a lot of young people around my age from all these different countries, in the same place."



**Alicja Śliwicka, 21** Chess Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (POL)

"I came to the EUG2022 to enjoy and I was very glad to represent my university. I wanted to make them proud of my and to win the medals for my university team. So I encourage you to just play chess and do not worry if you lose, you might have the chance to win the next competition!"



**Lukáš Cyprián, 20** Kickboxing Czech Technical University in Prague

"I am absolutely looking forward for another European Universities Games or Championship competition and of course I want to earn another Gold Medal"



**Daniela Resová, 24** Beach Volleyball Mendel University in Brno

"Even if your grades and study results are not exceptional, you can still make your university proud of you by doing best what you like."



Martin Viktorin, 25 Kickboxing University of economics and management Prague

"Being my first time at EUSA event, It is a great experience for me to be part of this amazing event. In general, every step, every fight, every loss or win made a progress in my competition."



## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The success seen in this field at the European Universities Games in Lodz, this year, which included para table tennis in its official program, as well as sitting volleyball and para weightlifting as side events, showcased that the European University Sports Association continuously promotes equality, respect and full inclusion of student athletes, while simultaneously promoting the spirit of fair play and sport values, at all our events.

#### Gender

The importance of gender balance is something that EUSA does not take for granted and something that, as an organisation EUSA can proudly state the fact that all our sporting events are inclusive of all genders. Having said this, when we reflect on the gender balance of the European Universities Games participants, athletes, coaches, and officials, we can say that 60% of the athletes were men and 40% were women, while among the officials 77% were men and 23% were women. Although the ratio is tending to improve over the years, we acknowledge there is more to be done and we strive to continue the road towards a more balanced participation of

male and female participants at EUSA future events.

#### Socio-Economic Status

One of the aims of EUSA is to strengthen and support its member federations, the national university sports bodies across Europe, so the organisation and conditions of each of our members are very diverse. Recognising that not all EUSA members have the same funding opportunities, the decision of launching a development fund was made, aiming in developing and making university sport throughout Europe stronger. With the support of the Club of Donors, EUSA is able to secure a development fund, for each year, planned to be distributed

primarily to those with little or no participation in EUSA events in recent years. In 2022, due to the war in Ukraine, this helping body donated all resources to the solidarity fund, used solely to support Ukraine.

#### **Disabilities**

Since the inclusion of athletes with disabilities for the first time in the European Universities Games in 2016, EUSA has continued to search for ways to build a more open path for inclusivity in our events. Following the inclusion of Para Table Tennis at the last European Universities Games in 2018, EUSA together with the organisers included Para Table Tennis again onto the official schedule of this year's European

Universities Games in Lodz. This year, Para Table Tennis has welcomed 10 male and 3 female para-student athletes, representing 10 different universities.

Besides this discipline being part of the official sport program, Sitting Volleyball and Para Weightlifting, were also present, as promo events. EUSA recognises that university sport can still make great improvements regarding the inclusion of all students into sports, and with having partners as the European Paralympic Committee, we strongly believe we will continue making progress and changes in the future.







### FAIR PLAY

With the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) as our partner, EUSA strongly promotes the spirit of fair play at all our events, having its values deeply embedded in EUSA, while we are emphasising the importance of sportsmanship and the positive approach to sport across our 20+ years of existence.

Fair play is present in sports as the unwritten rule, a moral value that represents the real essence of sport. It represents that opponents have to be appreciated and in nowadays practising of sports, more than ever, it is vitally important to defend the values intrinsic to sport: respect for oneself and others, solidarity, and fair play.

European University Sports Association (EUSA) is an official partner of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM), who is a member of the International Fair Play Committee (IFPC). The values of fair play, equality, ethics, and clean sport without doping and without match-fixing are at the core of EUSA sport and other events.

At this year's European Universities Games 2022 in Lodz, Poland, the Fair Play award was presented for technical aspects of the games at various medal ceremonies in futsal, handball, beach handball, football, basketball and 3x3 basketball. Regardless of the sport, the officials and athletes may nominate an individual or team for the special Enno Harms Fair Play Award, which is given annually by EUSA for special fair play gestures and attitude

To celebrate and commemorate the World Fair Play Day, a special ceremony was held also this year in Brussels, organised by the International Fair Play Committee, the European Fair Play Movement, Panathlon International and Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles. This was the third edition since the day was officially celebrated and recognised as such in 2020.

EUSA has always awarded exemplary behaviour on the

sports field and will continue with the same practice and vision, that through sport and values like fair play, following the respect for both written and unwritten rules, equality, integrity, solidarity, tolerance, care and joy, we can contribute to building a peaceful society and ultimately a better future.

The fair play initiative will also be strongly encouraged at all European Universities Championships in 2023.

Importance of fair play was demonstrated at the European Universities Games also by the presence of representatives of the Fair Play movement – Mr Gabor Deregan from the International Fair Play Committee (CIFP) and Ms Hanna Wawrowska from the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM).





## **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

European University Sports Association (EUSA), in cooperation with its Student Commission and the Organising Committees of the European Universities Games (EUG) and European Universities Championships (EUC), is offering students from Europe, a unique opportunity of actively participating in the organisation of EUSA events as volunteers.

The European Universities Games 2022 in Lodz, hosted over 800 volunteers, both local and international. Around 200 international volunteers were part of the big group of enthusiastic young people engaging in different roles, positions and completing various tasks, creating a big support system in the implementation of the Games.

The main aim of the volunteer program is to give chances to students, who are interested in sports and in organizing sport events, to get the opportunity of experiencing a unique adventure, through which they will learn the values of sport, gain valuable work experience, express their creativity, and

enjoy everything that the Games as a diverse hub of cultures and people, can offer.

The Volunteer Programme includes working for the organising committee, supporting them in the cooperation fields, such as coordination, managing information desks, communication between organisation Committee, referees, guests, as well as helping he athletes and the officials accompanying them throughout the whole experience. All these positions available for the volunteers and the experiences they get from representing them, are building up the volunteers' competencies and skills in organising sport events at a European level.

In the frame of the Volunteer Program, full board is provided during the time of the event, with transportation from the official airport/station covered; volunteers just must ensure their travel costs to the event. Moreover, after the event finishes, a certificate will be provided for each volunteer, indicating their working position and hours, representing their success and an additional value to their already rich experience.

During this edition of the European Universities Games in Lodz, great attention was given to the big number of volunteers, offering them interesting activities, workshops, seminars, and social activities, to give them additional educational opportunities throughout their service. Different workshops on the topic of career, self-assessment, creativity, as well as sport and fun activities, were part of the diverse palette of the learning process of the volunteers.

In 2023, volunteering opportunities will be available for the European Universities Championships which will be organised in 20 sports across Europe.



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## **EUSA EXHIBITION**

EUSA initially launched an exhibition on university sport in Europe 2014, supported by the International University Sport Federation (FISU) and by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. EUSA Exhibition is providing an overview of the development of university sport, with a special focus on European context.

In 2022, the exhibition has been updated and now includes new information and photos, featuring seven stand-alone panels in the form of towers, grouping contents on the topics of: University Sport in Europe, European University Sports Association, European Universities Championships, European Universities Games, Education and Social Responsibility, Honouring the Best and Partnership and Future Programme.

Since the first reveal in 2014, the exhibition travelled extensively around Europe, being in Austria, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and Switzerland. The exhibition has

also been on display as part of various FISU events including the Universiades and General Assemblies.

The exhibition has been part of each edition of the European Universities Games since its launching in 2014, so this year was not an exception. All participants, athletes, and visitors had the chance to view it during the European Universities Games in Lodz, for the duration of the event, being on display at one of the main social areas at Zatoka Sportu.

The exhibition was also displayed at EUSA – AZS Reception, where guests had the opportunity to see it, offering a showcase of past and

present work done in different fields such as: European Universities Games and Championships, international projects, educational activities, campaigns and more achievements of the fast-growing organisation and development of university sport in Europe.

EUSA Exhibition made its way to this year's EUSA Convention in Kranjska Gora, as well.

As a travelling exhibition, it can also be requested for display at universities, university sports events and at other sporting occasions in Europe. Please contact the EUSA Office if you are interested in hosting the exhibition.









# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNIVERSITY SPORT (IDUS)

Although officially commemorated in September, the International Day of University Sport with #LetsIDUS campaign and the European Week of Sport with #BeActive and #HealthyLifestyle4All campaigns were celebrated across Europe (and wider) throughout September and October.



European University Sports Association (EUSA) joined the celebrations not only by promoting these campaigns, but also through organising events and engagement in educational and sports activities; and similarly also national university sports bodies across the continent.

EUSA office also attended a university sports hike in Ljubljana on September 20, kicking off the International Day of University Sport and announcing the European Week of Sport coming up.

The main EUSA celebrations this year were organised as an

educational event in September: EUSA Convention in Kraniska Gora, held between September 22 and 25. Members of the EUSA Office, EUSA Technical Commission with Delegates and future organizers of European Universities Championships had the chance to celebrate these campaign and initiatives with educational as well as sports programme. The included a morning run to the nearby lake Jasna, adrenaline zip-lining activity, cross-country skiing, as well as indoor sports activities playing badminton, shooting hoops, 3x3 basketball match, and volleyball match.

EUSA was otherwise also represented at the official activities related to the European Week of Sport, which were held in the Czech capital Prague between September 21 and 23. In Prague, special workshops were held, related to the Healthy Lifestyle For All initiative, and especially putting forward the #HealthyLifestyle4All Youth Ideas Labs, where the voices of youth participants were put forward.

Several activities were also held across Europe, many coordinated by our member federations. Here is a selection of activities, showcasing the diversity and possibilities:

#### Albania



At the occasion of #LetsIDUS and #BeActive, Albanian Federation of University Sport enabled volunteers, athletes and university students to participate in 3x3 basketball and volleyball matches, as well as try new activities, like Zumba. The main point was to offer them a chance to practice and have fun.

#### Armenia



Armenian Student Sports
Federation organised the
University Sport Regional
Festival, held between
September 20 and 23, including
Armenian, Georgian, Iranian &
Indian Students. The highlight
was the #BeActive Beach
Volleyball tournament with
international participation.

#### Austria



Unisport Austria together with the Austrian Students Union organised a round table "University Sports in Austria" on September 20 at the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. Day of Sports were held in Vienna and Leoben, and additional events in Klagenfurt (tennis tournament) and Innsbruck (bike challenge).

#### Belgium



ASEUS and ADEPS organized on September 27 an obstacle race for students. The aim of the event was to bring together all students who are enrolled at an ASEUS member institution. Participants were offered a choice of 5KM or 10KM on the beautiful site of the Lac de l'Eau de l'Heure in Froidchapelle.

#### Czech Republic



Czech University Sports
Association this year focused
on spreading information
about the International Day of
University Sport #LetsIDUS
and the European Week of
Sport #BeActive on their official
communication and social
media channels, specifically
targeting students.

#### Croatia



Croatian Academic Sports Federation organized several activities, held in Zagreb, Split, Vukovar, Osijek, Zadar, Dubrovnik, Rijeka and Varaždin. Sports included 3x3 basketball, football, futsal, handball, sailing, volleyball and other activities. Overall, more than 400 athletes participated across the activities.

#### Estonia



Estonian Academic Sports Federation coordinated activities in cooperation with its member schools and their sports clubs. This year, celebrations were held in 7 different cities (Tallinn, Tartu, Pärnu, Viljandi, Narva and Kohtla-Järve) and 18 different higher education institutions participated. Activities encompassed more traditional sports activities, as well as more innovative and fun approaches, such as Retro Sports Day, blind volleyball, sack run, plank holding, tug-of-war, etc.

#### Germany



German University Sports Federation coordinated a University Run challenge again this year. Students, employees and alumni from 81 ADH member universities took part in the third edition of the event, and the format of recording as many kilometres and metres of altitude as possible on foot in 60 minutes – for themselves as well as for their own university. It did not matter whether the full hour was completed at top speed or at a leisurely stroll. The challenge resulted in getting over 1,500 people moving nationwide on one working day.

#### Hungary



Several celebrations were coordinated and recorded in Hungary by the Hungarian University Sports Federation. The central event was held Budapest, where the best rowing and Dragon Boat teams of Hungarian higher education institutions took part in the Danube Regatta. The competitions were complemented by educational, entertainment, health and sports programs and concerts, and the Sports Ambassadors of University Sports could also discuss the experiences of the past year at a reception.

#### Montenegro



Students Sports Association of Montenegro posted several videos, with messages by the decision-makers, famous athletes and students about the

importance of university sport. They also initiated series of nation-wide hikes, exploring the country.

#### North Macedonia



University Sports Federation of Macedonia organized a Conference with the perspectives of the university sports on national and international level. Speakers included representatives of the Faculty of Physical Education, Sports and Health, Agency for youth and sports of the Republic of North Macedonia, as well as European University Sports Association (via online participation) and by . At the conference, the representatives from the University Sports Associations, the University sports Centers, as well as prominent student athletes had their presentations.

#### Poland



University Sports Association of Poland coordinated several activities across the country. The main celebration was on September 20 in the center of Warsaw, promoting physical activity among local community, offering a chance to experience badminton, table tennis, running, hockey, rugby, indoor rowing. Experts from each sports were also present – athletes, coaches and medical experts.



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## SOLIDARITY FUND - UKRAINE

The European University Sport Association was one of the many organisations to recognise and encourage activities of national university sports bodies, event organisers, universities and individuals who carry out various campaigns and activities, offering humanitarian support to the people in Ukraine affected by the war, starting by showing and taking actions itself.

As EUSA works closely together with its member associations, offering possibilities of financial support to members in development, this time the special focus was given to aid participation for universities and athletes from Ukraine. As one of the first actions taken, which strongly show condemnation of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the supporting role played by Belarus, EUSA mainly decided to establish the EUSA Solidarity Fund.

This Solidarity Fund was dedicated exclusively to support the National University Sports Association of Ukraine. As an organisation, EUSA contributed with 20.000 EUR to the fund,

representing all funds reserved for development support to its members for 2022.

In continuation, at the European Universities Games in Lodz, we are happy and proud to have been able to welcome an extensive delegation from Ukraine, counting 285 participants from 40 universities, taking part in 16 sports. The Opening Ceremony of the Games in Atlas Arena also featured the Ukrainian delegation in the march pass, receiving standing ovations from all spectators and participants, showcasing support and solidarity.

The participation of delegations from Ukraine was enabled

because of cooperation and support of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and its members, especially University Sports Association of Poland (AZS); the local organising committee of the European Universities Games (EUG2022), especially Lodz University of Technology; and the Sports Students' Union of Ukraine (SSUU) who coordinates university sport in Ukraine.

EUSA devoted its annual development fund solely to the support of Ukraine and expanding it to a special solidarity fund, where also our members and partners had a chance to contribute. Together

with AZS and EUG2022 Organising Committee, it was possible to cover the costs of travel, participation and equipment for the agreed participants. In addition, WAKO donated the sports equipment for kickboxing.

This solidarity fund gave the athletes coming from Ukraine a chance to participate, which they took as an opportunity to show great competitive spirit and success. They were participating in 16 disciplines, including water polo, volleyball, taekwondo, table tennis, kickboxing, karate, judo, futsal, football, chess, beach handball, beach volleyball, 3x3 basketball

and badminton forming a total number of 295 participants. The athletes coming from 40 different universities in Ukraine, formed a number of 136 men and 98 women competitors and 60 officials. There were 61 teams competing, winning 19 gold medals, 25 silver medals and 17 bronze medals.

During the European Universities Games 2022 in Lodz, representatives of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) – President Mr Adam Roczek and Secretary General Mr Matjaž Pečovnik; the International University Sports Federation (FISU) – Acting President Mr Leonz Eder and Vice President Mr Marian Dymalski and the representative from the State Ministry of Education and Science from Ukraine – State Secretary Mr Serhiy Zakharin, met on July 17.

Among the topics discussed were the enormous help and sense of solidarity with Ukraine, making sure that the University sport family demonstrated support, collaboration and solidarity, to make sure that Ukrainian athletes have the chance to be part of the games as every other athlete coming from all over Europe. Mr Zakharin, expressed his gratitude towards EUSA, EUSA Members and the Organising

Committee for their devotion and effort they have put to make the participation for the Ukrainian athletes on this edition of the Games possible.

At the official EUSA reception, Mr Zakharin was also able to address the representatives of other national university sports associations, thanking them for their support.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our donors for their continuous support and contribution to move university sport field forward and help in our members in need.













## **CLUB OF DONORS**

In order to allow us to continuously support our activities and programs on the one hand and our members from developing countries on the other, we need to raise additional funds. That is the main reason why we have established the Club of Donors.

The overall aim of the Club of Donors is to support dedicated projects enabling further development of University Sport in Europe. In 2022, the fund was dedicated to the support of Ukrainian National University Sports Association, their universities and student athletes.

With all the donations being made, and EUSA giving 20 000 EUR, via the Solidarity fund, athletes were able to come and participate in the European Universities Games and have the opportunity to compete

their way to the winning podium, playing fair and giving the best they can. Through these funds, 235 student athletes were able to come to Lodz and play their sports, win medals, have a great time, get to know people, and enjoy every moment, just as their fellow friends from other universities of Europe.

