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4 TO 7 JUNE 2025

LAGO "LE BANDIE"
SPRESIANO - TREVISO, ITALY



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FICK President

Invitation to all teams to attend this event



Luciano Buonfiglio
FICK President

Dear friends, I am proud to welcome you to Italy for the European Dragon Boat Championships. An important milestone for the dragon boat movement and for the territory, with the continental event returning to Italy 10 years after the one organised in Auronzo di Cadore in 2015. Le Bandie Lake, in the province of Treviso, will be an exceptional venue for the races, furthermore the Organising Committee and the Italian Canoe Kayak Federation will make this edition unique. We are waiting for you from 4 to 7 June in Spresiano!

Mayor of Spresiano

Dear paddlers, it is with great pride and sincere enthusiasm that we welcome you to the “Le Bandie” lake in Lovadina for the Dragon Boat European Championships. It is a privilege to be able to host such a prestigious event, which unites talented and indomitable athletes from all over Europe. This event represents not only an important sport happening, but also a precious opportunity to promote the fundamental values of health, solidarity and determination: sport is a universal language that teaches us to overcome our limits and work together for a common goal, values that our community shares and supports with pride. Furthermore, the “Le Bandie” lake, with its beauty and the tranquility that characterises it, is the ideal stage for an event of this caliber. We hope that these days will allow you to discover the wonders of our territory and to get to know our welcome and hospitality. I extend to each of you a warm wish of success and satisfaction in the competitions and I invite you to live this sporting and cultural experience to the fullest. May the competition be exciting and full of emotions!



Marco Della Pietra
Mayor of Spresiano



Spresiano and Surrounds

Spresiano is a municipality in the province of Treviso. It is located about 13 km north of Treviso and about 40 km north of Venice. Located just before the foothills of the Dolomite Mountains, it is a short drive away from the cities of Treviso and Conegliano and it is included in the wine

country itineraries as it is host to the famous Prosecco vineyards. The town can trace its origins back to the Roman times and was of strategic importance on the Claudia Augustus trade route from Altino to the Danube river.

Lago “Le Bandie”

The Le Bandie Sports Centre is a privately-owned structure with an artificial lake. This lake was in origin, a gravel quarry from which the rocks were extracted to build the A27 highway which passes by Treviso. In 1975, one of the owners, Remo Mosole, dreamt of converting the old, dusty and arid quarry into a superb green oasis of sport and relax, and so in 1981 important environmental requalification programs began. The two 17th century buildings located at one end of the lake, were also lovingly restored, bringing to light some original frescoes. The name Le Bandie recalls the origins of the land – an arid place where no plant could grow. In 2002, Mosole spa received the European Restoration Award in Brussels, for the best intervention for abandoned quarries. Today, one can visit this quiet sanctuary, immersed in nature and take a walk around the lake (5km) amongst tree-covered paths, have an aperitif by the lake or relax at the world-class Thai Si hotel.

Over the years, Lago Le Bandie has been host to a number of sports events including the 2021 Italian Dragon Boat Championships, 2023 Gravel Bike World Championships, 2016 Veneto Regional Canoe Sprint Championships, 2008 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships plus numerous Italian championship events (dragonboat, mountainbike, swimming and finswimming).





General Information

Competition Venue: Lago Le Bandie, Spresiano (Treviso).

Date: 4 to 7 June 2025

Events:

National Events*

10 paddlers	Categories	Seniors			Juniors (15-18yo)			Masters (40+)			Masters (50+)		
	Distance	200	500	2000	200	500	2000	200	500	2000	200	500	2000
	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20 paddlers	Categories	Seniors			Masters (40+)								
	Distance	200	500	2000	200	500	2000						
	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						

Club Events**

10 paddlers	Categories	Seniors			Juniors (15-18yo)			Masters (40+)			Masters (50+)		
	Distance	200	500	2000	200	500	2000	200	500	2000	200	500	2000
	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20 paddlers	Categories	Seniors			Masters (40+)								
	Distance	200	500	2000	200	500	2000						
	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						

*To be recognised as the European Nations Championships minimum 5 national teams from 5 different countries must start in each event.

