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# WELCOME ADDRESS

## Dear Friends,

With great excitement, I welcome you to the latest edition of our annual EUSA magazine, a platform to celebrate the milestones we achieved in the past year and to highlight the vibrant journey ahead. As we step into 2025, our shared passion for university sports continues to bring us closer, inspiring camaraderie, resilience, and excellence across Europe.

The past year was nothing short of extraordinary. The European Universities Games 2024 in Debrecen-Miskolc, Hungary, set a new benchmark with its unforgettable blend of sportsmanship and cultural exchange. Over 4736 participants from 36 countries, representing 414 universities, showcased their skills across a variety of sports disciplines. From thrilling matches to transformative educational workshops, the Games left an indelible mark on all who participated. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Hungarian University Sports Association and the entire organizing team for their dedication and exceptional efforts.

The year also brought historic milestones for EUSA, showing our growth and enduring legacy. I am very proud that we reached the incredible achievement of welcoming our 100<sup>th</sup> associated member. During the EUSA Executive Committee meeting in Aveiro, Portugal, the University of Lisbon was approved as our 100<sup>th</sup> Associated Member, with three more universities joining shortly thereafter. This accomplishment is a testament to the appeal and impact of our initiatives, which continue to resonate with universities across Europe.

2024 was also a year of celebration as EUSA marked its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The occasion was commemorated in the heart of Vienna, the city where it all began in 1999, with a remarkable Gala dinner at the Palais Liechtenstein. Representatives, partners and friends gathered to honor our journey of collaboration, dedication, and excellence. The evening was filled with cultural performances, awards for outstanding contributions, and reflections on the partnerships that have shaped EUSA's success over the past quarter-century.

This year we continued to ensure that all our partners get the help they need to participate in our events and to integrate them in our EUSA Family. Especially with athletes coming from rather difficult

backgrounds we see the resilience and strength that sports can nurture. I am always deeply moved by the solidarity shown by our community and partners, and I thank everyone who contributed to making this possible.

Beyond competitions, EUSA remains committed to innovation and growth through education and partnerships. In 2024, the EUSA Institute in Ljubljana successfully led multiple EU-funded projects, including DiscoverU, YouMind and Fit4Green focusing on dual career support for athletes, mental health initiatives for young sportspeople and sustainability in sports. This year, we're thrilled to expand these initiatives, reaffirming our commitment to a holistic and sustainable approach to sports and education.

Looking ahead, I invite all of you to join us for the 2025 European Universities Championships and to prepare for the European Universities Games 2026 in Salerno, Italy. These events promise to be even more inspiring as we integrate new formats and opportunities for students and universities.

As always, our achievements are the result of collective efforts. My sincere gratitude goes to our Member Federations, Organizing Committees, volunteers, partners, and the EUSA staff for their dedication and enthusiasm. I also thank FISU and the European Commission for their ongoing support, which enables us to expand our impact year after year.

Together, we are building more than competitions; we are nurturing a movement that fosters unity, excellence, and innovation through university sports. I look forward to celebrating another year of achievements with you, and I warmly encourage you to stay involved, stay inspired, and stay connected.

Let's make 2025 another landmark year for university sports!

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Starting from 2024, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) besides having the national university sports bodies as its members, decided to also offer possibilities of universities and other organisations to join as Associated Members.

By the end of 2024, the status of EUSA Associated Members has been granted to 109 universities from 22 countries.

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

EUSA Executive Committee started with the awarding the status of EUSA Associated Member to these universities at the General Assembly in Kusadasi, Türkiye in October, as well as on the occasion of different Executive Committee Meetings, with the recent ones being granted at the EC Meeting in Vienna, Austria on 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 2024.

At the EC meeting in Vienna, Prof. Vincenzo Loia, Rector of University of Salerno was appointed as the Chair of EUSA Universities Club.

This is not the final list, meaning that the chance to become an associated member to EUSA is still ongoing and available.

If you are a university interested in becoming part of the EUSA Family and be granted with this title, take the opportunity, and apply to be one.

To join as an Associated Member there are no fees, but there are several benefits and advantages.

- The Universities, which are granted the Status of the EUSA Associated Member may enjoy the following benefits:
- a. Become a member of EUSA Universities Club
  - b. Participate at EUSA Events under a lower Entry Fee (as determined by the EUSA Executive Committee) for their students and teams
  - c. Priority in selection of the organisers of EUSA Sport and Educational Events
  - d. Use the Logotype of EUSA Associated Member for their internal promotion.

You can already follow the presentation of the universities that have been granted the status of an Associated Members, on our social media channels, as well as on our website.

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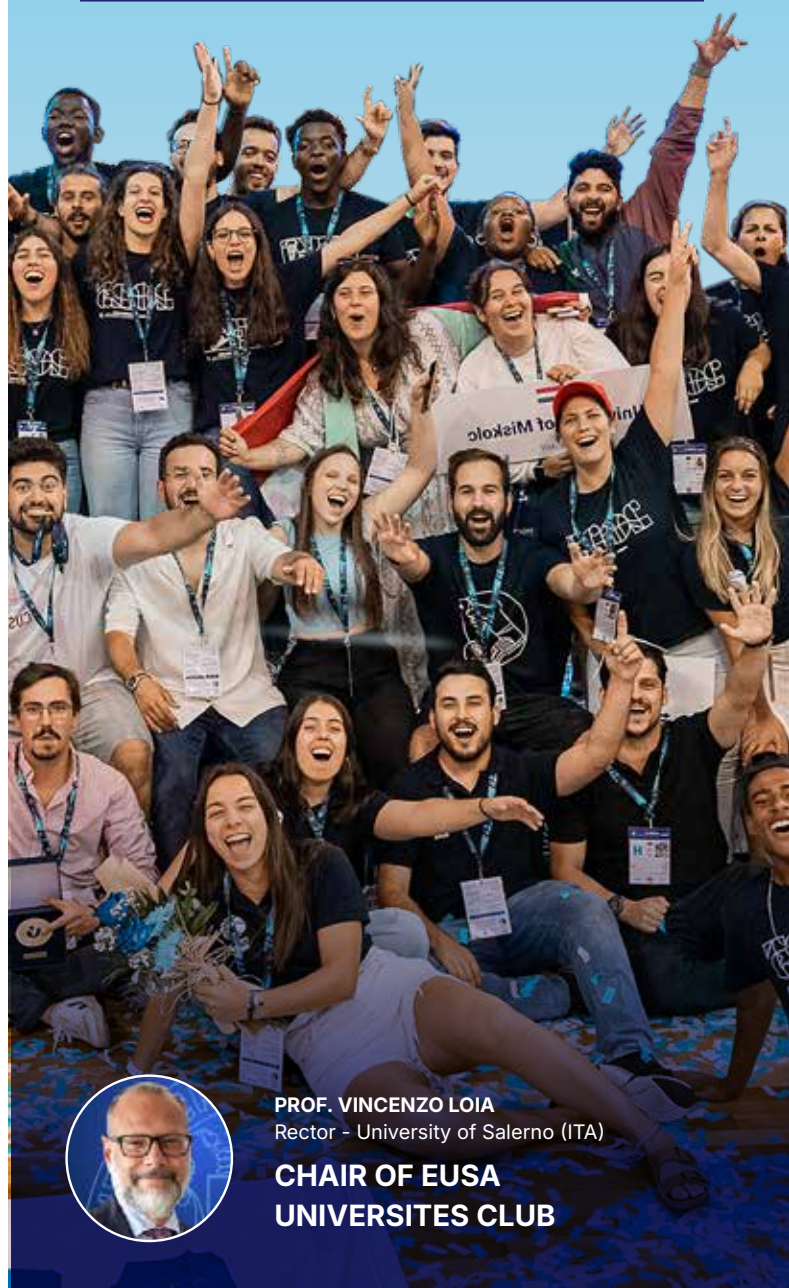
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**109**

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### POLAND (6)

- GDANSK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
- KAZIMIERZ WIELKI UNIVERSITY IN BYDGOSZCZ
- LODZ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
- JOZEF PILSUDSKI UNIVERSITY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
- UNIVERSITY OF GDANSK

### PORTUGAL (11)

- NOVA UNIVERSITY OF LISBON
- POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF LEIRIA
- POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF PORTO
- UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO
- UNIVERSITY OF BEIRA INTERIOR
- UNIVERSITY OF COIMBRA
- UNIVERSITY OF EVORA
- UNIVERSITY OF LISBON
- UNIVERSITY OF MAIA
- UNIVERSITY OF MINHO
- UNIVERSITY OF PORTO

### ROMANIA (10)

- AUREL VLAICU UNIVERSITY OF ARAD
- DUNAREA DE JOS UNIVERSITY OF GALATI
- NICOLAE BALCESCU LAND FORCES ACADEMY
- PETROLEUM-GAS UNIVERSITY OF PLOIESTI
- TITU MAIORESCU UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA
- UNIVERSITY POLITEHNICA OF BUCHAREST
- VASILE ALECSANDRI UNIVERSITY OF BACAU

- VASILE GOLDIS WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF ARAD
- VICTOR BABES UNIVERSITY OF M. AND P. TIMISOARA
- CAMILO JOSE CELA UNIVERSITY
- IE UNIVERSITY
- RAMON LLULL UNIVERSITY
- UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA
- UNIVERSITY OF GRANADA
- UNIVERSITY OF LEON
- UNIVERSITY OF MALAGA
- UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA
- UNIVERSITY OF ZARAGOZA

### SWITZERLAND (2)

- UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE
- UNIVERSITY OF ST. GALLEN

### TÜRKİYE (26)

- ALTINBAS UNIVERSITY
- ATILIM UNIVERSITY
- ATLAS UNIVERSITY
- BAHCESEHIR UNIVERSITY
- BALIKESIR UNIVERSITY
- BEYKENT UNIVERSITY
- BILKENT UNIVERSITY
- CANKAYA UNIVERSITY
- DICLE UNIVERSITY
- GAZI UNIVERSITY
- GUMUSHANE UNIVERSITY
- ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY
- ISTANBUL KULTUR UNIVERSITY
- ISTANBUL SABAHATTIN ZAIM UNIVERSITY
- ISTANBUL YENI YUZYIL UNIVERSITY
- KILIS 7 ARALIK UNIVERSITY
- MANISA CELAL BAYAR UNIVERSITY
- MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
- MUS ALPARSLAN UNIVERSITY
- NISANTASI UNIVERSITY
- ORDU UNIVERSITYOZYEGIN UNIVERSITY
- PAMUKKALE UNIVERSITY
- SELCUK UNIVERSITY
- TEKIRDAG NAMIK KEMAL UNIVERSITY
- TRAKYA UNIVERSITY

### UKRAINE (1)

- NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF UKRAINE ON P. E. AND SPORT

### UNITED KINGDOM (3)

- IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON
- UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
- UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

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# 25 YEARS OF EUSA

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, marking a quarter-century of promoting university sports, inclusivity, and student engagement across Europe. Since its establishment in 1999, EUSA has played a crucial role in fostering competitive and recreational sports among students. This milestone is a testament to EUSA's dedication to uniting student-athletes, strengthening university sports networks, and inspiring future generations.





## EUSA 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Gala Dinner at the Palais Liechtenstein in Vienna, Austria. The event brought together representatives from member federations, partners, institutions, and distinguished guests.

Vienna holds special significance for EUSA, as it was founded in this city in 1999. This historical connection made Vienna the perfect venue for such a momentous occasion. The celebration took place in the heart of the city, hosted by the Austrian University Sports Organisation and the University of Vienna.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala served as a gathering to commemorate a significant milestone in EUSA's journey, which has been built on passion, dedication, and a commitment to excellence in university sports. The celebration began with remarks from Hemma Angerer, President of the Austrian

University Sports Organisation, extending her wishes for a joyful and delightful evening, and congratulating EUSA on reaching this important milestone.

The second formal welcome was delivered on behalf of EUSA President Adam Roczek, who expressed gratitude to all attendees for their presence, as well as for their support and collaboration over the past 25 years.

Subsequent to the two distinguished welcoming addresses, the program for the Gala Dinner commenced with the inaugural act of the cultural segment: a remarkable musical

performance by the Vienna Opera Ball Orchestra, led by Chief Conductor and Artistic Director, Univ.-Doz. Mag. Laszlo Gyuker. Throughout the evening, the Vienna Opera Ball Orchestra presented a selection of their exquisite musical compositions.

In conjunction with the musical performance, a dance presentation was performed by the Svabek Dance School, which has been responsible for the artistic choreography of the dance interludes at the Vienna Opera Ball for many years.

Being situated in Vienna, the birthplace of EUSA, and reflecting on the journey over

the past 25 years, EUSA takes great pride in celebrating a path characterized by collaboration, dedication, and support. We acknowledge with appreciation the invaluable partnerships that have significantly contributed to our shared success.

This acknowledgment was accomplished through the presentation of special appreciation awards to local institutions and individuals who made significant contributions to the development and growth of the organization, alongside the awarding of an Order of Merit.

The EUSA Order of Merit is presented to individuals whose



involvement and dedication have notably advanced the development and promotion of university sport in Europe. This year, the EUSA Executive Committee has granted two Orders of Merit.

The first award, recognizing long-term involvement and contributions to the development of university sports, was given to Ants Veetousme. The second award was presented posthumously to Yevgeniy Imas in acknowledgment of his outstanding contributions to university sports.

The next award presented during the 25<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary celebration was dedicated to the National University Sports Association for its outstanding contributions to the development of university sports and its fruitful collaboration over the years. The award was accepted by Daniel Studer and Lorenz Ursprung,

the Co-Presidents of Swiss University Sports.

In recognition of its longstanding partnership and significant role in advancing university sports, EUSA awarded the European Handball Federation. The award was presented to Michael Wiederer, the President of the European Handball Federation.

The final award of the evening was the EUSA Honorary Member Award, which is given to an individual whose involvement and commitment have made a significant impact on the growth and promotion of university sports in Europe.

Peter George, an Honorary Member of EUSA, was honored for his invaluable contributions to the development of university sports, which began in 1991. He played a key role in the inaugural European Universities Basketball Championship in 2001 and has been directly involved in

numerous EUSA Championships and Games over the years.

After the awards were presented to the recipients, the Gala Dinner continued with musical performances, dining, and opportunities for socializing. The night concluded with a final celebratory gesture: a gift exchange that marked the end of the celebration commemorating 25 years of hard work and success of the European University Sports Association.

In recognition of long-standing cooperation and support, and with hopes for many more years of success and great work, EUSA received gifts from its partners and members. The awards were presented on behalf of the following organizations: the International University Sports Federation (FISU), FISU Oceania, the European Olympic Committees, the Lithuanian Students' Sports Association, the University Sports Association of

Poland, the Croatian Academic Sports Federation, the Armenian Student Sports Federation, the Swedish University Sports Federation, the Portugal University Sports Federation, Felipe Santos, EUSA Honorary Member, the Norwegian Association of University Sports, and the Finnish Student Sports Federation.

The remarkable 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner concluded with heartfelt messages of gratitude and a celebratory group photo at the beautiful Palace Liechtenstein.



## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF EUSA

Memories, Goals, and the Future with  
Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik

### **How did you get involved in EUSA, how it all started?**

I started to be involved in EUSA activities in 2000, when the Slovenian University Sports Association (SUSA) organised the first EUSA Executive Committee Meeting in Ljubljana, to which I participated as SUSA Secretary General. In 2001, I took part as the Head of Delegation for Slovenian universities at the first EUSA European Universities Championships. In 2002, we organised the EUSA Championship in Basketball in Koper, and a year after EUSA General Assembly in Ljubljana, where I was elected in the EUSA Executive Committee. I was appointed on position of EUSA Secretary General in 2004.

### **How do you feel being part of EUSA for 25 years, and what does this milestone (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) mean to you personally?**

I am happy and proud to have been a part of EUSA for so many

years, being able to contribute to its development and growth. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is of course an important milestone, when we can proudly look back to the achievements made so far, but at the same time also the time to set the new direction for the future.

### **Have the core values of EUSA changed or evolved throughout the years?**

With the growth of EUSA's sports and educational activities, our core values have also evolved. The values that now define our organisation range from inclusivity and diversity, social responsibility, fair play, to solidarity, equity, sustainability, volunteering, health and well-being. These values shape our events, policies, and initiatives, building a strong and united European university sports community.

**What in your opinion has been the most important for the successful development of EUSA over the years?**

One of the most important things for our development was for sure the board decision in year 2000 to organise our sport events not for the national, but for university teams. Consequently, we have over 500 different universities annually present on our events, and still a huge interest for participation. Another important decision was taken ten years after, when the board decided to organise not only the European Universities Championships, but also the European Universities Games, which are now our main flagship event. Important for our development was also the decision to be actively involved in the European Projects through our EUSA Institute by establishing strong cooperation with our main stakeholders.

**What's the most rewarding part of being a Secretary General of EUSA?**

I often describe EUSA as a family—a community united by a passion for university sport. This family includes members of our Committees, Commissions, and Office, along with representatives of our Member Associations, universities, partners, and volunteers. The chance to connect with people who share these values is one of the most rewarding aspects of this role.

**What is a special memory you have in mind that happened within the last 25 years?**

My most cherished memory is from the first EUSA European

Universities Championship, held in Serbia and Montenegro in 2001. It was there that I met and fell in love with a volleyball player from the University of Ljubljana. We married soon after. Though we've organized over two hundred championships since, that first one will always hold a special place in my heart.

**How would you like to see EUSA continue to impact university sport in Europe?**

I have two primary hopes for EUSA. First, that we strengthen our existing partnerships with members, associated members, and partner organizations, while maintaining our active role as a partner of the European Union in educational activities and

projects. These partnerships are essential for delivering high-quality university sport and educational events that attract growing numbers of universities and students. Second, that we expand our efforts to reach and support those member associations and universities where university sport needs further development.

**What do you wish EUSA for next 25 years?**

I wish EUSA another 25 years of unity, success, excellence, further development, fair play, inclusion and diversity, teamwork and solidarity.



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# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2024

European Universities Games are governed by EUSA and represent the largest multi-sport event for higher education students all over Europe. The Hungarian cities of Debrecen and Miskolc were the hosts of the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the event in 2024.





## 7<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES DEBRECEN-MISKOLC 2024

*JULY 12-24, 2024*

Hungary was the go-to country for the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Universities Games 2024. Being hosted in two cities, Debrecen and Miskolc, this event represented the largest university multi-sport event in Europe this year.

European University Sports Association (EUSA), in cooperation with the local Organising Committee, including University of Miskolc, University of Debrecen, City of Miskolc, Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS) supported by key partners, prepared a memorable event, offering 17 sports, educational, social and cultural activities.

Over 6000 people were directly engaged in the event, recording 4503 participants, representing

400 universities from 36 countries. Over 800 volunteers, from which around 180 of them were international, 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 Debrecen and Miskolc,

represented the largest multi-sport event in Europe for the year of 2024. The biannual event, started with the official Opening Ceremony held at Miskolc's DVTK Arena on July 12 with the presence of the representatives of the highest authorities of the host country, European University Sports Association (EUSA), VIPs, officials, athletes, and citizens of Miskolc.

During the vibrant Opening Ceremony, a lively atmosphere filled the venue as athletes,

officials, dedicated volunteers, and esteemed guests gathered to celebrate the momentous occasion. The event kicked off with heartfelt welcoming speeches that resonated with enthusiasm, complemented by captivating music performances and engaging audio-visual displays. A breathtaking march pass unfolded before the audience, showcasing approximately 3,700 athletes and officials, each proudly representing their respective universities and embodying

the spirit of competition and camaraderie.

The Games featured an impressive array of sports, providing participants with an exhilarating experience. Among the dynamic lineup were 3x3 Basketball, Badminton, Basketball, Beach Handball, Beach Volleyball, Chess, Football, Futsal, Handball, Judo, Karate, Kickboxing, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Volleyball, and Water Polo. Notably, the inclusion of Para Table Tennis highlighted the Games' dedication to inclusivity, welcoming student-athletes with disabilities into the competitive fold. This commitment to diversity fosters a thriving environment, where athletes from all backgrounds can shine on the international stage.

Beyond the exhilarating sports competitions, the Games offered an extensive variety of educational, cultural, and social activities designed to enrich the experience of all participants. Throughout July, numerous engaging educational events took place, including enlightening conferences focused on volunteering, workshops aimed at developing social skills, discussions on the principles of fair play, mental health awareness, dual career pathways, and a suite of fun and educational activities that ensured a well-rounded experience for every attendee.

The Games have also emphasised education, with EUSA Forum held in Debrecen, on the topic of "Synergies in university sports development".

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) passionately champions the vibrant participation of student-athletes, who proudly represent their universities across the diverse landscape of Europe. This initiative embraces a broad spectrum of inclusion, welcoming students and volunteers with disabilities and underscoring a commitment to gender equality. EUSA strives to foster a safe, non-discriminatory environment that celebrates the spirit of fair play and integrity inherent in university sports.

After an exhilarating 15 days brimming with athletic competition, joy, and emotional highs, punctuated by the thrill of winning medals, forming lifelong friendships, and sharing both minor and monumental victories, the grand event culminated in a spectacular closing ceremony. This memorable occasion took place on Wednesday, July 24, at the impressive Nagyerdei Stadium in Debrecen.

The Closing Ceremony attracted an esteemed gathering of officials, including high-ranking representatives from regional governments, city municipalities, and university sports organizations. The event showcased breathtaking highlights from each of the 17 sports, along with one inclusive sport featured during the 2024 Games. Attendees were treated to a captivating preview of what awaits at the next European Universities Games, set to unfold in 2026 in the picturesque city of Salerno, promising even more unforgettable experiences and thrilling competitions.

In the closing speech, EUSA President Adam Roczek, thanked all the present athletes, officials, the members of the organizing committee and officially declared the Games concluded.

The Closing Ceremony, like the Opening Ceremony, was filled with emotions and new beginnings. It included many messages of thanks and happy faces. The audience enjoyed heartfelt speeches and great impressions. They also watched a well-made audio-visual presentation that showcased all the sports featured in the Games.

As the vibrant flag of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) was ceremoniously dehoisted, it symbolized the end of an exhilarating chapter in the European Universities Games. With great reverence, the flag was handed over to the enthusiastic next organizers who are set to host the Games in Salerno in 2026. The Closing Ceremony, filled with applause and celebration, marked a moment of unity and sport that brought together athletes from across the continent.



The European Universities Games, hosted in the cities of Miskolc and Debrecen, were executed under the esteemed license of EUSA by the diligent collaboration of the University of Miskolc, the University of Debrecen, and the city of Miskolc. This remarkable event was bolstered by the efforts of the EUSA Institute along with numerous partners, ranging from the Ministry of Education and Science to various national and local tourism entities, sports organizations, and media outlets.

Additionally, the Games received vital support from the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union and the International University Sports Federation (FISU), which helped foster the spirit of camaraderie and excellence that epitomizes university sports across Europe.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.eusa.eu/games/debrecen-miskolc-2024](http://www.eusa.eu/games/debrecen-miskolc-2024)



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2024 – FACTS AND FIGURES

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Universities Games, held under the slogan “More than Games” took place in Debrecen and Miskolc, Hungary between July 12 and 24, 2024. It was the biggest university sport event organized in Hungary so far, with 4503 participants, forming 806 university teams, representing 400 universities from 36 European countries.

Compared to the previous edition of the Games, numbers in participation were a bit higher, showing that the interest in university sport has increased a bit during this period of time.

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. 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, while the numbers in

participation in 2022 increased to 4458 participants, representing 417 universities from 37 countries.

In 2024, in comparison to the Games in 2022, the numbers showed an increase, since the number of participants was recorded to 4503, coming from 36 countries.

The Games in Debrecen and Miskolc, featured 17 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 continuously integrate sport competitions and disciplines that are offered to male and female

participants, promoting gender equality and active participation.

Out of 3597 registered athletes on this edition of the Games, 2098 were men and 1499 were women. That makes 58% of the participants to be male and 42% to be women, showing a 2% increase in the female participation in comparison to the 2022 edition and a steady progress in gender balanced participation.

In terms of participation per sport, Football was again on the top of the list, leading with 477 people participating in the competition, both athletes and officials. The second position was Futsal with 449 participants, while the third position was shared by Volleyball and Basketball with 394 participants.

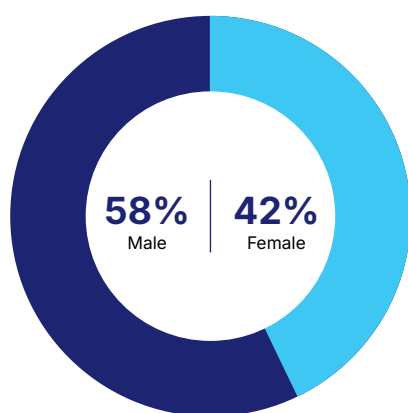
The best university regarding the results in 2024, was again the University of Zagreb (CRO),

followed by the Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN) and Vytautas Magnus University (LTU). In terms of participation the most active university is again University of Zagreb (CRO), followed by University of Debrecen (HUN) and the Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN).

The most successful National University Sports Association at the 2024 Games was Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS), followed by the German University Sports Federation (ADH) and Spanish University Sport Committee (CEDU).

The most active National University Sports Association this year regarding the results achieved by their students was the Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS), followed by the German University Sports Federation (ADH) and the French University Sport Federation.

## ATHLETES' PARTICIPATION PER GENDER



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

	UNIVERSITY NAME	P	TA	TW
CRO	University of Zagreb	214	21	17
HUN	University of Debrecen	129	16	13
HUN	Hungarian University of Sports Science	114	12	8
ESP	University of Valencia	111	13	10
NOR	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	102	7	7
HUN	University of Pecs	93	13	9
POR	University of Porto	84	12	8
GER	German Sport University Cologne	72	12	10
GER	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	71	6	5
ESP	University of Granada	64	6	4

## NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS PER SPORT – HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Sport	Avarage	Min	Max	2012	2014	2016	2018	2022	2024
3×3 Basketball	208	172	232	--	--	172	216	211	232
Badminton	144	120	165	144	120	165	149	147	139
Basketball	393	319	494	371	333	494	450	319	394
Beach Handball	151	131	172	--	--	--	--	131	172
Beach Volleyball	103	86	123	86	--	102	--	103	123
Bridge	52	--	--	--	--	52	--	--	--
Canoe Sprint	73	--	--	--	--	--	73	--	--
Chess	69	65	76	--	--	66	--	76	65
Football	474	434	506	460	469	506	497	434	477
Futsal	454	393	506	393	488	506	478	412	449
Golf	74	--	--	--	--	74	--	--	--
Handball	354	262	434	315	262	434	363	365	383
Judo	335	285	388	--	--	285	291	388	375
Karate	332	306	359	--	--	306	--	359	331
Kickboxing	164	153	175	--	--	--	--	153	175
Para Swimming	42	--	--	--	--	42	--	--	--
Para Table Tennis	19	10	24	--	--	24	23	18	10
Rowing	454	328	525	--	328	510	525	--	--
Rugby 7s	184	170	194	178	194	194	170	--	--
Sport Climbing	55	49	62	--	--	62	--	49	--
Swimming	199	195	204	--	--	195	--	204	--
Table Tennis	154	123	190	138	153	190	123	154	165
Taekwondo	248	211	291	--	--	242	--	211	291
Tennis	124	116	142	121	116	124	142	116	126
Volleyball	378	308	448	322	308	411	448	385	394
Water Polo	144	119	179	--	--	179	--	135	119
General Coordinations	71	46	89	46	57	73	79	89	83
<b>TOTAL</b>	--	--	--	<b>2574</b>	<b>2828</b>	<b>5408</b>	<b>4027</b>	<b>4459</b>	<b>4503</b>



## 3x3 BASKETBALL

*JULY 12-15, DEBRECEN*

232 participants, forming 44 teams of female and male students, representing 36 universities, from 16 countries, gathered in Debrecen, to attend the 3x3 Basketball competition. 3x3 Basketball was one of the most attended and popular sports events for the general public, during the European Universities Games in Debrecen and Miskolc.



In the women's bronze medal match, Szechenyi Istvan University (HUN) defeated Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (UKR). The gold medal showdown saw Riga Stradins University (LAT) clinching victory over the University of Valencia (ESP), securing the EUG 2024 3x3 Basketball Championship title and a spot for the 2024 FISU University World Cup 3x3 Basketball in China.

In the men's competition, the Vytautas Magnus University (LTU) earned the bronze medal. The thrilling final match between the University of Ljubljana (SLO)

and the Polytechnic University of Bucharest (ROU), saw Romanians achieving the gold medal with a score of 19:18 and a spot for the 2024 FISU University World Cup 3x3 Basketball in China.

Alongside spectacular finals, several important extra awards were presented to recognize outstanding performances and sportsmanship. The Fair Play Awards went to Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (UKR) (women) and University of Alicante (ESP) (men).