The Club of Donors contributes to our development fund which over the last decade has made over 100.000 EUR of funding available, annually supporting five to ten members.

With the success of this act of solidarity, we would like to take the opportunity and thank all our donors for their support and help, to move university sport forward, to show solidarity and to give a hand to young athletes to practise sport and build their sports careers, when needed.



## **EUSA INSTITUTE**

EUSA Institute is a non-profit non-governmental entity, based in Ljubljana, created by EUSA for the purposes of developing university sports, organising sports events, carrying out sports activities and projects and providing education in sports at the university level.

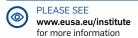
The main aim of EUSA Institute is to support the development of university sport in Slovenia and Europe, while carrying out professional, technical, and organisational tasks, with the purpose of providing education in sports at university level, partnering with European University Sports Association (EUSA) and other organisations.

The organisation was established for the purposes of developing university sports, through organising sports events and sports activities,

as well as projects, with the aim of providing education in sports and various other topics related to it. To that end, the Institute also holds various seminars, workshops and other educational events and activities in relation to sports and education for which its members are appropriately trained. In pursuit of its purpose, the Institute collaborates with individuals, interest groups, civil society, non-governmental organisations, and legal entities at local, national, and international levels.

EUSA is proud to be running several projects and initiatives through the EUSA Institute, many of which are funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union, as well as other sources, covering different fields and values related to sport.

We always look forward to developing and strengthening the cooperation with key stakeholders in the further development of university sport in Europe, through the activities of EUSA and its Institute.









## **EUSA AWARDS**

EUSA awards have officially recognized excellence in the field of university sport for many years, across the areas of sporting performance, sport development, lifelong dedication, fair play, inclusion, and many, many more. These awards are attributed to individuals, universities, and institutions of higher education, EUSA member organisations, honouring them for their contribution and success in the field of university sport.

#### **Most Active University**

The most active university award is determined by participation of individuals and teams in the European Universities Games or Championships. Each university receives points for the number of individual athletes and university teams they send to compete in EUSA events. The university/universities with the highest points at the end of the year are recognised with the most active university award.

#### **Best University**

The best university is determined by the sports achievements and results in EUSA competitions. Each team taking part in team sports of the European Universities Games or Championships gets points for their university when they participate. The final ranking represents a sum of all results, and points are given to each university.

#### Most Active NUSA

The most active National University Sports Association is determined by participation of teams and number of participants in the European Universities Games or Championships. Additional points are given for organization of EUSA events.

#### Most Successful NUSA

The most successful National University Sports Association is determined by the results and final placement of the university's athletes in the European Universities Games or Championships.

#### Enno Harms Fair Play

EUSA annually awards the recognition for Fair Play, taking into account the play's gesture/ situation during the EUSA sporting events which stand out the most. Enno Harms Fair Play Award is named after the first EUSA President who was very much devoted to fair play.

#### **2022 AWARDS**

#### **Most Active University**

University of Zagreb (CRO)



#### **Best University**

University of Zagreb (CRO)



#### **Most Active NUSA**

University Sports Association of Poland – AZS (POL)



Akademicki Związek Sportowy

#### Most Successful NUSA

University Sports Association of Poland – AZS (POL)



Akademicki Związek Sportowy

#### **Enno Harms Fair Play**

Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN)











## **EUROPEAN WEEK OF SPORT**

The European Week of Sport (EWOS) and the #BeActive campaign initiated by the European Commission, aim to promote sport and physical activity across Europe. EUSA together with national coordinators and partner organisations, is not only trying to make Europe healthier, but also striving to strengthen the continent in more ways than one, based on our shared values and interests.

The emphasis of the European Week of Sport is that sport, recreation, and physical activity are for everyone, regardless of age, background, or fitness level. With a focus on grassroots initiatives the European Commission, national coordinators and partners strive to inspire Europeans to #BeActive on a regular basis and to create opportunities in peoples' everyday lives to be more active.

Every year from 23 to 30 September, the European Week of Sport promotes more active, healthier lifestyles to millions of people in Europe and beyond.

This year, the stunning city of Prague was the host of the eighth edition of the European Week of Sport, welcoming around 250 participants from different countries for the Official Opening of the European Week of Sport. With this edition the goal was to engage young people in activities and hobbies that can keep them fit and happy to celebrate the European Year of Youth, zooming in on

inclusion, equality, and healthy lifestyles.

The events that took part of the program to celebrate this year's EWOS were all held in Prague Congress Centre and Vysehrad Park, involving a Presidency conference on Sustainable and Accessible Sports Infrastructure, HealthyLifestyle4All seminar, Gala Dinner, HealtyLifestyle4All Youth Lab results and Pledges ceremony and the Official Opening of the European Week of Sport.

The opening of the European Week of Sport, was also attended by EUSA, having the Communications and EU Projects Manager, Mr Andrej Pisl, being part of the activities.

As every year, also this year, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) celebrated the European Week of Sport (#BeActive and #HealthyLifestyle4All). Main celebration was held during the EUSA Convention 2022 in Kranjska Gora. Members of the EUSA Office, EUSA Technical













Commission with Delegates and future organisers of European Universities Championships had the chance to celebrate these campaigns and initiatives with educational as well as sport programs.

The #BeActive celebration started with a morning run to lake Jasna, on the morning of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and continued with an adrenaline zip-lining

activity and cross-country skiing.

In the afternoon of September 24, after a productive working session at EUSA Convention, the participants enjoyed the joint #letsidus #beactive activity. The group visited Vitranc Hall in Kranjska Gora, where they had the opportunity to show their competitive spirit in basketball 3x3, volleyball and badminton.







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## HEALTHY LIFESTYLE FOR ALL

HealthyLifestyle4All is a 2-year campaign launched by the European Commission, with the aim of promoting healthy lifestyles for all, across generations and social groups, by linking sport and active lifestyles with health, food and other policies.



The initiative and #HealthyLifestyle4All campaign has been launched in 2021 as a follow-up to the Tartu Call for a Healthy Lifestyle. It showcases the European Commission's, members' and partners' commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles for all, across generations and social groups, noting that everyone can benefit from activities that improve health and well-being.

The initiative encompasses three main pillars: to increase awareness of a healthy lifestyle

across all generations, to enable easier access to sport, physical activity and healthy diets, with special focus on inclusion and non-discrimination to reach disadvantaged groups and to empower teaming up for a holistic approach to food, health, well-being and sport.

European University Sports Association (EUSA) is one of the signatories of the HealthyLifestlyle4All pledge, and one of the invited organisations to nominate youth delegates. In 2022, special attention to the HealthyLifestyle4All campaign was given during the EU Sport Forum where a signature of new HealthyLifeStyle4All pledges was made. As one of the key moments of the sport forum, was also the launching of HealthyLifeStyle4All Youth Ideas Labs, consisting of young participants nominated by youth organisations, also reflecting the European Year of Youth.

Later, on August 28 and 29, the Sport Unit of the European Commission hosted the





participants of the Healthy Lifestyle For All Youth Ideas Labs, at the DG EAC headquarters in Brussels.

The event was a working meeting of youth delegates, nominated by 5 invited organisations, and represents a follow-up of the launch of the Youth Ideas Labs during the EU Sport Forum in Lille in June. The main outcomes of these Youth Labs were presented at the kick off of the European Week of Sport in Prague this September.

The events in Brussels started with outdoors welcome, introduction and networking sessions on Sunday in Park Leopold, recapping the work carried out in Lille, and giving a chance to get to know the new participants. Participants then also enjoyed a #BeActive teambuilding activity, in the form of a treasure hunt in Brussels city centre.

The program also included introductions and welcomes by the representatives of the Sport Unit of the European Commission, with the Head of the Sport Unit Ms Floor Van

Houdt, Deputy Head Ms Marisa Fernandez Esteban, and Policy Officers Mr Tomas Kukal – the coordinator of the Youth Ideas Labs, Mr Ignazio Cocchiere and Mr Stefano Pintus.

During the Youth Labs the participants were also introduced to the Blue Book traineeship programme of the EU, as well as jobs and other career opportunities within the EU institutions, especially the European Commission, European Parliament, and the European Council.

Apart of getting useful information, the participants worked intensively on the topics of their proposals how to address the overall topic, and suggest actions to improve the field of Healthy Lifestyle for All, through the subtopics of mental health, digital health, inclusion (specifically of transgender youth), skills-development and volunteering, as well as taking into account transversal approach of sustainability and the environment, evidence-base and research, accessibility and barriers, and linking it also to formal education.

EUSA was represented at the event by the following nominated youth participants: Ms Flobena Nikolli (ALB), Ms Marianna Pikul (POL), Ms Filipa Godinho (POR), Ms Sara Gaspar (HUN), Mr Mariano Carcatella (ITA/SLO), Mr Federico Palumbo (ITA) and in cooperation with the European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF) also by Ms Carolina de Sousa a Sa (POR/GBR) and Mr Leonardo Mikac (CRO); and by Mr Andrej Pisl (SLO) as one of the facilitators.

The Healthy Lifestyle
For All initiative was also
included in the opening
of the European Week of
Sport, in Prague, through the
HealthyLifestyle4All Seminar,
on which special workshops
related to it were held and
special attention was given to
the #HealthyLifestyle4All Youth
Ideas Labs results, where the
voices of youth participants
were put forward.

The #HealthyLifestyle4All initiative and the related Youth Ideas Labs is a 2-year initiative of the Commission, launched in 2021 during the kick-off of the European Week of Sport by

Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, responsible for European Union policies related to Horizon Europe, research and innovation, the Erasmus+ programme, education, culture and sport. The Youth Ideas Labs events in 2022 also correspond and contribute to the European Year of Youth.

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) is one of the first pledge signatories, and is - in cooperation with the EUSA Institute. EUSA members and partners - promoting the importance and benefits of healthy lifestyle, including physical activity and sport, health and well-being, food and nutrition through promotion and campaign via our channels, targeting our members and partners, participants of our sports and educational events, as well as the general public.



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## **EU SPORT FORUM**

Organised yearly, the European Union Sport Forum is a great occasion for celebrating European sport and the main platform for dialogue between the European Commission and other key sport stakeholders. The European Commission, in cooperation with the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, hosted the 2022 edition of the EU Sport Forum on June 16 and 17 in Lille, France.

The EU Sport Forum is an annual event, supporting dialogue with the European and international sport community, representing a central meeting point between sport organisations, representatives of the EU Institutions and Member States exchanging views on the current and future sport policies.

This years' EU Sport Forum was held at the EuraTechnologies facility in Lille, with the main theme European Sport: fair, inclusive, and fit for a sustainable future. Throughout both days, covered were the current priorities in the field of European sport with an emphasis on inclusiveness, equality and solidarity as key principles and values of a European sports model; green transition of the sport sector; good governance in sport with focus on athlete's empowerment; and the protection and promotion of well-being notably of young people through sport.

The Forum was opened by European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth Ms Mariya Gabriel, in front of over 400 persons in Lille, and hundreds more online participants.

Solidarity with Ukraine – contribution from sport session was part of the program, hosting Mr Vadym Huttsait, Minister of Youth and Sports of Ukraine and Mr Sergey Bubka, President of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, both receiving standing ovations and clear support.

High-level panels on European sport and on Sustainable sport, delivering on the European Green Deal and the New European Bauhaus were held on the first day, having impactful guests and stakeholders as speakers, representing important sport organizations, committees, associations, federations, and state bodies.

During the panel on European Sport, special emphasis was given on the HealthyLifeStyle4All initiative, including a signature of new HealthyLifeStyle4All pledges, following the ones signed last year at the opening of the European Week of Sport, where also EUSA signed the pledge to promote the initiative.

As one of the key moments of the sport forum, was the launching of HealthyLifeStyle4All Youth Ideas Labs, consisting of young participants nominated by youth organisations, reflecting also the European Year of Youth. Young delegates were nominated by 5 organisations, identified by the European Commission -Marie Curie Alumni, European Solidarity Network, European University Sports Association (EUSA), Erasmus Students Network (ESN), ENGSO Youth.

The second day of the fully packed European Sport Forum included two sets of parallel sessions on Key principles and values of a European Sport Model and Empowering athletes; as well as Drive equality, diversity & inclusion in sport and The role of sport in defending and promoting European fundamental values.

EUSA was represented at the event by Mr Andrej Pisl, Communications and Projects Manager, who was also one of the facilitators of the Youth Ideas Labs; and the nominated youth delegates who travelled to Lille were Mariano Carcatella, Marianna Pikul, Zrinka Tabain, and in cooperation with the European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF) also Carolina Sousa E Sa and Connor Kavanagh.

The event was closed by Ms Amélie Oudéa-Castéra, Minister of Sport and Olympic and Paralympic Games of France; Mr Filip Neusser, President of the National Sports Agency of the Czech Republic; and Ms Viviane Hoffmann, Deputy Director General of DG EAC at the European Commission.







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## **EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS**

The European University Sports Association, through its EUSA Institute, is an accredited organisation with a Quality Label for running European Solidarity Corps (ESC) activities in Volunteering and Solidarity projects, supported by the European Union.

The European Solidarity
Corps replaced the European
Voluntary Service as a new
initiative which creates
opportunities for young people
to volunteer or work on projects
that benefit communities and
people around Europe, either on
their own or in a country abroad.

The European Solidarity Corps (ESC) aims to foster solidarity in European society, engaging young people and organisations in accessible and high-quality solidarity activities. It offers young people opportunities to show solidarity and help resolve challenging situations across Europe through volunteering activities, traineeships or jobs as well as solidarity projects based on young people's own initiative.

The ESC position in EUSA is open to motivated individuals aged between 17 and 30, as a

long-term placement, usually for a period of 12 months. We usually host two international volunteers through these programmes, taking gender and geographical diversity into account.

In recent years, volunteers from France, Hungary, Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Ireland, Russia, Poland and Croatia, have benefitted from this experience as assistants in the EUSA Office.

The selected volunteers are based in Ljubljana, for one year period and assist various spheres of EUSA related projects and activities. During the experience, the volunteers are receiving constant support and assistance in all fields of life, as well as empowerment to learn new things, be part of different experiences and get great knowledge.

The experience of our last ESC Volunteers Anouk and Aleksandra, recently came to an end.

"Having the ESC experience at EUSA was not just about volunteering and learning something new, but also about getting unforgettable moments which will stay for all of your life" – said Aleksandra.

My experience as an ESC volunteer with EUSA was a memorable one. From moving to Ljubljana, taking part in many European projects, travelling and meeting interesting people, to going to the EUG2022, the journey was intense and taught me a lot! – said Anouk.

The recruitment period for new volunteers is officially announced and realised only once per year, usually in the beginning of the year, and we only accept applications for volunteering in the EUSA Office during the announced calls. The new long term volunteers that will join EUSA Office will be arriving in February, having their European Solidarity Corps service ongoing until August. For short term volunteering opportunities, please see the EUSA international volunteer programme which is carried out in cooperation with the organising committees of the European Universities Championships and Games.

ESC opportunities at EUSA are possible because of the support from the European Union and the National Agency in Slovenia MOVIT.



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## **INCLUSION IN SPORT**

Inclusion in Sport (iSPORT) project promotes diversity and social inclusion in sport by enhancing the sporting experience of all participants – athletes and volunteers, especially targeting women, LGBTIQ+ and people with disabilities, while promoting equal opportunities and awareness of the importance of health-enhancing physical activity through increased participation in, and equal access to, sport for all.

The project started in 2021 and will conclude in 2023 and its main goal is to increase participation of the target groups in sport competitions and tournaments. It also aims to offer the experience of shared sporting experiences and the opportunity to learn about the uniqueness of each other.

There are several main activities within the project, such as creation of an online training that will be developed as a MOOC, gamifying scenario playouts as serious gamebased learning, organizing multiplier sports events, run by the partners, and making an overall summary packed in recommendations that will have a helpful purpose for event organisers of multi-profile sports events.

By far, the partners of the iSport project had regular partners meetings, both online and two in person, in the occasion of the EURO Games in Nijmegen and the European Sport Platform in Arnhem, keeping up the completion of the tasks, as well as following the development of the scenario-based game, created for educational purposes.

This Inclusion in Sport project was presented at the European Sport Platform, as one example of best practices, representing an innovative tool, supporting inclusion and promoting equal opportunities.

The project consortium consists of eight partners from eight countries, led by the EUSA Institute (SLO). Project

partners include: European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (SWE), European Paralympic Committee (AUT), European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (NED), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (GRE), Finnish Paralympic Committee (FIN), University Sports Association of Poland (POL) and Panteres Grogues Sports Club (ESP).















## BRAND VALUE ALIGNMENT THROUGH DUAL CAREER

The objective of the Brand Value Alignment through Dual Career (BRAVA) project is to enhance the European workplace environment so the circumstances and challenges of dual career athletes and coaches can be recognised and effectively accommodated.

The primary focus of the project is to encourage corporate managers and private companies to recognise the employability of Dual Career athletes and coaches while putting the spotlights on the challenges encountered by them.