**To be recognised as the European Club Championships minimum 5 different clubs must start in each event.



Race Course Details

The Race Course

Lago Le Bandie is an artificial lake. It is 1200m long and 250m wide and has an average depth of 12m. The course will use the Albano system and is made up of 6 lanes each 9 wide. There will be a photofinish in place.





Provisional Competition Programme

Sunday, 1 June	Access period begins. Regatta course open for training. Morning/afternoon training Accreditation open from 15:00 to 17:00
Monday, 2 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN ITALY Morning/afternoon training Accreditation open from 9:00 to 17:00
Tuesday, 3 June	Morning/afternoon training Accreditation open from 9:00 to 16:00 and 19:00 to 21:00 10:30 - 11:30 - Team Leaders' meeting 11:30 - 12:30 - ITO's meeting 17:30 - 18:30 - Opening Ceremony
Wednesday 4 June	Accreditation open from 8:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 17:00 Competition day in accordance with race programme Morning - 500m - Standard DB - Nations/Clubs Afternoon - 500m - Small DB - Nations/Clubs
Thursday 5 June	Competition day in accordance with race programme Morning - 200m - Standard DB - Nations/Clubs Afternoon - 200m - Small DB - Nations/Clubs
Friday 6 June	Competition day in accordance with race programme Morning - 200m - Standard DB - Nations/Clubs/Corporate/BCS Afternoon - 2000m - Standard DB - Nations/Clubs/Corporate BCS
*Saturday 7 June	Competition day Morning - 2000m - Small DB - Nations/Clubs/Corporate/BCS Closing ceremony and hand-over of Flag

The above programme is provisional and may be subject to variations.

* Based on the entries received at the Preliminary Entry deadline, the HOC and ECA Technical Delegate will evaluate the possibility of eventually anticipating the Saturday morning races to the afternoon of Friday 6 June.

Prizes

There will be medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of each event.





Deadlines

Preliminary Entry	by 15 Feb 2025
Preliminary Hotel Reservation	by 15 Feb 2025
Final Hotel Reservation	by 5 May 2025
Final Travel Info	by 5 May 2025
Nominal Entry	by 19 May 2025
Accreditation Form (with photos)	by 19 May 2025

Please ensure that entries and reservations are entered through the online system at <https://123bookeasy.com/ticketdbech> by the above deadlines.

Accreditation Centre

The Accreditation Centre will be located at the Venue. Accreditation cards will be prepared based on the information and photos sent by the NF's and/or Clubs and can be collected from the Accreditation Centre during opening hours:

Sunday 1 June	15:00 to 17:00
Monday 2 June	9:00 to 17:00
Tuesday 3 June	9:00 to 16:00 and 19:00 to 21:00
Wednesday 4 June	8:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 17:00
Thursday 5 June	9:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 17:00
Friday 6 June	9:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 17:00

Media Centre

There will be a dedicated area for the media located close to the finish tower area and will have all the essential facilities required by the media.

Press conferences and interviews will be held before and during the European Championships.





Entries and Accreditation

Accreditations and team registrations will be done through an online entry system at <https://123bookeasy.com/ticketdbech>.

All photos should also be inserted here. It is also possible to insert your accommodation, transport and meal requests.

You must apply for an accreditation pass if you would like to enter the event as an official participant such as competitor, coach, team leader, etc.

You can register for Nations and Club events separately.

The Host Organising Committee asks for a **deposit of Euro 300** to be paid together with the Preliminary Entries. **This will be deducted from the total amount (accreditation and accommodation) paid.**

Should the team withdraw their participation from the event, this deposit is non-refundable.

Each accreditation corresponds to a pass that allows participation in the races. The one who is in possession of a “club pass” only, is not able to participate in the Nations races and vice versa.