Individual honours in the women's category included

## FINAL STANDINGS

MEN		
1.	Polytechnic University of Bucharest	ROU
2.	University of Ljubljana	SLO
3.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
4.	University of Valencia	ESP
5.	Nantes University	FRA
6.	University of Vienna	AUT
7.	University of Shumen	BUL
8.	University of Aveiro	POR
9.	University of Zagreb	CRO
10.	University Palacky Olomouc	CZE
11.	University of Le Havre	FRA
12.	University of Girona	ESP
13.	Riga Stradins University	LAT
14.	Sumy State University	UKR
15.	Corvinus University of Budapest	HUN
16.	University of Tübingen	GER
17.	Vilnius University	LTU
18.	University of Debrecen	HUN
19.	University of Alicante	ESP
20.	Szechenyi Istvan University	HUN
21.	University of Pecs	HUN
22.	University of Split	CRO
23.	University of Pristina	KOS
24.	German Sport University Cologne	GER

WOMEN		
1.	Riga Stradins University	LAT
2.	University of Valencia	ESP
3.	Szechenyi Istvan University	HUN
4.	Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University	UKR
5.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
6.	University of Vic	ESP
7.	Polytechnic University of Bucharest	ROU
8.	University of Göttingen	GER
9.	University of Heidelberg	GER
10.	University of Ljubljana	SLO
11.	University of Porto	POR
12.	University of Debrecen	HUN
13.	Lithuanian University of Health Sciences	LTU
14.	University of Girona	ESP
15.	National Institute of Applied Sciences Lyon	FRA
16.	University of Split	CRO
17.	Nova University of Lisbon	POR
18.	Charles University	CZE
19.	Gazi University	TUR
20.	University North	CRO

MVP for Queralt Ribera Badia (University of Vic, ESP), the Best Scorer Award for Daria Kononuchenko (Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, UKR), and Shootout Contest Winner Manca Vrečer (University of Ljubljana, SLO). The Women's Team of the Tournament featured Ribera Badia, Kononuchenko, and Anita Mikelsona (Riga Stradins University, LAT).

In the men's category, Augustinas Mikstas (Vytautas Magnus University, LTU) was named MVP, while Georgi Gerganov (University of Shumen, BUL) took the Best Scorer Award, and Jaka Oberlajt (University of Ljubljana, SLO) won the Shootout Contest. The Men's Team of the Tournament consisted of Augustinas Mikstas (Vytautas Magnus University, LTU), Georgi Gerganov (University of Shumen, BUL) and Marius Mihai Ciotlaus

(Polytechnic University of Bucharest, ROM).

Besides the team tournament, the men's slam dunk contest also took place, resulting with the winner being Ilija Kabatsiura from Sumy State University (UKR).

The winners of the 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 Xiamen, China, from 22 to 24 November.

EUSA and the city of Salerno, Italy, are looking forward to welcoming student-athletes to the next EUSA 3x3 basketball event during the season of European Universities Championships, to be held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 2025.





## BADMINTON

*JULY 19-24, DEBRECEN*

The Badminton competition welcomed a total of 139 participants, representing 20 universities from 14 countries in Debrecen.



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

The Badminton finals at the Fonix Arena brought thrilling competition across singles and doubles events, captivating the audience with intense rallies and skilled play. In the men's doubles final, the University of Miguel Hernandez (ESP) went head-to-head with the University of Strasbourg (FRA), where the French duo, Thomas Baures and Aymeric Torres, showcased exceptional racket skills to secure a commanding 2-0 victory and the gold.

The women's doubles final saw the University of Strasbourg

(FRA) face off against Gdansk University of Technology (POL). In a gripping match, the Polish pair, Ulyana Volskaya and Anastasya Khomich, triumphed, earning the gold medal for EUG 2024. In the mixed doubles final, Gdansk University of Technology (POL) continued its winning streak, defeating the University of Tartu (EST) and claiming the title as the best mixed doubles team of the tournament.

In the men's singles event, France dominated, with Valentin Singer from the University of Bordeaux (FRA) taking gold, while the University of Strasbourg (FRA) clinched the silver. In the women's singles, Agnes Korosi from the Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN) seized the gold, with Lithuanian athlete Samantha Golubickaite from Vytautas



Magnus University (LTU) securing the silver.

All in all, we can see that the University of Strasbourg (FRA) occupied the first position on the final standings, and Gdansk University of Technology (POL), in second place, remained in the top 3, as they were in 2022 at the Games in Lodz. In 2024, they were joined by Miguel Hernandez University of Elche (ESP), earning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the final standings.

Medals were awarded by Sven Serre, President of Badminton Europe, and Klea Taipllari, EUSA Competition Chair, who attended and enthusiastically supported the tournament during the European Universities Games 2024.

EUSA and the city of Madrid, Spain, are looking forward to welcoming student-athletes

at the next EUSA Badminton event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from June 22-28, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

TEAMS		
1.	University of Strasbourg	FRA
2.	Gdansk University of Technology	POL
3.	Miguel Hernandez University of Elche	ESP
4.	University of Bordeaux	FRA
5.	Admiral Makarov National University of Shipbuilding	UKR
6.	University of Lausanne	SUI
7.	Technical University Sofia	BUL
8.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
9.	University of Oslo	NOR
10.	University of Turku	FIN
11.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
12.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
13.	Polytechnic University of Valencia	ESP
14.	Brno University of Technology	CZE
15.	University of Pecs	HUN
16.	University of Tartu	EST
17.	Eotvos Lorand University	HUN
18.	Azerbaijan Sport Academy	AZE
19.	University of Miskolc	HUN



## BASKETBALL

*JULY 18-24, MISKOLC*

A total number of 394 participants, competing in 16 male and 12 female teams, making a total number of 28 teams, coming from 23 different universities from 16 countries, participated in the Basketball competition held in Miskolc as part of the European Universities Games 2024.



On the Basketball court, the men's teams University of Zagreb (CRO) and Vytautas Magnus University (LTU) confronted each other in the final games, with the Lithuanian University emerging as the champion of Basketball at the European Universities Games 2024 in Miskolc, Hungary. The bronze medal was claimed by the University of Seville (ESP).

In the women's Basketball competitions, this title belonged to the University of Bologna (ITA), followed by the silver medal from the University of Vienna (AUT),

and the University of Lyon (FRA) completed the podium, winning the match for the bronze medal.

Besides the top three taking the gold, silver, and bronze medals, the awards for Fair Play, All-Star teams, and Most Valuable Players, were presented as well.

The Fair Play award in the men's competition was proudly raised by Gdansk University of Technology (POL), while in the women's competition this award was presented to the University of Vienna (AUT).

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

Joaquin Cebolla Herrera, University of Seville (ESP); Jakub Musial, Gdansk University of Technology (POL); Federico Conti, Turin Polytechnic (ITA); Christian Dischington Toefte, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NOR); Vitalijus Kozys, Vytautas Magnus University (LTU).

Awards for All Star Team in the women's competition were given to: Stella Popp, University of Vienna (AUT); Nina Krisper, University of Vienna (AUT); Elisabetta Tassinari, University of Bologna (ITA); Luisa Marie Nufer, University of Freiburg (GER);

Clarisse Vergiat, University of Lyon (FRA).

MVP awards were given to Joaquin Cebolla Herrera, University of Seville (ESP) and to Stella Popp, University of Vienna (AUT).

EUSA and the city of Bologna, Italy, are looking forward to welcome student-athletes at the next EUSA Basketball event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from July 6-13, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

MEN		
1.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
2.	University of Zagreb	CRO
3.	University of Seville	ESP
4.	University of Bologna	ITA
5.	University of Liege	BEL
6.	University of Debrecen	HUN
7.	University of Miskolc	HUN
8.	University of Genova	ITA
9.	University of Ljubljana	SLO
10.	Turin Polytechnic	ITA
11.	Polytechnic University of Bucharest	ROU
12.	Gdansk University of Technology	POL
13.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR
14.	University of Pardubice	CZE
15.	Technical University of Dresden	GER
16.	University of Lisbon	POR

WOMEN		
1.	University of Bologna	ITA
2.	University of Vienna	AUT
3.	University of Lyon	FRA
4.	Polytechnic University of Bucharest	ROU
5.	University of Valencia	ESP
6.	University of Freiburg	GER
7.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
8.	University of Miskolc	HUN
9.	University of Zagreb	CRO
10.	University of Aveiro	POR
11.	University of Liège	BEL
12.	University of Ostrava	CZE





## BEACH HANDBALL

*JULY 22-24, DEBRECEN*

Beneath the sunny skies of Debrecen, 172 participants, forming 15 teams (8 men and 7 women) from across Europe, showcased their skills in the thrilling Beach version of Handball. With brilliant technical moves and spectacular goals, the competition on the sand was fierce and action-packed.



Student-athletes from 5 countries, representing 11 universities, competed on the strong sun and sandy courts, showcasing great abilities and fair play.

The men's final saw the University of Malaga (ESP) face off against the Hungarian University of Sports Science, (HUN) with Malaga emerging victorious to claim the gold. The University of Zagreb (CRO) rounded out the podium, securing the bronze medal.

The University of Zagreb (CRO) also claimed bronze in the women's competition, while Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church (HUN) earned the silver medal. The University of Malaga (ESP) capped off an impressive tournament by taking gold, standing at the top of the podium as champions of the Games.

The Fair Play award in the women's competition went in the hands of Karoli Gaspar University of Reformed Church (HUN), while in the men's competition



the award was celebrated by Karlsruhe University (GER).

The awards for Most Valuable Player were earned by Martin Ruiz from University of Malaga (ESP) and Brigita Lovasz from Karoli Gaspar University of Reformed Church (HUN).

The Best Goalkeeper award was celebrated by Borna Kolic from University of Zagreb (CRO) in the men's competition, while in the women's one, the award was presented to Lucia Nunez Castellano from University of Malaga (ESP).

Top Scorers in the Beach Handball competition were Zalan Szalay from the Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN) and Malena Diaz Coppens from University of Malaga (ESP).

EUSA and the city of Granada, Spain, are looking forward to welcome student-athletes at the next EUSA Beach Handball event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from July 14-17, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

MEN		
1.	University of Malaga	ESP
2.	Hungarian University of Sport Science	HUN
3.	University of Zagreb	CRO
4.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
5.	Budapest Business University	HUN
6.	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	GER
7.	Ozyegin University	TUR
8.	Dumlupinar University	TUR

WOMEN		
1.	University of Malaga	ESP
2.	Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church	HUN
3.	University of Zagreb	CRO
4.	University of Goettingen	GER
5.	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	GER
6.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
7.	Eszterhazy Karoly Catholic University	HUN



## BEACH VOLLEYBALL

*JULY 19-23, MISKOLC*

In Miskolc, the Beach Volleyball competition welcomed 48 university teams (24 men and 24 women) that came together for five intense days of competition, delivering thrilling rallies and spectacular plays.



In total 123 participants, representing 43 universities from 21 countries, took part in the strong and entertaining matches on the Beach Volleyball courts in Miskolc.

In the Beach Volleyball competition we reached 50%-50% participation in terms of male and female athletes.

Even a rainy final day couldn't dampen the spirit of competition as players battled for medals. In the men's final, the University of Vienna (AUT) claimed victory in an all-Austrian showdown against the University of Klagenfurt (AUT), taking home the gold. Vytautas Magnus University (LTU) secured the bronze with a hard-fought win in the third-place match.

On the women's side, Lithuanian Sports University (LTU) successfully defended their championship

title, defeating Charles University (CZE), who earned silver medals for their strong performance. The University of Warsaw (POL) rounded out the podium, taking home bronze.

For their exceptional performances, Mathias Seiser (University of Vienna) was named MVP in the men's competition, while Gerda Grudzinskaite (Lithuanian Sports University) earned the MVP title among the women.

EUSA and the city of Granada, Spain, are looking forward to welcome student-athletes at the next EUSA Beach Volleyball event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from July 14-19, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

MEN TEAM COMPETITION		
1.	University of Vienna	AUT
2.	University of Klagenfurt	AUT
3.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
4.	University of Rostock	GER
5.	Czech Technical University Prague	CZE
6.	Miguel Hernandez Univeristy of Elche	ESP
7.	Lucerne University of Applied Sciences	SUI
8.	University Toulouse III – Paul Sabatier	FRA
9.	University of Porto	POR
10.	University of Applied Sciences Munich	GER
11.	National University of Physical Education and Sport of Ukraine	UKR
12.	University of Warsaw	POL
13.	Savonia University of Applied Sciences	FIN
14.	Budapest Business University	HUN
15.	Tallinn University	EST
16.	Eotvos Lorand University	HUN
17.	University of Valencia	ESP
18.	West University of Timisoara	ROU
19.	Beykoz University	TUR
20.	University of Miskolc	HUN
21.	University of Zagreb	CRO
22.	Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	HUN
23.	VU University of Amsterdam	NED
24.	Technological University Dublin	IRL

WOMEN TEAM COMPETITION		
1.	Lithuanian Sports University	LTU
2.	Charles University	CZE
3.	University of Warsaw	POL
4.	University of Ljubljana	SLO
5.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
6.	Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church	HUN
7.	Humboldt University of Berlin	GER
8.	University of Graz	AUT
9.	University of Cologne	AUT
10.	Aix-Marseille University	FRA
11.	University of Helsinki	FIN
12.	University of Cote d'Azur	FRA
13.	University of Jyvaskyla	FIN
14.	University of Zagreb	CRO
15.	Metropolia University of Applied Sciences	FIN
16.	University of Tartu	EST
17.	University of Valencia	ESP
18.	University of Oradea	ROU
19.	Fontys University of Applied Sciences Eindhoven	NED
20.	Eszterhazy Karoly Catholic University	HUN
21.	University of Porto	POR
22.	Ozyegin University	TUR
23.	University of Tirana	ALB
24.	University of Miskolc	HUN





## CHESS

*JULY 10-13, MISKOLC*

In four days of competition, fighting with kings and pawns, the best of 50 athletes competing in Chess took home victories and medals.



In total, 65 participants representing 20 universities from 11 countries used their strategic moves and minds to get to the top 3 places of the podium.

In Chess, competitors from both the open and women's categories faced off over four days of intense matches, battling across blitz individual, blitz team, rapid individual, and rapid team tournaments. The competition was fierce, with suspense building right up to the final moves.

In the women's blitz tournament, the Bucharest University of

Economic Studies (ROU) claimed the top spot, finishing just one point ahead of the closely matched Budapest University of Technology and Economics (HUN) and Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN), both tied with 8 points.

In the open blitz tournament, Vilnius University (LTU) took the first place on the podium, followed by Azerbaijan Sport Academy (AZE) in second place and University of Vienna (AUT) in third place.

In the open rapid competition, Azerbaijan Sport Academy (AZE)



emerged as the champion, while Ozyegin University (TUR) took silver and the Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and Sport (ARM) won bronze.

In the rapid women competition, Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN) triumphed, followed by Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ROU) at the second place and Ozyegin University (TUR) at the third place.

The tournament concluded with Hungary leading the medal count with three medals, followed by Romania, Turkey, and Azerbaijan

with two medals each, while Lithuania, Armenia, and Austria each took home one medal.

EUSA and the city of Yerevan, Armenia, are looking forward to welcome student-athletes at the next EUSA Chess event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from September 16-20, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

### OPEN BLITZ COMPETITION

1.	Vilnius University	LTU
2.	Azerbaijan Sport Academy	AZE
3.	University of Vienna	AUT

### BLITZ WOMEN COMPETITION

1.	Bucharest University of Economic Studies	ROU
2.	Budapest University of Technology and Economics	HUN
3.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN

### OPEN RAPID COMPETITION

1.	Azerbaijan Sport Academy	AZE
2.	Ozyegin University	TUR
3.	Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and Sport	ARM

### RAPID WOMEN COMPETITION

1.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
2.	Bucharest University of Economic Studies	ROU
3.	Ozyegin University	TUR



## FOOTBALL

*JULY 11-17, DEBRECEN*

In total, 476 participants representing 23 universities from 16 countries took part in the Football competition during the European Universities Games held in Debrecen, Hungary.



Student-athletes from 16 men's teams and 9 women's teams were part of the Football competition, showcasing great talent and strong will to score goals and celebrate victories.

After seven days of spectacular action, the title of champion in the men's competition was awarded to the State University of Trade and Economics (UKR), who won a thrilling final match against the defending champion, the University of Wurzburg (GER), with a final score of 2-0. Hungary's University of Debrecen took the bronze medal with a 5-3

victory over Germany's Karlsruhe Institute of Technology.

The female athletes from the University of Wurzburg (GER), won against the Polytechnic University of Hauts-de-France (FRA) by a score of 4-2 in the women's final match, after overtime. The University of Rennes (FRA) finished third after defeating the University of Valencia (ESP) by a score of 7-6, and the bronze medalist team became the University of Rennes (FRA).

Carolina Herrera Atienza from the University of Valencia (ESP)

claimed the women's Top Scorer award, while Fidjeland Philip from the University of Lisbon (POR) won the Top Scorer award in the men's competition.

The Most Valuable Player award went to Polina Yanchuk from Pavlo Tychyna Uman State Pedagogical University (UKR), and Diana Oliveira from University of Coimbra (POR) won the Best Goalkeeper award.

In the men's competition, the MVP award was given to Joris Gabriel from University of Basel (SUI), while the title of Best Goalkeeper went in the hands of Bence Lisztes from University of Debrecen (HUN).

The honorable Fair Play award was won by the silver medalists, the University of Wurzburg (GER) for the men and the Polytechnic University of Hauts-de-France (FRA) for the women.

EUSA and the city of Camerino, Italy, are looking forward to welcoming student-athletes at the next EUSA Football event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from July 27-August 3, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

### MEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	State University of Trade and Economics	UKR
2.	University of Wurzburg	GER
3.	University of Debrecen	HUN
4.	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	GER
5.	University of Granada	ESP
6.	University of Split	CRO
7.	University of Orleans	FRA
8.	Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad	ROU
9.	Gdansk University of Technology	POL
10.	University of Basel	SUI
11.	University of Lisbon	POR
12.	Technical University of Liberec	CZE
13.	University of Jyvaskyla	FIN
14.	University Fan Noli	ALB
15.	University of Salzburg	AUT
16.	BI Norwegian Business School Bergen	NOR

### WOMEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	University of Wurzburg	GER
2.	Polytechnic University of Hauts-de-France	FRA
3.	University of Rennes	FRA
4.	University of Valencia	ESP
5.	Pavlo Tychyna Uman State Pedagogical University	UKR
6.	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	GER
7.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR
8.	University of Coimbra	POR
9.	Eindhoven University of Technology	NED





## FUTSAL

*JULY 10-17, DEBRECEN*

A total of 449 participants, with 18 men's and 12 women's teams, representing 27 universities and 15 European countries, took part in the Futsal competition, held in Debrecen, as part of the European Universities Games 2024.



The competition for the women's teams, lasted one day less than the men's, having matches in three sports halls: the Olah Gabor sports complex, Fonix Arena, and Desok Sports Hall.

Anticipated and exciting Futsal matches marked this year's futsal competition, bringing on new champions, victories, and lessons learned.

In the men's competition, University of Zagreb (CRO) claimed third place against the University of Maia (POR) in the match for the bronze medal. After the spectacular final, they were joined on the podium by the Ivano-Frankivsk College of Physical Education (UKR), which took second place. Finally, the University of Seville (ESP) lifted the trophy after anticipating a session of penalties.

Individual awards were given at the end of the men's Futsal games. The award for MVP was given to Manuel Sanchez Cortes from University of Seville (ESP), while Best Scorer was Novak Filip from University of Zagreb (CRO).

Title of Best Goalkeeper went to Alvaro Carrion Tejedor from University of Seville (ESP). The Fair play was received by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NOR).

In the All Star team, two other players were as well awarded: Masevych Marian and Nazar Shved from Ivano-Frankivsk College of Physical.

In the women's competition, the grand finale was between National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (UKR) facing off against Nantes



University (FRA) in a highly anticipated match. The intense competition and unwavering spirit of the teams brought an exceptional atmosphere to the arena. Ultimately, the winner of the final game was Nantes University (FRA), claiming the championship title with a remarkable performance. The silver was claimed by National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (UKR), while the bronze medal went to the girls from Rey Juan Carlos University (ESP).

The Fair Play Award went to the University of Pecs (HUN).

The award for Best Goalkeeper was presented to Laura Lacoste from Nantes University (FRA),

while the award for Best Scorer went to Pellegry Faustine from Nantes University (FRA). The MVP of the competition was Kseniia Hrytsenko from National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (UKR).

Iraia Arbeloa Guerrero from Rey Juan Carlos University (ESP) and Kovalenko Alona from National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (UKR) were part of the All Star team, as well.

EUSA and the city of Zagreb, Croatia are looking forward to welcome student-athletes at the next EUSA Futsal event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from July 17-25, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

### MEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	University of Seville	ESP
2.	Ivano-Frankivsk College of Physical Education	UKR
3.	University of Zagreb	CRO
4.	University of Maia	POR
5.	Azerbaijan Sport Academy	AZE
6.	Prague University of Economics and Business	CZE
7.	University of Lyon	FRA
8.	University of Reims Champagne Ardenne	FRA
9.	University of Cyprus	CYP
10.	University of Pecs	HUN
11.	University of Maribor	SLO
12.	University of Lausanne	SUI
13.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR
14.	University of Kiel	GER
15.	University of Gdansk	POL
16.	University of Debrecen	HUN
17.	University of Munster	GER
18.	Eszterhazy Karoly Catholic University	HUN

### WOMEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	Nantes University	FRA
2.	National Pedagogical Dragomanov University	UKR
3.	Rey Juan Carlos University	ESP
4.	Tampere University	FIN
5.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR
6.	University of Jyvaskyla	FIN
7.	University of Zagreb	CRO
8.	University of the Littoral Opal Coast	FRA
9.	Nova University of Lisbon	POR
10.	University of Erlangen-Nuremberg	GER
11.	University of Minho	POR
12.	University of Pecs	HUN





## HANDBALL

*JULY 19-24, DEBRECEN*

383 athletes, making up 23 teams, brought incredible energy and passion to the court as they competed for the top spot. These talented players came from 20 universities in 11 different countries, and every single one of them gave it their all, striving for success and some amazing results.



In the women's competition, there were 11 enthusiastic teams, all playing with great spirit and the same wish to win and earn the medals around their necks.

In the men's competition, 12 teams were showcasing great sportsmanship and strong will to be among the top in the final rankings.

In a thrilling final, the Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava (ROU) edged out the University of Duisburg-Essen (GER) 32-29

to claim the gold medal. The bronze medal match was even closer, with the University of Zurich (SUI) narrowly defeating the University of Leon (ESP) 25-24.

The Fair Play Award went to AGH University of Science and Technology from Krakow (POL), Marton Szabados won the Best Scorer Award with 53 points scored (Karoli Gaspar University of Reformed Church), and Botond Balasz (Stefan cel

Mare University of Suceava) was declared MVP of the tournament.

Anticipation was high for the women's finals, and the matches didn't disappoint. The Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN) grabbed the bronze medal in a tense two-point victory over the University of Castilla-La Mancha (ESP). The gold-medal showdown between Ovidius University (ROU) and the University Palacky Olomouc (CZE) was a heart-stopper, with Ovidius University (ROU) ultimately prevailing to defend their championship crown.

The Fair Play Award was deservedly awarded to the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. The Best Scorer was Nele Eckert with 48 points

scored (University of Bochum), and Macacova Monika won the MVP Award (University Palacky Olomouc).

EUSA and the city of Covilha, Portugal, are looking forward to welcoming student-athletes at the next EUSA Handball event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from July 22-28, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

### MEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava	ROU
2.	University of Duisburg-Essen	GER
3.	University of Zurich	SUI
4.	University of Leon	ESP
5.	University of Porto	POR
6.	University of Minho	POR
7.	University of Limoges	FRA
8.	Eszterhazy Karoly Catholic University	HUN
9.	University of Debrecen	HUN
10.	AGH University of Science and Technology	POL
11.	Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek	CRO
12.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR

### WOMEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	Ovidius University	ROU
2.	University Palacky Olomouc	CZE
3.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
4.	University of Castilla-La Mancha	ESP
5.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR
6.	University of Zagreb	CRO
7.	University of Minho	POR
8.	University of Franche-Comte	FRA





## JUDO

*JULY 10-13, MISKOLC*

As one of four Combat Sports featured at the European Universities Games, Judo attracted 375 participants from 138 universities in 21 countries.



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 in Debrecen and Miskolc.

The Judo competitors had the chance to compete in Miskolc from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of July, showcasing courtesy in practice, promoting calm, readiness, confidence and fair play during all the matches.

Competing single and teams in both men and women categories, they all had their chance to give their best and earn a medal. The athletes came from different corners of Europe, competing in the same high standard, within their own category, having the collective points from all represented universities, producing the winner of the team competition.

This edition of the Judo competition, as part of the European Universities Games 2024, concluded with a great

atmosphere during the team competition, where team spirit and fair play were abundant in the University Sports Hall.

The overall final ranking of successful universities in the judo competition at the European Universities Games in Debrecen – Miskolc, has Georgian National University SEU (GEO) in the first place, followed by Sumy State University (UKR) in the second position and the third position being shared between the HAN University of Applied Sciences (NED) and Polytechnic University of Bucharest (ROU).

The champion of the mixed team competition of these Games is Sumy State University (UKR), who dominated the entire day of competition. The silver medal was won by Windesheim University of Applied Sciences (NED). Finally, the University of Orleans (FRA) and Polytechnic University of Bucharest (ROU) both won the bronze medal.

EUSA and the city of Warsaw, Poland, are looking forward to organizing the next Judo event as part of the European Universities Combat Sports Championship, to be held between August 22-25, 2025.



## FINAL STANDINGS

### MIXED TEAM COMPETITION

1.	Sumy State University	UKR
2.	Windesheim University of Applied Sciences	NED
3.	Polytechnic University of Bucharest	ROU
3.	University of Orleans	FRA

### INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALISTS – MEN

-60 kg: Thom Van Der Ree, HAN University of Applied Sciences	NED
+60 kg to 66 kg: Lionel Schwander, Swiss Federal Institute of Sport Magglingen	SUI
+66 kg to 73 kg: Giorgi Akhalaurl, Georgian National University SEU	GEO
+73 kg to 81kg: Vazha Avazneli, Georgian National University SEU	GEO
+81kg to 90 kg: Akaki Japaridze, Georgian National University SEU	GEO
+90 kg to 100 kg: Rares Stefan Arsenie, Polytechnic University of Bucharest	ROU
+100 kg: Irakli Demetrashvili, Georgian National University SEU	GEO

### INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALISTS – WOMEN

-48kg: Rebeka Rita Koszegi, Eszterhazy Karoly Catholic University	HUN
+48 kg to 52 kg: Teraza Bodanrova, Charles University	CZE
+52 kg to 57 kg: Roza Gyertyas, National University of Public Service	HUN
+57 kg to 63 kg: Anna Kriza, Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
+63 kg to 70 kg: Aida Vasiliauskaite, Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
+70 kg to 78 kg: Betty Vuk, University of Bologna	ITA
+78 kg: Helena Vukovic, University of Zagreb	CRO





## KARATE

*JULY 15-18, MISKOLC*

Karate was the second-largest Combat Sports (of four) at the European Universities Games in Miskolc, Hungary (July 15-18), with 331 participants from 121 universities and 24 countries.

Fighting in both Kata and Kumite, athletes were chasing the win, with fair play and strong will. For all of them, it was an unforgettable summer sporting experience, bringing them great memories and new records.

The University Sports Hall offered the tatami where the competitions were held. The competition days included matches in Kata and Kumite, both disciplines including a great level of concentration and thoughtful

moves and kicks towards the opponents and in the air.

The athletes were chasing the win, with fair play and determination. The hard work, concentration, strategy and competitive spirit have brought medals to the ones who gave their best. For the others, nothing is lost, there are the future games and championships that offer another chance to win a place on the podium.

Out of all universities that participated in the Karate competition, the first three positions of the final ranking were taken by: Istanbul Aydin University (TUR) on the first position, Azerbaijan Sport Academy (AZE) in the second place and Eotvos Lorand University (HUN) in the third place.

In the Kata discipline the champions in the men's competition were the athletes representing Istanbul Aydin

University (TUR), while Gazi University (TUR) lifted the second place trophy. The bronze medals went on the necks of the athletes from Polytechnic University of Bucharest (ROU).

In the women's Kata competition, the champion was the team representing University of Porto (POR). In second place was University of Nottingham (GBR), while the athletes of Eotvos Lorand University (HUN) took home the bronze medals.



In the Kumite women's team tournament, the gold medal went to University of Pristina (KOS) and the silver medal was earned by the team of Istanbul Aydin University (TUR). The bronze went into the hands of Azerbaijan Sport Academy (AZE).

In the Kumite men's team tournament, Istanbul Aydin University (TUR) took the first place on the podium, followed by Azerbaijan Sport Academy (AZE) on the second place and Istanbul

Kent University (TUR) on the third position.

EUSA and the city of Warsaw, Poland, are looking forward to organizing the next Karate event as part of the European Universities Combat Sports Championship, to be held between August 22-25, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

### TEAM GOLD MEDALLISTS – KATA MEN

Istanbul Aydin University	<b>TUR</b>
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### TEAM GOLD MEDALLISTS – KATA WOMEN

University of Porto	<b>POR</b>
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### TEAM GOLD MEDALLISTS – KUMITE MEN

Istanbul Aydin University	<b>TUR</b>
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### TEAM GOLD MEDALLISTS – KUMITE WOMEN

University of Pristina	<b>KOS</b>
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### INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALLISTS – KATA MEN

Petru Comanescu, Bucharest University of Economic Studies	<b>ROU</b>
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### INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALLISTS – KUMITE MEN

Kumite -60 kg: Farid Savadov, Azerbaijan Sport Academy	<b>AZE</b>
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Kumite -67 kg: David Enrique Nichols-Izaguirre, Eotvos Lorand University	<b>HUN</b>
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Kumite -75 kg: Petar Zaborski, St. Kliment Ohridski University of Bitola	<b>MKD</b>
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Kumite -84 kg: Nikola Malovic, University of Montenegro	<b>MNE</b>
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Kumite +84 kg: Danilo Bozhovikj, Saints Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje	<b>MKD</b>
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### INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALLISTS – KATA WOMEN

Natacha Fernandes, University of Lisbon	<b>POR</b>
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### INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALLISTS – KUMITE WOMEN

Kumite -50 kg: Dicle Beyazit, Istanbul Aydin University	<b>TUR</b>
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Kumite -55 kg: Gulsah Uyumaz, Istanbul Aydin University	<b>TUR</b>
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Kumite -61 kg: Jasmine Pomeroy, University of Warwick	<b>GBR</b>
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Kumite -68 kg: Madeleine Schroeter, University of Jena	<b>GER</b>
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Kumite +68 kg: Theodosia Giamouki, University of Cyprus	<b>CYP</b>
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## KICKBOXING

*JULY 10-13, MISKOLC*

Student-athletes from 60 universities around Europe participated in the Kickboxing competition in Miskolc from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of July, in the new sports hall inaugurated a few days before the first fights. Kicks of the fights for the medals were showing the athletes' strong will and thriving for a place on the victory podium.