The 3-year project aims to structure an evidence knowledge based on dual career employee athletes and to define and enable new European guidelines, which support dual career in the workplace and which facilitate appropriate brand alignment strategies and Corporate Social Responsibility policies.

Partners of this project, the first meeting in 2022, did it online on 28<sup>th</sup> of January, discusing the work, the analysys and collected information.

After this meeting, Project partners continued collecting evidence from semi-structured interviews and five national focus groups. This precious information shed a light on the actual dual career in the

workplace, and it helped to foresee suggestions on how to facilitate appropriate Dual Career brand alignment strategies with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policies. At present, a list of key statements has been identified, which is currently under an evaluation of dual career experts who are going to grade them for clarity.

The third virtual meeting of the Erasmus+ project Brand Values Alignment through Dual Career (BRAVA) was held online on June 30, developing guidelines for employment sector, related to engagement and employment of dual career athletes and sport professionals.

The Brand Value Alignment through Dual Career (BRAVA) project aims to enhance the workplace environment for dual career athletes and coaches, in order for their skills to be recognised and effectively accommodated. As part of the project, additional research on the topic is being coordinated by the university partners of this Erasmus+ project.

Project partners met online on September 19, presenting an overview of the project research, focusing on the finalisation of this phase. The meeting was held ahead of the Dual Career conference, that took place in Cartagena, Spain, where the research was presented, and participants were invited to contribute. So far, an overview of scientific literature has been made, interviews with employees-sportspersons and focus groups with corporate social responsibility and human resources managers have been carried out.

As a result, 50 key factors have been set in forms of statements. Currently, dual career experts are being invited to cluster these statements and evaluate their importance and feasibility.

The result of the research will be used in preparation of brand alignment strategies and Corporate Social Responsibility policies. The project consortium will produce publications, guidelines and strategies on working experiences,

perceptions, opinions and needs of dual career employeeathletes and coaches, supporting the implementation of EU dual career strategies.

The Brand Value Alignment through Dual Career (BRAVA) project was also presented at the Dual Career Round Table, organised by EUSA in the occasion of the European Universities Games in Lodz, Poland.

Partners of this transnational project include University of Limerick (IRL – project coordinator), European Platform for Sports and Innovation (BEL), Roma Tre University (ITA), University of Nis (SRB), University of Ljubljana (SLO), European Athlete as Student (MLT), Human Age Institute Foundation (ITA) and the EUSA Institute (SLO). The BRAVA project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.









## **GREEN SPORTS HUB EUROPE**

Making the sport sector sustainable is the main idea behind the Green Sports Hub Europe (GSHE) project, aiming to be a support system for organisations to share knowledge and best practices, so that they can learn from each other and develop.

The three-year project aims to test the potential of the sports sector as a high-profile & news agenda-driving industry, to be a channel for the societal change needed to make the European Green Deal a reality by focusing on good governance so that leaders have the knowledge and skills to place environmental sustainability at the heart of their strategy.

The project works as a support system for organisations to share knowledge and best practices, so that they can learn from each other and develop. Making use of experts, listening to the needs of the sector and equipping sports organisations and their events with the necessary tools, project partners will look to translate existing standards on environmental sustainability into concrete action, while aiming for the GSHE approach and tools to become a central component of sports organisation good governance.

The initiative spans beyond the initial project partners, so sports organisations, NGOs, academia, experts, events organisers,

environmental movements, youth and fans are welcome to join the partnership of stakeholders, under the slogan We Play to Renew.

From the beginning of 2022, when the partners met online to discuss and to define the action plan for the current year, the project is implementing in a great way. Following this meeting, in March, partners gathered in Paris for a hybrid project meeting, focusing on developing a self-assessment tool and discussion on best ways of how to convey a specific and useful content to sport actors. This tool will aim to help sports organisations to have a better vision of their own sustainable practices and give them adapted suggestions for improvement depending on their precise needs.

In October, the first outcomes and resources of the project became available online, having the project partners currently working on educational modules and preparation of the Playbook, which will help facilitate the

use of existing initiative and standards.

The two outputs brought together under this State of Play were developed during the first part of the project in 2021. They include collection, analysis and sharing of good practices. These tools provide a mapping of current resources, strategies and initiatives on the state and status of green sport organisations and explores the current barriers facing sport to implement green sport strategy and use existing tools.

In 2023 this project will be focusing on dissemination of the evaluation tool and to plan a series of test events for 2023, where the theory will be put into practice.

The project is coordinated by Surfrider Foundation Europe (FRA), with project partners including Association of Cities and Regions for the Sustainable Management of Resources (BEL), Sports Confederation of Portugal (POR), UKActive (GBR), Green Cycling Norway (NOR), Olympic Committee

of Slovenia (SLO), European Volleyball Confederation (LUX), Rugby Europe (FRA), European Athletics Association (SUI) and the EUSA Institute (SLO). Green Sports Hub Europe also supports the EUSA Green Policy which has been recently adopted by the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and sets a more strategic sustainable policy for the organisation.



## YOUTH INTEGRITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM (YIAP)

YIAP is a cooperative partnership with the aim to trigger a positive change within the sport sector and create a culture of integrity across Europe and to educate and empower young people with and without intellectual disability to become sport integrity ambassadors.

Through the main goal of this program and its implementation, young people will be trained to promote positive change in the sports sector, to be the main actors for building a safe environment in the sports sector, making more participatory spaces for young people within it.

Main topics and objectives of the YIAP project will be to develop key competences of young people to take an active roles in their societies by promoting and disseminating a culture of integrity in their sport communities, to take part of an educational program that would serve to equip the youth with the right skills and digital tools, to gather them around the common values as well as to train young people to actively identify, prevent and react against dishonesty and crooked practices within the sport sector and in society at large.

On August 25-26, in the capital of Lithuania, Vilnius, the kick off meeting of the Youth Integrity Ambassador Program

(YIAP) took place, being the first TPM meeting of this project, supported by Erasmus+ programme in the field of youth, focusing on volunteering and good governance.

Bigger portion of the meeting was dedicated to gathering more information about the project results and responsibilities of each partner organization and sharing ideas of best practices and ways of monitoring the evaluation and the learning framework of the project. The representatives talked about the foreseen activities and tools that are going to be created and organized by the partner organizations, such as the creation of the Youth Integrity Ambassador toolkit, the Youth Integrity Ambassadors Campaign and the project impact video.

After implementing these goals, the next goal will be to send them back to their local communities and to be the ambassadors that will try to engage other young people in future and implement the

results of the project through inclusivity and teamwork.

On 28 of September in Brussels, during the European Week of Sport, the Youth Integrity Ambassadors Project (YIAP) had its second meeting in Brussels. This meeting served as an opportunity for the Youth and Sport Integrity Expert Committee (YSIEC) to meet and discuss the planned activities.

The YSIEC includes one youth expert and one young representative from each partner organisation. As part of this Sport Integrity Expert Committee, EUSA was represented by Ms Hristina Hristova, in the role of youth expert and Mr Jan Martin Jamnik in the role of youth representative. The goal of the committee is to prepare the training course for the young participants that will later enrol in the YIAP programme.

During the meeting, the committee focused on identifying the key competences and knowledge to equip young

integrity ambassador, create an educational curriculum to empower young people, by using non-formal education methods and building a network of young individuals connected through Europe. YIAP aims, at implementing a Training Course that could give to 36 young participants the competences and the tools to be Integrity Ambassadors in Sport.

YIAP is funded by the Erasmus+ Youth Programme of the European Union, and it will run for a period of 24 months from May 2022 to April 2024. The YIAP project is led by the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO) with ENGSO Youth (SWE) and Swedish Sports Confederation (SWE), partnering with EUSA Institute (SLO), Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia Foundation -SOEE (IRL), RF-SISU Smäland (SWE), Portuguese Sport Confederation (POR), Lithuanian Union Of Sport Federation -LSFS (LTU), Organisation for Sports Education – OPES (ITA) and associating partners The European Lotteries.















# K2S-GEN Z FUTURE VOLUNTEERS – KEY TO SUCCESS IN GENERATION Z

European University Sports Association along with its Institute, is taking part in the "Future Volunteers – Key to Success in Generation Z: K2S-GENZ project focuing on volunteersing and skills developement.

The project studies the requirements in the field of volunteering, especially taking the characteristics and needs of Generation Z, gathering feedbacks from stakeholders and produce strategically thoughtful professional materials.

The main goal of the Future Volunteers – GEN Z project is to create an opportunity for students interested in sports and the organization of sport events, so they can be part of a lifelong adventure, learn about the values of university sports and gain valuable work experience through volunteering, thereby strengthening the employability of young people. By overcoming prejudices, we wish to restore the value of volunteering, putting the selection, training, and involvement of volunteers on new foundations.

Through this project a selection of volunteers was made, that had their training and experience

through participating into two big sport events.

At the kick-off meeting, held on April 5, Ms Enniko Bereczki, generational researcher and expert on Generation, Z presented the main characteristics of Generation Z, how to attract them, involvement initiatives and presented some other key elements for successful work with this target population.

The University of Miskolc hosted the MEFOB Festival on May 19-22, where the team of volunteers of the multisport event also included 10 volunteers from the project "Future volunteers - Key to success is Generation Z (K2S-GenZ)". During the 4 days of the MEFOB Festival, the project volunteers were able to test themselves in several areas, completing a total of 264 working hours while working in field of sports, info desk, accreditation, accommodation, meals, attaché, communication, and protocol. With their responsible and enthusiastic attitude, the volunteers contributed to the success of the event while the organizers also publicly acknowledged their outstanding contribution.

As part of the K2S-GenZ project, project partners delegated the 10 involved volunteers to the EUG 2022. The involved students performed their duties as members of the official volunteer team of the event, each of them participated in the event for different periods of time, completing 5-10 working days and a total of 355 working hours. In addition to having to stand up in an international environment and get to know the unique atmosphere of EUG and the European university sport, they performed responsible tasks in the areas of accreditation, transfer and information, accommodation and catering, protocol and educational events, media, sports, result management and venue management. The

volunteers were assisted by a mentor throughout the organization of the trip and their stay in Poland.

As the next step of the project, the project members will proceed questionnaires and interviews to evaluate the experiences of the domestic and international event, the purpose of which is the compilation of a methodology and plan of a future project in field of volunteer management.

The small-scale cooperation partnership project involves three organisations from two countries – Sports Club of Miskolc University (MEAFC) and Hungarian University Sports Federation (HUSF/MEFS) from Hungary and the EUSA Institute from Slovenia. The project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.



## W4C-S4S

The goal of the project Work for a Cause, Serve for Sport (W4C-S4S) is to educate and equip volunteers for participating in the organisation of national and international sporting events, also to equip volunteers for assisting people with disabilities in sporting events thus fostering social inclusion, equal opportunities in sport.

In 2022, various activities in assembly of the project, took place, promoting mainly volunterring.

First activity was done in in Almussafes, Spain, on March 3-4. During this meeting, participants discussed the results of a survey launched in November last year and reviewed good practice examples, gathered by the partner organisations, as well as shared ideas and exchanged views on creating an online course that will help prepare future volunteers for various sporting events. They also had the chance to be informed about practice initiative in para tennis competitions and visit sport facilities provided for the people of the municipality and also to learn about the city itself.

The City of Zagreb as the coordinator of the project Work for a cause, serve for sport (W4C) organised on June 4 and 5 in Zagreb, a project activity, promoting volunteering, held at the Cultural Information Center of Zagreb. The volunteers

and organizers were able to hear more details in various areas related to volunteering in sports over the two days of the programme. About 60 volunteers and representatives of the organizers attended workshops divided into three modules entitled: Sports events – logistical support, Sports assistants for people with disabilities and Volunteer Management.

On June 19, Slovenian partners of the Work for a Cause, Serve for Sport (W4C) project met in Novo mesto, to promote the project and volunteering in general. Representatives of the EUSA Institute (EUSA) and the Association for development of Voluntary Work Novo Mesto (DRPDNM) attended a Beach Volleyball festival in the city, organised as a one-day event with workshops, demonstration of volleyball and plenty of activities to play and have fun, by TPV Volley Novo Mesto, supported by the Volleyball Federation of Slovenia, as well

as the European Volleyball Confederation (CEV).

On 23 of November, in Ljubljana, EUSA together with the Association for development of Voluntary Work Novo Mesto (DRPDNM) held a Seminar on Volunteering in Sport. Various guests, representing different organisations, events and causes related to volunteering in sport were speaking and attending the event.

This event was hosted by the Municipality of Ljubljana, having Mr Dejan Crnek, Deputy Mayor of the City of Ljubljana, for the opening words, highlighting the importance and the diversity that volunteering offers, stating that the city of Ljubljana is promoting and supporting volunteering in sport, for a long period of time.

The final conference of this project on the topic of volunteering, was held in the Croatian capital on 2-3 of December, 2022, consisted of the final meeting and the multiplier sport event.

This project was wrapped up with presentations of implemented results in each partner's country, discussion about any difficulties that the project partners have come across in the implementation process, exchanging multiple examples of good practices and short presentation of Sport Volunteers Guidelines. At the multiplier sport event, the partners and spectators had the chance to enjoy basketball tournament, demonstration of sitting volleyball, demonstration of sports activities of elderly people and a Competition in 3-point shooting.

The project coordinator is the City of Zagreb with five project partners: the Municipality of Almussafes (ESP), Society for the Development of Voluntary Work Novo Mesto (SLO), Institute for Social Innovation and Cohesion (GRE), GEA – Social Cooperative Society (ITA) and the EUSA Institute (SLO). The project is co-funded by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.













## BE(ACH) VOLUNTEER, BE(ACH) FAIR

The main idea of the project is to facilitate in exchanging knowledge about volunteering systems and to improve the volunteer's policies by using the benefits of beach handball – fair play being a main sport's rule – as a model during the organisation of sport events.

In the beginning of 2022, the partners in the project started to work on knowledge exchange about volunteering systems and improving volunteer policies by using the benefits of beach handball, with strong emphasis on fair play. They also introduced the project to the European Handball Federation (EHF), receiving positive feedback.

On the next meeting on March 19th, partners were setting important steps in the project, highlighting beach handball as a developing sport, importance of volunteering and fair play. During this meeting, partners made important action points for the Handbook, which was presented to the tournament organizers in the upcoming Beach Handball events.

In April, during the Beach Handball Tournament Jarun Cup 2022, in Zagreb, partners had another chance to meet in person, to discuss next steps of the implementation of the project, as well as finalize the details of the Internet platform, which will enable volunteers and organisers of beach handball events to work together.

As the project was introduced to the European Handball Federation, at the meeting in Tilburg in the Netherlands during the Camelot Beach Handball Tournament, on May 28<sup>th</sup>, the project partners were joined by the EHF Beach Handball Manager, Mr Tobia Pisani.

On the occasion of this year's European Universities Games in Lodz, project partners had the chance to visit the venue of the EUG2022 beach handball competition, having a meeting

while EUG volunteers were playing an initiation match.

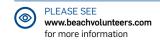
The partners also met on September 25, for a meeting in Kranjska Gora, where they discussed the experiences of the past Beach Handball events, and started evaluation process of follow-up initiatives.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, the partner organisations met for a final meeting in Zagreb, where they evaluated the project results, involving the final survey results, upon which, the project partners discussed how to keep empowering and involving volunteers in Beach Handball, sharing personal best practice experiences and stating the final steps with concluding the project.

In duration of two years, the project participants held numerous working meetings,

promoted fair play and volunteering at more than ten top-level beach handball tournaments organized in the project's partner countries, collected surveys with tournament participants related to the needs of volunteers during the organization of large events in order to produce future guidelines and recommendations that are of great importance.

The VOLFAIR project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. Project partners are Academic Beach Handball Club Zagreb (CRO), University Sports Association of Poland – AZS (POL), EUSA Institute (SLO) and Camelot Beach Handball Tournament (NED).



## (UNI)TED FORCES TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF (UNI) VERSITY SPORT COMM(UNI)TY

The (Uni)ted forces to support the education of (Uni)versity sport comm(Uni)ty – (Uni4s) project started in March 2021 and it focuses on promoting education in and through sport with special focus on skills development in university sport.

The project aims to create educational opportunities for university sport bodies. Partners' experiences and recommendations will be made available towards the end of the project in an online publication, freely available to download and share. The project seems to be gaining in importance, as the need to create conditions for skills development of participants in organising university sport events grows each day.

Second phase of the Uni4S project in 2022 was dedicated to evaluation of the guidebook, gathering feedback through a series of activities, and finalizing the ultimate version of the guidebook. That material will be translated into Dutch and Polish language.

On 27 April, the EUSA Institute hosted partners of the (Uni)ted forces to support the education of (Uni)versity sport comm(Uni) ty (Uni4S), who met for a live transnational meeting in Ljubljana.

As the project has been extended to June 2023 to allow a greater collection of feedback and data during sports competitions, the schedule and planning of activities has been discussed as well as brainstorming about the possible themes to add in the final Handbook. At the end of the project, this Handbook will be a tool to give useful information to educate staff of the university sport associations.

