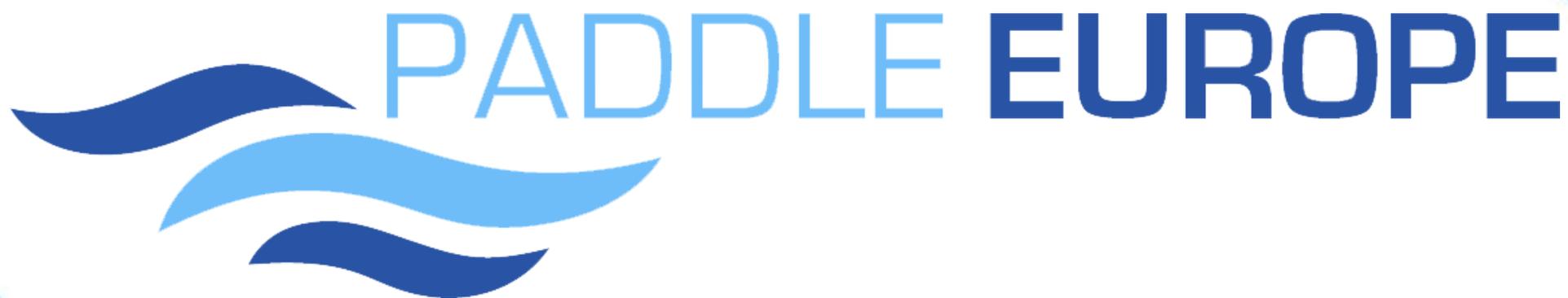


PADDLE EUROPE BOARD MEETING

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Results of ECA Calendar 2028+ Survey

Data abstracted by Greg Smale – Sport and Event Coordination
Lead from 128 responses



Firstly, thank you to all 128 persons who took the time to complete the survey and to think, perhaps in some cases, more about our sport and the future.

These pages only abstract from the survey the comments made and do not reach any conclusions here.

The comment pages have generated a significant list of often helpful comments while at the same time, for some, revealed significant frustration with the direction of including all paddlesport and a sensation that canoeing in this is being lost – not the exact words but you will see from the comments.

The voting has been split down and reveals a wide opinion depending on where you are in the sport.

We all would love our sport and our own preferred discipline etc.. and of course, want to have more and more events the reality at this time is sometimes a struggle for an event, reduced budgets and other impact factors.

The ECA Board are required to make some decisions on our future, and it's reality that not all may be pleased with the outcome, but any decisions made can be made with more evidence than ever before as opposed to word of mouth and rumour.



Response Group	ECA/Paddle Europe Board - President/Board Member (3 responses)	ECA/Paddle Europe Technical Chair (5 responses)	ECA/Paddle Europe Committee Member (4 responses)	ECA/Paddle Europe Staff Member (1 response)	ECA/Paddle Europe Athlete Committee - new (2 responses)
In an overall view/principle for Europe do you think the OLYMPIC discipline championships should be once a year (1) or once every two years (2)?	67% yearly	80% yearly	75% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
In an overall view/principle for Europe do you think the NON-OLYMPIC championships should be once a year (1) or once every two years (2)?	67% every 2 years	80% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% every 2 years	100% yearly
Do you think all NON-OLYMPIC disciplines should follow your proposed regularity i.e. all every 1 or 2 years – whichever you have selected in question 6?	100% yes	60% no	100% yes	100% no	100% yes
Do you think the European Canoe Slalom Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	60% yearly	75% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Slalom Junior and Under 23 Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	60% yearly	75% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Sprint and Para Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	60% yearly	75% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Sprint Junior and Under 23 Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	60% yearly	75% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly

Do you think the European Dragonboat Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	100% every 2 years	100% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50
Do you think the European Canoe Freestyle Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% every 2 years	80% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50
Do you think the European Canoe Marathon Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% every 2 years	60% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Paracanoe Marathon Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% every 2 years	60% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
For Marathon do you think Masters should be combined into the elite and para programme?	100% yes	100% yes	100% yes	100% no	50/50
Do you think the European Ocean Racing Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% every 2 years	60% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% every 2 years	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Polo Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% every 2 years	60% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% every 2 years	100% yearly
Do you think the European Stand-Up Paddle Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	100% every 2 years	80% every 2 years	50/50	100% every 2 years	100% yearly
Do you think the European Wildwater Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% every 2 years	60% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50
Do you think the European Wildwater Junior and Under 23 Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% every 2 years	80% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
For Wildwater should Senior, Junior and Under 23 be combined?	100% yes	60% yes	75% yes	100% no	50/50