A total of 175 participants, coming from 13 countries, representing 60 universities, participated with a dynamic combination of punches and kicks, given with high intensity and eagerness to win the medals and to have the best time of their summer, competing and enjoying.

Both in men's and women's competition, the athletes competed in two tatami disciplines: point fighting (PF) and kick light (KL) and in two 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 Miskolc, has University of Zagreb (CRO) on the first place, Hungarian University of Sports Science (HUN) in second place and Gazi University in third place on the winners podium.

All participants in the Kickboxing tournament acted with honor, fair

play and respect in accordance with these rules, making the matches a great event to watch.

EUSA and the city of Warsaw, Poland, are looking forward to organizing the next Kickboxing event as part of the European Universities Combat Sports Championship, to be held between August 22-25, 2025.





## FINAL STANDINGS

### UNIVERSITY RANKING

1.	University of Zagreb	<b>CRO</b>
2.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	<b>HUN</b>
3.	Gazi University	<b>TUR</b>

### INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS – MEN

FC -67:	Robert Rezo, University of Zagreb	<b>CRO</b>
FC -75:	Borna Soukup, University of Zagreb	<b>CRO</b>
FC -86:	Peter Petrovics, Szechenyi Istvan University	<b>HUN</b>
K1 -67:	Mark Rehak, Eotvos Lorand University	<b>HUN</b>
K1 -71:	Aydin Aslan, Bursa Uludag University	<b>TUR</b>
K1 -75:	Muhammed Beritan Calayir, Bursa Uludag University	<b>TUR</b>
K1 -81:	Vito Stojcic, University of Split	<b>CRO</b>
K1 -86:	Vito Kosar, University of Zagreb	<b>CRO</b>
KL -63:	Gergo Szaraz, Hungarian University of Sports Science	<b>HUN</b>
KL -74:	Mahmut Mahmut Mirat, Istanbul Okan University	<b>TUR</b>
KL -84:	Dillon Hegarty, University of Bern	<b>SUI</b>
KL +84:	Ivan Bertic, University of Zagreb	<b>CRO</b>
PF -63:	Szabolcs Bozok, Hungarian University of Sports Science	<b>HUN</b>
PF -74:	Laszlo Maruscak, Semmelweis University	<b>HUN</b>
PF -84:	James Meekin, University of Sussex	<b>GBR</b>
PF +84:	Maksymilian Palej, Wroclaw University of Economic	<b>POL</b>

### INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS – WOMEN

FC -56:	Nicola Kaczmarek, Calisia University	<b>POL</b>
FC +65:	Laura Fanni Kovacs, Hungarian University of Sports Science	<b>HUN</b>
K1 -56:	Filipa Oliveira Ferreira, Polytechnic Institute of Cavado and Ave	<b>POR</b>
K1 -60:	Sofia Oliveira, University of Minho	<b>POR</b>
K1 -65:	Zorka Gera, University of Szeged	<b>HUN</b>
KL +65:	Bruna Milinovic, University of Zagreb	<b>CRO</b>
KL -55:	Una Maravic, University of Zagreb	<b>CRO</b>
KL -65:	Sena Amine Nur Ozgen, Recep Tayyip Erdogan University	<b>TUR</b>
PF +65:	Fatmanur Karagoz, Gazi University	<b>TUR</b>
PF -55:	Aybuke Kilinc, Gazi University	<b>TUR</b>
PF -65:	Nurhana Fazlic, University of Graz	<b>AUT</b>



## TAEKWONDO

*JULY 20-23, MISKOLC*

At the European Universities Games in Debrecen – Miskolc, the competition in Taekwondo welcomed 391 participants, representing 119 universities from 19 countries.



Taekwondo is a dynamic martial art, which involves acrobatic kicks and graceful punches. It aptly means "the way of the foot and fist," corresponding to the blows and kicks that score points.

During the European Universities Games, in this dynamic combat discipline, 120 male and 109 female student-athletes competed in many different weight categories and styles, all of them eager to win the title of European Universities champion.

Taekwondo again proved successful at the European Universities Games this year, following its debut in 2016 in Zagreb and Rijeka. With 391 participants, Taekwondo represented the biggest sport out of the 4 combat sports present at the programme, according to the number of participants.

Sixty universities were represented in the Taekwondo competition, coming from all over Europe. They all competed to the same high standard, with fair play and great will to win 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 Miskolc, the final ranking for the mixed team saw University of Zagreb (CRO) on the first place, followed by Gazi University (TUR) on the second place and the Autonomous University of Barcelona (ESP) on the third position.

## FINAL STANDINGS

MIXED TEAM COMPETITION		
1.	University of Zagreb	CRO
2.	Gazi University	TUR
3.	Autonomous University of Barcelona	ESP
INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS – FREESTYLE POOMSAE MEN		
	Borna Pecko, University of Zagreb	CRO
INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS – RECOGNIZED POOMSAE MEN		
	Muhammed Emir Yilmaz, Gazi University	TUR
INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS – FREESTYLE POOMSAE WOMEN		
	Giuditta Carlini, University of Bologna	ITA
INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS – RECOGNIZED POOMSAE WOMEN		
	Reihaneh Omranimoghadam, University of Applied Sciences Mittweida	GER
INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS – KYORUGI MEN		
-54 kg:	Luka Turkalj, University of Zagreb	CRO
+54 kg to 58 kg:	Lukasz Nowak, Jozef Pilsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw	POL
+58 kg to 63 kg:	Enzo Compelle, University of Paris Saclay	FRA
+63 kg to 68 kg:	Matija Crep, University of Zagreb	CRO
+68 kg to 74 kg:	Mehmet Kani Polat, Sabanci University	TUR
+74 kg to 80 kg:	Matej Nikolic, University of Zagreb	CRO
+80 kg to 87 kg:	Azizjan Tadjibaev, Paris Nanterre University	FRA
+87 kg:	Kelen Bailey, Budapest University of Technology and Economics	HUN
INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS – KYORUGI WOMEN		
-46 kg:	Lauren Watson, University of Salford	GBR
+46 kg to 49 kg:	Mihaela Nicoleta Claudia Bajan, Spiru Haret University	ROU
+49 kg to 53 kg:	Alma Maria Perez Parrado, Autonomous University of Barcelona	ESP
+53 kg to 57 kg:	Luca Marta Patakfalvy, Corvinus University of Budapest	HUN
+57 kg to 62 kg:	Huru Gokce Gogebakan, Gazi University	TUR
+62 kg to 67 kg:	Ivana Arelic, University of Zagreb	CRO
+67 kg to 73 kg:	Rebeka Furedi, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life ScienceS	HUN
+73 kg:	Esmeralda Husovic, University of Applied Sciences Munich	GER

EUSA and the city of Warsaw, Poland, are looking forward to organizing the next Taekwondo event as part of the European Universities Combat Sports Championship, to be held between August 22-25, 2025.





## TABLE TENNIS

*JULY 20-24, DEBRECEN*

165 eager athletes from 28 European universities traveled to Debrecen to compete in Table Tennis, showcase their skills, and celebrate their successes.

Table Tennis players from 20 different countries participated in the teams, singles, and doubles competitions that took place in Kossuth High School Sports Hall.

Nisantasi University (TUR) won the men's team competition, narrowly defeating the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (SUI). Both the University of Vienna (AUT) and the Zamojski Academy (POL) rightfully earned the bronze medal.

For the women's teams, the University of Zagreb (CRO)

emerged as the champion, with Sofia University (BUL) finishing second. Just as in the men's team competition, two bronze medalists emerged, with both the Lublin University of Technology (POL) and the University of Ljubljana (SLO) securing third place. Both the men's and women's team competition was marked by strategic play and strong team coordination.

In men's singles, Jakub Folwarski from Zamojski Academy (POL) claimed the first place, demonstrating precision and control. On the women's side,

Ines Matos of University of Porto (POR) earned the gold, showcasing her skill and consistency.

The doubles competitions saw Ibrahim Gunduz and Amin Ahmadian from Istanbul Nisantasi University (TUR) win the men's title, while Kalina Hristova and Mariya Yovkova from Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (BUL) took the women's doubles gold.

EUSA and the city of Burdur, Türkiye, are looking forward to welcome student-athletes at the

next EUSA Table Tennis event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from September 11-16, 2025.



## FINAL STANDINGS

### MEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	Nisantasi University	TUR
2.	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne	SUI
3.	University of Vienna	AUT
3.	Zamojski Academy	POL
5.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
5.	University of Freiburg	GER
5.	University of Ljubljana	SLO
5.	University of Zagreb	CRO
9.	Technical University Sofia	BUL
9.	University of Debrecen	HUN
9.	University of Pecs	HUN
9.	University of Porto	POR
13.	Angers Physical Education and Sports Training Institute	FRA
13.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
15.	University of Camerino	ITA
15.	WSG Bydgoszcz	POL
17.	Azerbaijan Sport Academy	AZE
17.	Nottingham Trent University	GBR
17.	University of Tirana	ALB

### WOMEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	University of Zagreb	CRO
2.	Sofia University	BUL
3.	Lublin University of Technology	POL
3.	University of Ljubljana	SLO
5.	Armenian State University of Economics	ARM
5.	Suleyman Demirel University	TUR
5.	Tallinn University	EST
5.	University of Pecs	HUN
9.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
9.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
11.	University of Ostrava	CZE
11.	University of Porto	POR
13.	Albanian University	ALB
13.	Azerbaijan Sport Academy	AZE
13.	London School of Economics and Political Science	GBR
13.	University of Granada	ESP





## TENNIS

*JULY 19-24, MISKOLC*

126 aspiring champions from 24 universities across 14 nations battled it out on the courts in Miskolc, showcasing their forehands, backhands, and competitive spirit at the European Universities Games Tennis competition.



Hot weather and exciting matches would best describe this tournament, in which 103 tennis players, of which 53 were women and 50 men, competed.

In the men's finals, University of Zurich (SUI) clinched the title, defeating German Sport University Cologne (GER) in a close final match, with Kozminski University (POL) finishing in third place and taking the bronze medal.

In the women's competition, German Sport University Cologne (GER) took the gold medal after an impressive performance against Paris Dauphine University (FRA), while Turin Polytechnic (ITA) captured the bronze.

In the women's competition, the University of Innsbruck (AUT) took the gold medal after a victorious final match

against Kozminski University (POL), who finished with the silver medal. Kodolanyi Janos University (HUN) claimed third place, defeating the University of Innsbruck (AUT) in a thrilling match for the bronze.

EUSA and the city of Coimbra, Portugal are looking forward to welcome student-athletes at the next EUSA Tennis and Padel event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from July 28-August 3, 2025.



## FINAL STANDINGS

### MEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	University of Zurich	SUI
2.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
3.	Kozminski University	POL
4.	University of Zagreb	CRO
5.	Turin Polytechnic	ITA
6.	Erasmus University Rotterdam	NED
7.	University of Granada	ESP
8.	NOVA University of Lisbon	POR
9.	University of Valencia	ESP
10.	University of Stavanger	NOR
11.	University of Warsaw	POL
12.	Lady of Good Counsel University	ALB
13.	University of Bochum	GER
14.	Eotvos Lorand University	HUN
15.	University of Debrecen	HUN
16.	University of Miskolc	HUN

### WOMEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
2.	Paris Dauphine University	FRA
3.	Turin Polytechnic	ITA
4.	University of Innsbruck	AUT
5.	Kozminski University	POL
6.	University of Clermont Auvergne	FRA
7.	University of Valencia	ESP
8.	University of Debrecen	HUN
9.	Erasmus University Rotterdam	NED
10.	University of Coimbra	POR
11.	University of Lausanne	SUI
12.	Kodolanyi Janos University	HUN
13.	NOVA University of Lisbon	POR
14.	University of Warsaw	POL
15.	University of Oslo	NOR
16.	Koc University	



## PARA TABLE TENNIS

*JULY 20-24, DEBRECEN*

Para Table Tennis athletes once again had the opportunity to shine at the European Universities Games in Debrecen- Miskolc, in 2024. Since its introduction in Zagreb (2016), the sport has provided a platform for talented players at the Games, with previous competitions held in Zagreb-Rijeka, Coimbra and Lodz.



Having athletes compete in this sport brought great joy and once again was a great proof of inclusion and access to sport for everyone.

This year, Para Table Tennis has welcomed 8 male student-athletes representing 8 different universities from 4 countries.

The two-day competition brought new medalists and results among the athletes. In classes 6-8, the top 3 positions were taken by Edgar Empis from Tourelles Institute (FRA) winning the gold medal,

Jaiden Calderia from Northeastern University (GBR) winning the silver medal, and the bronze medal going to Kamil Kowalski from the University School of Physical Education in Krakow (POL).

In the classes 9-10, Maximilian Flint from Loughborough University (GBR) won the gold medal, while Shae Thakker from University of Sheffield (GBR) won the silver medal. Gevorg Beglaryan from Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and Sport (ARM) was the winner of the bronze medal in the competition.



#### LIST OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Armenian State Institute of Physical Culture and sport	<b>ARM</b>
University of Rennes	<b>FRA</b>
Institut les Tourelles	<b>FRA</b>
Loughborough University	<b>GBR</b>
University of Sheffield	<b>GBR</b>
Cardiff Metropolitan University	<b>GBR</b>
Northeastern University	<b>GBR</b>
University School of Physical Education in Krakow	<b>POL</b>





## VOLLEYBALL

*JULY 10-16, MISKOLC*

Twenty-seven teams, forming a total number of 393 participants, representing 24 universities from 13 countries, brought their passion, energy, and talent to Miskolc, all with one goal: to win the tournament title of the European Universities Volleyball competition and bring home medals.



Exciting, full of energy and great sportsmanship matches were played during the 7-day competition held in Miskolc.

In the women's finals, we witnessed an intense game when the University of Bologna won against the Croatian University of Zagreb, securing the gold medal. The University of Bologna (ITA) has proven itself true as a remarkable team, winning the EUSA Games in 2022, the EUSA Championship in 2023, and now again defending their title at the European Universities

Games 2024. The bronze medal was well deserved and won by Ovidius University (ROU).

In the men's finals, the champion title went to the University of Rostock (GER), who won a thrilling final match against Brno University of Technology (CZE). The bronze medal went into the hands of the West University of Timisoara (ROU).

The Top Scorer award was given to Balazs Majoros from the Hungarian University of Sport Sciences (HUN) and to Marie



Nevot from the University of Rennes (FRA).

Moreover, the MVP award was given to Adam Provaznik from Brno University of Technology (CZE) and to Silvia Iona Coman from Ovidius University (ROU).

Two Fair Play Awards were given to one team from both men and women competitions. In the men's competition, the award went to the National Institute of Applied Sciences Lyon (FRA), while in the women's competition

it was earned by the University of Twente (NED).

EUSA and the city of Budapest, Hungary, are looking forward to welcome student-athletes at the next EUSA Volleyball event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from July 27 to August 3, 2025.

## FINAL STANDINGS

### MEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	University of Rostock	GER
2.	Brno University of Technology	CZE
3.	West University of Timisoara	ROU
4.	University of Valencia	ESP
5.	National Institute of Applied Sciences Lyon	FRA
6.	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	GER
7.	University of Maribor	SLO
8.	Polytechnic Institute of Porto	POR
9.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
10.	University of Zagreb	CRO
11.	University of Debrecen	HUN
12.	Western Norway University of Applied Sciences	NOR

### WOMEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	University of Bologna	ITA
2.	University of Zagreb	CRO
3.	Ovidius University	ROU
4.	University of Ljubljana	SLO
5.	German Sport University Cologne	GER
6.	University of Valencia	ESP
7.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
8.	Charles University	CZE
9.	University of Rennes	FRA
10.	University of Porto	POR
11.	Jozef Pilsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw	POL
12.	Turin Polytechnic	ITA
13.	University of Granada	ESP
14.	University of Twente	NED
15.	Norwegian University of Science and Technology	NOR





## WATER POLO

*JULY 19-24, MISKOLC*

Water Polo debuted as a demonstrative sport at the European Universities Games in Zagreb-Rijeka in 2016, missed the 2018 edition, and then returned to showcase athletes' competitive spirit in Lodz in 2022 and at this year's Games in Debrecen-Miskolc.

119 participants were part of the competition, forming a total number of 8 teams, representing 8 universities and coming from 3 countries.

The championship concluded with a stunning victory for the University of Split (CRO), which defeated the Budapest Business University (HUN) 10-9 in the final match. The bronze medal was won by the Corvinus University of Budapest (HUN), which defeated the University of Debrecen in a closely contested game 13-11 for Corvinus.



The crowds were cheering and making sure to show their support for their team. Afterwards, they had the chance to enjoy the award ceremony, seeing the participants proudly receiving their hard-earned medals.

Additional important awards were given at the end of the Water Polo competition.

The Most Valuable Player award was presented to Andras Garancsy from Budapest Business University (HUN), while the Top Scorer was Kristof

Sziladi from Corvinus University of Budapest (HUN). The award for Best Goalkeeper was proudly held by Marin Cordic from University of Split (CRO).

EUSA and the city of Vukovar, Croatia, are looking forward to welcome student-athletes at the next EUSA Water Polo event as part of the European Universities Championships, to be held from July 7-13, 2025.



## FINAL STANDINGS

### MEN TEAM COMPETITION

1.	University of Split	CRO
2.	Budapest Business University	HUN
3.	Corvinus University of Budapest	HUN
4.	University of Debrecen	HUN
5.	Budapest University of Technology and Economics	HUN
6.	University of Pecs	HUN
7.	University of Rijeka	CRO
8.	Ozyegin University	



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# EUG BEYOND SPORT

European Universities Games are much more than just a sports competition. The event features social, cultural, and educational programmes, while bringing people closer and creating a possibility of linking values of diversity, fair play, and social responsibilities in sports.





## ACCOMPANYING EVENTS

The European Universities Games in Debrecen-Miskolc, held in July 2024, was a celebration of sport, encompassing not only competitions but also a variety of related activities.

Participants, volunteers, and the public enjoyed a range of social and entertaining events and activities at the multi-sport competition in Debrecen-Miskolc.

Besides the educational events offered during the European Universities Games this year, the program consisted of social, fun, entertaining events, making the free time of the participants interesting and fulfilled with new activities.

Once the European Universities Games started, the accompanying fun events started to roll on, as well.

In Miskolc, participants had the chance to enjoy a palette

of social and entertainment activities, mainly held in the very active Fun Zone. Games like Tekerd, team building activities, "More than style – get your hair braided", the Quarter game, and "More than cheer – Get your TikTok moves on point!", were a few of the activities that kept the athletes and volunteers busy in the free afternoons.

Besides that, one of the most famous and funny activities present, was the so called: "More than a picture! Dare to sit in front of a caricaturist!" when participants had the opportunity to pose and get unique caricature paintings of themselves, creating

another great memory of EUG 2024.

Many Quiz Nights were organized, testing the participants knowledge in different topics related to sport and general knowledge, keeping them on their toes and testing their speed in answering the given questions.

Since the Games overlapped with the UEFA EURO 2024, the Fun Zone was often full of participants watching and cheering for their favourite teams, following the final matches of this competition, in both Miskolc and Debrecen.

The opportunities for the participants to attend dance parties, was not lacking, as well. The thematic Rockwell Nights, hosting different themes of dancing parties, such as: Afro House Party, Single Party, UV Party, Retro Party, Latin Night, RnB Night, Mexican Party, as well as the famous Cave Parties, were part of the fun and social side of the Games in Miskolc.

The Fun Zone and social events in Debrecen offered athletes and participants opportunities for fun and interaction.

Participants at Debrecen enjoyed a variety of engaging challenges designed to test their abilities.

Shot power measurement with a goal, display totem, reaction time measurement, and heading game with a totem, were a few challenges that the athletes tried themselves in, winning different

kinds of awards and discovering new skills and results.

In Debrecen, a free gym and fitness activities were offered to use for free in the Debrecen Nagyerdei Station, offering the athletes and participants an additional time and space to be active, train and prepare for their better performance, additionally to their usual training times.

The Aquaticum Beach Party at the Aquaticum Debrecen Strand in Debrecen, was the place where the participants had the chance to go and freshen up in the hot days, enjoying the rich complex of water parks and water slides, having fun and relaxing in the non-competition days.

The famous Water Tower offered the participants a variety of events, such as: movie nights, acoustic musical jam sessions,

picnics, lounge music hang outs, and different themes of dance parties and DJ music sets.

In both of the cities, different opportunities for additional physical activity were offered to the participants and volunteers, promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyle, using the infrastructure that was used during the European Universities Games 2024.

In both Debrecen and Miskolc, a promotional stand, selling official merch and gadgets of the European Universities Games 2024, where the participants had the chance to gear themselves up with more memorabilia from the best summer sporting event in 2024.





## WORKSHOPS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

The European Universities Games Debrecen-Miskolc 2024 featured a rich educational program on volunteerism, university sport, fair play, mental health, and youth engagement, offering participants a unique learning experience.



A series of events, such as workshops, sessions, forum, and other activities took place, focusing on integrating participants and volunteers. The primary aim of these events was to provide participants with valuable insights into different topics, share experiences, and establish a collaborative environment. Experts and facilitators were invited to help implement these activities, which were held at the Fun Zones in

both Debrecen and Miskolc, as well as at volunteering centers. These spaces became hubs for discussion and interaction.

Fair Play was a one of the themes of the educational programme. Workshops on this topic, led by participants of the EUSA Youth Exchange Programme, were held on July 16 in both cities. The workshops focused on ethical behaviour in sports and discussed challenges

like pressure to win, doping, and unsportsmanlike conduct. Participants were encouraged to reflect on their own experiences and think about how they could promote Fair Play in their respective sports.

Mental health was another key focus of the educational programme. Workshops led by ENGSO Youth addressed the intersection of mental well-being and sports, especially for young athletes. These sessions provided insights into the growing prevalence of mental health issues among youth and the positive role that sports can play in supporting mental health. Alessia De Iulio, a representative of ENGSO Youth, pointed out the importance of creating healthy environments in sports and offered strategies for fostering mental well-being.

A roundtable debate on July 22 focused on the legacy of sports events. This discussion, split into two parts, brought together key stakeholders and Organising Committee representatives, who discussed how hosting sports events like the European Universities Games can leave

lasting legacies for the host cities and communities. In the second part, NUSAs representatives shared their experiences organising the 2018 and 2022 EUGs. They discussed how their events contributed to facility improvements, human resource development, and greater community engagement.

The programme also featured several insightful discussions, on the topics closely related to EUSA educational activity. Sessions such as "More than Performance – Tools and Tips from a World Champion," "Mindfulness: Mental Health and Youth Work" "More than Education – Double Career!" provided participants with important insights on topics of mental health, mindfulness, balancing sports and academics and many more.

In addition, several workshops covering topics of volunteering, health, feminism, sustainability and social acceptance were also held during the European Universities Games. The Fun Zone played a central role throughout the educational programme, offering a space

where attendees could engage with these discussions and workshops in an interactive and informal environment.

A series of workshops were organised for the volunteers, covering many interesting topics. From a workshop on the topic of sensitizing was organised, presenting the work of assistance dogs for people with disabilities, to presenting foreign cultures present at this multi-sport event, showcasing the international mixture present not only among the athletes, but the volunteers as well. Volunteers had the chance to learn how to form a good CV and how to self manage their time and careers, having a separate focus on the dual career aspect. Great round table with experts and exemplary

guest speakers was offered to the volunteers, as well.

The educational programme at the European Universities Games was a significant part of the event, offering participants the opportunity to explore important issues like Fair Play, mental health, and the long-term impact of sports events. Through workshops, discussions, and roundtable debates, participants gained insights and tools to foster healthier, more inclusive, and sustainable sports environments. The legacy of these activities will continue, contributing to a more positive and engaged university sports community across Europe.





The European Universities Games encompass more than just sports and competition, including education, knowledge transfer, volunteering opportunities, and using sport for broader development.

The Observer Program is one of the programs that mainly aims to give a wider insight into the key organizational matters of the Games, as well as the on spot transfer of knowledge about the process of organizing the European Universities Games to future hosts and interested parties.

In 2024, during the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Universities Games in Debrecen and Miskolc, the Observer Program took place from July 12-14, having know-how presentations and visits in both of the cities.

The Observer Program offered participants firsthand insight into the European Universities Games, encompassing the event's scope, scale, and organizational complexities. It also facilitated learning, best practice exchange, networking with EUSA staff and stakeholders, and a deeper understanding of the organizational process.

Some of the objectives of the program were to provide a structured tailor-made program for future organizers to observe the implementation of EUG operations in full action, to offer guided visits, briefings,

presentations, and discussions on specific EUG topics and questions.

The Observer Program connects future organizers, candidate cities, NUSAs, sports organizers, and other multi-sport event organizers with experienced staff and past organizers to facilitate learning and knowledge sharing.

The European Universities Games Observer Program in 2024 included delegations from several future host cities and organizations: the University of Salerno (EUG2026), the Croatian Academic Sports Association

and the city of Split (EUG2028), and the University of Granada (EUG2030). Representatives from the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games and the University of Aveiro (Portugal) also participated.

Over three days, the Observer Program, moderated by Natasa Jankovic, provided a comprehensive overview of the Games' organization.

The welcoming message was addressed by Adam Roczek, President of EUSA, and Agnes Ancic Valkai, FISU EC Member and Director of International Relations of MEFS, who greeted the present representatives of the Observer Programme. They both extended a warm welcome and pointed out the importance of the games in terms of building community and the legacy that the Games leave to the student-athlete community and university sport in general.

On the official start of the program, first to have the floor was Matjaz Pecovnik, Secretary General of EUSA, who addressed all participants with an inspiring presentation about the history of EUSA and the philosophy driving the organization of its sports events, joint projects and publications. He referred to past experiences and knowledge gained from organizing the past 6 editions of the European Universities Games and many more European Universities sports events.

From EUSA's side, Sports Manager Miha Zvan provided participants with technical information regarding the lifecycle of organizing an EUSA sports event. He illustrated the timeline of the bidding procedure, providing useful details regarding all the different stages of the process, as well as explaining the role of the EUSA Technical and Evaluation Commissions.

The observers got information about EUSA minimum organizational requirements on the standards to be followed regarding accommodation, catering, transportation, medical assistance, sports venues, and all the basic aspects connected to the sports competitions and the logistics of athletes and officials during the EUG. Useful insights regarding rules and regulations referring to all technical aspects of the sports competitions were provided, as defined according to EUSA operational documents.

Representatives from the EUG2024 OC, Laszlo Vegh, Mate Nagyistok and Gyorgy Kovacs had a presentation illustrating some of the key aspects related to the experience of the process of organizing this year's edition of the Games in Debrecen-Miskolc. They provided details related to the various roles and functional areas of the organization, the accreditation process, financial matters, transportation and accommodation issues, safety measures, as well as facilities and sports venue management.

The morning program was then followed in the afternoon by a collective guided tour of the sports venues and competitions currently taking place in Miskolc, including Judo, Kickboxing, Volleyball and Chess. The observers had thus the opportunity to get a first approach to the involving atmosphere of the EUG2024 in Miskolc, also taking part in the Opening Ceremony in the evening before moving to Debrecen for the second day of the programme.

On 13<sup>th</sup> of July, the attendees of the Observer Program, participated at the EUSA Forum in Debrecen, continuing their visit to the main facilities, part of the European Universities Games 2024. The Observer Program team had the chance to visit accommodation, volunteering center, accreditation center, as well as the sports venues and sports matches.

The third and last day of the programme, held again in Miskolc, has begun with a very fruitful "reflections" session, with several roundtables and Q&A moments. The presentations that followed included knowledge sharing from specific departments: Protocol and Hospitality, Transportation, Marketing, Media and Communication, covering important details, procedures, challenges and best practices.

The daily programme then continued in the afternoon with a final collective guided tour of most of the venues in the University of Miskolc Campus: the observers had the chance to visit the accreditation centre, fun and catering zone, accommodation buildings, volunteer centre and media centre.

The Observer Programme offered a unique chance for those involved in future European Universities Games to see the event firsthand. Participants gained a deep understanding of the Games' scale, complexity, and how everything works together. It also provided a space for learning, sharing ideas, and building connections with EUSA staff and others involved in the Games.



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# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

European Universities Championships (EUC) are university sports competitions governed by EUSA. In 2024, the championship in Rowing took place, having 393 participants representing 68 universities.





# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 29-31  
ZAGREB – CROATIA



**ZAGREB 2024**  
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES  
ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP  
**EUSA**

In 2024, the 14<sup>th</sup> European Universities Rowing Championship was held in Zagreb, Croatia from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of August, hosting the participation of 393 participants, representing 68 universities, coming from across 17 European countries.



The competition was organised by the Croatian Academic Sports Federation (CASF), with the support of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and the Zagreb Rowing Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism and Sport of the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian Rowing Federation.

EUSA's presence at the championship included Treasurer Francis Cirianni, Rowing Technical Delegate Lionel Girard, Assistant Technical Delegate Agata Zieleniewska, Sports Manager Miha Zvan, and Sports Officer Eszter Guylas.