In June, the Uni4s project partners gathered for a

meeting in Delft and The Hague, Netherlands, hosted by project partner Student Sport Netherlands on the occasion of the biggest annual multi-sport event for students (GNSK) which took place in Delft and The Hague.

During the meeting project partners had the opportunity to share their ideas regarding logistics in the organization of university sport tournaments, to plan and write a complete notebook.

The information and knowledge shared on the meetings, as well as the feedback and date gained through the sports competitions, will continue to be collected, sorted, and packed as resource material Handbook, presenting a

valuable outcome of the project, available for use publicly.

The project is led by the University Sports Association of Poland, working with another national university sport body Studentensport Netherlands and a local organisation University Sports Association Warsaw, as well as the EUSA Institute. The project is co-funded by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.















# PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY IN SPORTS

The PROmoting Gender Equality in Sports (PROGRES) project aims to promote gender equality, encourage social inclusion and equal opportunities in the sports sector and specifically in football, by promoting gender mainstreaming within football federations and associations.

Over the course of the project duration, partners conducted the Gender Equality Study, which main objective was to shed light on the gender inequalities in the federations/associations of football and other sports, as well as the reasons behind gender gap and its parameters. Important output of the projects was the development of the Gender Mainstreaming Tool for Sports Organisations. The Tool aims to be used for gender audits in sports organizations and assesses and checks the institutionalization of gender equality in organizations. Second document prepared as part of the project was the Guide for the Integration of the Gender Perspective in the Management of Sports Organisations. The main purpose of this guide is to provide information, concrete tips & tricks to put into practice a gender mainstreaming

approach to achieve equality between women and men in the sports sector. One of the most important products that will also be of much help to other sport organizations is the creation of the Gender Mainstreaming Training Modules that focuses on improving gender equality within the sports federations. Among other activities partners organized several awareness-raising campaigns about gender mainstreaming, targeting sports stakeholders in particular.

As part of the promotional activities the European University Sports Association (EUSA), through the EUSA Institute, organised an insightful workshop as part of the Promoting Gender Equality in Sports (PROGRES) project on Saturday, September 24 as part of the EUSA Convention. The

workshop gathered participants from national university sports federations, European sport institutions and representatives of the Organising Committees that will host 20 European universities championships in 2023 including football and futsal. All together 61 participants attended the event representing 19 European countries.

In 2022 three transnational partners meeting took place. In November partners met in Oslo, Norway for the final Transnational Project Meeting and the Multiplier Sports Event hosted by the Norwegian Football Association.

The project that will finish at the end of this year is led by the Malta Football Association (MLT), with the support of partners Norwegian Football Federation (NOR), Football Federation of North Macedonia (MKD), Centrul FILIA (ROU), TREK (GRE), University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (ITA), and the EUSA Institute (SLO).



## MICRO LEARNING ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR ATHLETES

The Micro Learning Entrepreneurship for Athletes (MLEA) project addresses the collaborative partnership priority to promote education in and through sport with special focus on skills development, as well as support the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes.

The project is developing a tailor-made, modular curriculum on entrepreneurship for athletes and former athletes. All the curriculum's modules will be delivered by academic experts, and they will be recorded. Educational material will follow the micro-learning approach to help athletes make most of their time and achieve their educational goals.

MLEA will integrate gamification elements to increase athlete's engagement and will enable online microlearning on demand by offering bite-sized, small learning units with the necessary amount of information to help athletes achieve their goals. The project is extremely important for all professional athletes and focuses on the development of their Dual Careers and time management.

In 2022, the first step made within the project activities was conducting the short survey for athletes on entrepreneurship,

specifically targeting (student) athletes in Germany, Sweden, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia & Herzegovina. The preliminary results of the survey and the draft of the script for education material were presented at the hybrid project meeting in Stockholm.

At the project meeting that took place on 9th of May in Ljubljana, the importance of sports ambassadors, potential functions of the future online platform, its gamification, as well as future steps involving the recording of the video modules were discussed.

When partners met in Sarajevo in June, they established a clear picture and idea of the upcoming steps and technicalities related to the creation of the scripts and modules, that will be the main resource through which the athletes will gain the necessary information and skills to achieve their goals and find their way to a successful dual career.

With the activities moving forward, the partner met in Dusseldorf in September to discuss and present the best promotional activities foreseen to be done related to this learning opportunity, which will be offered as an online course free of charge. In the upcoming months, additional promotion activities will be done in project partner countries, with the educational material being fully available by December this year.

Update on the gamification part of the project and the process of choosing a potential platform, that will support the publications of the modules, as well as an update on the video prototypes and raw version of the prototype videos done by ZSEM, along with other details about the postproduction and realization of the beta versions of the filmed module scripts, were one of the main topics discussed on the meeting in October in Belgrade.

In the frame of this project there is a multiplier event planned to happen in February 2023, that will include the final partners meeting and will mark the conclusion of this project, which has been extended for an additional 3 months.

The project is coordinated by Zagreb School of Economics and Management (CRO), with project partners including Croatian Olympic Committee (CRO), Stiftelsen Stockholm School of Economics Institute for Research (SWE), WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management (GER), Olympic Committee of Bosnia (BOS), Olympic Committee of Serbia (SRB), Olympic Committee of Slovenia (SLO) and the EUSA Institute (SLO). The MLEA project is co-funded by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.









## **ERASMUS + INTERNSHIP**

European University Sports Association (EUSA) primarily offers internship opportunities in the EUSA Office though the European Solidarity Corps – ESC programme; and ocassionally accept unpaid voluntary internships as well, but only upon special invitation.

The internship at EUSA is potentially open to individuals aged between 18 and 30, for a set period of time. EUSA has capabilities to host up to two international volunteers and/or interns at the same time.

An internship opportunity in EUSA is a professional learning experience that offers meaningful, practical work related to university sport, education in sport and organisation of sports events. Throught the internship young people are given the opportunity for career exploration and development, and learning new skills. It also offers the intern the opportunity to bring new ideas and energy into the workplace, develop talent and potentially build a pipeline for a future career.

The internship is based in Ljubljana, Slovenia. It is not paid, but we provide accommodation,

local transportation and base pocket money for subsistance. Our opportunities and arrangements reflect the ones described in our ESC general profile and project indications. We are especially looking for individuals with some previous skills who are interested in getting more experience and work in the fields of communication and sport management.

During 2022, EUSA Internship position at EUSA Office in Ljubljana, was occupied by Mr Nathan Liegeon from France. Mr Liegeon, started his internship in April and finished in the end of July. In the recap of his internship, he expressed:

"Before I did my internship, I first knew EUSA and the sports university environment from social media and their events. But from the inside, it was an incredible adventure that I will never forget. I had an amazing insight of the unity of Europe and sport through international projects. Working in a multicultural environment is a life-changing experience.

Within EUSA, I had the opportunity to promote sport and its values through European projects, which helped me to understand the inside of European policies. I thoroughly loved my experience in Slovenia, next to colleagues who are committed and truly believe in sport as a tool to foster education, equality, and inclusion. Joining this incredible team had an impact on my career path and on the way, I want to work in sport.

I also won't forget my first edition of the Games, the European Universities Games 2022 which were held in Lodz. I never experienced this type of multisport event and working for the event was an impressive achievement of my internship – which I thank again the whole office for their trust. I also met awesome people who are willing to help – and used to – with the organization of sports events.

Joining the EUSA Office is more than a professional line in your CV, you experience a human encounter by meeting people with the same dynamic as you."

EUSA acknowledges the importance of the European funding and support in realising such programmes – the Erasmus+ programme for the internship, and the European Solidarity Corps for the volunteering programme, as well as the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and thank them for their help in our initiatives.













## INNOVATING FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP THROUGH PRACTICE AND POLICY (IFLIPP)

The Innovating Football Leadership through Practice and Policy project seeks to assess recent research in the representation of women and ethnic minorities (WEM) in leadership positions in football to develop responsive inclusive leadership governance action plan at National and European levels.

The three-year project started in 2020, aiming to enhance leadership skills of women and ethnic minorities in football by creating and piloting a set of inclusive professional development training materials, transferable and adaptable for sport organisations.

During online meetings, partners discussed the training pack together and debated on what specific topics should be included in the material produced, as well as the way how the material will be presented according to the different target groups.

In 2022, within the project activities, the educational tools – roadmap and training kit in form of an online MOOC, are being designed and will be finalised. This MOOC is a guide to diversifying and transforming football leadership which showcases an overview of modules, with a specific theme

and order, in which there are videos incorporated giving examples, best practices and guidelines on different topics related to football leadership and exclusion of ethnic minority people from football culture. This guide is aiming to help ethnic minority men, women and organizations who want to develop their work within football.

A special call was also launched for participants, working in the field of equality in sport (especially football), having workshops that will focus on how to better support women and ethnic minorities in sport. Two European Leadership Workshops are planned to be carried out as part of the project and will be held in the Netherlands and Slovenia between January and March 2023. These workshops will be the opportunity where the participants will start developing their personal or organizational development plan and having feedback from experts that will be present on both workshops. The foreseen idea is for the participants to start creating their development plans in the Netherlands, have a follow up work in the two-month gap between the workshops and to come back and present their final plan in Slovenia.

At these workshops the attendees will be able to hear more on the topic of leadership, network building, developing strategy, joining boards, building personal brands and other requested topics in their fields of interest.

Partners of the Erasmus+ project Innovating Football Leadership through Practice and Policy (iFLIPP) gathered on 7<sup>th</sup> of September in Rotterdam, for a meeting hosted by the Erasmus University Rotterdam reviewing the progress of the project and setting the next steps in supporting women and ethnic minorities in football and sport in general, as well as discussing in detail the planned workshops and the dissemination activities related to the Tool Kit and the MOOC.

The project is led by the Fare Network (NED), with six partner organisations including Integrated Dreams (POR), Erasmus University Rotterdam (NED), Portugal Football Association (POR), Malta Football Association (MAL) and the EUSA Institute (SLO), with the support of Europe's football governing UEFA as well. The partners welcomed a new project partner Hawar help, who replaced Discover Football (GER). The project is co-funded by Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.





## **NEW PROJECTS**

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) announced the selection results of the Erasmus+ Sport – Call for proposals; the Cooperation partnerships, small scale cooperation partnerships and Not-For-Profit European Sport Events in two parts. Following the completion of the results, EUSA is proud and happy to announce that a project with the EUSA Institute as the coordinator has been selected for funding from the European Union.

European University Sports Association (EUSA) with its EUSA Institute in Ljubljana, Slovenia, was granted funding for cooperation partnership project "Enhancing sport organisations and management (ESOM)" project, focusing on development of university sport, good governance, and dual career. The project is co-funded by the European Union and its duration is 24 months, starting on January 1, 2023.

Enhancing sport organisations and management (ESOM) aims to strengthen management and event organisation in university sport through blended learning, sharing experiences, gaining new information and skills on the key topics of sports management,

funding, communication, and other key topics.

Main activities will be research, education and dissemination aiming to help organisations and management of university sport. The project will directly address priorities of the 2021-2024 EU Work Plan for Sport and the Erasmus+ annual work programme: primarily and directly in promoting and supporting Good Governance in Sport through promoting the quality of coaching and staff, and indirectly by promoting Sport and Education, supporting the dual careers of athletes.

Both priorities are listed under the general priority area: Protect integrity and values in sport. This project partnership brings together a European NGO sports entity, the EUSA Institute, national university sport bodies in 5 countries: Croatia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Ukraine and two universities from Ljubljana, Slovenia and Miskolc, Hungary.

Seven countries are involved through the partnership consortium, but the activities and results will be beneficial to a wider number of countries and array of organisation, especially in the research and dissemination activities.

EUSA Institute otherwise remains an active partner in several ongoing projects, supported by Erasmus+

programme of 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 through the Erasmus+programme.







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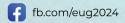






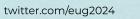


















## **EUSA MEMBERS**

As an umbrella organization, EUSA comprises of 47 national university sports associations (NUSA) in Europe, governing sport in higher education. The members serve on local, regional, national, European and international levels. The mission of the EUSA member associations is to improve the conditions of the student athletes within their countries on several levels, encouraging and enabling them to actively pursue their university studies as well as engagement in sports.

#### **Electoral Assemblies**

Croatian Academic Sports Federation (CASF/HASS) held an electoral General Assembly on February 16.

New members of the Executive Committee, Supervisory Boards,

including the new President of the organization were elected. The Assembly elected Mr Haris Pavletic, the current First Vicepresident of EUSA, as the new President of CASF/HASS. Other members of the board were also elected, with Mr Toni Gamulin

as the First Vice-president, and Ms Sanja Curkovic and Mr Tonci Jerak as Vice-presidents. Mr Sasa Selmanovic, Igor Salajic and Marko Zunic were elected as members of the Executive Committee. The 117<sup>th</sup> General Assembly was held in Berlin on 16th and 17<sup>th</sup> October, where the German University Sports Federation (ADH) reviewed the past year and made plans for the future. The Assembly also elected the board for the 2022-24 term, unanimously confirming Mr Förster as the President / Chairman of the Board. Mr Förster is thus starting his fourth term in this position. The Assembly also elected other members of the board, various commissions, and members of the National Council.

In this year, a new Secretary General was appointed at the German University Sports Federation (ADH). Mr Benjamin Schenk, former Head of Division Youth and Education, became the new Secretary General and heads the office in Dieburg.

Various events and changes have been part of FADU in October, among which were changes among the Board members. During the special ceremony that took place on 13 of October, Mr Ricardo Nora, student at the University of Beira Interior, was elected as the new President of the Portugal University Sport Federation, for 2022-2024. The new executive board, led by Mr. Nora, has more eight members: Francisco Garcia, Carlos Santos, Sofia Jarreta, Luís Ribeiro, Gabriel Tavares, Rui Sousa, Beatriz Leandro and Diogo Braz, from different universities all over the country. Changes has been made regarding the position of Secretary General, as Mr Arménio Coelho has been newly appointed. The other governing bodies that also signed the investiture were the General Assembly, Audit, Disciplinary and Justice board.

The Lithuanian Student Sports Association (LSSA) held their General Assembly, that took place in the premises of the Lithuanian Student Sports Museum on November 28, during which Ms Indre Celkiene became the new President of the organisation. The long-time President Mr Ceslovas Garbaliauskas decided to retire from his position, so the Assembly elected the new President, and also members of the Board.

The new Board is lead by Ms Celkiene, and 6 members elected to the LSSA Board are Ms Raminta Kuktaite (Vilnius Gediminas Technical University), Ms Ramune Zilinskiene (Vilnius University), Ms Banga Balnaite – Stoniene (Klaipeda University), Mr Ramunas Butautas (Lithuanian Sport University), Mr Jonas Okunis and Mr Vladas Juknevicius (both Vytautas Magnus University).

#### University Sport Development Meetings

On April 22, at the occasion of the EUSA Executive Committee meeting, following the conclusion of the bidding process and the official presentation of the candidature, the European Universities Games 2026 have been attributed to Salerno. The bidding and awarding ceremony were held at the Aula Magna of the University of Salerno, in the presence of the highest local and university authorities, EUSA Executive Committee members, invited quests and students. including the President of the Region of Campagna Mr Vincenzo De Luca.

In June the 15th Friendship Games was held under the patronage of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and the International University Sports Federation (FISU). This edition of the event took place in Eilat, a Red Sea resort from 8-15 of June, hosted by the Tel Aviv University Sports Club and ASA Israel. The Friendship Games mission is a "simple" one – to create friendship in the Middle East and other countries, using Sport as a bridge to connect people.









The power of sport provides the basis of encounters and friendships between students from diverse cultures, religions, e and backgrounds.

On 27th of September, representatives of EUSA met with Mr Ilan Kowalsky, Israel Academic Sports Association representative & EUSA Technical Commission Vice-Chair, at the EUSA Office in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Topics discussed at the meeting were cooperation between the organizations, the upcoming 2023 International Games that will be held in Eilat, from March 20-23, as well as some side events, such as the ASA Sports Leadership Conference.

On October 5, EUSA held a meeting in Ljubljana with

representatives of CUS Venezia to explore the possibility of adding EUSA Winter Championships to EUSA Sports Programme in 2023. During the meeting in Ljubljana, CUS Venezia presented the detailed proposal of Val di Zoldo to host the  $1^{\rm st}$  edition of the European Universities Winter Championships.

Later, on November 9<sup>th</sup>, EUSA Delegation had an official working visit to Venice to finalize the proposal for the potential organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> EUSA Winter Championships. The engaged parties agreed on an action plan and scheduled a first Inspection Visit in Val di Zoldo in December, to evaluate all logistic aspects. At the meeting, it was also agreed that the EUSA-FISU Seminar will be held

at Val di Zoldo, from 23-26 of March 2023.

FISU with the support of the Turkish University Sports Federation (TUSF), organized the FISU World Cup 3x3 Basketball, that took place from 27-29 of October in Istanbul, Turkyie. FISU University World Cup 3x3 Basketball, hosted university student-players from all around the world, that competed to be crowned the FISU World Cup 3x3 Basketball champions. The final match was held at Galataport on October 29, at the occasion of Türkiye's Republic Day.