Response Group	National Federation President; National Federation CEO/Secretary General; National Federation International Lead; National Federation Discipline Chair; Other (35 responses)	Host Organising Committee (4 responses)	Athletes and Coaches - OLYMPIC (74 responses across all disciplines)				
Questions			9 x Slalom	2 x Slalom Junior/U23	10 x Sprint	10 x Sprint Junior/U23	2 x Para Marathon
In an overall view/principle for Europe do you think the OLYMPIC discipline championships should be once a year (1) or once every two years (2)?	89% yearly	75% yearly	89% yearly	50/50	90% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
In an overall view/principle for Europe do you think the NON-OLYMPIC championships should be once a year (1) or once every two years (2)?	57% yearly	75% yearly	56% yearly	100% yearly	80% yearly	90% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think all NON-OLYMPIC disciplines should follow your proposed regularity i.e. all every 1 or 2 years – whichever you have selected in question 6?	83% yes	100% yes	78% yes	50/50	90% yes	90% yes	50/50
Do you think the European Canoe Slalom Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	80% yearly	75% yearly	78% yearly	50/50	80% yearly	60% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Slalom Junior and Under 23 Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	74% yearly	75% yearly	89% yearly	50/50	80% yearly	80% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Sprint and Para Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	83% yearly	75% yearly	78% yearly	50/50	100% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Sprint Junior and Under 23 Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	86% yearly	75% yearly	89% yearly	50/50	100% yearly	90% yearly	100% yearly

Response Group	National Federation President; National Federation CEO/Secretary General; National Federation International Lead; National Federation Discipline Chair; Other (35 responses)	Host Organising Committee (4 responses)	Athletes and Coaches - OLYMPIC (74 responses across all disciplines)				
Questions			9 x Slalom	2 x Slalom Junior/U23	10 x Sprint	10 x Sprint Junior/U23	2 x Para Marathon
Do you think the European Dragonboat Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	60% every 2 years	75% every 2 years	78% every 2 years	100% every 2 years	70% yearly	60% every 2 years	50/50
Do you think the European Canoe Freestyle Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	54% every 2 years	75% yearly	78% every 2 years	50/50	60% yearly	70% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Marathon Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	71% yearly	75% yearly	78% every 2 years	50/50	100% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Paracanoe Marathon Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	60% yearly	75% yearly	78% every 2 years	50/50	70% yearly	100% yearly	100% yearly
For Marathon do you think Masters should be combined into the elite and para programme?	66% yes	75% yes	56% no	100% yes	60% yes	70% yes	100% yes
Do you think the European Ocean Racing Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	51% yearly	75% yearly	78% every 2 years	100% yearly	70% yearly	60% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Polo Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	51% yearly	75% yearly	67% every 2 years	50/50	70% yearly	50/50	50/50
Do you think the European Stand-Up Paddle Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	57% yearly	75% yearly	56% every 2 years	50/50	60% yearly	70% every 2 years	100% yearly
Do you think the European Wildwater Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	57% yearly	75% yearly	78% every 2 years	50/50	60% yearly	70% yearly	100% yearly
Do you think the European Wildwater Junior and Under 23 Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	51% yearly	75% yearly	56% every 2 years	50/50	60% yearly	80% yearly	100% yearly
For Wildwater should Senior, Junior and Under 23 be combined?	77% yes	50/50	78% yes	50/50	80% yes	80% yes	100% yes

Response Group	Athletes and Coaches - non- OLYMPIC (74 responses across all disciplines)							
	6 x Freestyle	24 x Marathon	1 x Ocean Racing	1 x Canoe Polo	4 x U21 Canoe Polo	1 x SUP	3 x Wildwater	1 x Not specified
In an overall view/principle for Europe do you think the OLYMPIC discipline championships should be once a year (1) or once every two years (2)?	67% yearly	88% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	75% every 2 years	100% yearly	67% every 2 years	100% yearly
In an overall view/principle for Europe do you think the NON-OLYMPIC championships should be once a year (1) or once every two years (2)?	67% every 2 years	92% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	75% every year	100% yearly	67% every 2 years	100% yearly
Do you think all NON-OLYMPIC disciplines should follow your proposed regularity i.e. all every 1 or 2 years – whichever you have selected in question 6?	100% yes	100% yes	100% yes	100% yes	100% yes	100% yes	67% yes	100% yes
Do you think the European Canoe Slalom Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	88% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% yearly	67% every 2 years	100% every 2 years
Do you think the European Canoe Slalom Junior and Under 23 Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	88% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% yearly	67% yearly	100% every 2 years
Do you think the European Canoe Sprint and Para Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	96% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% yearly	67% every 2 years	100% yearly
Do you think the European Canoe Sprint Junior and Under 23 Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	92% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% yearly	67% yearly	100% yearly