The competition showcased extraordinary talent, determina-

tion, and sportsmanship. The competition brought together the best university rowing teams from across Europe, culminating in a series of exciting finals that saw athletes pushing their limits in pursuit of victory.

The most awarded universities were: Szechenyi Istvan University from Hungary with a total of 6 medals, followed by University of Zagreb with 5 medals.

Among the other results, in the Men's Eight Finals A, University of Zagreb (CRO) took the first place at the podium, followed by Eindhoven University of Technology (NED) and Sport University Cologne (GER).



## FINAL STANDINGS

### UNIVERSITY RANKING

1.	Szechenyi Istvan University	HUN
2.	University of Zagreb	CRO
3.	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
3.	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU

### GOLD MEDALISTS – MEN

LM1X:	WSG Bydgoszcz	POL
LM2:	University of Passau	GER
LM2X:	University of Lyon	FRA
LM4-:	University of Aveiro	POR
M1X:	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
M2-:	Eotvos Lorand University	HUN
M2X:	Vytautas Magnus University	LTU
M4-:	Technical University of Munich	GER
M4X:	University of Gustave Eiffel	FRA
M8+:	University of Zagreb	CRO

### GOLD MEDALISTS – WOMEN

LW1X:	Szechenyi Istvan University	HUN
LW2X:	Szechenyi Istvan University	HUN
W1X:	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
W2- :	Delft University of Technology	NED
W2X:	Hungarian University of Sports Science	HUN
W4- :	University of Oxford	GBR
W4X:	Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz	POL
W8+ :	University of Bonn	GER
W/M4X:	University of Zagreb	CRO

In the Women's Eight Finals A, first place was celebrated by University of Bonn (GER), while the second position was taken by Utrecht University (NED) and the third by Institute of Technology Zurich (SUI).

This year's championship has set a high standard for future competitions, as it was held in the respect of sport principles, inclusion and fair competition, with the unanimous sense of anticipation for what the next edition will bring.

The event concluded with the EUSA flag passing from the President of the Organising Committee of the EUC Rowing 2024 to the organizers of the

next edition of the Championship, which will be held in Bydgoszcz, Poland from September 18-21, 2025.

#### MORE INFO:

[www.rowing2024.eusa.eu](http://www.rowing2024.eusa.eu)



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# EUSA PATRONAGE

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.





## EUROPEAN OPEN UNIVERSITY POWERLIFTING CUP 2024

*MARCH 1-3*

*NANCY – FRANCE*

In 2024, 52 Universities participated in this Cup, bringing to the competitions 60 male and 37 female lifters in their teams, breaking 11 university cup records with their strenght and prominence in powerlifting.

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Open University Powerlifting Cup 2024 was held in Nancy, France, from March 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Athletes competed individually and in teams across six categories. Individual winners were determined using the IPF GL formula, which factors in both lifted weight and bodyweight.

Marie-Jose Van Daal from Erasmus University Rotterdam (NED) took first place in the women's competition, followed by Lea Lucas from Université Paris-Est Créteil (FRA) in second, and Valerie Velemanova from Charles University (CZE) in third.

In the men's competition, Thomas Czaplicki from Université Blaise Pascal (FRA) secured first place, with Antonio Perez Barros from Universidad Cardenal Espínola (ESP) in second, and Aloy Iwunze from Fontys University of Applied Sciences Eindhoven (NED) in third.

Team trophies were awarded to the top-performing universities. The University of Ljubljana (SLO) claimed the top spot in the women's team competition with 28 points, followed by Université Blaise Pascal (FRA) with 21 points, and Charles University (CZE) with 15 points.

In the men's team competition, Université Blaise Pascal (FRA) took first place with 17 points, Erasmus University Rotterdam (NED) secured second with 15 points, and the University of Tartu (EST) finished third with 13 points.

The three-day event united student powerlifters dedicated to both intellectual and physical development. More than just a competition focused on records, the Cup aimed to foster a generation of intelligent, open-minded, healthy, and strong individuals. The event was held under the auspices of the European Powerlifting Federation

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

### MORE INFO:

[www.europowerlifting.org](http://www.europowerlifting.org)

# SELL GAMES 2024

MAY 16-19

KAUNAS – LITHUANIA

SELL Student Games is a multi-sport event that is open for all university and college students all over the world, organized under the patronage of EUSA and FISU. The name of the games are according to the first letters of the hosting countries, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in their respective languages.

One of the largest sports events for students in the Baltic States – the 39<sup>th</sup> SELL Student Games was this time hosted by the Lithuanian Students' Sports Association in the city of Kaunas.

Over 1300 participants from 10 countries, representing 28 nationalities and 38 universities, gathered in Kaunas, Lithuania, for the 2024 SELL Student Games. The event, spanning three days, showcased an impressive array of athletic talent and fellowship, making it a memorable occasion for all involved. Athletes competed in a variety of sports, demonstrating exceptional skill and sportsmanship, while also fostering international friendship and cooperation.

The opening ceremony was a grand affair, featuring speeches from distinguished guests. EUSA President, Adam Roczek highlighted the importance of such events in promoting unity and athletic excellence, while Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports, Aiste Zedelyte-Kaminske, emphasized the role of sports in education and personal development. LSSA President, Indre Celkiene, warmly welcomed the participants and expressed her pride in hosting such a prestigious event in Lithuania.

At this year's SELL GAMES, student-athletes had the opportunity to compete in: Basketball, Mini Football,

Volleyball, Swimming, Powerlifting, Orienteering, Table Tennis, Badminton, Beach Volleyball, Sports Climbing, Judo, Athletics, Chess and Roundnet.

The universities with the highest numbers of medals on this year's SELL Games were Vytautas Magnus University with 52 medals, followed by Lithuanian Sports University with 46 medals and Vilnius University on the third position with 43 medals in total.

This momentous occasion celebrated not only the athletic achievements of the participants but also the spirit of unity and collaboration that the games embodied. The event was a testament to the power of sports in bringing together diverse

cultures and fostering a sense of global community.

SELL Games are organised by the National University Sports Associations in 4 founding countries and held under the Patronage of EUSA and FISU. At the closing ceremony the flag was handed out to Mio Kortelainen, President of the Finnish Student Sports Federation as the next hosts of the SELL Games 2025.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.lssa.lt](http://www.lssa.lt)





# INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA SVETI DUJE

MAY 10-12  
SPLIT – CROATIA

The International Regatta Sveti Duje took place in Split for its 22<sup>nd</sup> edition from May 10-12, continuing to gather top university rowing crews from Europe and beyond.

On 10<sup>th</sup> of May, in a relaxed, friendly, and dreamy atmosphere, the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the International Rowing Regatta 'Sveti Duje' was ceremonially opened at the Meštrović Gallery, where all the participants, attendees, and guests.

Saturday, May 11, was the day when the International Rowing Regatta Sveti Duje officially kicked off the competition, starting with great qualification races and continuing with the amazing and exciting university eights finals.

The university eight finals brought the champions in both men and women categories: In the women's category the joy for winning the gold medal belonged to University of Oxford, while the silver medal went in the hands of University of Cambridge. The third place and the bronze medal was won by the rowers of University of Zagreb.

In the men's competition, the first place was won by University of Cambridge, the second place on the podium was reserved for Tartu University, while the

third place belonged to Imperial College of London.

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

The event was organized by the Croatian Academic Sport Federation (CASF), University

of Split and Split University Sport Association in cooperation with local partners, under the patronage of the European University Sport Association (EUSA).

#### MORE INFO:

[www.fb.com/rsduje/](http://www.fb.com/rsduje/)

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND LEGACY IN SPORT

NOVEMBER 20-21

KYIV – UKRAINE

For the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive time, the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport hosted a traditional scientific forum dedicated to discussions on the social, environmental, economic, and organizational dimensions of sports, issues related to physical culture for children and youth, sports training, and Olympic education, as well as addressing current challenges of sports medicine.

The International Conference on Sustainability and Legacy in Sport: Challenges and Perspectives was held in Kyiv in hybrid format, hosted by the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine, National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine, under the patronage of the European University Sports Association (EUSA), and the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE).

The conference started with the opening remarks by many important guests and individuals, among them Adam Roczek, President of the European University Sports Association (EUSA).

As part of the conference's opening remarks, the posthumous Order of Merit was presented in honor of Yevgeniy Imas for his outstanding contributions to university sports, given at the EUSA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in Vienna.

The programme of the conference then continued with the presentations of the four keynote speakers, among which, on behalf of the European University Sports Association (EUSA), Andrej Pisl, EUSA Projects and Policy Manager, presented the sustainability commitment of European University Sport through the lens of the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) sustainability model. Participants had the opportunity to hear more about EUSA environmental

sustainability commitments through EUSA Green Policy, sustainable planning of EUSA events, networking, cooperation, partnerships, and projects, as well as in terms of creating more sustainable sport events, as well as the scoop of educational events that EUSA is organising.

In the next day, the programme of the conference went on, focusing on social, ecological, economic, and organizational dimensions of sport in the concept of sustainable development. Different strategic management tools and inclusive methods, analysis, branding and marketing ideas of promoting sports, and the role of technology in the development of competitive sport activities were the topics discussed on the panel.

Plenary session on physical culture and sports for children and youth as components of sustainable development concepts. Olympic education as implementation of sustainable development ideas in society and project activities in education and science: modern opportunities for youth were the topics that brought up fruitful presentations and discussions, as well.

Over the past eight years, the Conference has united governmental and nongovernmental organizations, more than 25 higher education and research institutions in Ukraine and around the world, educators, scholars from many countries, as well as professionals in physical culture and sports, doctoral students, postgraduates, and students.



**MORE INFO:**  
[www.uni-sport.edu.ua](http://www.uni-sport.edu.ua)



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

DECEMBER 19-22

DUBROVNIK – CROATIA

This year marked the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Student Christmas Tournament, held in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

As the icing on the cake of the year, this tournament offered an opportunity for socializing and competition, allowing the student-athletes and participants to end the year behind them in a positive and sporting spirit. The participants eagerly anticipate this tournament every year, as UniSport Dubrovnik warmly welcomes them to their beautiful city. The warmth of the organizers perfectly matched the festive spirit.

The organiser and host of this sports event is the University of Dubrovnik, and the tournament is held under the patronage of the European University Sports Association (EUSA).

This year, the tournament took place from December 19 to 22, bringing together four volleyball and five basketball teams from Croatia, Slovenia,

and Kosovo. Although the event is characterized by a friendly atmosphere, there was no shortage of excitement and close battles on the courts, especially in the final moments of the matches. The tournament kicked off with Basketball games and concluded with Volleyball matches.

Over three days, we saw Basketball teams from the University of Dubrovnik, FER University of Zagreb, University of Zadar, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Transportation and Architecture (Maribor), and Karlovac Polytechnic. In the Volleyball competition, teams from FER University of Zagreb, Federation of University Sports of Kosovo, University of Zadar, and University of Pula faced off.

On December 21, in the battle for bronze on the Basketball courts,

the University of Zadar triumphed over Karlovac Polytechnic. In the final, FER confirmed their dominance once again, taking gold against Maribor.

In Volleyball, the team from Zadar finished in fourth place but was awarded the Fair Play award. FER claimed third place, second place went to the University of Pula, while Kosovo's team took the gold once again.

Besides the gold, silver and bronze medals, other awards were given at the tournament, as well:

The Fair play award in the Volleyball competition was given to University of Zadar, while in the Basketball competition it went

in the proud hands of Polytechnic of Karlovac. The award for Most Valuable Player in the Volleyball competition belonged to Jona Krasniqi (KOS). In the Slam dunk contest the best was Branimir Stanković from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing (CRO).

Once again, the tournament proved that sports are not just about competition but also about bringing people together, creating new friendships, and making memories that will last a lifetime.

#### MORE INFO:

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# EUSA CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

University sport is much more than competing, results, and scoreboards, and as such, EUSA puts major emphasis on having a variety of educational programmes, organizing regular meetings, seminars, and conventions to ensure progress, knowledge sharing, effective leadership, networking, and good governance.





# EUSA CONFERENCE



## EUSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The EUSA Executive Committee, responsible for the organization's governance and the execution of General Assembly decisions, met twice in person in 2024. These meetings served to coordinate and review the association's work and ensure its continued progress.

### **Aveiro (POR)** April 19, 2024

Executive Committee members of the European University Sports Association (EUSA), office staff members, and invited delegates met on 19<sup>th</sup> of April in Aveiro, Portugal.

The first in-person EC Meeting for 2024 was hosted by the Portuguese Academic Federation of University Sport (FADU) and the University of Aveiro, where

EUSA Family members were welcomed by the representative of the hosts – the President of Portuguese Academic Federation of University Sport (FADU), Ricardo Nora.

The EC meeting started with the opening words of EUSA President Adam Roczek, who addressed the importance of the EUG2028 Attribution, remarking once again on the huge opportunity of having as many as three strong Candidate Cities to

host the event. Because of that, the possibility of also attributing the 2030 edition of the Games arose, bringing the opportunity for a double attribution for both the 2028 and 2030 editions of the European Universities Games.

The meeting was then joined by the Candidate Cities' representatives, who drew the order in which the committees proceeded to have the final presentation of their biddings.



Following the draw, the general overview of activities and office report were presented by EUSA Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik, highlighting the main achievements of the organisation in the past period, pointing out the successful year of 2023 for EUSA and the fully packed event calendar for 2024, which will see the European Universities Games 2024 in Debrecen-Miskolc and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in Vienna as its peak appointments.

An overview of the financial report, provisional budget 2023-2024 and details about the EUSA Development Fund 2024 were then presented by EUSA Treasurer Francis Cirianni.

On behalf of the Sports Department, EUSA Sports Manager Miha Zvan reported on the successful first European Universities Winter Championships edition, starting up the agenda. Mr Zvan presented the progress report on the upcoming European Universities Rowing Championship 2024, to be held in Ankara, the report for the 2025 season of the European Universities Championship and the provisional plan for the 2027 edition, followed by the

attribution by the EC of the 2027 EUCs to the new hosts.

Projects and initiatives co-funded by the European Union (EU) through the Erasmus+ Programme and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) were presented by EUSA Projects and Policy Manager, Andrej Pisl. EUSA is engaged in several projects and, through its Institute currently leads several EU-funded projects on the topic of good governance, dual career, mental health, and volunteering.

The EC meeting was then wrapped up with progress reports on important upcoming conferences and meetings, as well as the status of the EUSA Associated Members, which reached the 100-milestone number during the occasion.

### **Vienna (AUT) November 15, 2024**

The second Executive Committee meeting was held in Vienna, Austria, leading into the EUSA Conference and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. Hosted by the Austrian University Sports Organisation, the gathering reflected on EUSA's historic ties to Vienna, where

the organization was founded in 1999.

President Adam Roczek expressed gratitude to the hosts, presenting a token of appreciation to Austrian University Sports Organisation President Hemma Angerer.

The Vienna meeting reviewed EUSA's accomplishments, particularly the success of the 7<sup>th</sup> EUG in Debrecen-Miskolc.

Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik outlined progress on EUSA's long-term event calendar, financial stability, and achievements in EU projects.

On behalf of the Sports Department, EUSA Sports Manager Miha Zvan and EUSA Event Manager Liam Smith presented a series of reports, starting with the successful European Universities Rowing Championship Zagreb 2024 and the calendar of next summer's Championships, along with their attributions, progress reports, and inspection visits. They also covered the extensive EUG 2024, highlighting its key moments, challenges, valuable lessons learned, and lasting legacies.

Education and development initiatives were presented by Education and Development Manager Sara Rozman, focusing on the educational activities linked to EUG 2024, including the EUSA-FISU Seminar and upcoming conferences.

Andrej Pisl, EU Projects and Policy Manager, highlighted EU co-funded projects such as DiscoverU and YouMind, showcasing their impact on youth mobility and career development.

Internal matters, including reports from EUSA commissions and statutory working groups, were also discussed.

A notable highlight was the unveiling of a new branding initiative, underscoring EUSA's commitment to modernization and growth.

The Vienna meeting set the stage for the following day's celebrations, where EUSA members gathered for the EUSA Conference and a gala dinner marking the association's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary—a milestone reflecting its ongoing dedication to university sports in Europe.



## NUSA COORDINATION MEETING

### DEBRECEN – MISKOLC

The Organizing Committee and EUSA held two NUSA coordination meetings uniting representatives from national university sports associations to discuss preparations for the 2024 European Universities Games.

Representatives of national university sports associations (NUSA) gathered twice in Hungary to prepare for the European Universities Games 2024.

The first NUSA Coordination Meeting, held on May 22-23, focused on event planning and infrastructure assessments, while the follow-up meeting on July 11 finalized operational updates

and details for the Opening Ceremony.

During the initial May meeting, NUSA members and European University Sports Association (EUSA) representatives attended sessions hosted by the Organizing Committee to gain an overview of the event's logistics and venues. Held in Miskolc's Aurora Hotel, the gathering began with opening addresses

from HUSF Secretary General Peter Juhasz, OC Managing Director Szabolcs Biro, and EUSA Sports Manager Miha Zvan, who emphasized teamwork, communication, and the strategic importance of hosting the games across both Debrecen and Miskolc.

Presenters showcased updates on various logistical elements, including accreditation,

transportation, accommodations, and volunteering, as the OC prepared to welcome over 5,000 participants competing in 17 sports.

The first meeting included site visits across both host cities. In Miskolc, representatives toured the University campus, including dormitories, catering facilities, and the DVTK Arena, designated for the Opening Ceremony. On May 23, the delegation travelled to Debrecen for further site inspections, covering sporting venues, accommodation areas, and spaces allocated for NUSA offices, allowing them to inspect key competition areas firsthand.

The second coordination meeting, held in a hybrid setting on July 11, marked a final checkpoint just before the Games' opening. EUSA First Vice-President Haris Pavletic and Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik welcomed representatives and commended the collaborative efforts to bring the event to life.

They reassured participants that the OC and EUSA were committed to resolving any last-minute issues. MEFS representatives Peter Juhász and Gyorgy Kovacs also expressed their excitement, noting that over 4,700 participants had registered, underscoring the scale of EUG 2024.

This final gathering focused on the logistics of the Opening Ceremony, with organizational leaders reviewing the schedule, transportation, march-past, and ceremonial protocol. NUSA representatives were invited to encourage full athlete participation.

EUG 2024 is organized under EUSA's license, with collaboration from the Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS), the Universities of Debrecen and Miskolc, local municipalities, and supported by Erasmus+. Both coordination meetings provided an essential framework for a smooth and successful event, showing the significance of international cooperation in large-scale university sports events.

## NUSA Coordination Webinars

Besides the in person NUSA Coordination meetings, EUSA organised two NUSA coordination webinars online, as well. One was held in March and the other in June, both prior to the Games and in different organisational phases.

Each webinar had approximately 60 participants from 25 countries, representing National University Sports Associations (NUSAs) across Europe. The main objective of the webinars was to provide NUSAs with essential information to help them prepare for the EUG 2024 and to inform them about other important events and projects that EUSA has on-going.

NUSA representatives received reports about the Games, underlying the constant and fruitful communication with NUSAs and participating Universities, the central role of the weekly meeting with the Organising Committee, together

with all the important on-site meetings, supervision and inspection visits. Report

NUSA representatives also received information about the events that followed after the European Universities Games, such as Championships and the 25<sup>th</sup> EUSA Anniversary Gala, ongoing EUSA projects, and the possibility of becoming an EUSA Associate Member.

EUSA values these webinars as an important opportunity and platform to share key updates with member federations, ensuring continuous communication and the exchange of valuable information.





## EUSA FORUM

JULY 13  
DEBRECEN – HUNGARY



Beyond the sports, cultural, and social events, the European Universities Games 2024 in Debrecen and Miskolc hosted the EUSA Forum: “Synergies in university sport development”, as a key educational initiative.

Under the moderation of Andreas Csonka, EUSA Executive Committee Member, the forum addressed the integration of synergies and education, highlighting sport's potential to cultivate leadership in a competitive European context.

Together with invited speakers we explored how organisations, institutions and events organisers

cooperate, both on strategical and project- or event-based level, what are the challenges and what are the opportunities of working together, partnering and networking.

The event was open to all participants of the 2024 European Universities Games, as well as the general public, with no pre-registration needed, and

no participation fee. It was held at the Education Center of the University of Debrecen, on July 13, 2024, followed by the EUSA Reception.

The forum was opened by the presentation of Joerg Foerster, EUSA Vice-President, highlighting the ongoing challenges and the need for further development. He



emphasized that EUSA's greatest honor is to enrich students' lives and shape future generations through sustainable, inclusive projects, showcasing how sport can change the world.

Several speakers from various organizations such as: FISU Executive Committee member, Chair – of the FISU Student Committee, and Director of International Relations at MEFS – Hungarian University Sports Federation, Agnes Ancic Valkai; Alessia de Iulius, Project Coordinator of ENGSO Youth; Prof. Laura Capranica

the President of European Athletes Student (EAS); Marianna Pikul from University Sports Association of Poland; Claudia Southwell, Junior Manager Delegation Services Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU Games; and Biro Szabolcs, Managing Director of the Hungarian University Sports; addressed crucial topics like dual careers, empowering youth development, integrity and cooperation.

The speeches were followed by a roundtable discussion focusing on leveraging synergies and collaboration for greater

efficiency in the youth sector especially focusing on university sports. Joerg Foerster, EUSA Vice – President emphasized sharing knowledge and experience to create platforms within the academic sector and help the university athletes to create opportunities for the future. The roundtable discussion mainly focused on involving youth by seeking their opinions, while ENGSO Youth's Alessia de Iulius discussed improving youth involvement in decision-making processes and creating space for youth empowerment. All the partners concluded with the

common thought that university sports and federations have to be open to fresh ideas, encouraging innovation and new approaches in the circle of youth.

The EUSA Forum effectively demonstrated the significance of collaboration, youth engagement, and leadership development within university sports, paving the way for its continued growth in Europe. The event was supported by the ESOM project, co-funded by the European Union.



# EUSA CONVENTION

OCTOBER 10-13  
SALERNO

The beautiful coastal city of Salerno, Italy, welcomed delegates to the EUSA Convention from October 10-13, 2024, as part of the preparations for the 2025 European Universities Championships.

The EUSA Convention, an annual training program, gathers organizers of upcoming European Universities Championships and Games, along with Technical Delegates and the EUSA Sports Department, to discuss all facets of event organization.

This year, EUSA and FISU representatives, EUSA Technical Delegates, future Organizing Committees of the upcoming European Universities Championships 2025, and other delegates gathered in Salerno, Italy for a joint event, including EUSA Convention and EUSA-

FISU Seminar. These two events were organised simultaneously for the very first time in the city of the next European Universities Games 2026.

On the first day, the official opening of the Convention started with the welcome remarks by Lorenzo Lentini, CUS Salerno President and President of the European Universities Games Salerno 2026. The opening was also addressed by Adam Roczek, EUSA President, and Leonz Eder, FISU President, who emphasized the great growth of university sport across Europe and highlighted the

importance of these events for university sport communities.

The first part of the day was dedicated to EUSA-FISU Seminar, and the Convention official program started with a panel discussion moderated by Eszter Gulyas, EUSA Sports Coordinator, focusing on the "Lessons Learned" from the EUSA Games in 2024 and European Universities Championships in 2023.

The speakers of the panel included Haris Pavletic, EUSA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bruno Barracosa, EUSA Vice President, Marianna Pikul, AZS International Relations

Department, and Peter Juhasz, MEFS Secretary General, who shared their perspectives on the topics including legacy of these events, the roles of volunteers and officials, and the meaning of the European Universities Games as one of the university sports events on European level. The discussion also delved into the organizational elements of the European Universities Championships, examining successful case studies and challenges faced, as well as the possibility of implementation of new sports on the EUSA sports programme.



On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the programme of EUSA Convention moved to the University of Salerno, where the participants were welcomed by Maurizio Sibilio, Vice-Rector of the University of Salerno and Fulvio Bonavitacola, Vice-President of the Campania Region. Lorenzo Lentini once again expressed his pride in hosting the event, while Matjaz Pecovnik, EUSA Secretary General, extended special thanks to the Technical Delegates and Organising Committees for the ongoing contributions to EUSA's mission.

The program of the day continued with a series of presentations designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the guidelines for organizing future European Universities Championships 2025. Topics included regulations, project management, communication strategies, volunteer programs, results management, registration systems, and hospitality protocols. All these topics were presented by the EUSA Office Staff, who shared their insights into details of organising a successful event.

The Convention also featured examples of best practices from the previous editions of EUSA sports events. Pablo Martinez Martinez, EUSA Technical Delegate for Volleyball presented the 2023 European Universities Championship of Volleyball organized in Braga, Portugal as a best practice example. Jordi Mercade Torres presented the European Universities Championship in Tennis, organized in Granada, Spain in 2023, as a best practice in terms of sustainable way of organizing an EUSA event.

In the afternoon, attendees had a chance to visit Paestum, an ancient Greek-Roman city known for its well-preserved temples. This excursion provided a unique cultural experience to complement the Convention's busy program. The day ended with a dinner, allowing participants to further network and discuss their ideas for the university sports.

On the third day, participants took part in a #BeActive sport activity, a well-paced run around



the coast and the historical port of Salerno. This active start of the day was followed by sessions dedicated to the upcoming EUSA Championships. The Organizing Committees presented their plans, and discussions focused on how EUSA as their partner can support the successful delivery of these events. A session on EU funding for university sports projects highlighted opportunities for collaboration and growth, with case studies from the Erasmus+ program. Simultaneously, internal meetings

between Technical Delegates and Organizing Committees took place, marking the beginning of the collaborative work that will lead to the successful realization of the 2025 Championships.

The Convention concluded with closing remarks from Mr. Roczek and Mr. Eder, who expressed their appreciation for the successful collaboration between EUSA, FISU, and the local organizers. A dinner held on the rooftop of the Grand Hotel Salerno served as a fitting end to the event, where gratitude was

expressed for the hospitality and support from the University of Salerno, CUS Salerno, and FISU.

These events were supported by FISU and also co-funded by the European Union, set to play a key role in shaping the future of university sport in Europe.





## EUSA-FISU SEMINAR

OCTOBER 10-13

SALERNO

The EUSA-FISU Seminar, held alongside the EUSA Convention in Salerno, provided a crucial platform for shaping the future of university sport and strengthening collaboration between EUSA and FISU.



After a warm welcome from Lorenzo Lentini, CUS Salerno President and FISU Executive Committee Member, Adam Roczek, EUSA President and Leonz Eder, FISU President, who underscored the importance of collaboration between EUSA and FISU in shaping the future of university sports across Europe, the Seminar kicked off.

The official programme was moderated by Sara Rozman, EUSA Education and Development Manager, and started with the first

two presentations of What's Up EUSA and What's Up FISU.

On behalf of EUSA, Matjaz Pecovnik, EUSA Secretary General, provided an overview of EUSA's initiatives, ranging from sports events to educational programs and expressed great pride in the diversity and importance of teamwork, while presenting the EUSA Office team.

FISU Projects and Activities were presented by Fernando Parente, FISU Development & Healthy Campus Director, and Tarmo

Jaakson, FISU Development & NUSF Relations Manager, including FISU upcoming events, their strategy, and their programmes among which the Healthy Campus, the Step-Up programme 2025, and the CUSF Financial Support programme.

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the EUSA FISU Seminar continued at the University of Salerno, primarily focusing on the EUSA Games and Championships, with all FISU representatives present throughout the day to engage in discussions on various topics.

The final day of the seminar was marked by a #BeActive sport activity along the coast of Salerno, which provided a healthy and energizing start to the day. On this day the discussions turned to the future of EUSA and FISU Games. Tarmo Jaakson, presented the Winter World University Games Torino 2025, and Joerg Foerster, President of the German University Sports Federation (ADH), presented the Summer World University Games Rhine Ruhr 2025.

Lorenzo Lentini and Francis M. M. Cirianni, EUSA Treasurer, presented the next edition of the European Universities Games, taking place in Salerno in 2026.

Representatives from the Split 2028 and Granada 2030 editions of the European Universities

Games, Jelena Matesic and Jordi Mercade Torres, gave us the first insights into what is planned for the future of the Games.

The panel discussion on the topic of universities and their placement in EUSA and FISU was the part that concluded the official programme of these two events.

The seminar culminated with a panel discussion on the role of universities in EUSA and FISU programs, moderated by Filipa Godinho, Pro-Rector of the University of Coimbra, Bruno Barracosa, EUSA Vice President, and Fernando Parente, FISU Development & Healthy Campus Director, discussed initiatives that aim to strengthen the relationship between universities, EUSA, and FISU, including the EUSA Associated Members program

and FISU's Healthy Campus initiative.

EUSA President Adam Roczek and FISU President Leonz Eder concluded the EUSA Convention and EUSA-FISU Seminar, emphasizing their continuous collaboration in shaping the future of university sport.

At the EUSA Convention and EUSA – FISU Seminar, EUSA Office was represented by Matjaz Pecovnik, EUSA Secretary General; Miha Zvan, Sports Manager; Eszter Gulyas, Sports Coordinator; Liam Smith, Events Manager; Aleksandra Andreeva, Sports Administrator; Andrej Pisl, Projects and Policy Manager, Sara Rozman, Education and Development Manager; Marta Studzinska, Education Officer; Salvatore Sisca, Head of Media and Communications;

and Hristina Hristova, Communications Officer.

The events concluded with the official dinner held on the rooftop of the Grand Hotel Salerno, serving as the occasion for the final moments of gratitude expressed towards the hosts, EUSA family, FISU representatives, NUSA, and partners. Expressions of gratitude were given both from EUSA and FISU to each other as a sign of a great EUSA-FISU seminar and great collaboration.