On 13 of October, the Portugal University Sport Federation (FADU) has officially inaugurated the Student-Athlete House and the Portuguese University Sport Museum of FADU, in Aveiro. In the museum are represented the international participations and respective achievements, the organization of national competitions, the evolution of national trophies awarded by FADU since 1990, the main moments of institutional history and the distinctions received in the last few years.

At the occasion of the centennial anniversary of student sport in Lithuania, a National Student Sport Museum was opened in Kaunas on November 18, the first of its kind in the world. The museum not only inspires to look at the past, but also encourages thinking about the future.

December 4 was very important for the national university sports











body in Italy – Italian University Sport Centre (CUSI); as the organization officially became a National Sports Federation, and full member of the national Olympic Committee in Italy. It has been a memorable step for the Italian university sports movement, after years with a view to improving training, university sports activities, national championships and the Universiade, inclusion, the fight against discrimination, and attention to top athletes/ students, also protagonists of the Olympic sports disciplines.

#### Eusa Members - Awards

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, an award ceremony took place in the Town Hall of Toulouse in France, to award Mr Jean-Francois Sautereau, former President of the French University Sports Federation, and former Executive Committee member of EUSA. Mr Sautereau received the medal of Knight (Chevalier) in the National Order of the Legion of Honour. This is the highest French national distinction, which was this year awarded to over 500 civilians,

and Mr Sautereau is one of them.

#### Gala Events

The annual Polish University Sports Gala was held in Lublin on October 21, awarding the achievements of student-athletes, universities and university sports clubs. It has also been a celebration of 100 years of AZS Lublin – local university sport association.

In 2022 over 70 Polish University Sport Championships took place and in Lublin, Rectors of the most successful academic institutions were awarded. Many Rectors from Poland took part in the event, recognizing the importance of sport in the institutions of higher education. Similarly like in the past years, the Gdansk University of Technology was handed the title, with the University of Warsaw in second place and AGH University of Science and Technology taking third place.

Big part of the Gala has been the summary and celebration of Polish student-athletes on the international level. Eleven of the medalists of World University Championship events received awards and additional prizes.

Portugal University Sport Federation – FADU held their XIII University Sports Gala on October 9, in Espinho, celebrating their achievements, and also awarding the best student-athletes, coaches and teams of the year. The occasion served to honor all medalists in the FISU World University Championships.

Following the centennial celebrations of university sport in Lithuania, the Lithuanian Student Sports Association (LSSA) held their General Assembly and special Gala. On December 8, the honoring and awarding evening of the best Lithuanian student athletes of 2022 took place during a dedicated Gala. At the event, the best Lithuanian studentathletes were awarded, who made their Alma Mater and country famous in international sports arenas with their achievements. The event was

also used to properly thank and honour the long-time president of LSSA, Mr Garbaliauskas, and introduce the new Board.





# INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (FISU)

FISU is about to complete a busy 2022, with no less than 16 World University Championships and Cups. Other challenges will mark 2023 with the resume of FISU World University Games after two postponements and a cancellation.

Rebound may be the word of the year for the International University Sports Federation (FISU), as for many global sports federations. 2022 saw a return to a semblance of normal after the pandemic challenges of 2020 and 2021. FISU lived this with multiple events and initiatives taking place, returning student-athletes to competition, and the dual career balance between sport and academics.

While 2021 ended in a disappointing fashion with the

unfortunate cancellation of the Lucerne 2021 FISU World University Games Winter, following the postponement of the Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games Summer, 2022 brought much more positivity with twelve FISU World University Championships and four FISU University World Cups organised by cities around the world.

The season started in late February with the 2022 FISU Championship Ski Orienteering in Jachymov, Czech Republic, the first in person FISU sporting event since March of 2020. This was followed by the 2022 FISU Championship Speed Skating at the James C. Sheffield Olympic Skating Rink in Lake Placid, a prelude to the FISU Games taking place there in January of 2023.

As winter turned to warmer temperatures in the northern hemisphere, FISU Championships were held in cross country (Aveiro, Portugal), sport climbing (Innsbruck, Austria), futsal (Braga-Guimaraes, Portugal), golf (Torino, Italy), and orienteering (Magglingen – Biel, Switzerland).

Heading into September, and spring in the southern hemisphere, Maceio, the capital of the Brazilian state of Alagoas, played host to two FISU Championships first in beach volleyball, followed shortly thereafter by triathlon. Studentathletes from 23 countries competed in beach volleyball and from 20 in triathlon. The FISU Championship season, that saw approximately 2,000 student-athletes from 694 universities and 61 countries participate, concluded with mind sports in Antwerp, Belgium, canoe sprint in Bydgoszcz, Poland, and squash in the Egyptian city of New Giza.

FISU University World Cups, where student-athletes compete for their university rather than their country, were also back in 2022 with four events that welcomed just over 1,400 athletes and officials from 62 countries and 385 universities.

In April, the Italian town of Lignano Sabbiadoro hosted finswimming, followed by handball in Pristina, Kosovo in July, and then two in Türkiye – combat sports in Samsun in late September, and 3x3 basketball in Istanbul in late October. The inaugural FISU World Cup Combat Sports brought together multiple disciplines to one overall event, with competition in SAMBO, muaythai, boxing, wrestling, wushu, and karate.

FISU's Healthy Campus
Programme, which is a global
benchmark for healthy campus
living, continued to grow in 2022.
As of October of 2022, 110
universities from 35 countries
had adopted the programme as
they look to grow and develop
active living for students and
staff on their campuses.

The International Day of University Sport (IDUS), held annually on September 20<sup>th</sup> continues to be an important global event highlighting the value and importance of







university sport in countries all around the planet. This year, 120 FISU members celebrated IDUS in their countries and 240 IDUS related activities were organised. To wrap up the year for educational initiatives, the FISU World Forum 2022 will take place in Cartago, Costa Rica in December focusing on university sport as a driver for sustainable development.

The focus now shifts to 2023 and the return of the FISU World University Games. First up will be the Lake Placid 2023 FISU Games Winter, the first since Krasnoyarsk in March of 2019, with competition taking place 12 – 22 January 2023 in Lake Placid and the North Country region of New York in the United States.

Some 1,500 student-athletes from 50 countries and 600

universities will compete in alpine skiing, short and long track speed skating, curling, ice hockey, ski jumping, snowboard, freestyle and freeski, Nordic combined, figure skating, biathlon, and cross-country skiing. The majority of venues are in the immediate vicinity of Lake Placid with snowboard taking place at nearby Gore Mountain and ice hockey preliminary round games occurring to the north in the towns of Canton and Potsdam.

The Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games Summer have been twice postponed but are now set to take place 28 July – 8 August of 2023. In this Chinese city of 16 million residents, 49 competition and training venues will host 18 disciplines, including the 15 compulsory FISU sports and the three optional sports of wushu, shooting sport, and











rowing. 269 medal events will take place during the 13 days of competition.

FISU is also keeping an eye on the future as Torino, Italy will host the 2025 FISU Games Winter, while Rhine-Ruhr in Germany will host in the summer of 2025. The host of the 2027 FISU Games Summer will be determined in November with Chungcheong Megacity in Korea and North Carolina in the United States the two candidates. Bidding remains open for the 2027 FISU Games Winter and both Winter and Summer Games for 2029.







# FEDERATION OF AFRICA UNIVERSITY SPORTS (FASU)

2022 was very eventful and lively. The main event of the year was the  $10^{\text{th}}$  All Africa University Games that happened at Kenyatta University, Nairobi from 6-10 June. The event, which was originally scheduled for 2020, had been postponed following the outbreak of COVID-19.



## Pre FASU games activities

### Head of Delegation (HOD) Meeting

Prior to the Games, a Head of Delegation meeting – to provide an effective forum to streamline planning and navigate issues in advance of the arrival of delegations – was held on April 22. The present delegates were taken on a virtual tour of the sports facilities and the Games

village and were updated on all planned activities.

#### **FASU Pre Games Conference**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Pre Games Scientific Symposium was also held successfully. The Symposium is highly valued as an Academic forum for the presentation of research findings on different topics. That objective was achieved at the 2022 Symposium, which once again highlighted the importance of the sports – academia partnership. The papers are to be reviewed and published.

#### The FASU games

The All Africa University Games were a great attraction, with over 1000 participants from 48 universities and 14 countries taking part in the five-day event. The Games opening ceremony was presided over by the First Lady Margaret Gakuo Kenyatta and also graced by the Acting President of FISU Mr. Leonz Eder.





The competitive disciplines included Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Football, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Handball, Swimming, Taekwondo and Karate in both genders. Woodball, Roll Ball, Goalball, Sitting Volleyball and Gurasumo (Kenyan, Borana Traditional game) were played for demonstration purposes.

American University in Cairo (Egypt) emerged overall winners with 69 medals, Ndejje University (Uganda) came in second with 53 medals while University of Education, Winneba from Ghana came in third with 23. Egypt led the country medal standings with 98 medals, followed by Uganda with 77 and Ghana in third place with 52 medals.

### Qualifiers for the Soccer FISU University Soccer World Cup:

The soccer event that doubled as the qualifiers for the FISU University World Cup Soccer saw Kenyatta University (Kenya) and MUBS (Uganda) qualify for Men while L'Universite De Kindia (Guinea) and Makerere University (Uganda) qualified for the Women.

## Events held at the sidelines of the games

#### The 3<sup>rd</sup> FISU-FASU-NUSF Seminar

The seminar whose theme was "The Role of University Sports as a Vehicle for Institutional Development" left participants yearning for more information and interaction. This gave birth to online monthly conversations on topics of interest, with the following amongst the most popular so far: Why a Healthy Campus? How we celebrated IDUS; Financing University Sports; and the FASU Games postmortem and Future Games.

#### The 1<sup>st</sup> FASU Vice Chancellors Forum

The objective of the Vice Chancellors Forum is to create a platform for discussion and exchange of ideas among Africa's leading universities. The involvement of top decision makers of universities was noted as key to the development of university sports, among other observations. The Vice Chancellors of the different University present also committed to meeting regularly in addition to other resolutions.

### FASU International Volunteers Program

The first edition of the FASU international volunteer program was also held. The program offered students the opportunity to actively take part in the FASU Games as volunteers. These students supported organizers while enjoying the unique adventure of learning about the values of sport and gaining valuable work experience through volunteering. For starters, 10



international students were offered the opportunity to join the local volunteers during FASU activities in Kenya.

#### Hannington Musoke

This year also witnessed the retirement of our long serving administrator from service at the secretariat. Hannington Musoke served FASU from 2010 till July 2022 when he requested to leave. He is credited with playing a significant role in the growth of University Sports in Africa and beyond during his 12-year tenure. We thank him for his dedicated service and wish him all the best in future endeavours.

### FASU Sports Activities for 2023

- FASU General Assembly, 6<sup>th</sup> FASU Cross Country Championship, and FISU-FASU Strategic dialogue in March in South Africa.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Afro Varsity 3x3 Basketball in South Africa
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Kings of Africa University Rugby 7's Uganda in October
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the FASU Slam – Uganda in October
- The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the FASU soccer championship Ghana
- 11<sup>th</sup> FASU Games in 2024 in Nigeria



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# ASIAN UNIVERSITY SPORT FEDERATION (AUSF)

This year 2022 was special year for our friends at the Asian University Sport Federation (AUSF) since they celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and their amazing journey since its establishment in 1992.

Looking back on the glorious journey AUSF has travelled since its establishment in 1992, it has always been one of the biggest dreams to have as many of our university students in Asia to be given the equal opportunity to participate in the activities sponsored by AUSF and to have as many of our university students in Asia be cared by AUSF. During the past three decades, both the board member and the member federation have been working together, hand in hand, to overcome the challenges

and difficulties on the journey brought by vast and wide-spread continent, multi-language, multi-culture, etc.

One of the most remarkable achievements for AUSF 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration should be the compilation of AUSF historical book titled "30 YEARS OF THE ASIAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS MOVEMENT", which fully reviewed the 30-year path of AUSF, telling her story with member federations, FISU and Continental Federations, etc., and showing how AUSF

becomes more united, harmonious, and strong.

Meanwhile, AUSF Run Challenge 2022 was organized with the theme of "Harmony through Sports". Following the successful delivery of last two editions, this event attracted more than 1,200 participants from 8 member federations to celebrate the International Day of University Sports and 30-years birthday of AUSF.

In addition, thanks to the experiences gained in 2021, AUSF has become more poised

than last year and convened 5 online Executive Committee meetings regularly to cope with the challenges brought about the pandemic. On 20th December 2022, 12th AUSF General Assembly (Session One) will be held online, we are very happy to have top leaders of FISU, EUSA and other Continental Federations to be with us on this important occasion. To keep the sustainability of the Asian university sports movement, 2022 Asia-Oceania Chess Championship will be held online from 17-26 December. This event will see over 70 players from 10 countries in Asia and Oceania taking part in the event with both men's and women's categories, repeating the successful footprint in the last year.

We are very glad and proud to see that AUSF member federations overcame the difficulties and challenges brought by COVID-19 and organized several events in different ways to engage more participants at local level for

IDUS celebration, like sports programmes in Malaysia, sports hiking competition in Mongolia, Wushu activities and Chinese University Healthy Campus Tournament in China, Snooker Championship in Nepal, Half Marathon and Yoga and Indian Folk Dance Bhangra activity in India, online Seminar in UAE, etc.

Though the pandemic situation is improving gradually this year, overseas travel and hosting of international events in some regions are still very difficult. But it is delighted to see some member federations found their own ways and began to resume onsite sports activities at local level. Looking ahead to next year, we will keep monitoring the evolvement of the pandemic situation and try our best to stage offline events gradually.









## FISU AMERICA

FISU America is the governing organization of university sports in the continent of America which has celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.



Since 2007 when representatives of the American continent met in Blumenau, Brazil on June 11<sup>th</sup> to start what we know today as FISU AMERICA. The organization is leading by Alim Maluf Neto from Brazil with a board of 9 persons from all over the continent

In 2015, the organization ODUPA was renamed FISU AMERICA, a name it bears until today.

We bring together 28 NUSF off the continent, from the North to the South, and in these 15 years, it has become a very active organization whose main objective is to promote university sports in every corner of the continent.

In 2022, we returned to full activity, after two years of unexpected events and a lot of suffering. Fortunately, everything that was planned

could be carried out and today, closing the year we can be proud of that.

We have a team that consolidates our work on a daily basis: communication, events educational and sports. The team that keeps the agenda active as it is today.

We would like to share it and how 2022 came through:







In May our sports calendar began with the III FISU AMERICA CHESS, it took place from May  $4^{\text{th}}$  to  $11^{\text{th}}$ , online. In the third edition, 8 countries participated: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Dominican Republic and Venezuela. 174 participants took part of the event: 96 men 78 women and 21 teams.

The competition developed in a great way in its entirety, with a high level of chess, which made the confrontations attractive and engaging. In fact, the three finals, both individual and team, were broadcast live through the YouTube channel and Facebook.

On the first days of June (from  $1^{st}$  to  $3^{rd}$ ), we celebrated the IV FISU AMERICA FORUM CALI 2022. The event was held in Colombia in the City of Cali, organized by ASCUNDAF Colombia in coordination with the Javeriana University of Cali. This event had a hybrid event. There were more than 250 attendees, who had the opportunity to listen to 40 speakers. The topics were: physical activity, legacy, sustainability and sports training at the university sports. In this type of meeting, the speakers can share experiences, and analyses and in some way generate an educational

platform and a work network that promotes development.

In July, we went to Lima, Peru, on FeDUP's land, to the University of San Ignacio de Loyola where the FISU AMERICA 3X3 was held, 21 universities from 8 countries participated: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico and Peru with 11 universities participating in the male branch, and 10 in the female branch. It was the first time for FeDUP as an event organizer. 64 games played and more than 20 hours of live transmission set up a beautiful setting to promote university sports throughout the continent.

The winner for the ladies was the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (Chile). The Paulista University of Brazil (UPB) was for men.

In August we celebrate the FISU AMERICA E-SPORTS FIFA 2022 where 7 countries participated: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela. 18 participants. 5 women and 13 men. More than a month of competitions, three main rounds, in which the participants were divided into groups and faced each other. Then they advanced to instances of direct elimination

until there were two players left, who played in the final.

In September we celebrate the International Day of University Sports and in addition to encouraging all member countries to be a part, we organize FISU AMERICA UNITED. More than 100 participated and 12 groups were formed.

Finally, in October: the FISU AMERICA GAMES Mérida 2022 were held in Mérida, México, with the participation of 1050 student-athletes from 12 different countries, the second edition of this competition that brings together the entire continent.

The leader for medal ranking was Mexico, which achieved 182 distinctions, followed by Brazil with a total of 45 while in third place is the United States with 66.

In nine stadiums, which were within the Yucatecan region, eleven sports disciplines were developed. The Poliforum Zamná hosted volleyball and basketball, while the Carlos Iturralde Stadium and the Marista University were the venues for soccer. The FISU AMERICA FOOTBALL was also held there, with the

classification of the University of Ottawa (CAN) for women and Universidad Paulita (BRA) for men.