Response Group	Athletes and Coaches - non- OLYMPIC (74 responses across all disciplines)							
	6 x Freestyle	24 x Marathon	1 x Ocean Racing	1 x Canoe Polo	4 x U21 Canoe Polo	1 x SUP	3 x Wildwater	1 x Not specified
Do you think the European Dragonboat Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	79% yearly	100% every 2 years	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% every 2 years	67% every 2 years	100% every 2 years
Do you think the European Canoe Freestyle Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	50/50	83% yearly	100% every 2 years	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% every 2 years	67% every 2 years	100% every 2 years
Do you think the European Canoe Marathon Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	96% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% every 2 years	67% every 2 years	100% every 2 years
Do you think the European Paracanoe Marathon Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	83% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% every 2 years	67% every 2 years	100% every 2 years
For Marathon do you think Masters should be combined into the elite and para programme?	83% yes	54% yes	100% yes	100% no	75% no	100% yes	67% yes	100% no
Do you think the European Ocean Racing Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	88% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% every 2 years	67% every 2 years	100% every 2 years
Do you think the European Canoe Polo Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	83% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	75% yearly	100% every 2 years	67% yearly	100% every 2 years
Do you think the European Stand-Up Paddle Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	50/50	75% yearly	100% every 2 years	100% every 2 years	75% every 2 years	100% every 2 years	67% every 2 years	100% every 2 years
Do you think the European Wildwater Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	92% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	75% every 2 years	100% every 2 years	67% every 2 years	100% every 2 years
Do you think the European Wildwater Junior and Under 23 Championships should be every year (1) or every 2 years (2)?	67% yearly	88% yearly	100% yearly	100% every 2 years	50/50	100% every 2 years	67% yearly	100% every 2 years
For Wildwater should Senior, Junior and Under 23 be combined?	67% no	83% yes	100% yes	100% no	75% no	100% yes	100% no	100% yes

Is there any discipline/s you think ECA/Paddle Europe **should NOT** be responsible and if so, why?

General

- I believe ECA/Paddle Europe should remain responsible for all current disciplines. Each one contributes to the diversity and growth of paddle sports in Europe.
- The situation as it is now is correct
- Maybe, to reduce every non-Olympic sport ECH to once every 2 years. But not modify the Olympic sports
- We are ECA: all the disciplines should follow the same rules and principles
- The ECA/Paddle Europe should be responsible of all that now has under the ECA umbrella
- In my opinion all the disciplines fit for ECA/Paddle Europe to be responsible for.
- ECA is responsible for all recognised disciplines.
- I believe Paddle Europe should cover the same disciplines than Paddle Worldwide taking into account the strong presence of the continent worldwide and the quality of our athletes.
- We need to re-think if we still push organisation of the disciplines where are also other IF for those disciplines (Dragonboat, rafting,..)
- We believe that ECA/Paddle Europe should not be directly responsible for disciplines that are not part of the official European or World Championship programme under the ICF framework, nor for purely recreational or commercial activities (e.g., touring kayak, amateur SUP races, or local non-sanctioned events).

Is there any discipline/s you think ECA/Paddle Europe **should NOT** be responsible and if so, why?

- Such disciplines should remain under the jurisdiction of national federations or clubs, as their structure and rules often differ from the official standards. In these cases, ECA/Paddle Europe's role could be advisory rather than regulatory.
- ECA should be in charge of all Disciplines, including also disciplines like rafting that are at the moment running without any presence of ECA.
- ECA has to concentrate less on the smaller disciplines such as Slalom, SUP, Dragonboat, canoe polo, etc. (The non-Olympic disciplines and slalom). ECA has to focus more on the most popular disciplines which is sprint and marathon canoe and kayak, the ones that are in the Olympics and have the most views and spectators.
- All non-Canoe & kayak disciplines
- All canoe disciplines should be included no matter how small they are.
- I don't think there's any disciplines that should be excluded
- OC1 is included and should be under Paddle Europe

Dragonboat

- Personal view is that it's not a Canoe/Kayak paddlesport discipline
- Other international federation who does this better
- Very low participation numbers and have their own European Federation

Is there any discipline/s you think ECA/Paddle Europe **should NOT** be responsible and if so, why?

- Dragonboat as a standalone event. Due to the size in Europe and the regularity of cancellation it should be held alongside another event. Which is another question entirely - not sure... sprint; SUP (where there is SUP sprint) etc.
- An agreement should be made with the EDBF.