The EUSA events in Salerno were hosted by the University of Salerno and CUS Salerno, supported by FISU, and co-funded by the European Union.



# EUSA CONFERENCE

## NOVEMBER 16

### VIENNA, AUSTRIA

The 2024 EUSA Conference was held at the University of Vienna, Austria, on November 16<sup>th</sup>, co-organized by the Austrian University Sports Organisation and University of Vienna.

The Conference gathered EUSA's member associations, partners, invited guests, speakers, and local university authorities to discuss various topics regarding university sport, its challenges, and future plans.

Over 150 participants from all over Europe, as well as guests from visiting countries and continents, were in attendance at the event, held on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

European University Sport Association.

The conference was opened with welcoming words both in person and via video messages, by Adam Roczek, EUSA President; Martin Polaschek, Federal Minister for Education, Science and Research; Nikolaus Hautsch, Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna; Leonz Eder, President of the International University Sports Federation; and Spyros

Capralos, President of the European Olympic Committees.

First to open the content part of the Conference was Matjaz Pecovnik, EUSA Secretary General, who in a #BeActive way while cycling reminisced about the journey of EUSA and highlighted each of the past 25 years of work, success, milestones, and achievements.

The endeavours of EUSA had challenges and changes that as

well were part of what paved the road for the European University Sports Association to be celebrating 25 years of existence.

Mr. Pecovnik's presentation was followed by the first insightful roundtable discussion of the conference, focusing on "Sport Has the Power to Change the World: University Sports Between Mission and Reality" and moderated by EUSA Honorary Member Lorenz Ursprung.





The round table invited experienced and enthusiastic speakers, such as Adam Roczek, EUSA President; Leonz Eder, FISU President; Filipa Godinho, Pro-Rector of the University of Coimbra; Michael Wiederer, President of the European Handball Federation; and Nikolaus Hautsch, Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna, all sharing numerous viewpoints and observations of the role of sport in changing the world. The guests shared part of their storylines, achievements, challenges, and positive notes that perfectly describe the path between the mission and reality, mainly in the university sports world and sports in general.

To further enrich the understanding of the role of university sports, the host institution of today's event, the University of Vienna, as a long-

time key player in promoting university sports and fostering a healthy, active student community, shared a video with the participants, showcasing their ways of accomplishing their mission.

The following session brought the second-round table, this time covering the topic of University Sports, as grassroots and healthy sports. The speakers, Elmar Pichl, General Director for Universities in the Federal Ministry of Education, Science, and Research; Siegfried Walch, Professor at MCI Entrepreneurial School Innsbruck; and Julia Pocksteiner, student and athlete, gave their insights and standpoints, discussing mainly the needs of the students and how the university sports are and can contribute to meet these needs and offer greater support.

This round table was moderated by Arnold Baca, Head of the Centre for Sports Science and University Sports at the University of Vienna.

After the insightful and engaging discussions that underscored the importance of university sports in fostering both physical health and student engagement, we had the privilege to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals, universities, and associations whose recent impact on European University Sport deserves recognition and praise.

With EUSA Annual Awards, special attention is given to the associations, universities, and individuals who stood out above the rest for their participation, success, and extraordinary efforts during the 2023 European Universities Championships,

awarding them for their outstanding achievements.

The following awards were presented:

Most Active National University Sports Association: **German University Sports Federation (ADH)**

Most Successful National University Sports Association Award: **French University Sports Federation (FFSU)**

Best University Award: **University of Zagreb**

Most Active University: **University of Zagreb**

Order of Merit: **FURKI Sport**

Enno Harms Fair Play Award: **University of Coimbra**

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## EUSA PROJECTS

EUSA gives importance to having an impact through sport and promoting sport values. It is involved in various projects and initiatives that provide equal opportunities and educational activities through a set of different programmes.



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# EUSA INSIDER

This year's magazine edition of the EUSA Insider brings you stories from athletes, volunteers, and organisers from the European Universities Games 2024, sharing firsthand experiences and insight from the time spent at the competitions, as well as their inspirational messages.

The EUSA Insider interviewees come from different countries, sports, and backgrounds; they are of different ages and fields of study, but with one thing in common: the love for sport.

With the EUSA Insider interviews and statements, EUSA aims to give a voice and to share the stories and feelings towards the competition, the sport, and EUSA events in which these individuals were part of.

You can read more EUSA Insider stories online and keep up with all EUSA activities by following us on the channels shown below.

#### MORE INFO:

[www.eusa.eu/media/eusa-insider](http://www.eusa.eu/media/eusa-insider)



**Dinis Ramos, 26**

Futsal

University of Maia (POR)

*"I think the most exciting part of this event is the opportunity to meet and interact with people from different countries and backgrounds. It's not just about the sport; it's about the human connection. That kind of interaction doesn't happen every day. We've been here for about 12 days, and it's been great to talk to people, share experiences, and really understand that this event is as much about connecting with others as it is about futsal."*



**Mirjam Sipos, 33**

Local Organising Committee

*"EUG 2024 was more than just a game: a unique platform where people connected and longtime networks were built. Being part of the organizing committee was one of the most challenging yet rewarding experiences, as we delivered one of the largest multisport events in Hungary's history. Besides gaining new infrastructure, the OC gained invaluable skills, stronger communities, and a legacy that lasts far beyond the final whistle."*



**Felix Eliasch, 26**  
Football  
University of Salzburg (AUT)

*"This is our first time at the European Universities Games, and the level here is significantly higher than in Austria. We're thrilled to be here. We've tried to qualify for years, and finally making it is an amazing experience. I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the organizers and volunteers. Their role is crucial, and having so many volunteers here has been a big part of the event's success."*



**Makhosi Khuzwayo, 28**  
EUSA EUG 2024 Volunteer

*"I highly recommend volunteering at EUSA events because it offers a chance to be part of something special and to gain unique experiences that can positively shape your future. The learning opportunities, personal growth, and connections you'll make are unmatched. It's a truly rewarding experience for anyone eager to grow, challenge themselves, and contribute to the success of global events."*



**Nicolae Bogdan, 27**  
3x3 Basketball  
University Politehnica of Bucharest (ROU)

*"The highlight of this event, I think, is the organisation itself. It surprised me the most, because everything is actually great and on point, not that I was shocked by this, but I'm really happy that we are provided with such a great level of great organisation for a university event. Thank you EUSA and the local organisers, I was really excited to participate at the EUG 2024 and to be back to the 3x3 basketball court."*



**Maria Sole Vettore, 24**  
Basketball  
University of Bologna (ITA)

*"This competition is unique compared to others I've participated in. Meeting people from various backgrounds has been enriching, allowing me to practice languages and make new friends. The organization has been incredibly precise, from meals and transportation to parties. EUSA stands out in every aspect."*



**Peter Ferkel**  
EUG 2024 Photographer

*"Being a photographer at the European Universities Games really was a unique experience, meeting all those nice people, being close to many different sport disciplines, and trying to photograph new sports was truly amazing."*



**Betty Vuk, 24**  
Judo  
University of Bologna (ITA)

*"Sports have shaped my lifestyle significantly. They taught me punctuality, focus, and how to manage stress and anxiety, whether before a competition or an exam. Overall, sports have helped me become a better person. For me it was absolutely amazing to win the gold medal, the best outcome I could hope for from these European Universities Games."*



**Dorota Luczak-Dydowicz, 58**  
EUG 2024 Volunteer

*"One of the reasons I will choose a volunteering experience at an EUSA event again is because EUSA strongly promotes fair play, anti-doping and positive values, which are disappearing in today's world where money is the most important thing for most people. Thanks to that, it is possible to move for a few days to a place where friendship, equality, integrity, tolerance, caring, respect, joy and diversity reign. It's a great feeling."*



**Botond Agoston Nagy, 30**  
Local Organising Committee

*"It's hard to choose one thing that is the best about the European Universities Games 2024. In this role that I filled with my brother we spent a lot of time close to the actions. We could take a slice from every sport and also from the organizing part. Before we could only focus on one sport as an athlete, but this time we had a great overview and we could feel almost every winner's happiness. Congratulations to you guys and thank you for this opportunity."*



Equality, respect, inclusion, fair play, and sportsmanship are core values upheld by the European University Sports Association at all its events, ensuring a positive experience for student-athletes.

### Gender

All EUSA's sporting events are inclusive of all genders, and this is something that EUSA does not take for granted and something that the association is extremely proud of. Having said this, reflecting on the gender balance of the European Universities Games 2024 participants, athletes, coaches, and officials, we can say that 58% of the athletes were men and 42% of the athletes were women. When it comes to the officials, 79% were men and 21% were women. Although the ratio is tending to improve with every upcoming year, 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

To strengthen and support its member federations, the national university sports bodies across Europe, so the organization and conditions of each of our members are very diverse, is remaining one of the aims of EUSA. Recognizing the fact that not all EUSA members have the same funding opportunities, the decision to launch a development fund was made, aiming to develop and make 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 2024, this helping body donated its resources to the solidarity fund, used to support the athletes coming from undeveloped member countries and increase the number of athletes participating in the EUSA European Universities Games.

### 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 2026, EUSA, together with the organizers, plan to include Inclusive Show Dance and Sitting Volleyball into the sport program of next year's European Universities Games in Salerno, Italy.

EUSA recognizes that university sport can still make great improvements regarding the inclusion of all students into sports, and with 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 must 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.

The fair play initiative was strongly encouraged at the European Universities Games in Debrecen and Miskolc this year, and apart from having positive messages involving fair play oaths read by athletes and referees at all sports events, multiple fair play awards were given across the present competitions.

At this year's European Universities Games, the Fair

Play award was presented for technical aspects of the games at various medal ceremonies in basketball, football, futsal, handball, volleyball, beach handball and 3x3 basketball.

Regardless of the sport, the officials and athletes may nominate an individual or team for the special Enno Harms award, which is given annually by EUSA for special fair play gestures and attitude.

In 2024, the International Fair Play Committee with great pride, commemorated and honoured with a celebration, its 60<sup>th</sup>

anniversary during the Paris 2024 Olympic & Paralympic Games, in the company of exemplary athletes gathered from all over the world.

The undisputed mission of our entity, in and outside of the Olympic Movement, is to foster, promote and protect the core value of sport that is equal, clean, and safe sport in general, and fair play in particular in line with the Olympic Primary Principle of participating in sport as a human right for both men and women. At the celebration, great emphasis was given on the duty to protect the foundation of sport: fair play, fair competition and fair playing field across all sports and for the benefit of all participants of global sport and the Olympic Movement.

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 competitions during the European Universities Championships 2025.





## 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 the European context.

The EUSA exhibition features 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 has traveled 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.

This year, the exhibition made its way to Hungary, in Miskolc, where it was on display during the European Universities Games 2024. The exhibition was placed at main lobby of the University of

Miskolc, which during the Games was also serving as the welcome point and accreditation center.

Being on display, many students and student athletes 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 organization and development of university sport in Europe.

As a traveling 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.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.eusa.eu/projects/exhibition](http://www.eusa.eu/projects/exhibition)

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The European University Sports Association (EUSA), in cooperation with its Student Commission and the Organising Committees of the European Universities Games and European Universities Championships, is offering students from Europe, a unique opportunity of actively participation in the organisational and hosting process of EUSA events as volunteers.

The European Universities Games in Debrecen and Miskolc, hosted over 800 volunteers, both local and international, that made a great contribution in the success of the event.

Around 180 international volunteers were part of the big group of enthusiastic young people that were engaged in different roles, positions taking care of different tasks, forming this big support system for all the participants and the Organizing Committee, in the implementation of the Games, in both of the cities.

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

creativity, and enjoy everything that EUSA events, as a diverse hub of cultures and people, can offer.

The Volunteer Program includes working for the organising committee, supporting them in cooperation fields such as: coordination, managing information desks, communication and media, as well as being the link between the OC and different groups of people involved in the event: athletes, officials, referees, and other guests. Some of the volunteers are able to closely work with the EUSA staff members present at the events, divided into separate departments.

All these positions available for the volunteers and the experience they get from representing them, are building

up the volunteers' competencies and skills, and provide them a certain level of knowledge in organizing sport events at a European level.

In the frame of the programme, full board is provided during the time of the event (and training), with transfer from the official airport/station covered, uniform, insurance, and training. The volunteers only must ensure their travel costs to the event.

Moreover, after the event finishes, a certificate of participation will be provided, indicating their working position and hours, representing their success and an additional value to their already rich experience.

During the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Universities Games in Debrecen and Miskolc, the tradition of offering the

volunteers interesting activities, workshops, and social activities was kept, bringing added value with the educational opportunities throughout their service.

Different workshops on the topic of career, importance of sports, mental health, dual career, legacy in sports, youth participation, were part of the diverse palette of the learning process offered to the volunteers.

In 2025, students can participate and support the organisers of the European Universities Championships, including 18 events, covering 24 sports, spread out in 8 European countries, in different cities.

## MORE INFO:

[www.eusa.eu/projects/eusa-volunteer-programme](http://www.eusa.eu/projects/eusa-volunteer-programme)





## 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.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.eusa.eu/institute](http://www.eusa.eu/institute)

# CLUB OF DONORS

EUSA's Club of Donors plays a vital role in ensuring the continued success of our programs and activities, providing crucial support to our developing member federations.

The Club's overarching goal is to fund mainly the progress of university sport throughout Europe, fostering growth, opportunity, and participation.

In 2024, EUSA reaffirmed its commitment to the developing National University Sports Associations, prioritizing their participation in EUSA events. This commitment was realized through the development fund, established in partnership with the Organizing Committee of the European Universities Games 2024 Debrecen-Miskolc.

This fund mainly supported eligible recipients, including active developing EUSA

members and those with limited or no EUSA event participation in the past two years.

Through these funds, valuable support in terms of participation in the European Universities Games 2024 and other 2024 EUSA events, was established.

As a result of this joint effort, athletes and officials representing nine different countries received crucial financial assistance to compete in the Games, particularly in sports like Table Tennis, Chess, Combat Sports, and 3x3 Basketball. Beyond the Games, these funds also facilitated participation in the EUSA Conference and the EUSA-

FISU seminar, broadening access to professional development and networking opportunities.

Furthermore, a portion of the funds was strategically allocated to further the development of university sports within Hungary.

EUSA deeply appreciates the generosity of all its donors. Their support is instrumental in advancing university sports, demonstrating solidarity with developing member federations, and empowering young athletes to pursue their athletic aspirations and build fulfilling sports careers.

Looking ahead to 2025, EUSA remains steadfast in

its commitment to supporting developing member National University Sports Associations, prioritizing their participation in EUSA events.

#### MORE INFO:

[www.eusa.eu/eusa/club-of-donors](http://www.eusa.eu/eusa/club-of-donors)





## 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 acknowledge and celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals, universities and associations whose recent impact on European University Sport deserves recognition and praise.

### 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.

## 2024 AWARDS

### Most Active University

University of Zagreb (CRO)



University of Zagreb

### Best University

University of Zagreb (CRO)



University of Zagreb

### Most Active NUSA

Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS)



### Most Successful NUSA

Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS)



### Enno Harms Fair Play Award

University of Coimbra (POR)



#### MORE INFO:

[www.eusa.eu/eusa/awards](http://www.eusa.eu/eusa/awards)

# THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNIVERSITY SPORT (IDUS)

The International Day of University Sport (IDUS), proclaimed and endorsed by the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO) and the International University Sports Federation (FISU) was celebrated all around the world on September 20.



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

EUSA celebrated with a #beactive cycling activity through the scenic path of the valley of Mislinja River in the area of Slovenj Gradec, continuing with individual sporting activities done by EUSA staff and volunteers, and extending the celebrations with a #beactive run in Salerno, engaging members of the Executive Committee, EUSA Staff and EUSA events participants, representatives of Member Federations, FISU representatives and other partners.



The celebrations of the #LetsIdus International Day of University Sport and the #BeActive European Week of Sport were also made throughout Europe by EUSA members, universities, and students.

Here is a short insight to some of the diverse activities throughout Europe:

## Albania & Kosovo



- Joined hiking event in Valbona Valley
- 50 participants, including students, university staff and sports enthusiasts
- Series of other interactive activities, exchanging ideas and experiences

## Austria



- Pagoda and a hands-on station at Heldenplatz
- Participation in the CIVIS Days 2024, with two morning runs with a running guide and a morning yoga session on the roof terrace of the Unipark
- Recycling event where balls, tires, mats and other sporting equipment is collected, repaired and reused

## Croatia



- Various sporting events around Croatia: Vukovar, Zadar, Rijeka, Split and Zagreb
- 3x3 basketball tournaments, beach volleyball, hiking tours, yoga, futsal, basketball, bicycle tours, dunk competitions and teqball
- EU-CONEXUS University Games in Zadar

## Cyprus



- Organized Zumba session
- Gathering students from various backgrounds, encouraging active lifestyle and highlighting the importance of physical fitness, mental well-being, and teamwork, aligning perfectly with the day's theme of inclusivity in sports

## Estonia



- Organised event – miniYliPalli with competition in 3x3 basketball, blind volleyball and roundnet
- Active sports days gathering 100 participants for the fifth year in a row

## Finland



- Organized an online meeting of the University on the Move Network, about the inculcation of physical activity as part of the university's strategic activities
- Three campaigns: Better work ability through exercise campaign, the Make a move campaign by the public administration, and the Active nation and people cooperation promoted by the Olympic Committee and other parties

## France



- Organized the third edition of a cleaning race called "Challenge U'Sport Planète"
- Successful race with 8102 runners participating in it, covering 825 000 km and collecting over 87 000 waste products

## Germany



- Organized for the fifth time a 60 minute race called #adhhochschullauf
- Participation was opened to any student, employee or alumnus of an ADH member university

## Hungary



- Variety of sports activities, including table tennis, indoor climbing and body art classes
- Competitions between university faculties, where students competed in 4x4 mix basketball, mix volleyball and relay run
- The "BeActive" events focused not only on sports, but also on community building and contribution to long-term health promotion for students, teachers, researchers and employees

## Italy



- Interview with a former athlete Filippo Corti and current athlete Giulia D'Innocenzo who shared their experiences and favourite moments regarding international university sports

## Latvia



- Organized Latvian University games in Basketball competitions, with participation of 4 universities and 72 athletes
- The win brought the award of being a base team for FISU World Summer Games in Rhine-Ruhr 2025

## Montenegro



- Organized an invigorating hike to Pešića Lake, located in one of the largest cirques of Bjelasica
- In a separate event, they also hosted a padel competition, providing students an opportunity to showcase their skills on the court

## Netherlands



- Online posts and recap of their participation in sports events and inviting people to #beactive through sharing potential sporting activities

## Poland



- Fitness challenge – the Cooper Test, organized on 15 locations, inviting participants to cover as much distance as possible within a 12-minute timeframe
- 220 participants only in Warsaw pushed their limits with running, walking and jogging

## Portugal



- Kayaking event on the Mondego River, attracting around 40 participants in a spirit of camaraderie and sporting challenge
- II Congress of Portuguese Youth at the Convento de São Francisco in Coimbra, focusing on "The Role of Sports in the Educational System".

## Slovakia



- Organised different events at different universities, hosting basketball, volleyball, table tennis and hiking sporting activities

## Sweden



- Hosted open house event, inviting both new and returning students featuring volleyball and spike ball activities gathering 100 participants

## Ukraine



- Organised various competitions for students, including dance, volleyball and athletics tournaments

### MORE INFO:

[www.fisu.net/fisu-events/international-day-of-university-sport/](http://www.fisu.net/fisu-events/international-day-of-university-sport/)

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## EU INITIATIVES

EUSA takes part as a proud partner in projects and initiatives that are coordinated or endorsed by European institutions, agencies, and other organisations, receiving valuable and important support from the European Union, the Council of Europe, and various other institutional bodies.





## EUROPEAN WEEK OF SPORT (EWOS)



**#BEACTIVE**  
EUROPEAN WEEK OF SPORT  
23 - 30 September

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

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 International Day of University Sports joined the global Olympic initiative #LetsMove.

The official opening of the European Week of Sport was carried out on in Budapest, in cooperation of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Commission.

Hungarian capital hosted the opening ceremony of the

European Week of Sport at the occasion of the LED run, taking place on September 23 at the National Athletics Centre, where a newly built community sporting facility opened its doors for the general public.

The event was opened by Adam Schmidt, Hungarian State Secretary for Sport; Georg Hausler, Director of Culture, Creativity and Sport at the European Commission; and Gabor Balogh, President of the National School, University and Leisure Sport Federation,

followed by the hundreds of recreational runners taking part in the symbolic race.

On September 24, the high-level Ministerial and International Conference on the Legacy of Major Sporting Events took place at Varkert Bazar in Budapest, gathering sport leaders, policy makers, and representatives from the European sport organisations and community. The event served as a platform for structured dialogue and collaboration aimed at advancing the mission and legacy of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the modern era.

European University Sports Association (EUSA) is an official partner of the European Week of Sport and #BeActive campaign. EUSA was represented at the events in Budapest by its Projects and Policy Manager Andrej Pisl

and Sports Coordinator Eszter Gulyas.

The European Week of Sport is celebrated across Europe. In Ljubljana, Slovenia – the home of the EUSA Office and EUSA Institute, the opening of the European Week of sport is also combined with the celebrations of the Slovenian Day of Sport on September 23. EUSA staff and volunteers were also attending the events in Ljubljana, after kicking off the celebrations with #LetsIDUS #BeActive team building.

As every year, also this year, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) office employees and volunteers celebrated the start of the European Week of Sport (#BeActive, #HealthyLifestyle4All and #LetsIDUS ) with an #beactive cycling activity in the

area of Slovenj Gradec, a cycling scenery path through the valley of the Mislinja River. This primary goal of this two-day team building was to get to know each other better, enhance social relations, and motivation, as well as to emphasise the importance of being physically active, enjoying and preserving nature, and creating bonding experiences through doing sports and recreation.

The celebration was continued with individual sporting activities done by the EUSA staff and volunteers, to mark the #beactive campaign and continue the active spirit even beyond the official celebrations.

During the occasion of EUSA Convention and EUSA-FISU Seminar, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) made an extended celebration to these

two initiatives engaging members of the Executive Committee, EUSA Staff and EUSA events participants, representatives of Member Federations, FISU representatives and other partners.

**MORE INFO:**  
[sport.ec.europa.eu/europeanweek-of-sport](https://sport.ec.europa.eu/europeanweek-of-sport)





The EU Sport Forum is an annual event organised by the European Commission in support of the continuous dialogue with the European and international sport community, serving as a central meeting point between sport organisations, representatives of the EU Institutions and Member States exchanging views on the current and future sport policies.

The traditional EU Sport Forum, key annual event supporting dialogue within the European sport community, was held in Liege, Belgium on April 16 and 17, 2024.

The event was organised by the European Commission, in cooperation with the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, with key sport and sport-related organisations, institutions and decision-makers in attendance. EUSA was represented at the event by Andrej Pisl, Projects and Policy Manager.

In the run-up to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, the European sports community at the Forum discussed integrity, sustainability, youth in a digital age, and gender equality. The event promoted the exchange of perspectives on sports policies, contributing to the collective advancement of the European sports landscape. Brainstorming and exchange

sessions also took place for stakeholders to support the EU in formulating its future sports policies.

Official opening with welcome addresses and speeches were given by Iliana Ivanova, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth; Pierre-Yves Jeholet, Alternate Minister-President of the Government of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels; and Tomasz Frankowski, Member of the European Parliament, and Co-Chair Sport Group in the European Parliament.

The event was kicked off with the keynote speeches made by Jean-Michel Saive, Olympian, and President of the Belgian Olympic Committee; and Samuel Ducroquet, Ambassador for Sport, French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.

The first high-level panel focused on Paris2024 Olympics and

UEFA EURO 2024 as vehicles for EU values, where the panellists discussed various topics related to these mega sports events hosted in Europe this summer.

The EU Sport Forum was also used as an occasion to present the #BeInclusive EU Sport Awards. All finalists were recognised in 3 key categories. The awards were received by: Urban Youth Games by Olympic Urban Festival, Belgium in category Breaking Barriers, DIF get2sport by Danish Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation, Denmark in category BeEqual and Together4Ukraine by Champions Factory, Bulgaria in category Sport for Peace.

In the afternoon, several parallel sessions were held; starting with Fair Play – Integrity and values of athletes; Women in sport; Green and sustainable sport; Youth and health in the digital age; Athletes' rights.

The second day started with a high-level panel: Dialogue on new perspectives for the European football ecosystem, followed by parallel session focused on Lifelong sport; and Harvesting ideas for the future of EU sport policy.

The last full session was focused on Commission presentation on priorities and developments in EU sport policy and Erasmus+; presented by Floor van Houdt, Head of Sport Unit, DG EAC of the European Commission and Luciano di Fonzo, Acting Head of Unit for Erasmus Mundus and Sport, Education and Culture Executive Agency.

**MORE INFO:**  
[sport.ec.europa.eu/initiatives/eu-sport-forum](https://sport.ec.europa.eu/initiatives/eu-sport-forum)

# SHARE 2.0 INITIATIVE

Launched in February 2024, the European Commission-funded SHARE 2.0 builds on SHARE (2018-2023), shifting focus from raising awareness to fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange. It emphasizes funding, health, innovation, green sport, and sustainability, while also helping identify EU funding to advance these areas.

The initiative's core activities are organised through Communities of Practice (CoPs), where stakeholders, including public authorities, grassroots sports organisations, federations, non-governmental organisations and policy experts, come together to share good practices, identify challenges, and collaborate on solutions. The SHARE 2.0 was introduced on the online meeting, attended by representatives from different organizations, with EUSA amongst them, represented by Andrej Pisl, EUSA Project and Policy Manager. Four major CoP have been defined, with the European University Sports Association (EUSA) being invited to take part in the steering group on CoP on Health.

In April 2024, the Health CoP held its first working meeting, focusing on key health-related challenges in sports. Thereafter,

the initiative hosted a capacity-building event on Green and Sustainable Sport in June 2024, which highlighted sustainable initiatives and educational activities like exhibitions and conferences. Participants engaged in discussions, sharing insights and learning from one another's experiences.

In July and September 2024, next online events focused on the CoPs for Health and Funding took place, allowing for further exchange of ideas and best practices. A significant milestone for SHARE 2.0 was its involvement in the European Commission's 2024 Annual Conference, held in Brussels on September 11, 2024. The event brought together members of the initiative, including EUSA, for discussions on key topics such as innovation, health, and sustainability in sports.

EUSA's participation in SHARE 2.0, being a part of the Health CoP, contributed to discussions on promoting physical activity for better health and longer life, and addressing youth mental health. By contributing to these sessions, EUSA is helping shape the overall recommendations of the initiative, emphasizing the importance and positive impact of sports on health and well-being.

As SHARE 2.0 progresses, the initiative remains committed to fostering cross-sector collaboration, sharing knowledge, and driving sustainable development in the field of sports and physical activity across Europe. Through its Communities of Practice, SHARE 2.0 aims to create lasting change that will benefit communities at the local, regional, national, and European level.



**MORE INFO:**  
[sport.ec.europa.eu/initiatives/share-20](https://sport.ec.europa.eu/initiatives/share-20)





## EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC)

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.

In recent years, volunteers from France, Hungary, Germany,

United Kingdom, Italy, Ireland, Russia, Poland, Croatia, Spain and Malta 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.

In the year of 2024, EUSA had the pleasure to welcome and host, two sets of European Solidarity Corps Volunteers. From October (2023) until August (2024), in the EUSA office in Ljubljana, Marta, Emanuele and Heloise had their 11 months experience and journey, full of activities, learning, different tasks and knowledgeable days. For the period of 3 months, EUSA Office

as well hosted Jennifer, for a shorter version of ESC journey.

In the recap of their journey with EUSA, this is what they expressed:

"My expectations were met and often exceeded! The welcoming atmosphere and support of the EUSA Family, different activities, and the chance to travel and meet people from various backgrounds made this time interesting and fulfilling. From daily office work to volunteering at major sports events, the experience was varied and rewarding. Big appreciation goes also to all the volunteers who I met in the EUSA office during my volunteering period – sharing this time with them was just great! "– expressed Marta.

"I discovered an amazing world which is the one of University Sports, which showed me a lot of energy, passion, and inclusivity. It was amazing to be part of such a big event as the European Universities Games 2024, and it was impressive to see how everyone, from volunteers to the organisers, the assistants, the technical delegates, the representatives, gave all the commitment and the resources possible to make this event possible. I will always remember this experience and I hope I can have the chance to be part of the EUSA Family again soon."– said Emanuele.

"I am very grateful for this year with EUSA and for the other volunteers who shared this journey with me. The intercultural exchange and the moments we spent together were truly invaluable. I am returning to France with a wealth of new knowledge gained through this experience, which was different from, but no less valuable than, my university education. EUSA is made up of many diverse people, and this experience taught me that human interaction is one of the best ways to learn. Thank you for that!"– shared Heloise.

"The ESC experience allowed me to strengthen my ability to support myself in new environments, build close relationships and to experience the inner workings of an NGO in the world of Sport. Amongst all the traveling and events,



some of the most memorable and fulfilling moments simply have come from the day-to-day tasks in the EUSA office working with the other volunteers. From different countries, cultures and backgrounds, we shared the same open mindset and sense of adventure. Without them, my ESC experience would not have been as rich with laughter and memories."– expressed Jennifer.

Two months later, in the middle of October, EUSA welcomed 3 new European Solidarity Corps volunteers, Milia Molinie from France, Markus Schneider from Germany and Jan Hussu from Italy.

These three young individuals will learn, assist and experience the daily EUSA activities in the EUSA Office and especially work and learn from the process of preparing and executing activities at the European Universities Championship season of 2025.