The Extraordinary General Assembly of FISU AMERICA was also held there in the Autonomous University of Merida with the participation of 23 NUSF.

December has arrived and we are already planning what 2023 will be like: strategic dialogue, FISU AMERICA 3X3, FISU AMERICA esports and chess and of course, we will accompany the participation of our countries in the Winter Games, in Lake Placid USA and the Summer Games in Chengdu, China!

FISU America One Continent, One Passion.







## FISU OCEANIA

FISU Oceania is the youngest of the Continental University Sport Federations and has relations with 12 National University Sport Federations. FISU Oceania's vision is for all university, college, and tertiary students of Oceania to be able to participate in sport and leadership opportunities.

#### Introduction

2022 has been a building year for FISU Oceania as they have launched a new strategic plan, moved the Federation legal status to Australia, became an official charity and were able to employ their first official staff member on a part time basis.

After a member consultation process, the FISU Oceania 2023-2025 strategy was launched in January. The strategy shares a vision where all university, college and tertiary students of

Oceania can participate in sport and leadership opportunities.

Four pillars underpin this strategic plan: leadership, development, engagement and partnerships. As part of the operating plan, FISU Oceania has aligned each strategic goal to seven of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

FISU Oceania becomes a signatory to the United Nations Sport for Climate Action

FISU Oceania is proud to be a signatory to the United Nationals Sport for Climate Action framework and Race to Zero initiative. Becoming a signatory in August was an important step for our Federation as we commit to help drive the sports sector to net-zero emissions by 2050. We continue to ensure that our events and travel are carbon neutral and we are working on resources to share with our National University Sport Federations to educate and

encourage them to also reduce their carbon footprint.

#### MOU with South Pacific Tourism Organisation

In August, FISU Oceania signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Pacific Tourism Organisation to further promote the region to the wider university sport global community. In addition, the MOU aims to bring more FISU university sporting events to the region. Sports tourism is important to nations in the Pacific and FISU Oceania is looking forward to discussions with major tourism bodies to determine what FISU events may be hosted in the future.

#### National University Sport Championships

2022 saw a return of sport to university campuses across the Oceania region. Students were excited to once again represent their university in their chosen sport and re connect with friends from other tertiary institutions.

The return to campus saw key university games, championships and intervarsity events held in Australia, Fiji, Guam, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands and Papua New Guinea with over 10,000 students participating in the competitions on offer. The following universities were awarded as the overall champions for university sport in their countries:

- The University of Sydney (Australia)
- The University of Auckland Waipap Taumata Tau (New Zealand)
- University of the South Pacific (Fiji)

### 3x3 University World Cup Qualifying Tournament

The Oceania region is geographically challenged when it comes to travelling to sporting events and with some international borders not opening until the second part of the year, FISU Oceania held it's 3x3 University World Cup Qualifying Tournament in a virtual setting. Each country was asked to video the medal matches of their 3x3 national championships and submit

recordings. A panel of expert judges then analysed game play, teamwork and results to select a men's and women's team to attend the University World Cup and represent the Oceania region.

This process was certainly a unique event however with international borders closed, it was not possible to hold an in person qualifying event. The expert panel of judges included a national basketball coach, international 3x3 basketball coach and Olympic 3x3 referee. Macquarie University (AUS) men's team and Lincoln University (NZL) women's team were selected to attend the World Cup with Waikato University (men) receiving a wild card entry into the event.

Results at the 3x3 University World Cup were the best in Oceania's history with Macquarie University winning silver in the men's competition, Lincoln University coming 5<sup>th</sup> and Waikato University finishing gth

#### Football University World Cup Qualifying Tournament

The Oceania qualifying tournament for the Football University World Cup was held in November with the men's final between Western Sydney University (AUS) and The University of Auckland

(NZL). The women's final was between The University of Sydney (AUS) and University of Canterbury (NZL). The winners will represent Oceania and look forward to repeating the excellent results achieved by Oceania teams at the last World Cup edition.

#### International day of University Sport

International Day of University Sport continues to be a key focus in the region with nine countries organising activities at either a national or university level. FISU Oceania celebrated the event with a virtual walk around the region. #LetsWalkOceania focused on getting people active and all involved were #oneteam working towards #onegoal. This event attracted, 96 participants from 10 countries and collectively 13,685km / 8.503 miles were covered with eight countries reached along the virtual route. We are looking forward to a bigger and better event in 2023.

#### **Healthy Campus**

The network of universities continues to expand in the FISU Healthy Campus program with seven universities from the Oceania region now part of the program. These universities continue to strive to reach the next level and lead by UniSport Australia, have established

a network to share ideas, challenges and best practice across campuses.

Other key highlights for the year include the launch of a new look website, improved social media presence, recognition of key women in university sport as part of International Women's Day, four students from the region attended the FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy and two students attended the FISU Forum in Costa Rica.

#### Looking forward to 2023.

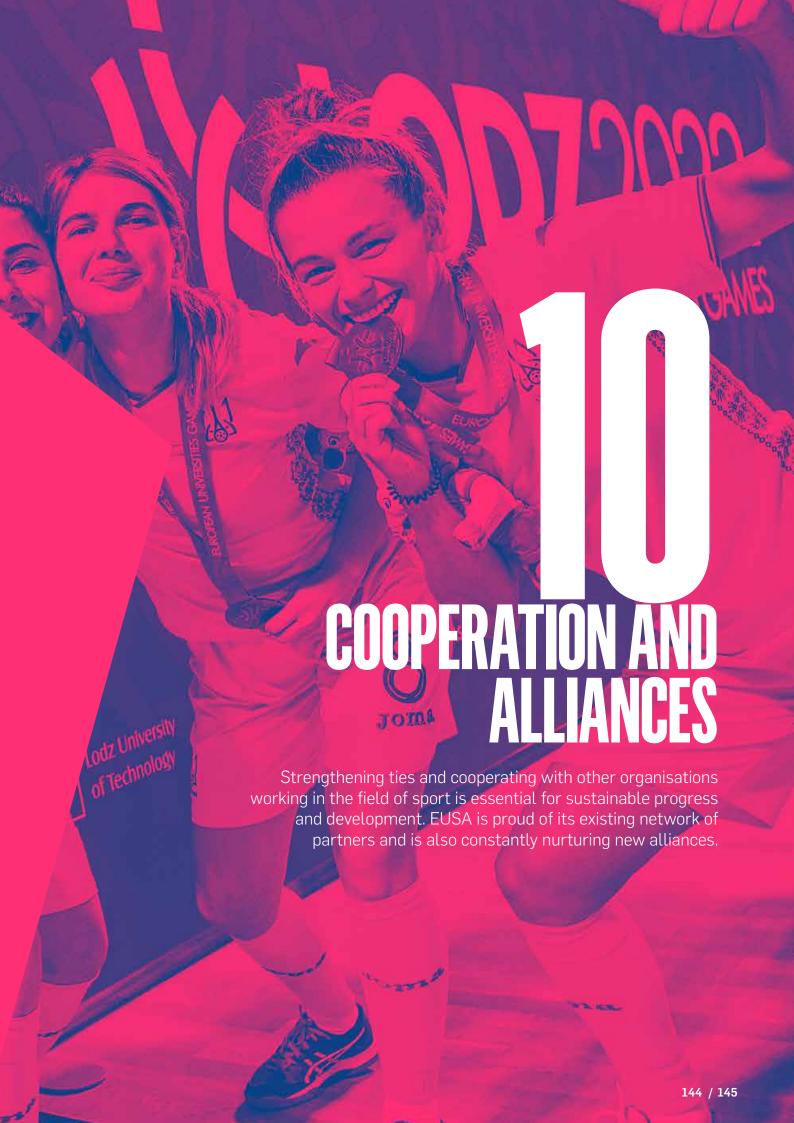
As our Federation moves into 2023, the key focus will be to ensure we are working to meet our strategic objectives and to support our National University Sport Federations. It is also planned to host our first face to face 3x3 University World Cup qualifying tournament as well as growing our #LetsWalkOceania celebrations for International Day of University Sport.

2023 will also be a year that FISU Oceania will hold its next General Assembly. This is an elected General Assembly where members will elect a new Executive Committee to lead the Federation into the next strategic phase and mandate period.











## **OVERVIEW**

Strengthening ties and cooperating with other organisations working in the field of sport is essential for sustainable progress and development. EUSA is proud of its existing network of partners and is honoured to be associated with some of the biggest and influential sporting entities not only across Europe, but the entire globe. EUSA's partners are a constant source of help and support, aiding the association's goal of enhancing the quality of events and initiatives while further developing university sport as an integral part of a student's life.

From knowledge exchange and practical assistance to the provision of personnel and equipment at sporting events and co-operation in various projects, EUSA's partners are a fundamental resource for the association's growth and continual development.

With the list of partners evergrowing, 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 Table Tennis Union (ETTU); European Volleyball Confederation (CEV); International Dance Organisation (IDO); International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC); International Orienteering Federation (IOF); ParaVolley Europe, Rugby Europe; European Kickboxing Federation (WAKO Europe); World Taekwondo Europe (WTE) and Radio Capodistria as a media partner.

We are also happy to have Kraft&Werk Creative Inbound Agency as our official Marketing Partner, Radio Capodistria as our Media Partner and ORKA Holding as our new Official Clothing Supplier and partner.

EUSA looks forward to continually developing university sport with each of its current partners, and hopes to continue expanding its network, build new alliances and form new partnerships in the coming years.



#### **EUSA Partners**

































































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## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

On an annual basis, the European Commission organizes a number of seminars, meetings and different types of gatherings for sports stakeholders across Europe, including EUSA, to discuss various aspects of sport on the continent.

Representatives of the national coordinating bodies and partners of the European Week of Sport and the #beactive campaign met in Lille, France on June 15 for the Key Players' Seminar. European University Sports Association (EUSA) was also represented at the event by Mr Andrej Pisl, EUSA Communications and Projects Manager.

The meeting started with welcomes of the organisers and hosts, followed by introduction of the BCW communications team.

On behalf of the European Commission, Mr Ignazio Cocchiere shared key information from the 2021 Week of Sport and introduced the outlines of at that time upcoming edition of the European Week of Sport 2022, highlighting the HealthyLifestyle4All initiative which kicked off last year, and the connection and impact

of youth, related also to the European Year of Youth.

Apart of the plenary presentations and interactive workshops in smaller groups, special focus was given to the networking and sharing experiences between the national governing bodies and partners. A special visit of sport facilities, teambuilding activity and cocktail reception were also held, organised by the French Olympic Committee.

Following the team building exercises, partners were given the opportunity to offer feedback on the successes and challenges they faced in their work for the European Week of Sport, in order to further develop the week with constructive observations.

After thought-provoking speeches from two former European Week of Sport

Ambassadors, Jorge Pina and Willemijn Aggelen, the seminar ended with a presentation on the #BeActive Communication strategy highlighting the best ways of increasing reach and impact.

European University Sports Association (EUSA) is an official partner of the initiative, and will continue supporting the European Week of Sport. In 2022 the support included an overall promotion of the #beactive and #HealthyLifestyle4All campaigns throughout the year, also during the 2022 European Universities Games and Rowing Championship, as well as giving a special focus to the September celebrations of the International Day of University Sport and the European Week of Sport. Apart of hosting the EUSA Convention in Slovenia in September, we also shared a general invitation to our members, partners and

supporters to take active lead and organise activities and take part in them, promoting #beactive #healthylifestyle4all and #letsidus initiatives.











## COUNCIL OF EUROPE

European University Sports Association (EUSA) works closely with Council of Europe (COE), where we are members of the Consultative Committee of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport, as well as member of the Conference of International Non-governmental Organisations (INGO).

The annual meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee was held in Strasbourg on June 13 and 14, 2022 – marking also the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EPAS – Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport, a body of the Council of Europe (COE).

The event was held at the Council of Europe headquarters, starting with a parallel session of the meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and the meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee, whose member is also the European University Sports Association (EUSA).

EUSA Communications & Projects Manager Mr Andrej Pisl represented the organisation, attending the 2022 EPAS events in Strasbourg.

EPAS Consultative Committee meeting started with the welcomes by the Chair of the Consultative Committee Mr Kolë Gjeloshaj, Head of the Sport Division and EPAS Executive Secretary Ms Sophie Kwasny and Head of Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Programmes at Council of Europe Ms Irena Guidikova.

The opening sessions were then followed by the reports and information of the past EPAS events being presented for the past year. From the online events, the Webinar on physical education and school sport on February 21, and an online breakfast roundtable with a focus on women in sport on March 8 have been highlighted, while the in-person/hybrid event held on September 20 in Paris – Diversity Conference 2021 focused on protecting and promoting the human rights of intersex and transgender athletes in sport competitions, as well as the Combating Hate Speech in Sport conference.

Elections of the Consultative Committee's Bureau also took place at the meeting, re-electing Mr Kole Gjeloshaj (ISF) as the Chair, Mr Mogens Kirkeby (ISCA) as Vice-Chair, and Mr Janez Sodrznik (TAFISA), Ms Pauline Johanet (Peace and Sport), Ms Charlotte Girard-Fabre (IFSO) and Baiba Veisa (EFPM) as members, with Ms Emily Shaw (UEFA) being elected as the Gender Equality Rapporteur.

**EPAS Consultative Committee** currently counts 29 members, with an application pending confirmation, and will therefore be soon completed to its full capacity of 30 members. It is composed of members of sports organizations, NGOs and international organizations, giving opinion and feedback on the programme of activities and provides advice for the decisions of the Governing Board, comprising the member states' sports authorities (Ministries responsible for Sport).

The event continued with the joint meeting of EPAS Governing

Board and Consultative Committee, chaired by Mr Alexandre Husting from Luxembourg, addressing several topics, reflecting on EPAS core values on promoting and ensuring that sport is Ethical, Inclusive and Safe.

The anniversary celebration was also marked by a special reception in the presence of Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe Mr Bjørn Berge, highlighting the relevance, historic background and main achievements of EPAS in the past 15 years.



## **ENGSO & ENGSO YOUTH**

From 13-15 October 2022, ENGSO members, National Olympic Committees, National Sports Confederations, and representatives of the sport movement gathered in Arnhem, The Netherlands, for the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of ENGSO's flagship event – the 2022 European Sport Platform (ESP).

Under the theme of "The Inclusive Paradox", the 2022 European Sport Platform was hosted by the ENGSO member Dutch Olympic Committee\*Dutch Sports Federation (NOC\*NSF) in the sports capital of The Netherlands – Arnhem and the Olympic Training Centre Papendal.

The two-day event offered a learning and networking experience with interactive and intergenerational workshops for participants from all over Europe. United through valuesbased sport that strengthens communities, they joined ENGSO and NOC\*NSF to improve their work, approaches and strategies in the field of sports for all, learn how the European sport organisations and clubs can approach the marginalised groups such as LGBTQI+ community, people with disabilities or refugees in sport, and exchange experiences about the positive change inclusion

of those groups bring to sport federations, communities, cities and nations across Europe.

Stefan Bergh, ENGSO President, officially opened the event on Friday, 14 October 2022, highlighting the urgent need to make the European sport structure inclusive and open to everyone. With his welcoming message, he specifically called upon the sports movement to focus on those left behind.

The program of the first day of the European Sport Platform included speeches on the topic Sports4all, personal viewpoints, a great panel session combined with a presentation of even greater inclusive "One Love Campaign", updates on policy development as well as sharing inspirational stories, all involving great results and strong impact on the topic of inclusion.

This intellectually busy day was then wrapped up with the

Parallel Workshops, where the present representatives could choose to participate in workshops on the topic of: LGBTQI+ in sport, New ways of attracting young people in sport, Social Return on investment and The Power of Youth Involvement.

On day two, the program was opened by the very inspiring keynote speaker Mr Rolf Schrama, Paralympics athlete, who took the participants through his journey as a disabled person, sharing that disability is not a problem but it is a chance and how when he started to accept his disability, new doors opened, and one of them was sport.

This inspirational presentation was followed by another set of parallel workshops, this time on Youth in Sport, with focus on good practices, covering topics such as: Human Rights and youth in sport, Youth

Sport model in Norway and Good Practice Exchanges: The ICOACHKIDS Pledge.

The event was wrapped by the final session on Inclusion in sport, with focus on knowledge and best practice sharing. moderated by Ms Sallie Barker, having the Communications Officer of the European University Sports Association, Ms Hristina Hristova presenting the project Inclusion in Sport (iSport) and Ms Jennifer Browning, International Relations Advisor at UK Sport and EWS Committee member sharing her personal examples as a former Paralympic athlete, competing in women's Wheelchair Basketball and as a vocal advocate for disability equality and gender equality in sport and society.

The next edition of the European Sports Platform will be held in October 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal.











## **EUROPEAN FAIR PLAY MOVEMENT**

The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) is a non-governmental association, with main aim to promote Fair Play and Tolerance in the broadest sense in sports and everyday life on European level. The EFPM seeks to achieve this goal by supporting its members, by helping to promote Fair Play campaigns where sports organizations take the initiative, by cooperating with the authorities to foster Fair Play themes and by facilitating regular contacts between the various European sports organizations.