To be able to participate in both types of races (Clubs and Nations) you must have both types of passes.

Accreditation Fee

Accreditation fee per person per one type of races (Nations or Clubs):

€ 80 - for senior athletes

€ 40 - for junior athletes

€ 40 - for all other members of a team (per person): coaches, staff members, functionaries, who benefit of all the services, without use of the boats.

The Accreditation Fee will not be charged to the ECA Officials (including ECA Jury, Technical Officials, ECA Sponsors, Board of Directors, ECA Headquarters Staff), NF Presidents and Secretary Generals not part of the NF team management.

Accreditation fee includes:

- accreditation;
- access and common use of the venue and facilities (excluding the swimming pool area which has a separate entrance fee);
- use of boats for training and for the races;
- access with own transport to reserved parking areas;
- free mineral water on the competition days;
- security services in the athlete's area;
- medical services at the venue;
- insurance coverage of the event (from 01.06.2025 to 07.06.2025)

The accreditation fee still applies regardless of which hotel the team is staying at.

A swimming pool is located on the premises of the race venue however, it is NOT part of the facilities of the Championship event. It is a separate entity and has its own entrance fees.



An Environmentally friendly event

The Host Organising Committee has put environmental sustainability at its centre: the basic philosophy is to make the most of existing installations, and to make sustainable, re-usable or reversible interventions at the end of the event.

Attention will also be paid to other environmental aspects: differentiated waste collection in the competition area and athletes' village, sustainable meal supply service thanks to the use of recyclable/biodegradable materials, public water distribution and the use of reusable water bottles and avoiding plastic bottles as much as possible.

Accommodation

Hotel bookings can be made through the Host Organising Committee of the event

To make a reservation, please insert your Preliminary request using the online entry system (<https://123bookeasy.com/ticketdbeck>) by 15 February 2025.

The Official hotels and accommodation facilities of the OC are:

Cat	Single		Double		Triple	
	BB	HB	BB	HB	BB	HB
Hotel 4*S	€ 100	€ 135	€ 70	€ 100	€ 60	€ 90
Hotel 4*	€ 90	€ 120	€ 65	€ 95	€ 55	€ 85
Hotel 3*	€ 80	€ 105	€ 55	€ 80	€ 45	€ 70
	Per person					
Camping - Bungalows	€ 55					

(Prices are per person per night. Prices are inclusive of the Tourist Tax).

Hotels indicated in the above table are a maximum of 30 minutes from the race venue. Camping grounds are about 1 hour from the race venue and located close to the beaches.

Hotel rooms will be on a first come first served basis. If the rooms of your category choice are all full, you will be offered the next available category.

All ECA officials, Jury members and ECA Representatives will be accommodated close to the race venue.

Please note: The Host Organising Committee does not take any responsibility for any extra services of the hotels (mini bar, parking, telephone etc). These should be paid directly to the hotel before departure.

There are no camping facilities at the venue. IT IS NOT PERMITTED to camp on the grounds or to remain with the caravan/camper at the venue outside the official opening hours of the event.



Meals

There will be a catering service located at the race venue for all participants. More information on meals will follow in the next Bulletins, or as soon as it becomes available.

Travel Information

The Race Venue is located about 20 minutes from Treviso and 40 minutes from Venice (and respective airports).

BY CAR:

Lago Le Bandie can be reached from Germany (Brennero pass, A22 then either the A4 or SPV-Pedemontana), from Austria (A23 /Tarvisio), from Slovenia (A34 Gorizia or A4 Trieste), while from Italy take the A27 Belluno highway.

BY PLANE:

The closest airports are:

- Treviso (15km): www.trevisoairport.it
- Venice (35km): www.veniceairport.it

BY TRAIN

The closest railway station is Spresiano (4 km from race venue).



Airport Transfers and Hotel Shuttle Services

Information on bus services to and from Venice/Treviso airports and the accommodation, and to and from the race venue will follow in the next Bulletins, or as soon as it becomes available.