Trying to recap the already spent few months with EUSA Office, here is what they've said:

"Throughout this experience, I am willing to stay curious and ready to rise to any challenge that EUSA might offer. I feel like I am unifying two main sides of my personality, which are my genuine passion for sports that I used to keep at the personal level before that, and my interest in cooperation, languages and

international relations. Above all, I am very happy to help rising voices about inclusion and diversity in sports. It is a crucial topic for the youth, the future of sports, and I am glad that EUSA offers me the space and opportunity to address it. I am convinced that it helps shape my career as well as myself as an individual." – said Milia.

"My months in Ljubljana and at EUSA have been transformative, teaching me valuable lessons, particularly about independence. Not only have I started to achieve the personal growth I hoped for, but I have also encountered unexpected challenges that have prompted deeper introspection. One of the most rewarding surprises has been the overwhelming interest and understanding shown by people within the ESC group and at EUSA. Their openness and support have greatly enriched my experience. "– expressed Markus.

"Joining EUSA has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life. I was seeking an opportunity to deepen my understanding of sports while elevating my communication and project management skills, and EUSA met all my expectations. What impressed me immediately was the vibrant multicultural environment, with colleagues from diverse countries and

linguistic backgrounds. This diversity made me feel right at home and part of a truly international community.

Looking back on this incredible journey, I feel deeply grateful to be part of EUSA as a volunteer. The international atmosphere of the office continuously inspires me to be proactive, innovative, and bold in proposing ideas that contribute to EUSA's growth." – said Jan.



**MORE INFO:**  
[www.eusa.eu/projects/european-solidarity-corps](http://www.eusa.eu/projects/european-solidarity-corps)



**YOUTH  
INTEGRITY**  
ambassadors programme

## YOUTH INTEGRITY AMBASSADORS PROGRAMME (YIAP)

The Youth Integrity Ambassadors Programme (YIAP) project was concluded in Malmo, Sweden with two consecutive events: the Evaluation Course and the European Final Conference from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of February, hosted by the Swedish Sports Confederation.

Young ambassadors, youth workers, and coordinators from each partner organization gathered for two days in Malmo, Sweden, to evaluate project actions and present the results of local activities and integrity campaigns from all partners.

Project results were also wrapped up through the activities taken at the Evaluation Course, such as the finalisation of the document of recommendations for the sports sector.

At the evaluation course the participants had presented short overviews and presentation of the local activities that were made in their local communities in: Slovenia, Sweden, Portugal, Lithuania, Austria, Hungary, and Italy.

Short recaps, remarks, challenges, and satisfactory factors were discussed among

the present representatives of the teams, going into a deeper overview of the impact of the activities, the spread message of integrity, the reach among the local youth and the experience itself.

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, the last transnational partners meeting of the Youth Integrity Ambassador Program (YIAP) also took place, happening on the occasion of the YIAP Evaluation Course and Final Conference.

The aim of this meeting was to cover a few important points: to do the final evaluation of the evaluation course results that took place two days before, to have an update on the projects results status and to go through the process of the final reporting and financial matters.

Present coordinators, all involved in the development process of

the YIAP project, stated many positive comments regarding the evaluation course, the idea behind, as well as pointed out the great results of the local activities and the challenges that came with it.

Good part of the discussion went also in sharing improvement ideas for future collaborations.

The partners went also through the status of the project results: the recommendations, toolkit, final video, and communications campaign.

Details regarding the final reporting and final financial matters, were also addressed.

The final partners meeting was concluded in a very positive atmosphere, taking a lot of pride in the results, as well as in the young ambassador's involvement and contribution along the way.

Funded by the Erasmus+ Youth Programme of the European Union, the project ran for 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 Småland (SWE), Portuguese Sport Confederation (POR), Lithuanian Union Of Sport Federation – LSFS (LTU), Organisation for Sports Education – OPES (ITA) and associating partners The European Lotteries.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.eusa.eu/projects/yiap](http://www.eusa.eu/projects/yiap)

# ENHANCING SPORT ORGANISATIONS AND MANAGEMENT (ESOM)

The ESOM (Enhancing Sport Organisations and Management) project, co-founded by the European Union, was successfully concluded at the end of August, with great realisation results during its timeline along 2024.

Meanwhile, three project meetings took place, as well as many educational events, seminars and roundtables related to the project.

ESOM workshops and seminars were on the topics of: Dual Career, Education of Staff & Volunteers, Engagement & Participation, Event Management & Organisation, Finances & Funding, Good Governance & Policy Making, Marketing & Promotion, Media & Communication, Networking & Partnerships, Safety & Security and Volunteer Recruitment & Management.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, seminar and in-person partners' meeting was hosted by the University Sport Association of Poland (AZS) in Warsaw, where presentations and discussions to share different experiences on the principals'

topics of volunteering and management of sports events were held.

The seminar included a variety of topics, presented, and discussed, such as: volunteer recruitment and management, different types of volunteering within EUSA and the other organisations, volunteering management, importance of volunteering, key points and resources on volunteering.

During the summer, partners of the ESOM project held two meetings. On 14<sup>th</sup> of July, they met during the European Universities Games in Miskolc, hosted by the Hungarian University Sports Federation, while the conclusive meeting in Zagreb took place on 31<sup>st</sup> of August during the FISU World Forum, hosted by the Croatian Academic Sports Federation.

Within the project, a round table was organised on Monday, July 22, focusing on the legacy of sports events, as part of the ESOM project, discussing the roles of the institutions and organisations in university and other sports events.

The EUSA Forum, held on 13<sup>th</sup> of July in Debrecen, on the topic of "Synergies in university sport development", was as well part of the ESOM project.

In August, the last conclusive project meeting of the partners, served as an occasion to go through the general overview and the activities implemented during the project, as well as to share the action plan of the next activities foreseen, before the technical and official closure of the project.

The ESOM project, its activities and results were presented by Hristina Hristova, during the Officials Seminar, part of the FISU World Forum, which was held from 27-31 of August in Zagreb.

ESOM project is led by the EUSA Institute (SLO), in partnership with national university sports associations: Croatian Academic Sports Federation – CASF/HASS (CRO), Hungarian University Sports Federation – HUSF/MEFS (HUN), Students Sports Association of Montenegro – SSAM/USSCG (MNE), Student Sports Association the Netherlands (NED), University Sports Association of Poland – AZS (POL), Sports Students' Union of Ukraine – SSUU (UKR) and the University of Ljubljana – UL (SLO). The project is co-financed by the European Union.



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#### MORE INFO:

<https://esom.eusa.eu/>

# DISCOVERING UNIVERSITY SPORT AND SUPPORTING DUAL CAREER (DISCOVERU)

During the European Universities Winter Championships and EUSA Forum, hosted in the Italian Dolomites – in Val di Zoldo, partners of the Discovering university sport and supporting dual career (DiscoverU) held their kick-off meeting.

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

The 3-year project, co-funded by the European Union, will aim to improve sport and physical activity opportunities for students in higher education on one hand, addressing larger student population; and at the same time promote and support dual career in higher education in partnering countries. This will be achieved by gathering information, sharing good practice examples and implementation of sports and educational activities.

On December 20, the main part of the project meeting was held. The meeting started rounds of introduction and presentation of each partner organisation. Project plans,

timelines and commitments were then presented, with the participants reviewing their roles and responsibilities, as well as proposing some adjustments in the delivery plan of the project.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, a webinar on the topic of Dual Career was held, as part of EAS Café, this time joined by EUSA on the topic of University Sports – From Active Lifestyles to Dual career. The meeting was hosted by the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and the EUSA Institute, and was attended by around 90 participants, representatives of the partners, national university sport bodies and universities.

The second in-person partners' meeting of the DiscoverU project took place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Scientific Conference for a Healthy Academic Society, organized by the Croatian Academic Sports Federation in Poreč from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. The meeting

focused on the project overview, milestones, and final deliverables according to deadlines.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> in Miskolc, Hungary, at the occasion of the European Universities Games 2024, the second partners meeting was held, with the main goal of sharing the progress of different activities and agree on the next steps and deliverables for the upcoming months.

Prof. Laura Capranica, President of the European Athlete as Student (EAS), presented the objectives of the dissemination and communication plan. She provided advice on best practices for dissemination.

The partners concluded the meeting with a discussion on the various deadlines for implementing deliverables and dividing tasks to ensure timely completion.

Although competitive university sport is not the priority of the

project, it is worth noting that the consortium includes hosts of four European Universities Games: 2016 Zagreb-Rijeka (CRO), 2022 Lodz (POL), 2024 Debrecen-Miskolc (HUN) and 2026 Salerno (ITA); with activities to be held in all partner countries, including the next two upcoming editions next year and in 2026.

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 DiscoverU

**MORE INFO:**  
<https://discoveru.eusa.eu/>

# YOUTH INDIVIDUAL SPORTS MINDSET (YOUMIND)

YouMind is a small-scale partnership project with the main aim to raise awareness about the importance of mental health in sport and to develop different strategies to prevent mental health issues for young athletes.

The YouMind project kicked off in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 22<sup>nd</sup> of January with an in-person meeting hosted by EUSA, gathering all the project partners.

At the meeting the partners discussed the first steps, as well as the overview of activities that will be undertaken to realize the projects objectives.

The official part of the program was started with the brief introduction of the topic of the YouMind project, explaining the idea and the development process.

During the meeting all the partners agreed on next steps that will be enforced to meet the expectations of the project establishments. Meeting attendees covered the project's background, overarching objectives, structure, timelines,

and delved into specific tasks such as communication, management, research, project milestones and final evaluation.

The objectives of the project sum up ideas developed jointly with all the partners which will be presented in a form of promotional video and guidelines sharing the best practices with athletes and sport organizations. The project will last two years and will consist of various activities, such as workshops, surveys, and meetings.

The partners had the chance to meet again during online meetings and in Hungary in July during European Universities Games 2024.

The meeting was the occasion where the partners reviewed the activities done so far, as well as agreed on the future actions and

gave their own overviews and discussed the workshops, survey and other preparatory steps.

Vincenzo Cusati, a mental coach from CUS Salerno (ITA), presented his approach to helping athletes from a mental perspective. He explained the differences between sports coaching and life coaching, connecting it to personal present life. He also highlighted the crucial role of a mental coach and best practices for building a trusting relationship with athletes, such as avoiding judgment and asking open-ended questions. He concluded by presenting a list of 20 questions for preparing the next workshops. These questions helped partners brainstorm the creation of a questionnaire to better understand athletes' needs and expectations, aiming to tailor online sessions and workshops accordingly.

Within the project, Alessia De Iulio, representing ENGSO Youth, led a workshop on the importance of mental health for young people. The workshops were attended by young athletes, volunteers and participants at the EUG 2024. She provided key information on the prevalence of mental health issues among young people and discussed the benefits of sports for mental health. She also offered strategies for young people to promote mental well-being, emphasizing the importance of ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being within the grassroots sports sector.



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The Fit4Green project, is a 18-month project, with the general objective of raising environmental awareness with the help of sport and physical activity, will bring together university sports organisations' aspirations for more sustainable sport events and educational institutions' need to fight unsustainable consumption practices at campuses.

Fit4Green is lead by the EUSA Institute and co-funded by the European Union, was officially kicked off with a two-day online meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2024.

The main aims of the project are to raise environmental awareness through sport & physical activity, to promote healthy & eco-conscious lifestyles with young people engagement and to organise green campus campaigns and sport events.

The first day of the kick off meeting was reserved for the individual presentations of the partner organizations, which include EUSA Institute as the coordinator, together with project partners Holztechnikum Kuchl (AUT), University of Ljubljana (SLO), InnovationsManufaktur (GER), NYSA Sweden (SWE) and Latvian University Sports Federation (LAT).

At the meeting, a total overview of the project timeline, work packages, planned activities and general partners roles were given. Divided tasks overview, going hand in hand with the deliverables overview, were as well presented to the partners.

Impact assessment, quantitative indicators and the logistic planning of the meetings that will be held throughout the duration of the project, were discussed. The partners established the communication channels for easier flow of the project matters, as well.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the first in person meeting of the Fit4Green project was co-hosted by European University Sports Association (EUSA) and University of Ljubljana in the beautiful buildings of the University's Rectorate at the heart of Ljubljana.

During the meeting, the main objectives, financial aspects,

risk assessments, communication requirements and future goals were discussed and presented.

As a special guest to this meeting, Lucka Kajfez Bogataj facilitated a lecture about sustainability, and how to organise sustainable events, what to concentrate on, as well as how the events affect the environments.

While all six organisations representatives engaged in project detail discussions and presentations, the young participants kicked off the workshop with an escape room challenge to break the ice and get to know each other better.

This meeting served as a point where all participants were part of the co-creation workshop led by Owen Southgate from NYSA Sweden. With this workshop the Cynefin framework was introduced as a decision-making tool designed to help navigate complex problems by offering

different approaches. Using this framework, participants brainstormed innovative event ideas that align with the "Fit4Green" initiative, which focuses on combining sports with sustainability.

On the following day, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the group took time to reflect on the proposed ideas, evaluating their approaches and potential impact.



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Fit 4 Green

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# ERASMUS+ YOUTH MOBILITY AND YOUTH WORKERS MOBILITY PROJECTS

Erasmus+ presents an exceptional opportunity to launch projects that promote the mobility of young people and youth workers. Youth Exchanges and mobilities enable diverse groups of young individuals from various countries to come together and participate in meaningful activities for professional development and networking. The implemented projects and activities aimed to offer young people and youth workers opportunities for short-term mobilities to develop skills and enhance youth organizations' capacities.

In the summer of 2024, from July 8 to 19, EUSA Student Commission members from Hungary, Albania, Croatia, Finland, Poland, and Slovenia engaged 39 young volunteers in a youth exchange focused on organizing university sports events. The initiative aimed to empower participants, raise their skills and contribute to organising a large sport event. The opening session fostered a positive atmosphere through icebreakers and discussions, providing also key information about Erasmus+ and different initiatives. Participants led workshops on various topics like Dual Career, Fair Play, Mental Health, and Sustainability.

This activity was supported by the Erasmus+ Programme as a Youth Mobility initiative, co-funded by the European Union. The activities of the Youth Exchange kicked off on July

8, welcoming participants and setting the activities during the programme. The topics of Fair Play, Mental Health and Dual Career got special focus in the programme.

The Fair Play workshops highlighted the role of Fair Play in fostering integrity, respect, sporting excellence, and mental health. Facilitators discussed how practicing Fair Play can build good character, enhance sportsmanship, strengthen team cohesion, and create a supportive community. Challenges such as pressure to win, unsportsmanlike behaviour, and issues related to doping were also explored.

Another key focus of the workshops was on Dual Career, including its benefits and challenges. Participants engaged in discussions about the challenges faced by dual career

individuals, such as prioritizing work over significant personal events. The event concluded with a crossword activity and a discussion on successful dual careers, emphasizing clear goals, a strong support system, and disciplined organization.

In the fall of 2024, the EUSA-FISU Seminar and Convention hosted twenty-six youth workers from Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Slovenia for three days. The mobility included cooperation with National University Sports Associations (NUSAs) and their members, focusing on enhancing skills and expertise on topics close to the participants, especially event organisation, good governance, funding and networking.

In 2023 and 2024, Erasmus+ Youth Mobility and Youth Workers Mobility projects were led by EUSA Institute (SLO),

with partners including CUS Venezia (ITA), Czech University Sports Association (CZE), and Association for University Sport Akademik (BUL).

The initiative kicked off with a five-day learning mobility program during the European Universities Winter Sports Championship and the EUSA Winter Forum in December 2023 in Val di Zoldo, involving eight staff members and twenty youth participants.

During a five-day project in Val di Zoldo, participants engaged in meetings, shadowed the organization of sports competitions, contributing and attending the EUSA Winter Forum, focusing on sustainability in event management.



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## EUROPEAN WEEK OF WINTER SPORT (EWWS)

The EWWS initiative which main aim is to promote participation in sport and physical activity also in the winter period, while raising awareness of climate change and promoting sustainability, kicked off in Madrid on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

This project is co-funded by the European Union, and the concept is made to promote physical activity in winter, making winter sports more accessible and inclusive, as well as raising awareness of climate change and sustainability through winter sports. Activities will be carried out through the period 2024-2026.

Specific objectives and activities are serving as identification of needs, challenges and resources for organizing sustainable sports events in the field of winter sports; supporting sports associations and local authorities in the organization and promotion of events in the field of winter sports during the European Week of Winter Sports (#BeWinterActive week); and raising awareness of climate change and sustainability through the European Week of Winter Sport Week and sport in general.

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of July, few steps away from the stadium of

Differdange, current football club champion of Luxembourg, the partners of the project European Week of Winter Sport (EWWS) held the second in person project meeting, hosted by the LUNEX University. Under the coordination of L'ORMA, Italian sport club based in Milan, the partners have discussed the status quo and the next steps to be done.

Through the project, local leaders in different countries will be engaged and empowered to act as multipliers, spokespersons and ambassadors for the EWWS initiative. They will involve other people and organisations in the campaign and organise different kind of events during the pilot test of the EWWS in February 2025.

The next project activity was the training in November, hosted by the Ski Club Rijeka. Beside the project presentation, the program was related to the development of competences, attitude, skills

and knowledge useful to boost our network of events organisers.

During this training, different guests and participants presented a practical toolkit for event organisation, engaged in group work, producing and presenting noteworthy results and ideas, as well as analysed the communications strategies of major winter sport events, noting different approaches tailored to different audiences.

The gathering not only provided a platform for collaboration but also fostered networking and laid the groundwork for potential future partnerships. The European Week of Winter Sport project event was a resounding success, setting the stage for an impactful and engaging winter sports initiative.

The cooperation partnership in the field of sport within the Erasmus+ programme brings together 9 entities from 8 countries, with L'Orma from Italy

as the coordinator, with partners Bulgarian Sports Development Association from Bulgaria, Sport for Education and Health – DES and Kilian Jornet Foundation from Spain, Ski club Rijeka from Croatia, NEST Berlin from Germany, International University of Health, Exercise and Sports – LUNEX from Luxembourg, European Platform for Sports and Innovation – EPSI from Belgium and EUSA Institute from Slovenia.



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EUROPEAN WEEK OF WINTER SPORT

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# EUSA INTERSHIPS

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) primarily offers internship opportunities in the EUSA Office through the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) programme and occasionally accepts 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 the capability to host international volunteers and/or interns at the same time.

The internship is based in Ljubljana, Slovenia. It is not paid, but we provide accommodation, local transportation, and base pocket money for subsistence. 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.

In 2024, EUSA had the opportunity to host one Erasmus+ Traineeship intern from Italy and two volunteers

from the Italian Civil Service: Alessandro, Simone, and Giacomo.

Being with us for two short months, Alessandro Boscherini did his internship with us from June to August.

Reflecting on this internship with EUSA, Alessandro said: "During the time with EUSA and during the European Universities Games I met many interesting guys and, probably most important, I had the possibility to network in the work system in which I understood I would like to work on the organization of sports events. I also had the chance to lead some workshops and understand how to manage international projects. Breath of fresh sports air for a guy like me that spent most of his teenage years in a basketball venue is always an emotion and was a pleasure to attend at a so well-organized event."

On the other hand, Giacomo Mori and Simone De Luca joined EUSA for their 10-month internship supported by the national civil service in Italy in cooperation with the Italian Organisation for Sports Education (OPES).

The programme is designed for young male and female Italian citizens and helps provide them with opportunities to work in the non-profit sector in Italy as well as selected organisations abroad.

Reflection on his 10-month journey with EUSA, Giacomo shared: "Looking back on my 10-month internship with EUSA, it's easy to see how much I've grown, both personally and professionally. I joined EUSA in November 2023, and what followed was a year full of experiences that pushed me to learn new things, work with diverse people, and explore new places. Right from the start, I found myself in a warm,

welcoming environment. The atmosphere at the EUSA office in Ljubljana has always been friendly and collaborative, and I have really enjoyed working alongside my fellow volunteers Simone, Marta, Emanuele, and Heloise, as well as the wider EUSA team."

This is how Simone described his journey with EUSA: "My time at EUSA was truly a special chapter in my life. The 10 months I spent participating in such a great project significantly influenced both my personal and professional growth. Much of this was due to the strong bonds formed from the very first day with the other volunteers who were there during the same period. In my opinion, EUSA was excellent at recognizing and investing in our social potential, giving us the opportunity to constantly grow and believing in our capabilities."



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## SPORTS CLUBS INTEGRATING ORGANISED NETWORKS (FUSION)

With the goal of inspiring graduates to sustain active, healthy lifestyles post-university, the much-anticipated project Future links for University athletes with Sports clubs Integrating Organised Networks (FUSION) officially kicked off on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the prestigious Rectorate of the University of Ljubljana.

Partners from five European organisations coming from different countries met to discuss important aspects of the project and ensure that the project will be implemented well. Present at the meeting were representatives of the Toulouse University Club (TUC), the Latvian University Sports Federation (LUSF), the Lithuanian Student Sports Association (LSSA), University of Hamburg (UHAM), and the EUSA Institute, established by the European University Sports Association (EUSA).

FUSION seeks to address a growing concern: the decline in sports participation and drop-out from sport among young graduates, a trend exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. By identifying the needs of students and graduates through surveys,

the project aims to engage key stakeholders at networking events and provide practical resources like a podcast series to promote lifelong sports engagement.

The kickoff meeting began with partner introductions, setting a collaborative tone for the day. Markus Schneider, EUSA European Solidarity Corps volunteer, outlined the project's core aspects, ensuring all partners were aligned with the set milestones.

Financial and administrative details, presented by EUSA's Projects and Policy Manager Andrej Pisl, clarified the foundation for implementation. Partners were keen to ask questions and share their ideas and thoughts, showcasing everyone's enthusiasm for the project.

Partner meeting was also attended by EUSA Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik, whose endorsement of the project underscored its importance within the (university) sports community.

As the FUSION project takes its first steps, the kickoff meeting in Ljubljana has set a strong foundation for its success. By addressing the critical issue of post-graduation sports participation, the project has the potential to make a meaningful impact on the well-being of young graduates across Europe. With upcoming activities like surveys, networking events, and a podcast series, the partners are more than ready to deliver innovative solutions that inspire lifelong engagement in sports. Stay tuned for updates on the project.

project's progress and upcoming initiatives aimed at empowering graduates to prioritize their health and fitness journeys.

The next time the FUSION Project partners will meet is in June 2025 in an online meeting, discussing the outcomes of the survey which the upcoming networking events are going to be based on.



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# NEW PROJECTS

The European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) announced the selection results of the Erasmus+ Sport – Call for proposals; the Cooperation Partnerships, Small-Scale Partnerships, Capacity Building and Not-For-Profit European Sport Events. We are proud and happy to announce that one projects with the EUSA Institute as the coordinator has been selected for funding from the European Union, as well as one other where we are partners.

With centralised actions, European University Sports Association (EUSA) with its EUSA Institute in Ljubljana, Slovenia, was granted funding for small cooperation partnership project "FUSION – Future links for University athletes with Sports clubs Integrating Organised Networks" project, tackling sport dropout and physical inactivity for higher education students. The projects will be co-funded by the European Union.

EUSA Institute will also partner in the project "Runners4All – Runners for All – European Students run", focusing on Health-enhancing physical

activity and holistic lifelong healthy habits for students across Europe. Also this project will be co-funded by the European Union.

Let us also mention that earlier in the month we also received information that Erasmus+ project proposal in the field of youth entitled "EUYOUSSPORT – European Youth and Sport Together" has been selected for funding, with EUSA Institute as one of the partners in the project consortium.

We also remain 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 PARTNERS AND NETWORK

Cooperation and networking with other organisations working in the field of sport and youth plays an important role in having sustainable progress and growth. EUSA holds pride in its existing network of partners and in its constant nurture of new alliances.







## EUSA MEMBER ACTIVITIES 2024

EUSA's 47 European NUSA members govern university sport, working at local, regional, national, and international levels to empower student-athletes in both their academic and athletic endeavors.

### ELECTORAL ASSEMBLIES

In March 2024, at the delegates' meeting of Swiss University Sports in Ittigen b. Bern the new management was elected. For the first time, a co-presidency led by Lorenz Ursprung, director of ASVZ Zurich, and Daniel Studer, Head of University Sports in St. Gallen was formed. They're supported by the newly elected Vice-President Ophélie

Jeanneret, director of Sport Santé UNIL + EPFL in Lausanne.

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the electoral assembly of the Slovenian University Sports Association (SUSA) took place and the new leadership was elected. The new Executive Board comprises the President Klemen Kristan and three Vice-Presidents: Marjan Pucnik, Alen Nikola Rajkovic and Patrik Perosa. At the 1<sup>st</sup> constitutive session of the Executive Board, Jan Sredensek

was appointed as the Secretary General of SUSA.

At the end of March, the Latvian University Sports Federation (LUSF) in a hybrid General Assembly elected the new management. The presidency will continue to be led by re-elected Agita Abele.

On Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Hungarian University Sports Federation (HUSF) held its General Assembly in Budapest. Mocsai Lajos was re-elected as

HUSF President, continuing to lead the Hungarian University Sports Federation focusing mainly on international sports diplomacy and bringing as many international university competitions to the country as possible. The MEFS board was elected for the next four years.

The Estonian Academic Sports Federation (EASL) held its General Assembly on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 in Tartu. For the EASL presidency, Marti Viilu and Hendrik Voll competed and

as a result of the vote, Hendrik Voll was elected as the new president.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Italian University Sports Federation – FederCUSI, held its first Electoral Federal in Rome, marking the 1<sup>st</sup> Electoral Assembly since the change of status into a Federation. Antonio Dima was re-elected as President of FederCUSI. In the Federal Council, Claudio Bertolotti, Giovanni Randisi, Luigi Mazzone, Alice Cometti, Massimo Zanotto, Margherita Mezzetti, Gianluca Bianchi, Pompeo Leone, Rita Piantadosi, and Flaminia Calce were elected.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, the University Sports Association of Poland (AZS) held its 30<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, in the capital city of Warsaw. During this meeting, Prof Alojzy Nowak was re-elected as President of AZS, along with the new executive board members.

On October 16, 2024, during the Sports Students' Union

of Ukraine (SSUU) General Assembly, the elections for the new President, took place. Due to the sudden passing away of Yevgeny Imas in June this year, an extraordinary electoral assembly of the Sports Students' Union of Ukraine was held. At the General Assembly, Andrii Vitrenko, the Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, was elected as the new head of the organization that drives student sports in Ukraine.

Portugal University Sports Federation (FADU) held elections for its governing bodies on October 15<sup>th</sup>, for the 2024-2025 term. On the General Assembly, Ricardo Nora was re-elected to the position of President of FADU. The inauguration of the elected officials scheduled for early November 2024, marked the beginning of a new cycle of activities and projects focused on continuing to strengthen FADU's role both nationally and internationally.

Kosovo University Sports Federation (KUSF) held the Electoral Assembly on October 18 in Pristina, Kosovo. With a unanimous vote, Musa Selimi was elected to the position of President of the KUSF.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Türkiye University Sports Federation (TUSF) was held in Ankara, and the new president of the federation was elected. With 119 votes out of 184, the Rector of Bayburt University, Prof. Dr. Mutlu Turkmen was elected as the new President of the TUSF for the upcoming term.

On November 24 and 25, 2024, the membership of the German University Sports Federation (ADH) convened in Goettingen for its 119<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to review the past year, make forward-looking decisions, and hold regular board and committee elections. The ADH General Assembly included scheduled elections for board and committee positions for the

2024 – 2026 term. Delegates unanimously re-elected Joerg Foerster, director of University Sports in Hamburg, as ADH President, beginning his fifth term in this role.

French University Sport Federation (FFSU) held its Federal Elections from November 25, 2024, to November 29, 2024, and re-elected Cedric Terret as President of the association, with Lola Charbonnier as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President.

## UNIVERSITY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, a delegation from the German University Sports Federation (ADH), visited EUSA headquarters in Ljubljana for a working meeting. The delegation consisted of Thorsten Hutsch (Competition Department and ADH Sports Director), Sophia Kunder (Education Department, Competition Department,





Event Coordinator) and Joshua Feinstein (Board member, student, and Head of Department at Unisport Kaiserslautern). The meeting was initiated with a set of presentations from both organizations and the feedback on the European Universities Championship season of 2023 was given on behalf of both present parties, continuing to plan future collaborations.

On Wednesday, February 7, EUSA President Adam Roczek, EUSA Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik and EUSA Treasurer Francis Cirianni, were guests of the University of Ljubljana and met with the institution Rector Prof. Dr. Gregor Majdic in the main building of the University – Congress Square, Ljubljana. The meeting follows a long history of partnership between the two entities, since the University has long been the host of the EUSA Office before the actual relocation in 2010, and the academic institution still is EUSA partner of numerous educational

projects and sport activities – with the City of Ljubljana itself as stage of various EUSA events in the past. It was a pleasant occasion for strengthening relations and talking about ideas and collaborations for the next future.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, a working meeting was held between representatives of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and the Slovenian University Sports Association (SUSA), at EUSA headquarters in Ljubljana. The working meeting was attended by the newly elected SUSA President Klemen Kristan, SUSA Secretary General Jan Sredensek and EUSA Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik. At the meeting, representatives from SUSA presented the structure of the National University Sports Association and the foreseen activities and endeavours that will be taken with the newly elected leadership. The meeting also

involved discussion on possible ways to improve collaboration.

## EUSA MEMBERS AWARDS

On the occasion of the University of Granada Sports Gala 2024, taking place on September 27<sup>th</sup> in Granada, Spain, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) received an award as a recognition for its 25 years leading university sport in Europe. Present at the Sports Gala and receiving the award on behalf of EUSA, were Francis Cirianni, Treasurer and Matjaz Pecovnik, Secretary General. Among the awarded people, EUSA Vice-President and Secretary General of the Spanish University Sport Committee Aitor Canibe Sanchez received an award as a recognition of his professional career in sports management, specifically in university sports.