Freestyle

- Very low participation rates, no clear pathway to compete/develop. Very marginal discipline

Marathon

- C2 marathon - for a small number of participants
- Make the para marathon doesn't need to have that many disciplines. In my opinion there are so many factors that play role in this category and only few athletes so it's impossible to make fair and also attractive. Para should be mainly in sprint.

Rafting

- Other international federation who does this better

Slalom

- Extreme slalom is a joke, it's made up to entertain viewers and is not a serious discipline, bring back 200m

Is there any discipline/s you think ECA/Paddle Europe **should NOT** be responsible and if so, why?

SUP

- Is not canoe/kayak related, very low competitive numbers, has own European federation (ESF)
- Stand-Up Paddle - In Spain we are legally tied with it in many aspects.
- It's very difficult to deal with in Spain due to a sentence of our TAS and not being recognised as ours for the High Council of Sports. In addition, no economic benefit for us, people tend to get their licence with the Surf Federation (actually, the legal beneficiary of the TAS sentence).
- Even though SUP is practiced with a paddle, standing up is unlike any other practice depending on the association.
- Not a canoe discipline

Vaa - different federation

Wildwater and Freestyle - These require entirely different infrastructure (artificial courses, river management, safety standards) and athlete skill sets. Managing them under the same structure as sprint would stretch resources and dilute sprint-specific expertise. ECA's strategic advantage lies in developing high-performance flatwater racing — maintaining a separate governance model ensures both sprint and whitewater disciplines can progress efficiently.

Are there **any additional discipline/s** or sports you think ECA/Paddle Europe should be responsible for/work closer with and if so who and why?

General

- We believe that ECA/Paddle Europe should establish closer collaboration with disciplines that are rapidly growing and help promote paddle sports among youth and recreational participants. This includes SUP (Stand Up Paddling) and Dragon Boat, all of which have strong potential for mass participation and media appeal.
- I believe it would be positive to support more all those disciplines with less participation and international events in order to promote them impacting on the overall the development of canoeing in Europe.
- In my opinion no but if it includes any type of kayaking the ECA/Paddle Europe should be responsible.
- I don't think ECA/Paddle Europe needs to add new disciplines. However, from my point of view there is a clear need to build stronger cooperation with European sport structures that can provide support for the development of our smaller disciplines.

For example, collaboration with the European Olympic Committees (EOC) or European Union sport programmes could help secure funding and visibility for disciplines that struggle with organisers, participation or resources. Through such partnerships, ECA could focus on strengthening existing disciplines rather than expanding into new ones.

- I think that the number of disciplines for which ECA is responsible is ok
- We consider that the disciplines represented now are enough
- No, I believe it is perfect as it is
- All sports using a paddle

Canoe Polo

- The time and effort that these teams and clubs put into this sport is unfortunately going unrecognised. FOA Liverpool is a prime example - with over 100 club members, and outstanding success every league, producing up to half of the Great British team each year. This discipline is far under appreciated. Without the support the discipline vitality needs, athletes cannot compete to the best of their ability, nutritional help, fitness help, funding help, everything and anything to help athletes succeed would be beyond valued

Dragonboat

- Dragon boating is a popular team-oriented paddling sport with strong community engagement, particularly in Europe and Asia.
- Greater cooperation could promote inclusivity, mass participation, and provide a gateway for new paddlers into canoe/kayak disciplines.

Freestyle

- Both C1 and OC1 Freestyle, these are core within the sport.
- Should add Squirt boat and OC1 (open canoe) to the European Championships.
- Niche sports need to be celebrated. Excluding niche paddle sports is damaging all the way down to grass roots. Squirt and OC1 may not be as exciting to watch or may seem weird, but to exclude them is sacrilege.

Marathon

- Ultra or long-distance marathons to reach recreational paddlers
- Canoe Marathon needs better coverage and race following

Ocean Racing

- Should be regularly organised like European championship.

Paracanoe

- Strengthening ties with adaptive sports federations aligns with inclusion goals and Olympic/Paralympic values. It encourages access for athletes of all abilities, attracts new funding and development opportunities, and shows leadership in social responsibility.

Rafting

- If I have good information the rafting is not an official discipline in ECA and ICF. If not, maybe it can be.
- To cover all paddling sports/disciplines
- But we must be careful who is running the event and not find our disciplines used for the benefit of others.