European University Sports Association (EUSA) and its Institute have been advocating for clean sport without doping and Fair play for several years already and remains committed to the cause.

EUSA is an official partner of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM), which is a member of the International Fair Play Committee (IFPC). The values of fair play, equality, ethics, and clean sport without doping and without match-fixing are at the core of EUSA sport and other events. As a recognition for this, EUSA also received a special Fair Play Award by the EFPM in 2014.

On Wednesday, 7 September 2022, World Fair Play Day was held all around the World, including in Brussels with a ceremonial program. World

Fair Play Day is an initiative of the sporting world that aims to promote Fair Play and the ethical values of sport.

World Fair Play Day aims to demonstrate that Fair Play can be promoted through both large-scale operations and simple actions. The aim is to make this Day an authentic celebration of Fair Play as a real component of education in sport, society and life itself.

President of the International Fair Play Committee, Dr. Jenő Kamuti, personally attended the event in Brussels, together with the Presidents of the other three founding organizations, Pierre Zappelli, Panathlon International, and Philippe Housiaux, European Fair Play Movement also Panathlon Wallonie-Bruxelles.

First Fair Play for Peace Ceremony and annual EFPM Congress under topic "Gender Equality in Sport" was held on November 4, 2022, in Rome City Hall.

The congress was aligned with the EFPM 2022 Focus area – Fair Play Education to overcome Gender Discrimination in Sport and the EFPM 2022-2025 Strategy: Fair Play Education encompassing human(istic) values for better Sport.

Through the group discussion, participants addressed "Education, press and media, others" and emphasized that gender equality guarantees diversity, which is fundamental to enrich the society and to develop its full potential. When it comes to the existing barriers, the group insisted on

the importance to change the language and the mentality, as communication contributed to perpetrating stereotype.

As sport is a relevant area of society and can be a powerful tool to fight against stereotypes varous recomendations were made to sport organisations as to raise awareness on gender equality, the existence of stereotypes, their effect and the role that gender equality plays, to work on change related to cultural norms and specific models, to share good examples, to implement concrete actions and to work through education.



## EUROPEAN ATHLETE AS STUDENT (EAS) NETWORK

The European Athlete as Student (EAS) network was founded in 2004 with support of the EU Commission during The European Year of Education Through Sport (EYES). It is for universities, sports schools and other educational establishments interested in high performance sport as well as sports clubs and federations which are willing to help their athletes in their studies. The main aim of the EAS network is to support European athletes in combining high performance sport and education.

The annual Conference and Assembly of the European Athlete as Student (EAS) – Dual Career Network, held in the historic city of Cartagena, Spain, took place between September 28 and 30, 2022. The event consisted of two main parts – the EAS Conference, held under the main topic A Holistic Approach to the Dual Career of the Student Athlete; and the EAS electoral General Assembly.

This conference was attended by EAS members and partners, among them also the International University Sports Federation (FISU), International School Sport Federation (ISF), Badminton World Federation (BWF), European University Sports Association (EUSA), Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), European Fair Play Movement (EFPM). The event represents one of the most important events related to the dual career of the student athlete in Europe, being a meeting point for international experts to discuss and share initiatives, policies and projects aimed at promoting the compatibility of academic and sporting careers.

Welcome addresses of key European institutions' representatives were also given to the participants via online contribution by European Commission's representatives Ms Floor van Houdt - Head of Unit for Sport, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture and Mr David Kunst - Policy Officer for Evidence & Analysis, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion; as well as in-person by Ms Francine Hetherington Raveney - Deputy Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) at the Council of Europe. Activities in the field of dual career and good practice examples were presented by several organizations, including **EUSA Communications and** Projects Manager Mr Andrej Pisl sharing key activities of the organization, and highlighting the actual and recent projects where EUSA is represented and engaged through its Institute. Besides the organizations' regular activities in sports and educational events, the traveling exhibition on university sport and celebration and promotion of the International Day of University Sport and the European Week of Sport were highlighted as the ongoing longterm initiatives in the field of dual career.

Special attention was also given on projects, co-funded by the European Union through the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The EAS event was also an opportunity

for representatives of some of the projects to meet; namely the MLEA and BRAVA projects met for informal exchange and updates.

EAS and the hosts of the event – Catholic University of Murcia (UCAM), also organized an interesting round table on student-athletes, Paralympics and main stakeholders in the Dual Career.

The EAS also held their annual General Assembly in Cartagena. Main activities and achievements of the organization were presented to the members' delegates and invited guests, as well as financial results. The delegates also elected the board for the new 4-year mandate, keeping the current composition. EUSA remains a strong supporter of dual career, and a partner of EAS both on strategic, as well as project level.











## **EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION**

The European Handball Federation (EHF) was founded in 1991 in Vienna and is the umbrella organisation for 49 member federations and three associated federations, stretching to all corners of the European continent. Since its foundation EHF has taken on the role of ambassador to European handball, acting as a common voice for the European member federations and representing the entire European Handball Family on the international sporting stage.

EHF and EUSA have a longstanding relationship, sharing an official partnership since 2013 when a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the two organisations.

Both organisations continually support and engage with each other in events and activities while promoting both Handball and Beach Handball among students in Europe, with EUSA especially pleased to have the continued support from EHF with regards to the EHF young referees programme and court equipment.

EUSA is also a partner in the Erasmus+ funded project VolFair – Be(ach) Volunteer, Be(ach) Fair! In which EHF has also presented interest in taking part, having the EHF Beach Handball Manager,

Mr. Tobia Pisani, joining one of the VolFair meeting in Tilburg, and confirming the participation interest of EHF in the project.

15<sup>th</sup> of November, following the kind EHF invitation sent to EUSA, on the occasion of the Women's EHF EURO 2022, a meeting between European Handball Federation and EUSA was held in EUSA Office in Ljubljana.

At the meeting, the European Handball Federation was represented by EHF President – Mr Michael Wiederer, Mr Marcos Bestilleiro – Responsible for Competitions and Referee Operations and Mr Predrag Boskovic – EHF Vice-President.

Among the topics of discussion of the meeting, were shared tasks and responsibilities of

the organisation of events, as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between both organisations, nominations of Technical Delegates, Officials and Referees, as well as future

Future Handball and Beach Handball events on the EUSA calendar were mainly discussed and presented. In 2023 the European Universities Championship in Handball in Podgorica, taking place from 8-14 of July and the Championship in Beach Handball, in Malaga from 20-23 of September were also presented.

Next on the EUSA Calendar of sports events, discussed were the Handball and Beach Handball competitions part of the European Universities Games in 2024 in Debrecen-Miskolc, foreseen to take place from 12-24 of July in Debrecen. In further future, as already scheduled, presented were also the European Universities Championship in Handball, to be organised in Covilha, Portugal, from 22-28 of July 2025 and Beach Handball, attributed again to Malaga from July 20-25, 2025.

Upon agreement was also the establishment of wider synergies in the field of communication between both organisations and future closer collaboration, for better promotion of EUSA Sports Events.









# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

The last edition of the European Universities Championships was celebrated in 2019, as Covid-19 pandemic unfortunately prevented us from having our sports events in 2020 and 2021. In 2023 we look forward to welcoming student athletes representing European universities and higher education institutions across 20 sports, throughout the summer.

The last time the teams were scoring goals and running for victory on an EUC in football was in the capital of Spain, Madrid in 2019. In 2023 the honour of being a new place for victories will be taken from Albania, where the teams will meet and play in Tirana between the 25 of June and 2 of July. Located in the centre of the country, enclosed by mountains and hills with Dajti rising to the east and a slight valley to the northwest overlooking the Adriatic Sea in the distance, Tirana will be a host of an EUC for the very first time in 2023.

Beginning of July will also be the time when the European University Championship in Tennis will start. It will be happening from the 3<sup>rd</sup> until the 9<sup>th</sup> and it will take place in the beautiful city of Granada in Spain. Spain is known to be a frequent host of EUCs, such as EUC in Handball, Bridge and Chess and Tennis in 2017 and EUC Football in 2019.

After the visit of the beautiful Italian town of Camerino, founded in the middle ages, for the EUC Table Tennis in 2019, we will be moving the competition and enjoyment on the Morava River, to the sixth largest city in the Czech Republic, Olomouc. The city center of this city is well preserved, full with history, quintessential Baroque style and symbolic value and is protected by law as urban monument preservation. This championship will be taking place between the 4 till 9th of July.

Thereafter, in early July, we will be moving to the capital of Montenegro, Podgorica. After being the host of EUC Tennis in 2019, this small city that is at the crossroads of several historically important routes, with beautiful sights and favourable climate, confirmed to be the new host for EUC Handball, between 8-14 of July, 2023.

The city of Miskolc, is not the first time host of EUC, as they hosted the EUC Basketball in 2017. In 2023, this city will be a double, warm welcoming host of the participants of EUC Badminton and EUC Water Polo, between the 13-19 of July.

The Hungarian city of Debrecen, will be a first-time host of EUC in 2023 and will be the venue for

the always highly-anticipated 3x3 Basketball Championship. This championship will also happen in July, with the planned date between the 15-19 July.

Right after these two championships end, we are going to move to northwestern Portugal. From the beautiful city of Lodz, Poland, where we last had the EUC Volleyball, this time we will enjoy at the city of Braga. It is Portugal's third-largest city, elegant and laced with ancient narrow lanes closed to vehicles, strewn with plazas and a splendid array of baroque churches, which makes a perfect host of EUC Volleyball between the 16-23 of July, 2023.

Thereafter, we are moving to the second largest city in Croatia and largest city in the Croatian

























coast, Split, to attend the EUC Futsal, which will be held from July 18-26, 2023. The city that traditionally holds sportsmen in high regard and it is famous for producing many champions, will make a great host and candidate to continue the good work that the city of Braga, Portugal last did in the EUC Futsal in 2019.

After the amazing success with the previous EUC Combat Sports in Zagreb, Croatia in 2019, which was described as highly successful, with the participation of a total of 1,237 athletes from 404 different universities and 36 countries, in 2023 this exact same city will be the host of the newly planned EUC in Combat Sports. For the second time hosting the same EUC in 4 year difference, kicking off on July 20 until July 23 Zagreb will give the athletes the chance to face each other's abilities and try to defeat their opponent, performing in 4 sports: Kickboxing, Taekwondo, Judo and Karate. With this year's championship Zagreb is expecting to succeed even bigger.

In Portugal, the city of Aveiro, will be host the EUC in one of the oldest sports, Basketball. For another championship we are moving from Poland and the picturesque city Poznan to Portugal and the city of Aveiro,

as known as "the Portuguese Venice which is situated on the edge of an extensive coastal lagoon system and is a prosperous town with a goodlooking centre and a youthful, energetic buzz. This city is looking forward of hosting and welcoming the participating teams from 22-30 of July, 2023.

After July jam-packed schedule, in the fourth week of August, from 24-27, the city of St. Gallen in Switzerland will be the destination where the EUC in Orienteering will happen. After breaking the ice in the Czech Republic as in participation on EUC in 2019, Orienteering will make its second appearing on the sports program for championships happening in 2023. St. Gallen, is the compact metropolis of eastern Switzerland between Lake Constance and Appenzellerland that has a charming, trafficfree old town and its known as a cosmopolitan, outgoing university city.

From September 5-8, EUC Rugby 7s will be having its competitions in Portugal's hilly, coastal capital city, Lisbon. Being famous for its sunny weather, great nightlife colourful buildings, friendly locals as well as great sport and athletes, Lisbon and Portugal will make a great host for the fiery competitions on the rugby fields.

After eight men and eight women teams from 10 universities from six countries, making up 68 participants in total, descended upon Antequera in Spain for the 2019 European Universities Golf Championship, in 2023 the host of the sport in which players use various clubs to hit balls into a series of holes on a course in as few strokes as possible will move at the neighbouring country Italy. In the week from 6-9 of September, the European University Championship in Golf will take place in Ferrara, in northern Italy. Ferrara besides having broad streets and numerous palaces dating from the Renaissance is also a homeland of various fantastic golf courses spread along the historic walls.

Meanwhile, from northern Italy, with our sports enthusiasm we are going to cheer the athletes of the EUC Rowing, which this time will be competing in northern Poland, in the city of Bydgoszcz. The championship will be held from 7-10 of September. The city that is known for its beautiful waterfront and Art Nouveau style buildings, will be hosting

an EUC for the second time, in continuation of the good work they did with hosting the EUC Handball in 2019.

The last but not the least on the EUC 2023 schedule is the Beach Championship, during which, athletes will be competing in two sports Beach Handball and Beach Volleyball and it will be happening from September 19-25 in Malaga, Spain. Malaga as one of the oldest cities in the world, situated on the shores of the Mediterranean will be offering its sunny weather and beautiful sandy beaches as playgrounds for this championship.

Participation in EUSA events is open to students aged 17-30, studying at European universities and higher education institutes. The interest for EUSA events is strong, both in participation as well as the number of interested candidates to host the events, showing the determination and readiness of EUSA members to contribute to further development of the organisation and university sports in Europe.



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www.eusa.eu/events/ championships/ for more information



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

After being discussed in multiple occasions and being finalized with the decision of the EUSA Executive Committee, it is official that EUSA Goes Winter.

Representatives of CUS Venezia and the European University Sport Association (EUSA) were holding meetings on various occasions throughout the year, having the main topic of discussion, the opportunity to put European Universities Winter Championships on EUSA sports event calendar.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the meeting in EUSA Office in Ljubljana, CUS Venezia, represented by the President Mr Massimo Zanotto, the Vice-President Mr Ivano Sambo, the Treasurer Mr Franco Vianello Moro and the member of the board Mr Dario Bianchini, presented the detailed proposal of Val di Zoldo to host the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the

European Universities Winter Championships. The conclusions and the report of the meeting were then presented and discussed during the Executive Committee Meeting in Istanbul.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, while EUSA representatives had a working visit in Venice, the engaged parties agreed on an action plan and scheduled a first Inspection Visit in December, to evaluate all logistic aspects.

Following the discussion and decision of the EUSA Executive Committee, the organization of the first EUSA European Universities Winter Championships was officially attributed to Val di Zoldo, Dolomites. It was also confirmed

that the European Universities Winter Championships will include two sports: Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding.

With becoming official, EUSA representatives then visited this Italian ski resort for a working meeting on December 20-21, 2022.

The EUSA delegation led by Mr Matjaz Pecovnik, Secretary General and Mr Miha Zvan, Sports Manager met with the representatives of the Organizing Committee, led by Massimo Zanotto, President of CUS Venezia, to discuss all the organisational aspects of the championships to be held the Civetta ski area from December 18-21, 2023.

While this visit, EUSA was also welcomed by the Mayor of Val di Zoldo, Mr Camillo De Pellegrin, who assured the support of the local community for organisation of the event. EUSA representatives had a working meeting with Technical Delegate for Skiing, Mr Alberto Pecere as well as an opportunity to inspect the planned ski courses for the competitions in Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding.

EUSA thanks CUS Venezia for this great initiative and the contribution to the development of University Sports, in general and it's looking forward to organising the  $1^{\rm st}$  European Universities Winter Championships.

























# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

The year of 2025 will be another year busy with the European Universities Championships, taking place in different cities around Europe, giving opportunities to student-athletes to enjoy competing in their sport, to succeed victories and have another EUSA sports event experience.

The first one to host and to open the European Universities Championship in 2025 will be University of Ljubljana and city of Ljubljana, Slovenia, with the 3x3 Basketball championship. Not far from here in Debrecen, Hungary in 2023 the championship in 3x3 Basketball was a great success,

so in 2025, from June 28 to July 2, Ljubljana will do its best to be a great hosting city and provide another amazing opportunity for the athletes that will be part of the competition.

However, Ljubljana has already proven great organisational skills and hosting abilities in the history of EUC, being the place where EUC Handball in 2009 and EUC Badminton in 2017, took place.

The second two European Universities Championships, planned to start a day after 3x3 Basketball, are Tennis and Padel. The multiple times host in the past, the city of Coimbra will be hosting one new sport, Padel and one veteran sport Tennis. On the banks of the river Mondego, Coimbra is famous for its University, the oldest in Portugal and one of the oldest in Europe, which over time has shaped its image to become "the city of students", making this city the perfect hosting location for these two sports. From June 29 – July 5, Coimbra will be offering days full of sport, youth and fun.

Meantime in the beginning of July, we are also going to be active at the European Universities Championship in Volleyball. After the beautiful city of Braga in Portugal we are moving to the capital of Hungary, Budapest. The capital and the most populous city of Hungary along with the University of Physical Education of Budapest, will offer their city, venues and will make sure a great atmosphere will be following the championship, from 4 until the 11 of July. After hosting the European Universities Championship in Karate in 2013, Budapest is looking forward to hosting a Championship again.