On the invitation of the Armenian Student Sports Federation

(ASSF) Adam Roczek, EUSA President and Matjaz Pecovnik, EUSA Secretary General visited Yerevan to attend the ASSF Annual General Assembly and celebration on the occasion of the ASSF 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. During the Anniversary Ceremony, ASSF awarded its members and partners for their contribution to the development of university sports, among them also to Roczek and Pecovnik.

The Swiss University Sports held its annual awards ceremony evening in Lucerne on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Numerous guests, including prominent figures from sports and education, gathered to honour the outstanding achievements in university and elite sports. A special spotlight of the event was the presentation of the Lifetime Award to the President of the International University Sports Federation FISU, Leonz Eder, for his outstanding services to university sports, both nationally and internationally.

## GALA EVENTS

With a festive academic atmosphere, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, the Croatian Academic Sports Federation celebrated UniSport Stars – the annual sports awards as well as the 30<sup>th</sup> jubilee birthday of the association. On behalf of EUSA, present at the awarding event were: EUSA President, Adam Roczek, EUSA Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik, EUSA Treasurer Francis Cirianni and EC Member Andreas Csonka.

Finnish Student Sports Federation (OLL) celebrated its centenary 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 with a Gala at Koskenranta Event Centre, in Helsinki. The celebration brought together secretary generals and chairpersons from previous decades, a great number of OLL alumni, university sports employees, representatives of national exercise and sports organisations and sports influencers from international networks. Among others, present guests and officials were greeted on behalf of Adam Roczek, President of the European

University Sports Association (EUSA) and Fernando Parente, Director of Development and Healthy Campus of the International University Sports Federation (FISU).

On October 23-24, 2024, Warsaw served as the key point for the University Sports Association of Poland (AZS) community, hosting the University Sports Congress and Gala, held at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

This annual celebration of university sport, held at the end of October, highlights athletic achievements, recognizes coaches and universities for their contribution, and awards the organisers of best sports events held in Poland.

The 15<sup>th</sup> University Sports Gala, organized by the Portugal University Sports Federation (FADU), was held in Viseu, at Pousada Pestana, on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and brought together the academic and sports community to celebrate the achievements related to the 2023/2024 season.





## INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (FISU)

2024 was not only a special year for EUSA, but also for FISU, since the International University Sports Federation celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary! And celebration rhymed with transition as Secretary General and CEO Eric Saintrond stepped down after dedicating almost 40 years of his life to developing FISU. His successor is a former student-athlete from Switzerland, Matthias Remund.



The founding General Assembly held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1949 counts as the official date of FISU's establishment. This gathering, organised in Zurich under the guidance of Luxembourg teacher and sports leader Paul Schleimer, was attended by several European national university sports associations, with Italy, Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, and the Netherlands becoming founding members.

Since its creation, FISU has organised five International University Sport Weeks (1949-1947), 62 Winter and Summer University Games (1959-2023), 453 World University Championships and Cups (1963-

2024), 45 World Conferences and Forums (1960-2024), six Young Reporters Programmes, and has been developing the FISU Healthy Campus Programme since 2020 with 164 universities already involved!

### Many smiles and a good-bye

This 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated in the atmosphere of a "family gathering" on 27 November in Lausanne (Switzerland), where FISU has its headquarters after moving from Brussels in 2012.

The date wasn't chosen randomly. It coincided with

the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of FISU's Secretary General and CEO, Eric Saintrond, who retired after dedicating almost 40 years of his life to university sports and to the development of FISU. He took the opportunity of the celebrations to say his goodbyes and to pass the baton to the new Secretary General and CEO from 1 December, the Swiss Matthias Remund.

In the meeting rooms, offices and university lecture rooms, the International University Sports Federation has almost been as active as in the sports halls, on the pitches, the ice, or the snow.

### A first meeting on the African continent

On 27-28 September, the FISU Executive Committee met for the very first time on the African continent, in the beautiful Moroccan city of Rabat. "FISU is a global organisation and in this light, it is really important that we organise events on all continents," said FISU President Leonz Eder. "We received a very kind invitation from our friends in Morocco to organise our Executive Committee Meeting here. I am really impressed with what this country is doing for the university sports movement, and I thank everyone here for their hard work and for their warm welcome."



## Dual-Career, Healthy Campus and a consultative partnership with UNESCO

One month before Morocco, the FISU focus was on education at the Zagreb 2024 FISU World Forum. A total of 156 students, speakers, officials, and volunteers from 47 countries all gathered in Croatia for five days of exchanges on the topics of inclusion, diversity and diplomacy. One other topic high on the agenda – in Zagreb but of course also all over the world – is dual career. And FISU is proud to now share on its official website a really useful Dual Career Toolkit for student-athletes, universities,

and national university sports federations.

One other FISU programme that focuses on students is of course Healthy Campus. Born in 2020, the FISU Healthy Campus programme aims to enhance all aspects of well-being for students and the campus community at large. Looking to reverse the well-established trend of young adults compromising their health during their academic careers, the initiative is already having a positive impact on the lives and lifestyles of university students around the world. Today, 164 universities from around the globe have joined the programme!

Another great achievement in 2024 is that UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) and FISU signed a consultative partnership, marking a significant step in their long-standing relationship. This partnership will expand joint efforts to promote sport, physical activity, and healthy living in university communities around the world.

## Back to the sports action

As in all even years, 2024 was a year of FISU World University Championships. A total of 22 of them took place, from Ski Orienteering in Lenzerheide (Switzerland) in January to Shooting Sport in New Delhi

(India) in November, where Paris Olympic Games 10m air rifle bronze medallist, Switzerland's 22-year-old Audrey Gogniat, claimed the gold, saying she loved competing amongst other student-athletes. A brand new format was also tested in Brazil: the very first FISU World University Championship Beach Sports, which included beach volleyball, beach soccer, beach handball and beach wrestling on the sand of beautiful Botafogo Beach in Rio de Janeiro.

The sporting year closed with the FISU University World Cup 3x3 basketball in Xiamen (China), which is always an immensely popular event.



As we turn the page of 2024, let's take pride in looking back at all the exceptional FISU athletes who took part in the Paris 2024 Games – including organising committee president Tony Estanguet, who before becoming a three-time Olympic Champion in canoe slalom (in Sydney, Athens and London), won the C1 category at the 1998 FISU World University Championship Canoe Slalom in Metz!

Games. In Italy, they will compete alongside able-bodied athletes in both alpine and cross-country skiing, and in Germany, they will impress the crowds in 3x3 wheelchair basketball. Excited? The whole university sports community certainly is!

At the Torino 2025 FISU World University Games Winter (13-23 January) and the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games Summer (16-27 July), inclusion will be central to both events as they will host para-student-athletes for the very first time in the history of the FISU



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## ASIAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (AUSF)

Led by its new board, 2024 has seen AUSF make significant efforts toward improving the governance of the organization, providing onsite sports and educational opportunities for Asian youth, and strengthening its collaborations with partners.

Through two Executive Committee meetings in Zhoushan and Macau, China, AUSF successfully restructured its Commissions and nominated five Regional Representatives to optimize the internal structure of the organization. Additionally, significant efforts were made throughout the year by the Executive Committee members and external experts to finalize

the Strategic Plan for AUSF's future development.

In 2024, onsite sports events were fully resumed, providing platforms for university students across Asia to engage in sports exchanges and interactions. AUSF successfully hosted five major events this year: the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian University 3×3 Basketball Championship, the 2<sup>nd</sup> AUSF Football Cup, the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian

University Wushu Championship, the 7<sup>th</sup> Asian University Men's Basketball Championship, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian University Archery Championship. These events brought together hundreds of university students from across Asia, allowing them to compete for glory and enrich their university sports experience.

As FISU's qualifying tournaments, the Football Cup and the 3×3



Basketball Championship have become flagship events for both AUSF and FISU, inspiring an increasing number of university students to watch and participate in these sports in recent years. The 2<sup>nd</sup> AUSF Football Cup, held in Yanbian, China, after a 5-year hiatus, attracted 12 elite university teams from 8 countries and regions. Over the course of the 8-day competition, student-athletes showcased the unique excitement of football and the spirit of youth. Representing Asia, the Women's and Men's Champions—Shanghai University of Sport (CHN) and Kyungil University (KOR), respectively—secured direct qualification for the 2025 FISU University World Cup Football, which will be held in Dalian, China.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Asian University 3×3 Basketball Championship took place in Zhoushan, China, from June 11-13, bringing together 15 men's teams and 9 women's teams from 10 countries and regions, all competing for spots

in the 2024 FISU University World Cup 3×3 Basketball. The participants showcased their exceptional skills, thrilling the audience with the excitement and charm of basketball. In the end, two teams from China—Guangdong University of Technology (men's) and Yunnan Normal University (women's)—were crowned champions and will represent Asia in the 2024 FISU World Cup 3×3 Basketball, to be held in Xiamen, China.

In addition to the FISU Qualifying Tournaments, the Wushu Championship in Harbin city, Archery and Men's Basketball Championships in Taipei city also achieved similar successes. It is hoped that these events will become regular fixtures on AUSF's calendar, offering more opportunities for Asian university athletes to engage in competitive sports.

Apart from the competitions, participants also took part in the cultural programs that were

held during the various sports events. The specialized topics of each cultural program helped them better understand the local history and local people, and enrich their experiences on the sidelines of the championships. AUSF Championships are not only a pathway to promote sports excellence, but also a platform to enhance learning, sharing and communication.

It was also encouraging to see closer ties being strengthened between AUSF and other continental associations through regular exchanges of visits this year. These collaborations not only enhanced engagement among the federations but also strengthened the friendships between the member federations affiliated with AUSF, EUSA, FASU, FISU America, and FISU Oceania. Additionally, AUSF explored potential cooperation with other sports federations, including the Wushu Federation of Asia (WFA) and the Asian Chess Federation.

This October, AUSF and WFA officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Macau, China, marking a significant step forward in advancing and promoting the development of Wushu within the Asian university sports community.

In 2025, the 7<sup>th</sup> Asian University 3×3 Basketball Championship, along with the 13<sup>th</sup> AUSF General Assembly and Strategic Dialogue, will be held. EUSA delegates and members are warmly invited to join us for these events.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.ausf.org](http://www.ausf.org)



## FEDERATION OF AFRICA UNIVERSITY SPORTS (FASU)

As every year, the round up for 2024 in FASU was equally eventful and lively as before. Having a lot of important events, celebrating university sport, and developing it each year more and more, FASU has especially been proud of several highlighted events.

### 6<sup>th</sup> AFRO-VARSITY 3X3 BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

The 6<sup>th</sup> Afro-Varsity 3×3 Basketball Challenge, held in Kampala, Uganda from 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 acted as Africa's qualifying tournament for the FISU University World Cup 3×3 Basketball, bringing together 13 men's teams and 11 women's teams from Seven countries.

Participating Countries were Uganda, Kenya, Egypt, Rwanda, Ghana, Burundi, and Nigeria. This event provided an exciting

platform for athletes to showcase their skills and compete for slots at the FISU University World Cup 3×3 Basketball – Xiamen, China | 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The competition brought together 139 participants, including 58 male athletes, 47 female athletes, and 34 officials. Teams represented four key zones of Africa—Northern, Western, Southern, and Eastern Africa.

FASU will be represented by four teams at the prestigious 2024 FISU University World Cup 3×3 Basketball in Xiamen, China.

### 11<sup>th</sup> FASU GAMES – Lagos, Nigeria 20<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The 11<sup>th</sup> All Africa University Games, the flagship and premier FASU event, was co-hosted by the University of Lagos and Lagos State University in Nigeria. For 10 action-packed days, the Games featured an impressive 2000+ participants from 60 universities and 13 countries, competing in 12 sports disciplines in both men's and women's categories, including Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Chess Football, Handball, Judo,

Karate, Table Tennis, Tennis, Taekwondo, Swimming, and Volleyball.

### **The 11<sup>th</sup> FASU Games were characterized by a vibe a feature very typical of the hosting nation.**

The American University in Cairo Head of Delegation received the FASU flag, marking their role as the host for the 12<sup>th</sup> All Africa University Games in 2026.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> FASU Vice Chancellors Forum**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> FASU Vice Chancellors Forum was successfully held on September 21, 2024, at the University of Lagos. This hybrid event brought together respected university leaders and stakeholders to explore the theme: "Empowering University Sports: Pathways to Excellence."

Dr. Decius Chipande from the African Union delivered a thought-provoking presentation on "The University Sports in Africa: The African Union's Perspective", Renowned scholar Prof. Vincent Onyewera shared valuable insights on "Strategies for Elevating University Sports Programs"; A panel discussion on "The Value of Hosting Mega Sport Events for Institutional Development" featured top University leaders who had previously hosted FASU Games; A delegation from the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games provided an informative presentation, offering a glimpse into the upcoming FISU World University Games.

This forum provided a unique opportunity for Vice Chancellors and key stakeholders to engage in meaningful discussions, share best practices, and explored innovative strategies for elevating university sports programs.

### **5<sup>th</sup> FISU-FASU-NUSF SEMINAR**

The 5<sup>th</sup> FISU-FASU-NUSF Seminar brought together 129 participants, both online and on-site at the University of Lagos auditorium. Under the theme "Empowering University Sports: Pathways to Excellence," the seminar facilitated a rich exchange of ideas on advancing university sports in Africa.

### **Key Highlights:**

- FISU and FASU programs and projects were showcased, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing.
- A panel session featuring Presidents of FASU Zones (East Africa, West Africa, Central Africa, and Southern Africa) and a student leader explored strategies to elevate university sports in their respective regions.
- Prof. Mopelola Olusakin, Pioneer Director of the UNILAG Safeguarding Centre, University of Lagos, led a thought-provoking discussion on "Safeguarding in University Sports: Promoting a Culture of Safety, Integrity, and Inclusion."
- Participants emphasized the importance of prioritizing safeguarding in university sports, recognizing it as a crucial pathway to excellence.

Among the key outcomes we can highlight the strengthened partnerships between FISU, FASU, and NUSF, the enhanced understanding of safeguarding in university sports and the strong identification of strategies to advance university sports in Africa.

By facilitating meaningful discussions and knowledge sharing, the 5<sup>th</sup> FISU-FASU-NUSF Seminar contributed significantly to empowering university sports in Africa.

### **FASU INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS, YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

The second edition of the FASU International Volunteers, Youth Leadership, and Mentorship Program gave students an incredible chance to get involved in the FASU Games as volunteers. This opportunity not only allowed them to play a key role in the success of the event but also offered them a chance to learn valuable skills and gain hands-on experience in sports administration and management. Eight international students were selected to join a team of local volunteers as they worked together with the Local

Organizing Committee (LOC) to help manage various aspects of the Games.

### **IDUS Celebrations**

The official continental IDUS celebration were organised in Lagos, Nigeria on September 20<sup>th</sup>, coinciding with World Clean-Up Day and focusing on environmental sustainability. The celebration brought together students, athletes, and community leaders to raise awareness and take action on pressing environmental issues like waste management and degradation. Participants engaged in clean-up campaigns across various locations, while a workshop session promoted sustainable practices in sports and daily life. By linking sport with environmental responsibility, the event highlighted the important role universities can play in driving global sustainability efforts.

### **GREEN FASU INITIATIVE:**

The Green FASU initiative was introduced and organised by Greenhub in partnership with UNICEF during the 11<sup>th</sup> All Africa University Games as a sustainability-focused effort aimed at addressing pressing environmental challenges in the context of sports and university communities. This initiative recognizes the significant environmental impact that large-scale sporting events can have, particularly in terms of waste generation and resource consumption.

The initiative sparked a conversation about the role of sports in driving environmental advocacy. It also created a legacy that future editions of the games and other sports events across Africa could emulate, ensuring a balance between sporting excellence and environmental responsibility.

GREEN FASU Recycling Challenge hopes to leverage the FASU sports event to promote sustainable environmental practices and climate change action among African youths.

During the 11<sup>th</sup> FASU Games athletes were not only awarded medals on the field for their exceptional performance but

were also rewarded electronic gadgets for their commitment to sustainability during the games.

### **FASU Regional Games**

Due to the diversity of Africa as a continent FASU has 5 regional associations: North, South, East, West and Central, known as FASU Zones to give opportunities for the students to compete regularly.

In 2024 two regions held their games.

### **CUCSA Games:**

The Southern Africa University Games codenamed CUCSA took place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the Tshwane University of Technology (Pretoria Campus) and the University of Pretoria (Hillcrest Campus). Students competed in four sporting codes – athletics, netball, football, and table tennis.

### **EAU Games**

The East Africa University Games are scheduled to take place from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024 and will close the 2024 Africa University Sports calendar and are expected to attract up to 3000 participants at Maseno University, Kenya

### **LOOKING AHEAD: FASU 2025**

As we celebrate the achievements of 2024, we turn our attention to an exciting year ahead. 2025 promises even greater opportunities for student-athletes, universities, and sports bodies across Africa to come together, compete, and grow.

#### **MORE INFO:**

[www.africauniversitiesports.com](http://www.africauniversitiesports.com)



## FISU AMERICA



FISU America continues to position itself as a driving force for the development of university sports in America. With a vibrant and diverse agenda, 2024 was an unforgettable year that combined top-level sports competitions with forums for academic and cultural exchange.

### What is FISU America?

FISU America is the continental sports organization that unites and coordinates the efforts of university sports organizations from every country in America. It represents the region before FISU (International Federation of University Sports).

### A memorable 2024

2024 was a year filled with unforgettable moments, with a calendar packed with action:

- FISU America Chess: starting on April 11, this online tournament brought together over 190 student-athletes from 13 countries, showcasing the region's talent and strategy in chess.
- FISU America 3x3: held in Argentina from May 10 to 12, with 17 universities from across the continent participating. In the women's category, Carleton University (Canada) took gold, while ITESM Monterrey (Mexico) earned silver. In the men's category, Universidade Paulista (Brazil) claimed first place, and Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (Ecuador) came second. These teams, along with ITESM Toluca (Mexico), competed in the FISU University World Cup 3x3 Basketball, where Carleton University won silver and ITESM Monterrey secured bronze.
- FISU America Football: Uruguay hosted this exciting tournament, a qualifier for the FISU University World Cup Football, from May 22 to June 2. The champions were



Universidade Paulista (UNIP) from Brazil in the women's category and Unidades Tecnológicas de Santander (UTS) from Colombia in the men's.

- FISU America e-Sports: from September 21 to 28, e-sports took center stage with games like FIFA and Clash Royale. The champions were Daniel de Mattia (Argentina) in FIFA and Wallace Araújo (Brazil) in Clash Royale.
- FISU America Games Cali 2024: from November 5 to 14, the largest university tournament on the continent brought together 17 nations in a framework of respect and competition. This event stood out not only for its organization but also for the exceptional level of its participants—student-athletes who demonstrated that excelling in academics and sports is not only possible but inspiring. Brazil topped the medal table with 110 medals (65 gold), followed by Colombia and Mexico. It was a true celebration of university sports.

## Spaces for exchange and dialogue

2024 was also marked by opportunities for discussion and

collaboration on the potential of university sports:

- V FISU America Forum in Cusco: more than 55 Peruvian universities, 90 students, and 60 university sports leaders attended this event, promoting dialogue on the future of university sports in the region.

## American NUSF hosted three FISU World Championships

- FISU World University Championship Finswimming: held in Pereira (Colombia) in April 2024, where athletes swam and glided at lightning speed.
- FISU World University Championship Cycling: San Carlos (Costa Rica) hosted this demanding competition in May and June.

- FISU World University Championship Beach Sports: held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) in September, where student-athletes showcased their excellence and strength on the sand.

## Looking ahead to 2025

The year 2025 promises to continue strengthening university sports with events such as:

- FISU America e-Sports: FIFA and Clash Royale remain pillars of the calendar.
- FISU America Futsal: a highly anticipated tournament
- FISU America 3x3: Brasília will be the epicenter of university basketball.
- FISU America combats sports that will be held in Lima, Peru.

- FISU America Tennis: Chile will welcome the continent's best student-athletes for this discipline.
- FISU AMERICA Strategic Dialogue, that will meet leaders of all the continent for University sports.

With every competition and forum, FISU America reaffirms its mission to combine education and sport, proving that both are essential tools for the comprehensive development of young people.

See you in 2025, where new stories of effort and success are ready to be written!

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.fisuamerica.com](http://www.fisuamerica.com)



## FISU OCEANIA

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

FISU Oceania's vision is for all university, college and tertiary students of Oceania to be able to participate in sport and leadership opportunities. Our strategic pillars focus on leadership, development, engagement and partnerships.

FISU Oceania strives to engage more university students from the Pacific region by promoting sport and leadership opportunities. We want university sport to positively impact university, college and tertiary students and their communities.

In 2024, we undertook a comprehensive revision of our Strategic Plan, reflecting our commitment to aligning with FISU's global vision while addressing the unique needs of our region. We have also been actively engaged in the global development of university sport via the FISU Development Committee and Education Committee.

In addition, we have further increased our engagement with major regional partners, enhancing connections to the Pacific Games and Oceania

National Olympic Committees (ONOC) to create more opportunities for university student athletes, officials and strengthen pathways for sport development across Oceania.

FISU Oceania remains an active Continental University Sports Federation and looks forward to continued collaboration with our friends from EUSA into 2025 and beyond. We also take this opportunity to wish our friends at EUSA a very happy 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

## Our Green Path

This year, FISU Oceania further signified our commitment to environmental sustainability by releasing Our Green Path, a practical approach to reducing our impact on the environment. As a signatory to the United Nation's Sport for Climate Action, FISU Oceania developed this sustainability strategy to not only reduce our impact on the environment, but to also engage our client groups and stakeholders in climate action and promote climate change action within university sport communities. Our Green Path reinforces the importance we place on this topic and outlines an achievable action plan that underpins our sustainability goals.

## New Associate Member – French Polynesia

FISU Oceania welcomed a new Associate Member in 2024, Union du Sport Universitaire Polynésien from the Pacific country of French Polynesia. FISU Oceania remains the smallest of the Continental University Sport Federations but we aim to continue to service our members to ensure they can reach their strategic outcomes.

## Events

### National university sport events

University Games, championships and intervarsity events were held in Australia, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, Northern Mariana Islands and Papua New Guinea. Tournaments ranged from head to head events to large university games events. University teams also competed in local leagues in a wide variety of sports.

Over 12,000 students participated in university sport competitions across the region with the following countries awarding overall champions for university sport in their specific country: The University of Sydney (Australia), University of Canterbury (New Zealand) and University of the South Pacific (Fiji).

### International Day of University Sport (IDUS)

IDUS activities continue to increase as more students in the region become aware of the day. Held annually on 20 September, IDUS provides a platform to celebrate university sport and its impact on students and the wider university community. Activities across Oceania included:

- Fiji hosted the annual Fiji Inter Tertiary Games in the week of IDUS. Over 3,000 students from more than five universities and other tertiary institutions took part in over eight sporting competitions.
- New Zealand held activities across all eight universities including a successful TikTok promotion implemented by University and Tertiary University Sport.
- Northern Mariana Islands hosted their 5<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of IDUS involving college students and the community.
- Papua New Guinea's Divine World University hosted IDUS activities including an education program on positive mental health during the morning and a social sport competition held in the afternoon.

### University World Cup qualifying events – 3x3

In 2024, FISU Oceania held its 3x3 Qualifying Tournament for the FISU University World Cup 3x3 as part of the UniSport Australia National 3x3 Championships.

### University World Cup qualifying events – Football

In 2024, FISU Oceania held its Football Qualifying Tournament for the FISU University World Cup Football.

### Oceania student-athletes at FISU World University Championships

Australia and New Zealand were active in sending teams and student-athletes to over 18 FISU World University Championship events in 2024.

## Programs and opportunities

### FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy (FVLA)

Three Oceania students graduated from the FVLA program in 2024. These students have since taken on leadership roles with their Federation and FISU Oceania as well as working at the campus level to further promote university sport opportunities both locally and internationally. In addition, one graduate from the 2023 program continued their involvement in the program after being appointed as FVLA Team Leaders.

#### 2024 FVLA student ambassadors

Michelle Daniel – New Zealand

Naomi Dubabagi – Papua New Guinea

Chrislyn Julai – Papua New Guinea

Alexandra Chua – Australia (FVLA Team Leader)

## Looking forward to 2025

As our Federation moves into 2025, our key focus will be to meet specific targets set against our strategic plan. In addition we will deliver events and programs with our MOU partners and FISU. We look forward to continue working with our National University Sport Federations to further increase the impact of university, college and tertiary sport in the Oceania region.

#### MORE INFO:

[www.fisuoceania.com](http://www.fisuoceania.com)



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## COOPERATION AND ALLIANCES

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 also constantly nurturing new alliances. Building strong relationships and collaborating with organizations in the field of sport is crucial for sustainable development and progress. EUSA takes pride in its established network of partners while also actively fostering new alliances.







## OVERVIEW

Building strong partnerships with global sports organizations is key to sustainable growth. EUSA proudly collaborates with major sports entities across Europe and beyond, relying on these partnerships to enhance event quality and strengthen university sport as a vital part of student 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 ever-growing, we are proud to be associated with the following list of partners: International University Sport Federation (FISU); African University Sport Federation (FASU); Pan-American University Sport Federation (FISU America); Oceania University Sport Association (FISU

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

(EKF); European Powerlifting Federation (EPF), European Table Tennis Union (ETTU); European Volleyball Confederation (CEV); 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 and Werk Marketing and Communications Agency as our official partner, ORKA Holding as the official clothing supplier and

FURKI Sport as the official results management provider.

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.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.eusa.eu/eusa/partners-sponsors](http://www.eusa.eu/eusa/partners-sponsors)

## EUSA Partners



## EUSA Marketing Partner



## EUSA Media Partner



## Official Clothing Supplier



## Official Results Management Provider





On an annual basis, the European Commission organizes several seminars, meetings and different types of gatherings for sports stakeholders across Europe, including EUSA, to discuss various aspects of sport on the continent.

At the beginning of the year, the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) organised a hybrid info day on Erasmus+ Sport and other EU funding opportunities on January 30, 2024 for the current year. The event gathered over 500 participants including the representatives of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and the EUSA Institute Secretary General Matjaz Pecovnik, with Projects and Policy Manager Andrej Pisl.

On December 16, EACEA organised an additional edition of the Erasmus+ Sport Info Day, for the 2025 call.

The Erasmus+ Sport Info Days have several sessions in plenary form including introduction to the Erasmus+ Sport Programme and sharing practical experiences from existing projects and activities, co-funded by the European Union through the Erasmus+ sport actions in the field of sport; Erasmus+ Sport

Policy priorities; parallel sessions on how to apply for Erasmus+ KA2 sport actions, how to present project proposals, on capacity building proposals and Erasmus+ KA1 mobility of sport staff.

The plenary session during the Info Day in December covered many important topics, among which was on Erasmus+ sport programme, opportunities and experiences. Among the speakers and experts presenting different characteristics and funding experiences from project management, implementation and practical experiences, was Andrej Pisl, Project and Policy Manager of EUSA.

Continuously, around the middle of 2024, representatives of the national coordinating bodies and partners of the European Week of Sport and the #BEACTIVE campaign met online on June 6 for the 2024 Key Players' Webinar. The European University Sports Association

(EUSA) was also represented during the streaming event by Salvatore Sisca, EUSA Head of Media and Communications.

In November, EUSA was represented at the #BeActive Awards ceremony on November 26, celebrated as a hybrid event, with in-person attendance in Brussels, and via online streaming.

The awards were created to support projects and individuals dedicated to promotion of sport and physical activity across Europe. The awards have 4 categories: Education, Workplace, Local Hero and Across Generation Award. From the submitted initiatives, 12 finalists were presented at the awards ceremony – 3 per category.

Besides the awards, representatives of the national coordinating bodies and official partners of the European Week of Sport and the #BeActive

campaign met in Brussels. The meeting then focused on the highlights of the 2024 campaign, which engaged over 15 million participants in over 50.000 events, organised in 39 participating countries. The participants reviewed this year's activities, showcasing good practice examples of the European and national campaigns. Participants also contributed to making plans for next year's anniversary 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the initiative.



**MORE INFO:**  
[sport.ec.europa.eu](https://sport.ec.europa.eu)

# COUNCIL OF EUROPE (COE)

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).

EPAS – Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport, a body of the Council of Europe (COE), held its annual meeting of the Governing Board and Consultative Committee in Strasbourg between May 28 and 30, 2024; providing an overview of activities and bringing changes in the elected representatives.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, the meetings started with updates of the Consultative Committee, and workshops on the topics of refugees and migrants; sport for all; and education, continuing on May 29<sup>th</sup> with acquainting the EPAS Consultative Committee with the 3 new members joining the body and the elections to the Consultative Committee (CC) Bureau were also held for the next 2 year period.

At this joint meeting, the EPAS Activity report, Factsheets and the Showcasing and Sharing Tool was presented, as well as the update of the changes of the Governing Board and Consultative Committee, Committee of Ministers,

Parliamentary Assembly and Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) of the Council of Europe. Information on cooperation with the European Union was also presented.

Moreover, initiatives and work on the three pillars of EPAS and information on Council of Europe Convention sport conventions on Anti-doping; Manipulation of Sports Competitions (Macolin); and Integrated Safety, Security and Service (Saint-Denis), were also shared.

Presentations by the national delegations as well as consultative committee members were done of their activities and good practices on the following themes, related to the European Sports Charter: Human Rights; Sport for All; Sustainability; Migrants and Refugees; and Education. On behalf of EUSA, the organisation work and projects were briefly presented by Andrej Pisl, Projects and Policy Manager.

