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Dear National Federations,

As we all know, from 11 - 21 August 2022, Munich will host the European Championships Munich 2022, uniting nine European Championships 'under one roof'. More than 4,700 world-class athletes will compete for the title of European Champion in the following Olympic sports: Athletics, Beach Volleyball, Canoe Sprint & Paracanoe, Cycling, Gymnastics, Rowing, Sport Climbing, Table Tennis, and Triathlon.

But there is more: The multi-sport event will feature the bi-annual European Athletics Young Leaders Forum. And for the first time ever it will be open to other sport federations and sportspersons.

Considering the framework of the multi-sport European Championships, the European Athletics Young Leaders Forum will open its doors to participants and representatives from other sport federations in order to encourage youth inclusion and the development of youth activities in Europe.

The Young Leaders Forum provides a unique experience for up-and-coming sports officials, highly motivated young adults from 20 to 30 years old, who are involved in sports and looking to evolve it further.

The goal is to create a community of young people who all work towards improving their individual sports and in conjunction optimise the future of sports as a whole.

The varied programme features intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange, interactive workshops, an exclusive look behind the scenes of the multisport event.

The Young leaders forum Munich 2022 will promote a journey through the various topics of importance for leaders in sports. These topics will include among others leadership skills and knowledge, event organisation, technologies, crisis management, governance, safeguarding and sustainability. Participants will be sensitised to the values of sport and community service and then empowered to turn their own ideas into action.

European Canoe Association (ECA) would like therefore to conduct an internal selection of the potential participants of the forum.

## **Date and location**

The Forum will take place from **the 19th until the 22nd of August 2022 in Munich, Germany**, with the Local Organising Committee of the European Championships Munich 2022 as the host of this event.

## **Selection criteria**

ECA will have the opportunity to nominate six (6) participants and one (1) official.

Gender equality is an important topic to us here at ECA and to LOC in Munich.

Therefore, each National Federation is encouraged to submit an application for its male and female participants equally.

ECA will choose six participants, three of each gender. One of each gender should be from the host country (Germany).

The forum will include challenging activities which will necessitate an active participation from the participants. It is therefore important that participants have a suitable profile, showing a strong sense of personal responsibility and who are motivated to participate actively.

Participants should currently be active in some aspect of their sport (e.g., employees, staff members, volunteers, officials, coaches, club workers, etc.) and have the following characteristics:

- 20 - 30 years old,
- Very good command of English,
- Strong link to the federation,
- Active member of sports community,
- Demonstrated potential to lead others,
- Expressed willingness to lead or assist with projects to benefit your sport and their community.

Possible documents to add to your vitae:

- Young Volunteer of the Year (if you have an award like this),
- A member of your Youth Council/Committee/Group,
- Made a noticeable difference to the sports community in the last 18 months.

## **Financial conditions**

As the host of the Young Leaders Forum, European Championships will take on the costs of full board accommodation and hospitality during your stay. An accreditation will be provided to the participants and official to use the regional public transport for free and to access the Championships at the Olympiastadion.

The transportation costs from your country to Munich and back are to be covered by the NF.

## **Application and selection deadlines**

All National Federations are kindly asked to make the application of its potential participants and official via online form <https://forms.gle/X25a5JjUjqwjSaLF6> no later than **March 1st, 2022**.

ECA will then choose 6 participants and 1 official at the Board meeting to be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 and make nominations to LOC Munich 2022 before March 15, 2022.

Munich LOC and European Athletics will then go through all submissions and approve the participants.

Please note that any personal data is processed in compliance with the applicable data protection laws. Our data protection notice, which you can access under the following link: <https://www.munich2022.com/en/privacy-young-leaders-forum>. It provides information on the data protection relevant in connection with the nomination, and the selection process.

## **Preliminary Programme**

The following programme is for general guidance and is subject to amendment.

19 August	Arrival of the participants Young Leaders Forum Programme (afternoon) European Athletics Championships Day 4 (evening)
20 August	Young Leaders Forum Programme (morning and afternoon) European Athletics Championships Day 5 (evening)
21 August	Young Leaders Forum Programme (morning and afternoon) European Athletics Championships Day 6 (evening)
22 August	Departure

If you have any further questions about the selection process or you need more information on the forum, please contact us at [ecacanoesprint@gmail.com](mailto:ecacanoesprint@gmail.com).