Possibility of a training camp

Teams wishing to have a training camp at the competition venue prior the Championships are kindly requested to book in advance through the Host Organising Committee by sending an email to eurodragon2025@gmail.com





Payment terms

All fees must be paid by the dates indicated in the following deadlines.

Preliminary Entry and First deposit (€300)	by 15 Feb 2025
First hotel deposit -10% of total cost with Prelim Hotel	by 15 Feb 2025
Second Hotel Deposit - 40% of total	by 30 Mar 2025
First fee - 50% of total accreditation	by 30 Mar 2025
Third Hotel payment - 50% of total	by 5 May 2025
Final Hotel Reservation	by 5 May 2025
Final Accreditation Fees - 50% of total	by 5 May 2025
Final Travel Info	by 5 May 2025
Payments of all other services (travel, meals etc)	by 19 May 2025
Nominal Entry with photos	by 19 May 2025

Penalties

The following cancellation penalties will apply:

Cancellation up until 30 March – full refund of accreditation fees and hotel payments.

Cancellation between 31 March and 5 May – penalty of 50% of fees and 50% of hotel.

Cancellation from 6 May – penalty of 100% for the accreditation fees and hotel reservations.

In the case of a withdrawal of an athlete, the fee already paid can be used to register a different athlete without any extra cost or added costs up until the payment deadline.

The same procedure will apply for the accreditation of a team leader or assistant.

The accreditation fees will not be refunded, except upon cancellation of the event.

Bank Payment Details

The payments should be made in Euros to the following account:

Account Name: C.O. Europei Dragon Boat Spresiano 2025

Bank: Unicredit

Address: Via Molino 3/B, 30020 Marcon (VE)

IBAN: IT25 G 02008 3615 0000 1070 55941

BIC/SWIFT: UNCRITM1A45

All payments should be made in Euros.

All bank fees are to be paid by the sender. Kindly send a copy of the remittance to the email: eurodragon2025@gmail.com.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PHOTOS FOR ACCREDITATION

Photos of all participants must be provided through the online accreditation system (<https://123bookeasy.com/ticketdbech>) by 19 May 2025.

BOATS

Dragon boats - standard and small - will be supplied by the Organising Committee.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions before the beginning of the event will be available from Sunday 1 June 2025. Information on how to book will be provided in the next Bulletins.

PARKING

For teams who come with their own transport, a dedicated parking area will be reserved at the venue.

Please advise if you are coming with your own transport and what type (bus, vans etc).

Free parking will be available for a limit of 2 vehicles per team (passes will be handed out and must be displayed on the windscreen).

For those who wish to use their own transport - athletes, spectators etc - parking areas have been organised on the grounds of the race venue.

INSURANCE AND MEDICAL CARE

During the event, the participants will be covered by insurance taken out by the Host Organising Committee specific for the event.

A medical service will be available during the event.

Whoever wants greater insurance and medical cover, it is recommended that a personal policy be stipulated in the country of origin that is valid in the entire European territory. The costs above the regular medical services provided at the race venue are to be covered by the individual's medical insurance policy -the Organising Committee does not take responsibility for such expenditures.

VISA INFORMATION

Whoever requires a visa for entry into Italy, please contact the Organising Committee via email at eurodragon2025@gmail.com as soon as possible and no later than 4 May 2025.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the event will be English.

OFFICIAL CURRENCY

Payments will be accepted in Euros only.

SIDE-EVENTS (Sustainability Policy)

There will be a number of side-events held during the European Championships.

- A Festival/International Dragon Boat race, OC and SUP competition;
- Le Giornate del Dragon Boat - an event that promotes dragon boat activities throughout the local territory;
- Vogalonga in Venice - Sunday 8 June 2025.



RACE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The ICF Dragon Boat race competition rules 2025 and regulations will be used for this event in together with ECA additional rules.

Organising Committee

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