Few months later, the 18<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of ministers responsible for sport was held in Porto, Portugal between October 8 and 10, 2024, attended by EPAS Governing Board members and Consultative Committee, including the European University Sports Association (EUSA).

Distinguished array of experts and speakers led the participants through major achievements in the field of tackling sport manipulation over the past decade, followed by sessions on different topics, such as: obstacles faced and challenges overcome, future perspectives and emerging opportunities, youth initiative roundtable, and collaborative governing.

20 Youth delegates, nominated by the EPAS member country representatives, as well as by the members of the Consultative Committee took part in the event, symbolising the importance of youth also in policy making. EUSA nominated Klea Taipllari, member of the

Executive Committee and Chair of the Student Commission, who attended the conference and its activities as well.

Delegates of the 18<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport also adopted a special resolution on collaborative governing and good governance in sport, supporting a fresh approach to match its societal importance.

Last day of the conference was held on October 10, with focus sessions on Leadership through Gender Equality in Sport; and on Dual Career: Effective Strategies and Future Directions.

The event was closed by a summary and thanks to the hosts and speakers by Sophie Kwasny, Head of the Council of Europe's Sport Division, Executive Secretary of EPAS.



**MORE INFO:**  
[www.coe.int](http://www.coe.int)



## EUROPEAN FAIR PLAY MOVEMENT (EFPM)

The European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) is a non-governmental association promoting fair play and tolerance in sports and everyday life across Europe. It supports its members, promotes fair play campaigns, cooperates with authorities, and facilitates networking among European sports organizations.

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) and its Institute have long been at the forefront of promoting clean sport, fair play, and ethical competition across Europe. Beyond organizing sports events, EUSA actively provides educational opportunities to raise awareness about the importance of these values. Notably, this was reflected in the Fair Play workshops organized at the European Universities Games in Debrecen and Miskolc.

As an official partner of the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM), EUSA is dedicated to upholding the core values of fair play, integrity, anti-doping, and equality across all its programs. This strong partnership is part of EUSA's broader commitment to ensuring that fair play is not just a concept, but a practical approach embedded in all sports and educational initiatives.

### World Fair Play Day and EFPM Awards 2024

The 5th World Fair Play Day and the 2nd EFPM "Fair Play for Peace" Award Ceremony took place in Brussels from October 21 to 24, 2024. This event marked a significant milestone for the fair play movement, celebrating the efforts of individuals and organizations dedicated to promoting fairness in sport.

A key feature of this year's World Fair Play Day was the launch of the initiative "Crossing Europe for Fair Play and Peace", a symbolic relay that traversed Europe. The initiative aimed to bring together athletes, students, sports enthusiasts, and advocates of fair play from across the continent, uniting them around the message that fair play is for everyone, every day, and everywhere.

### EFPM Congress

Following the World Fair Play Day celebrations, the EFPM Congress 2024 took place in Mardin, Türkiye, under the theme "Fair Play Education to Overcome Violence, Bullying, and Cheating in Sport." The Congress emphasized the crucial role of fair play education in preventing abuse and fostering ethical behavior in sport. Over 350 participants attended the event, including key figures such as Philippe Housiaux, President of EFPM, Tuncay Akkoyun, Governor of Mardin, and Mehmet Samsa, Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

### Celebrating 30 Years of EFPM

In addition to the EFPM Congress and Awards, the EFPM also celebrated its 30th anniversary during its annual general assembly, which was held online on May 27, 2024.

The assembly commemorated the organization's significant contributions to the promotion of fair play and ethical standards in sport over the past three decades. Andrej Pisl, EUSA's Projects & Policy Manager, represented EUSA at the event, extending congratulations to EFPM on its milestone anniversary.



**MORE INFO:**  
[www.fairplayeur.com](http://www.fairplayeur.com)

# EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR GRASSROOTS SPORT (ENGSO) & ENGSO YOUTH

ENGSO, the leading voice for voluntary grassroots sport in Europe, is a non-profit organization representing National Sport Confederations and National Olympic Committees from 34 European countries. Its youth arm, ENGSO Youth, focuses on the sport-for-all sector for young Europeans under 35 in over 30 countries.

In 2024, EUSA was represented at a few events organised by ENGSO and ENGSO Youth, supporting, learning, and affirming the already great, established, and fruitful collaboration between the two organisations.

Back in April, the European Summit on Gender Equality and Diversity in Sport was held in Brussels, organised by the ENGSO member Opes International within the framework of the project Sport and Equality, which is co-funded by the European Union.

The meeting gathered all major European sport stakeholders committed to improving equality in sport: the Sport Unit of the European Commission, Council of Europe EPAS, European Olympic Committees – EOC and European Olympic Committees EU Office – EOC EU Office, Global Observatory for Gender Equality & Sport, EUSA – European University Sports

Association, EGLSF, Leap Sports Scotland, and International Working Group of Women in Sport (IWG). All of the present representatives shared a scoop of their most important actions taken as well as future plans and actions to be implemented in the future.

Later on in the year, ENGSO held its 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, hosted by ENGSO member Sport Austria, in Vienna from 14-16 June 2024. On the same occasion, the 21<sup>st</sup> ENGSO Youth Assembly, EU seminar, and ENGSO seminars on Equality and Sport were held.

ENGSO welcomed five new member organisations, increasing its membership to 38 National Sport Federations, National Olympic Committees and European Sport Organisations. The General Assembly also approved updates to the ENGSO statutes, making ENGSO more inclusive and

open to new memberships and opportunities.

At the events, EUSA was represented by EUSA Student Commission Member Franciska Coko.

In November, under the theme of “Values of sport: building bridges in a united Europe”, the 2024 European Sport Platform was an opportunity to shape the future of European grassroots sport while discussing and exchanging experiences on how to equip organisations and clubs in analyzing how our society can advance thanks to values such as integrity, equality, and good governance in sport. It was also the occasion to unite and strengthen the European grassroots sport movement and discuss the role and impact of sport in building stronger communities and more peaceful societies also through the promotion of EU values.

The event started with the Sports as Value final conference built around the Erasmus+ funded project Sports as Value, which offered research and insightful discussions about Balkan grassroots sport and the importance of integrating European values within it with a goal of building more peaceful societies in a historically fragmented region.

The workshops that followed discussed trending issues, including integrity in sports, the prevention of match-fixing within European sports, and the safeguarding of young people's mental health, the lasting legacy of major sporting events, human rights and equality, and the role of cities in inspiring healthier and active communities.



**MORE INFO:**  
[www.engso.eu](http://www.engso.eu)



## 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), with the aim of supporting European athletes in combining high performance sport and education.

The European Athlete as Student (EAS) dual career network hosted its annual Conference and General Assembly in Katowice, Poland, from October 1-3, 2024, at the Academy of Physical Education (AWF). The event brought together experts, researchers, and stakeholders to discuss the challenges and opportunities in balancing sports and academics.

The conference opened with key lectures from distinguished speakers, including Adam Zajac on AWF's legacy as a "School of Champions," Izabela Pelczynska on Erasmus+ funding for dual careers, Bill Thompson on FISU's global approach to dual careers, and Antonio Tessitore on the collaboration between EAS and ENSE.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the Bengt Nybelius Scholarship Award to Flavia Guidotti for outstanding research in dual careers. The celebration continued with a tribute to EAS's 20th anniversary, reflecting on its history and major achievements.

Subsequent sessions featured presentations on university-level dual careers and European projects, with insights shared by experts and organizations, including Andrej Pisl from the European University Sports Association (EUSA), who introduced the DiscoverU project.

A dynamic panel discussion on "Sport in School and University," chaired by Piotr Rodak, featured Olympians and academic

leaders, including Weronika Nowakowska, Marianna Pikul, Krzysztof Wilusz, and Maciej Wyderka. They provided firsthand perspectives on the importance of structured support for student-athletes.

The EAS General Assembly reviewed the organization's activities, finances, and future initiatives, led by EAS President Laura Capranica, Treasurer Mojca Doupona, and Executive Committee member Ole Keldorf. The event concluded with discussions on national and institutional approaches to dual careers.

Next year's EAS Conference and General Assembly will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, hosted by the Croatian Olympic Committee.



**MORE INFO:**  
[www.dualcareer.eu](http://www.dualcareer.eu)

# EUROPEAN POWERLIFTING FEDERATION (EPF)

The European Powerlifting Federation and the European University Sports Association (EUSA) have developed the collaboration with the signage of the official Memorandum of Understanding, four years ago on September 20, 2020.

Since then, the organizations have met several times, discussing and developing the main objectives of the Memorandum, including cooperation, mutual activities in promoting university sport in Europe, and developing the competitions in Powerlifting disciplines among students.

This Memorandum also aims to promote and contribute to the development of Powerlifting activities and projects among students, as well as to explore new opportunities for synergy and collaboration. The first joint venture deriving from this partnership was the organisation of four editions of the European Universities Powerlifting Cups, which have been successfully organised since 2020.

On January 10, 2024 EUSA Office in Ljubljana hosted a meeting on the topic of the first EUSA-EPF European Universities Powerlifting Championship. European University Sports Association (EUSA) Sports Manager Miha Zvan, Sports Coordinator Eszter Gulyas and Sports Administrator Aleksandra Andreeva held a working meeting with the representatives of the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF), Emanuel Scheiber, General Manager and European Powerlifting Federation (EPF) Tetiana Melnyk, Secretary General.

The representatives of EUSA and IPF/EPF continued with the fruitful dialogue of the past years about the future cooperation, in particular by expanding on

the ongoing discussion about the possibilities to include Powerlifting in the program of the EUSA European Universities Championships.

The discussion explored in details the possibility of creating the first joint EUSA-EPF European Universities Powerlifting Championship.

As an effective result of the ongoing conversation, the European Universities Championship in Powerlifting will debut on the EUSA sports program in 2027.

Bids to host the event are still being accepted.



**MORE INFO:**  
[www.europowerlifting.org](http://www.europowerlifting.org)



The background of the page is a photograph of two male athletes. The athlete in the foreground is smiling broadly, wearing a black t-shirt with a 'hummel' logo and a blue medal around his neck. He is holding a trophy that has a small orange cartoon mascot on top. Another athlete is partially visible behind him, also smiling. The background is a blue wall with some text that is partially obscured. A large, light blue diagonal shape is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the large number '12' and the title 'FUTURE PROGRAMME'.

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## FUTURE PROGRAMME

Being the leading organisation working in the field of university sport in Europe, EUSA continues to prioritize student-athletes and aims for a bigger and better development of the sports events it governs, as well as to evolve its educational programmes in order to convey its values, meeting and exceeding expectations of its participants, partners, and universities.



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

The year of 2025 promises to be another busy year for European Universities Championships, with events held in various cities across Europe. Student-athletes will have the opportunity to compete, achieve victories, and gain valuable EUSA sports experiences.

The first one to host and to open the European Universities Championship season in 2025 will be the **Badminton** competition, set to be held in Madrid, Spain from June 22 – 28. After the successful edition held in Miskolc in 2023, this event will get its spotlight in the capital of Spain. Badminton university athletes will be able to compete for new medals, while enjoying the Spanish culture and all the beautiful sights and venues that this city can offer.

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, 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.

The EUC **Water Polo** will be held in Vukovar, Croatia. Vukovar, a town of around 27 thousand inhabitants, 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, from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.

After the successful championships in **Beach Handball and Beach Volleyball** in 2023, organised on the beautiful beaches in Malaga, Spain, the competition in 2025 will not travel far away for the new edition. The beaches of Granada

will be the hosts of these two championships from July 14-19. The 73 km of beaches along the coast of Granada will offer their sand, great weather and atmosphere during these two competitions.

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 17 to 25 of July, the European Universities Championship in Futsal will be in the spotlight.

With the hosting location for the 2023 championship in **Rugby 7s** 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 in Ankara, Turkey.

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 a European Universities

Championship, for the very first time.

From the great terrain in Switzerland, where the EUC in **Orienteering** took place in 2023, the competition is now moving to Lodz, Poland from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

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 the 27<sup>th</sup> of July to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August.

During the same period, other student-athletes will also be competing at the European Universities Volleyball Championship. 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 the 27<sup>th</sup> of July until 3<sup>rd</sup> of August.

Starting from July 28<sup>th</sup> until August 3<sup>rd</sup> the European Universities Championship in **Tennis and Padel** will be ongoing. 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. During these

days, Coimbra will be offering days full of sport, youth and fun.

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 honour of being the hosting place for the athletes competing in karate, kickboxing, taekwondo and judo, will belong to Warsaw, Poland. We have no doubts that this city will organise an amazing combat sports championship from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of August.

To continue the story of EUC **Table Tennis**, with lastly being organised in Olomouc, Czech Republic in 2023, 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.

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 to Yerevan, Armenia. 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 organising the European Universities Championship in Chess, from 16-20 of September 2025.



After the great Rowing championship held in Zagreb in 2024, this competition is coming back to Bydgoszcz, Poland, where it was initially organised in 2023. Looking forward to another successful European Universities

Rowing Championship that will be held from September 18-21.

Following Debrecen's successful 2023 event, Salerno, Italy, will host the 2025 European Universities 3x3 Basketball Championship, from August 1-5.

The second edition of the European Universities Winter Championships is going back to Val di Zoldo, as it was in 2023.

**MORE INFO:**  
[www.eusa.eu/championships/championships-2025](http://www.eusa.eu/championships/championships-2025)



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2026

*JULY 18 – AUGUST 1*  
*SALERNO – ITALY*

The European Universities Games 2026 in Salerno will bring together thousands of student-athletes from across Europe for an exciting celebration of sports, camaraderie, and culture, all set in the breathtaking Campania region of Italy.



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In preparation for EUG 2026, the EUSA Convention took place in Salerno from October 10–14, 2024, bringing together around 100 delegates from across Europe. As part of the event's preparatory programs, participants from various European nations unanimously expressed their appreciation for the University Campus of Salerno in Fisciano, the University Theatre, the canteen, and the cultural richness of Campania. A guided tour of the Temples of Paestum, among the world's most remarkable monuments, added to the convention's experience, immersing attendees in the millennia-old history of Paestum, a key city of Magna Graecia.

It saw the excellent participation of the first group of volunteers for the EUG 2026 event, students from the University of Salerno who supported the event with passion and commitment together with the organizational staff of CUS Salerno and the entire EUSA structure.

On this occasion, the Organizing Committee proposed to organize the European 3×3 Basketball Championships between the end of July and the beginning of August 2025 as a test event for the EUG 2026 at the University of Salerno.

The University of Salerno is preparing to play a leading role

in the European Universities Games in 2026, an initiative aimed at promoting inclusion and integration through cultural, sporting, and social events. The city of Salerno, with its historical heritage, natural beauty, and the hospitality of its province, provides the ideal setting for such a significant event.

## Salerno: A Treasure to Discover

The city of Salerno is renowned for its stunning coastline, beautiful gardens, and enchanting waterfront. The province of Salerno offers a variety of landscapes, from the

mountains of the Cilento National Park to the golden beaches of the Amalfi Coast. These locations not only attract tourists but also serve as backdrops for events celebrating cultural diversity.

## The University of Salerno: A Beacon of Knowledge

The University of Salerno, one of the most prestigious academic institutions in Campania, plays a crucial role in promoting values of inclusion and integration. With a wide range of educational offerings and an international student community, the university is committed to creating a welcoming environment for students from all backgrounds. During the European Universities Games 2026, the university will be at the centre of activities that foster interaction between different cultures, encouraging dialogue and mutual understanding.

## Sports: A Catalyst for Encounter and Unity

Sports serve as a powerful vehicle for fostering encounters, healthy competition, and respect for rules. They embody principles of teamwork, discipline, and fair play, which are essential for building relationships across different cultures. EUG 2026 will leverage the universal language of sports to promote messages of peace and brotherhood, encouraging participants to celebrate their differences while working towards common goals. This aspect of the event will highlight how sports can bridge divides, creating a sense of community and shared purpose among individuals from diverse backgrounds.

The planned disciplines to be put on the sports schedule of EUG 2026 are: 3×3 Basketball, Badminton, Basketball, Beach Handball, Beach Volleyball, Football, Futsal, Handball, Inclusive Show Dance, Rugby 7s, Sitting Volleyball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball and Padel.

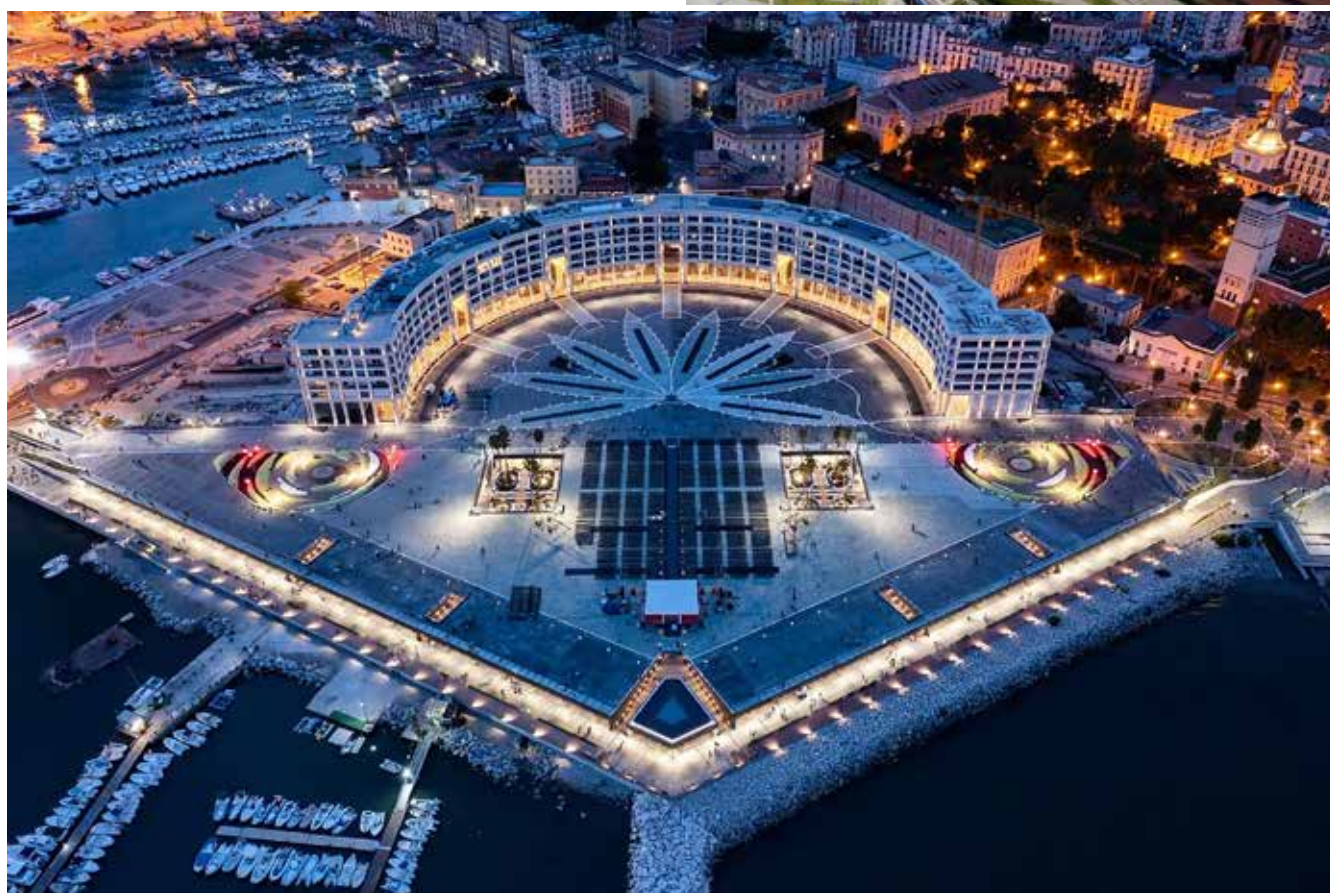
## Legacy: Inclusion and Integration

The true legacy of the European Universities Games 2026 will be the lasting impact on the local community and the university. Through educational programs, cultural events, and awareness-raising activities, the aim is to build a more inclusive society. The event will provide an opportunity to highlight the importance of diversity, promoting the integration of often marginalized groups.

In summary, the European Universities Games 2026 represents an important opportunity to showcase the

beauty of Salerno and its province, while the University of Salerno positions itself as a reference point for inclusion and integration. By incorporating sports into the initiative, we further enrich the cultural experience of the city, leaving an indelible mark on the heart of the community. This event will promote values of welcome, unity, and mutual respect, fostering a spirit of peace and brotherhood that resonates beyond the duration of the games.

**MORE INFO:**  
[eug2026.eu](http://eug2026.eu)





## EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES SPLIT 2028

There are many associations when you think of Croatia. Still, some of the most common are its beautiful Adriatic coastline and its sports successes, contributing to its global recognition.



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The country of 3.8 million, located on the crossroads of central, southern, and south-eastern Europe won 52 Olympic medals since Croatia gained independence in 1991. Croatian side of the Adriatic includes 1246 islands attracting millions of visitors yearly, and beautiful coastal Dalmatian cities like Split, Dubrovnik, Trogir, Sibenik, and Zadar proudly display its UNESCO World Heritage sites. Croatia has ten sights inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list, seven located in the Dalmatia region, the birthplace of the independent medieval Croatian kingdom, and the center of Eastern Adriatic since ancient times.

Split is an academic center, with the University of Split being the second-largest national academic institution with more than 20,000 students, 11 faculties, one academy, and four departments. Sports play an important role at the university, with many sports and recreational activities provided for students. The city of Split itself has hosted five EUSA championships so far: Basketball in 2013, Beach Volleyball, Sports Climbing, and Basketball 3x3 in 2017, and Futsal in 2023, while for the last twenty years, it has hosted the International University Rowing Regatta Sveti Duje with the world's most famous crews from University of Oxford and Cambridge participating regularly.

**Croatian Academic Sports Federation and Split University Sports Federation**

The Croatian Academic Sports Federation is the umbrella organization of university sports in Croatia. The federation has 23 members and organizes the sporting part of life for about 180,000 students from all higher education institutions in the Republic of Croatia, which makes us one of the biggest sports systems in Croatia.

The University of Split has one of the most developed university sports systems in Croatia and

Europe, with excellent growth potential in years to come. Around 5,000 students from Split participate in university sports programs, including competitions in 16 sports and UniSport Health, free health-enhancing physical activity programs.

## Inspiration, motivation goals and legacy of EUG Split 2028

The last major investment in sports infrastructure in the City of Split was in 1979 when most sports facilities were built for the Mediterranean Games. For this reason, both the City of Split and the University of Split see hosting the European Universities Games in 2028 as an excellent opportunity to upgrade sports and university infrastructure standards. The legacy of the Games is divided into two key segments: local infrastructure (City of Split projects) and university infrastructure.

Hosting the Games aligns with the goals of establishing a systematic approach to managing sustainable sports and university accommodation infrastructure. Through hosting EUG 2028, we want to:

- Leave a lasting legacy by upgrading and developing sports infrastructure that benefits both the university community and the broader public, contributing to long-term sustainability
- Accelerate investments in the university accommodation and infrastructure that will serve as a basis for raising student standard and quality of student life for future generations

## Healthy Lifestyle Promotion

The Games will be a powerful tool to promote health-oriented physical exercise and leverage the promotional values of sports.

## Volunteerism and Community Engagement

The event provides a platform to engage the entire community, especially young people, athletes, and students, fostering their interest in sports



and encouraging grassroots development programs.

## Environmental Sustainability

Environmental sustainability has become one of the key themes of international policies in sports, specifically when it comes to hosting large-scale sports events. We want to contribute to a global effort to promote a healthier planet and create a legacy that goes beyond the event itself.

## Education and Inclusion

Social, cultural, and academic programs have significant importance when hosting the Games. Providing educational opportunities alongside the event fosters a positive knowledge

change, contributing to a more informed and tolerant global community.

## Mental Health

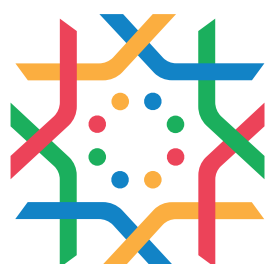
The well-being of the mind and engagement in sports go hand in hand. Our approach involves using Games to break down the stigma surrounding mental health, highlighting how crucial mental well-being is for athletes to excel in sports. Simultaneously, we aim to reinforce the significance of sports in an individual's life, showcasing it as a pathway to both maintain and attain mental health. This initiative will build upon the YouMind project (Youth Individual Sports Mindset) that EUSA commenced in January 2024, whose goal is to raise awareness about the importance of mental health in sports and to develop various strategies

aimed at preventing mental health issues for young athletes.

Split 2028 will be about something other than hosting a 15-day multi-sport event. In partnership with EUSA and national key stakeholders, we want to use Split 2028 as a short-term event for a long-term impact. We want to go beyond sport and impact the everyday lives of current and future generations. Investments in new student dormitories and new university infrastructure, volunteers and leadership programs, sustainability, and environmentally friendly Games will be just some of the key highlights of our legacy program. Our inspiration provides us with our vision that the European Universities Games will not be just a sporting event but also one of the most significant social and academic events in Europe in the year 2028.



## EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES GRANADA 2030



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The 2030 European Universities Games will be held in Granada, Spain, marking a return to the Andalusian region that hosted the inaugural 2012 games. Granada is set to host the 10<sup>th</sup> European Universities Games in 2030, aiming to engage local and university communities.

The Organising Committee (OC), led by the University of Granada, is already preparing the city and itself for this event with several promotional actions, all of them around its mascot, the jovial VIVA.

As part of the European Week of Sport 2024 (SED'24), from 23 to 30 September, several activities were organised around the slogan "#VIVActive". During

the eight days of SED'24 there were masterclasses of various activities (zumba, kung-fu, aerobox, etc.), open days of the university sports facilities, presence at the reception of students of the University of Granada and introduction to students between 6-12 years of age from schools near the facilities of the Fuentenueva campus, of the sports modalities

of handball, tennis, rugby and volleyball.

During this European Week of Sport, other important events were also held, such as the National University Basketball Cup and the University of Granada Sports Gala.

The University Cup was the first competitive university event organised by the University of

Granada used as a promotional event for the EUG2030. This event was attended by the four best Spanish universities in basketball, both in the men's and women's categories.

Additionally, the University of Granada Sports Gala, in its first edition, recognised the best university athletes of the year, as well as the promising athletes of its sports schools; athletes, coaches and judges, Olympic and Paralympic athletes from Granada who participated in Paris 2024; Aitor Canibe, for his career in university sports management; and EUSA, for its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary leading university sport in Europe. In the same ceremony, awards were also granted to the overall winners of the University of Granada's internal competitions.

During the National Conference on University Sport held in Cuenca (7 and 8 November), the OC presented the EUG2030 to the Sports Directors of the Spanish universities, focusing on the whole process of preparing the bid for the Games, the yearly calendar of preparatory events until 2030, and the events that have been established on a

regular annual frequency as promotional events for the Games.

As part of the annual activities, the Granada 2030 logo has been advertised on different promotional elements of the events that have already taken place since the Games were attributed to Granada, all of them with a high level of participation. Firstly, in the University-City of Granada Race held on 9 and 10 November. There were different categories of participation, with ages between 4 and 18 years old, covering distances from 200 m to 3 km, and a distance of 10 km for those over 18 years old.

As a celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, the "Include VIVA" event took place. Groups and associations working for and with people with disabilities, through sport, gave visibility to this group and raised awareness among the general public that sport is open to all, as will be the case of the EUG2030 with two paralympic sports as part of its sports programme.






As a second target of the Organising Committee (OC), in

a short, medium and long term project, it is already working on the recovery, renovation or new construction of sports facilities where the institutional allies involved in these games such as Consejo Superior de Deportes (NUSA), Junta de Andalucía (Regional Government), Diputación and Ayuntamiento de Granada (local regional government) and the University of Granada are already providing funds and undertaking new works, such as the remodeling of the 50m swimming pool and the construction of the new Beach Sports Facilities, both infrastructures located in the Fuentenueva University Campus.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2025

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
European Universities Games 2026 Convention	 Salerno, ITA	May 29-June 1
EUSA General Assembly	 Zagreb, CRO	October 9-12
EUSA – FISU Strategic Dialogue	 Zagreb, CRO	October 9-12
European Students Run	 Ljubljana, SLO	October 18-19
EUSA Winter Forum	 Val di Zoldo, ITA	December 16-17

## 2025

CHAMPIONSHIP	LOCATION	DATES
Badminton	 Madrid, ESP	June 22-28
Basketball	 Bologna, ITA	July 6-13
Water Polo	 Vukovar, CRO	July 7-13
<b>Beach Sports:</b> Beach Handball Beach Volleyball	 Granada, ESP	July 14-17 July 14-19
Futsal	 Zagreb, CRO	Men: July 17-25 Women: July 18-25
Rugby 7s	 Ankara, TUR	July 21-24
Handball	 Covilha, POR	July 22-28
Orienteering	 Lodz, POL	July 24-27
Football	 Camerino, ITA	July 27-August 3
Volleyball	 Budapest, HUN	July 27-August 3
Tennis Padel	 Coimbra, POR	July 28-August 3 July 28-August 1
3x3 Basketball	 Salerno, ITA	August 1-5
<b>Combat Sports:</b> Judo Karate Kickboxing Taekwondo	 Warsaw, POL	August 22-25
Table Tennis	 Burdur, TUR	September 11-16
Chess	 Yerevan, ARM	September 16-20
Rowing	 Bydgoszcz, POL	September 18-21
<b>Winter Sports:</b> Alpine Skiing Snowboarding Snow Volleyball	 Val di Zoldo, ITA	December 15-18

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