From Portugal in 2023, the EUC in Basketball is moving to the neighbouring country of Italy, in Bologna. Many cities in Italy have been hosts of different Championships but this will be the very first hosting experience for the capital and largest city of the Emilia-Romagna region in Northern Italy. Many student athletes will travel to Bologna to play and get a place on the triumph podium, competing in one of the oldest sports, Basketball, from 6 to 13 of July. Having the oldest university in the western world, stunning architecture, buzzing population, and being considered the gastronomic capital of Italy. Bologna will be a great host for the EUC Basketball in 2025.

After the European Universities Championship 2023 in Football, organized in Tirana, Albania, the next host for this Championship is Camerino, Italy, where the teams will be hosted by University of Camerino. In the small town in the centre of the Marche region of central Italy, the teams will be playing and chasing victories from 20-27 of July. This will be the first time for the city and University of Camerino to host a European Universities Championship in Football, since their history is with twice organised Championship in Volleyball, in 2008 and 2015 and one in Table Tennis in 2019.

From Podgorica, Montenegro the EUC in Handball will travel to Covilha, Portugal in 2025. Described as a quite original example of a "mountain city", rare in Portuguese urbanism with the expression of a vast industrial tradition based on modern and contemporary times, this city sounds like a great hosting place for the many handball competitors, not just to conquer new victories but to also have a great time celebrating them. From 22 to 28 of July, Covilha is looking forward to being a host of an European Universities Championship, for the very first time.

The EUC in Futsal, is not changing the hosting country but just the hosting city. From being organised in Split in 2023, is now moving in the organizational hands of the capital of Croatia and University of Zagreb. Zagreb and Croatia in general are a multiple time host of EUC throughout the years, so we believe that again this city will be an amazing place where Futsal athletes will have the opportunity to win another title, gain new friends and create new memories. From 23 to 31 of July, the European Universities Championship in Futsal will be in the spotlight.

When we are talking about the great experience with organizing European Universities Championships in Zagreb, we are also talking about the hosting city of Combat Sports Championships in 2019 and 2023. However, this time the honor of being the hosting place for the athletes competing in karate, kickboxing, taekwondo

and judo, it belonged to Poznan, Poland. Having experience with organizing the EUC Basketball in 2019, Futsal in 2015, Rowing in 2013, Basketball in 2010 and Tennis in 2009, we have no doubts that this city, together with University Sports Association Poznan will make a great team and organise another amazing combat sports championship from 29 of July to 1 of Avgust.

To continue the story of EUC Table Tennis, with lastly being organised in Camerino in 2019, the honour of having the heat of the matches, the glory of the victories and celebration of the best will this time go in the hosting hands of the city of Burdur in Turkey and the Burdur Mehmet Akif University. From 11 to 16 of September, the athletes competing in Table Tennis will be enjoying their time and fighting for the medals in this city in southwestern Turkey. located near the eastern shore of the beautiful Lake Burdur. This city together with the Burdur Mehmet Akif University will try their organisational skills for the first time as leaders in organizing the European Universities Championship in Table Tennis in 2025.

The European Universities Champion in Chess, after skipping its presence on the program in 2023 and lastly being organised in Budapest, Hungary in 2019, is now continuing its path in Yerevan, Armenia. This is the first time Armenia is showing up as a hosting country in the history of EUSA championships. Yerevan as the capital and largest city of Armenia and one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities and the leading hand of Armenian State University of Economics are looking forward to organise the European Universities Championship in Chess, from 16 to 20 of September, 2025.

With the great preparations going on in Malaga, Spain for the Beach Sports Championships in 2023, the decision of keeping the hosting city the same for the Championship in 2025 has

also being made. The beaches of Rincon de la Victoria and Torrox are willing to offer its beauty, sand and great weather once again and to host the athletes that will be willing to compete and win champions titles in Beach Volleyball and Beach Handball. Foreseen to happen from 19 to 24 of September, Malaga is looking forward to hosting another EUC in Beach Sports.

Proposals for hosting city of the European Universities Championship of Rugby 7s have also been made. With the hosting location for the 2023 championship being in Portugal's hilly, coastal capital city of Lisbon, in 2025, the leadership might be in the hands of the city of Ankara, Turkey, in partnership with Bilkent and ME Technical University. The EUC Rugby 7s in 2025 is foreseen to take place from 21 to 24 of July.

The EUC Water Polo, while in its preparations for 2023 in Miskolc, Hungary, has already got a proposal for a new hosting location in 2025, being the city of Vukovar, in Croatia. Vukovar, a town of around 27 thousand inhabitants, is located in the north-east part of Croatia, at the border with Serbia across the Danube river, will be the first time host of an European Universities Championship. The dates are not yet confirmed.

From St. Gallen in Switzerland in 2023 to Afyonkarahisar in Turkey, the EUC in Orienteering will be continuing its presence on the sports program of the Championships in 2025. This city, as many others in 2025 will be hosting and organizing the EUSA Championship, for the very first time. The dates for this championship are not yet confirmed.





# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2024

### **DEBRECEN-MISKOLC, HUNGARY: JULY 12-24**



The Hungarian cities of Debrecen and Miskolc will host the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of European Universities Games as this was announced at the EUSA General Assembly held in Madrid in April 2018. This would be the biggest University sport event organised in Hungary after the 1965 Summer Universiade. Organisers expect more than 5000 athletes to compete in 20 different sports.

The European Universities Games will be special again in 2024, as two cities and two universities will host the multisport event, which, in addition to the organisational challenge, will also be a huge opportunity for Hungarian university sports.

#### "Two Cities, One Aim"

Sports constitute a significant part of our lives. Both cities have outstanding sports infrastructure, and both can boast of individual athletes and teams achieving excellent results.

Accordingly, both Debrecen and Miskolc are cities of sports. In terms of the infrastructure, sports facilities and the commitment to sports, everything is in place for Debrecen and Miskolc to serve as the joint venue for the European Universities Games.

The exemplary cooperation of the two major cities will have advantages for the whole of Hungary. The combined population of 850 thousand people in the two cities and their agglomerations represent a centre of gravity in the

country, with the support of the Government of Hungary, as well as the majority of the country's population also supporting the successful implementation of the tasks undertaken.

The organisation of the European Universities Games will have a significant effect on the two settlements along with on their broader environments, in the areas of tourism, development of smart settlements and investment promotion.

"We consciously build sport cities, because we believe that

sport is not only the foundation of a healthy society, but also contributes to the development of the infrastructure and the economy, advances the reputation of the settlement and promotes tourism".

## "Two Universities, One Aim"

With a history of over four and a half centuries, the University of Debrecen is Hungary's oldest institute of higher education continuously operating in the same town.

The predecessor of the University of Miskolc is the educational institution of mining and metallurgy, founded in Selmecbánya (today's Banská Štiavnica) in 1735, where advanced technical knowledge was first educated in the world.

Nowadays 40 thousand students study at the two universities, at 14 faculties in Debrecen and at 8 faculties in Miskolo. Both universities have outstanding education, research, and innovation capacities, as well as academic results recognised also in international terms, on the basis of which they play an important role in achieving objectives of national strategy as well.

They also undertake roles in the development of the economic and sports life of Hungary. The continuous development of the two universities and the meeting of challenges brought along a marked presence in economic and sport developments, in innovation and on the market as service providers.

With their experiences and network of relationships, the two universities are well prepared to undertake the tasks of organising and hosting the European Universities Games, and to accommodate the best Games ever.

#### "Why Together?"

Education and sports are the two major foundations of human and social development. The cities of Debrecen and Miskolc, as well as their respective universities, lead the way in both areas.

While Miskolc is one of the most important Hungarian centres of fine arts and theatre, Debrecen was a school town of Protestant roots, where literature and contemporary arts dominate.

The academic structures of the two universities cover fundamentally different areas of life, with engineering and law dominating in Miskolc and natural sciences and humanities in Debrecen.

Both cities and universities have successful individual athletes and teams with outstanding results and devote much attention and resources to the education of the next generation of athletes in every area.

EUG 2024 will provide strong support for further development of both cities and enhance the significance and popularity of Hungarian and international university sports, while emphasising sustainability, as well as spectacular and novel elements.

Through identifying the differences and building upon the synergies of the two cities, they undertake to organise the best European Universities Games ever.

#### "EUG 2024 Vision"

Exemplary cooperation between the two universities and two cities should contribute to the development of the region.

EUG 2024 should contribute to the development of the university sports movement, local communities, and international relations.

Everyone involved should enjoy the event as a sports festival,

which will be the celebration of the European universities' sports.

By applying smart and green solutions sustainability goals should be achieved throughout the project lifecycle involving all actors.

Volunteers involved in the implementation of the project should gain valuable professional experience and opportunity to develop their individual competencies, and possibly become future sports leaders.

#### **Planned Sport Disciplines**

- 3X3 Basketball
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Beach handball
- · Beach soccer
- · Beach volleyball
- · Chess
- Football
- Futsal
- Handball
- Judo Karate
- Kickboxing
- Orienteering
- · Table tennis
- Taekwondo
- Tennis
- Ultimate frisbee
- Volleyball
- Water polo







# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2026

Italy, full of art and culture, is one of the founding countries of the European Community. Situated at the centre of the Mediterranean, it is crossroads of different cultures.



It has a total of 100,000 monuments of all kinds and, at the same time, is a country with an advanced economy, rich in sports traditions as well.

In such context, the Campania Region (located in the heart of Italy), which has already hosted and organised, in 2019, the World Universities Games (UNIVERSIADE NAPLES 2019) with the patronage of FISU, has applied for the organisation of the 2026 European Universities Games, together with the City of Salerno, the University of Salerno and CUSI, through CUS Salerno.

The province of Salerno, with its (approximately) 1,000,000 inhabitants, including its natural beauties which can be considered among the

most attractive in the world, and the city of Salerno has gradually become a destination for tourists from all over the world, enhancing its remarkable geographical position and the places along the coast, bathed by the sea.

Future and planning have found a strong natural outlet in the University of Salerno, which is located, for logistical reasons, at about 10 km from the capital city, and which has rapidly climbed positions in the Italian and European rankings, thanks to the development and review of the concept of Anglo-Saxon campus, the birth, growth and development of University departments of excellence in all scientific and non-scientific fields, with particular reference to the Departments of

Computer Science, Engineering, Physics and scientific faculties, without neglecting classical studies and Medicine as well.

Currently, the University of Salerno has two campuses: Campus in Fisciano: and Campus in Baronissi, with about 40.000 students enrolled, 17 Departments, 81 Degree programmes

### What is the MISSION of the University of Salerno?

It is to carry out quality research and training activities in order to create, enrich and make available for students the scientific and cultural heritage built over the years through studies and research and to increase its internationalisation and encourage international





mobility through exchanges between professors/students of foreign universities.

Moreover, the University of Salerno is also a protagonist in sports, having made its sports facilities and university residences available for the fencing competitions of the 2019 Universiade in close collaboration with CUS SALERNO, as well as having hosted a part of the athletes participating in the Universiade of Naples 2019 at the university residences of the Campus in Fisciano. Today, it is promptly working hard for the creation of new venues, 4-6 PADEL courts for the organization of the 2026 European Universities Games.

### What is the Mission of the 2026 Games?

Is to widen the internationalisation of the University of Salerno, to create interaction and cultural exchange not only among European university students, who through their different life experiences will favour the individual growth of the participating university students, but also of the citizens of the

entire territory on which the University of Salerno has been focusing. For us, sport is the place where ethnic differences peacefully confront each other, in compliance with the rules and athletes gain experience for personal growth.

#### LEGACY OF EUG 2026

Culturally: To raise in the new generations of European University students, in the tough historical period we are experiencing today, through the EUSA and the games, the awareness of the need for the psychophysical well-being of the individual. More importantly, to grow the values of "sharing", "inclusion", "integration", acting as a catalyst in the growth of relations among all the participating European Universities.

Physically: To build new residences for students, to build new Sport Venues (Paddle) for the whole university community, to build venues for the event which will be able to subsequently benefit the resident students, the local citizens, consequently improving

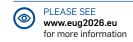
their quality of life in the future and therefore to develop, in the local people, a favourable attitude to the visibility of the EUG 2026.

For this edition, we plan to implement, where possible, the guidelines that the European community has adopted regarding sustainable development, energy saving, the progressive digitisation of services and the energy transition.

In this extraordinary scenario we plan to organize a series of events relating to integration and inclusion, encouraging participation by children, students and disadvantaged people. For such reason, we have decided to introduce "sitting volleyball" and the "show dance", perfect combination between students and able-bodied people and students and non-abled people, in a single physical space, and in a single sport. In addition, we are willing to organize a series of socio-cultural events in favour of the students of the participating European universities to further promote integration and inclusion among the students themselves. The Campania Region, the province of Salerno, the city of Salerno, the University of Salerno and CUS Salerno are pleased to host the students of the European Universities from July 18th to August 1st 2026, in Salerno, for the EUG 2026 in 15 sports with around 1000 committed student volunteers.

The Organizing Committee intends to create a European Call among European University students for the identification of a mascot which translates the spirit of community of the games.

The Organizing Committee also intends to create, where possible, a European tender among European university students for the creation of a song/dance that can summarize the slogan of the EUG 2026 and the spirit of brotherhood, inclusion and integration, which represent the primary purpose of the EUG 2026.





## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **European Universities Championships**

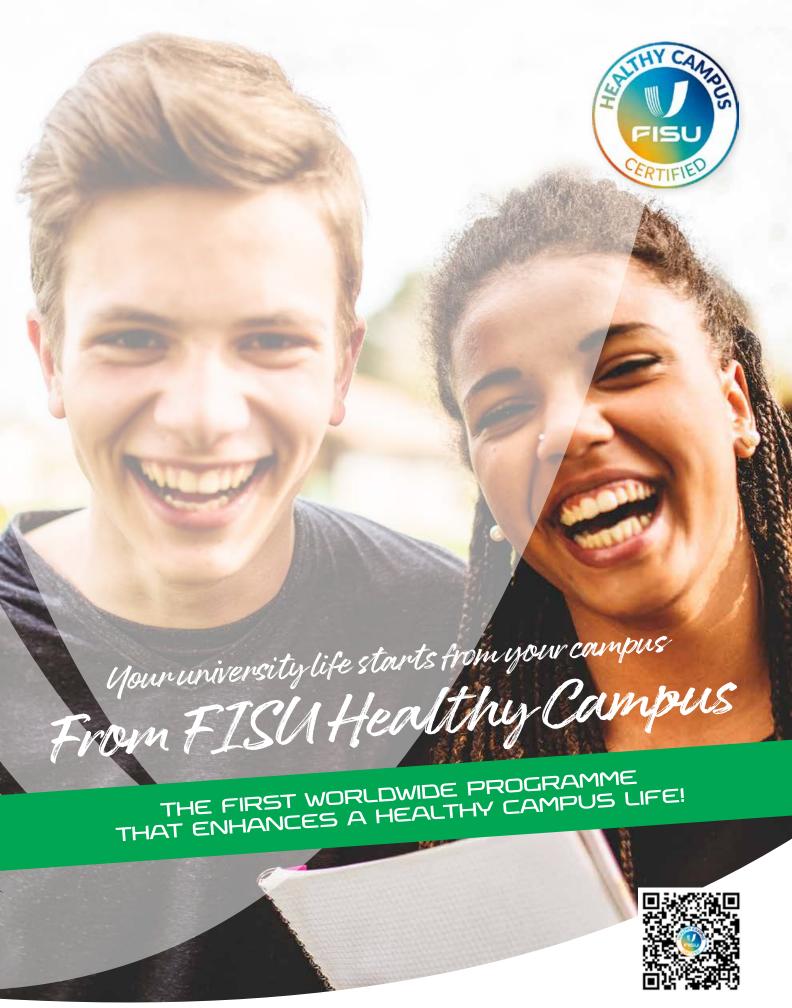
2023			
EVENT/CHAMPIONSHIP		LOCATION	DATES
Football	*	Tirana, ALB	June 25- July 2
Tennis	\$	Granada, ESP	July 3-9
Table Tennis		Olomouc, CZE	July 4-9
Handball	¥	Podgorica, MNE	July 8-14
Badminton	=	Miskole, HUN	July 13-19
Water Polo	=	Miskolc, HUN	July 13-19
3x3 Basketball	=	Debrecen, HUN	July 15-19
Volleyball	0	Braga, POR	July 16-23
Futsal		Split, CRO	July 18-26
Combat Sports: Judo, Karate, Kickboxing, Taekwondo	2	Zagreb, CRO	July 20-23
Basketball	0	Aveiro, POR	July 23-30
Orienteering	٠	St.Gallen, SUI	August 24-27
Rugby 7s	0	Lisbon, POR	September 5-8
Golf		Ferrara, ITA	September 6-9
Rowing		Bydgoszcz, POL	September 7-10
Beach Sports: Beach Handball Beach Volleyball	\$	Malaga, ESP	September 19-25
Winter Sports: Alpine Skiing Snowboarding		Val di Zoldo, ITA	December 18-21

### **Other EUSA Events and Meetings**

2023			
EVENT		LOCATION	DATE
EUSA-FISU Seminar		Val di Zoldo, ITA	March 23-26
EUSA General Assembly	C+	Kusadasi, TUR	October 12-15



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