Slalom

- Short slalom - another medal chance for slalom paddlers

Sprint

- Sprint and SUP
- In sprint canoe, 2 crews per state should start
- Sprint and marathon ECA should be in one competition or at least add done 5km or relay to sprint.
- I think in flatwater should be nice propose more attractive disciplines like 200m and 5k
- 200m sprint
- Sprint kayak because although it gives the most revenue and popularity amongst the water sports. ECA is responsible - the media pushes slalom more.
- Sprint European championship facilities are worsening yearly with less and less spectators.

SUP

- There's a growing overlap between paddle sports especially SUP. Closer collaboration could expand participation along coastlines and strengthen recreational and competitive connections between inland and coastal paddling communities. Shared infrastructure, joint events, and cross-promotion could boost both sports' visibility and accessibility.
- SUP is possible for Marathon
- Because they are strongly separated between the surfing federation and "us". It would maybe help to build the unions/clubs/national teams for the athletes, if the SUP would be under one strong roof.
- Cooperation with paddleboarding organizations, university sports, and eco-water initiatives could strengthen public engagement, promote environmental awareness, and expand the reach of paddlesport across Europe.

Surfski

- SURFKAYAK - it is closely related to the paddle community and is not a nay less a rarity than other disciplines.

Touristic canoe/kayak

Va'a

- The boat and the practice are close to canoeing
- Connection with Vaa federation (via France) is dependent on ICF connection so not out of our initiative

Wildwater

- The ECA currently works will for WWR

What do you think **ECA/Paddle Europe should provide in support of events** (e.g. central accreditation cards, medals, ceremony protocol, ECA/Paddle Europe banners etc. – anything you wish to list)

General

- ECA should be more present in many aspects. I would say "all of the above" (in the question)
- In my personal experience ECA/Paddle Europe should provide all the examples above
- From the ECA Office side, we already provide operational support to organisers: all medal-related tasks (ordering, verification, delivery to the HOC), travel costs for ITOs and Jury members and the Sport & Event Manager who maintains constant coordination and communication with the Technical Delegate and HOC.
- Since this year, we have also been present on-site at several championships, helping with opening, medal and closing ceremonies, and assisting organisers whenever issues occurred – communication with participants, protocol confirmations or any urgent needs.
- What could bring the greatest benefit to organisers, especially smaller or new hosts, would be access to shared technical/sport equipment that is required at every event, regardless of discipline. Items such as banners, timing and result screens, scoreboards, umbrellas, tables, chairs, pontoons, radios or tablets etc. are often a major cost - for small and new organiser.
- Set clear and standardised guidelines and requirements for the host organisers supported by the host agreement. Then these requirements must be measured in order to have standardised high quality ECA competitions which helps make the ECA stronger and also our sport stronger.

- Create a task force composed of experienced leaders from key functional areas (e.g. competition management, logistics, media, ceremonies) could help ensure consistency and provide hands-on guidance and support when needed.
- Manuals for all aspect, technical support (on the ground) It management system for event admin and result admin / publishing, participant APP, medals, branding resources (Banners etc), event website, some platform for event, template budget, template program, key volunteer's database, fundraising, support in bidding (toward region/city/country).
- Probably a mix of it all, but mainly regarding the financial aspect, the agreement should be a win-win situation where the total cost of the event is reduced keeping up the quality bar of all aspects (hegemony in protocols and visual impact of the event, for instance)
- Too many costs for the HOC = that's why they don't want to organise

Using in part a bot:

- Strategic and Organisational Support
 - o Provide framework agreements, event manuals, and timelines defining roles, rights, and obligations.
 - o Share a standard organisational model, including Organising Committee structure, reporting lines, and decision-making processes.
 - o Offer early consultation on governance, permits, and risk management to align expectations between ECA, the host, and national bodies.

- Knowledge Transfer and Training
 - o Supply best-practice documentation and checklists from previous ECA events.
 - o Facilitate training or onboarding for project managers, volunteer coordinators, and area leaders (covering safety, ceremonies, communication, sustainability).
 - o Provide technical guidance on ECA rules, timing systems, course layout, and officials' requirements.

- Branding and Communication
 - o Deliver the official ECA visual identity, logos, templates, and design manual.
 - o Provide a communication package including standard press materials, social media formats, and photo/video assets.
 - o Support joint promotion via ECA channels and coordinate messaging across media, athletes, and partners.

- Technical Infrastructure and Services
 - o Share approved competition delivery standards, including timing, IT systems, live results, and streaming solutions.
 - o Provide ceremonies and protocol guidelines (podium setup, national flags, music, medals).
 - o Advise on accreditation systems, access control, and safety protocols.

- Volunteer and Event Operations
 - o Offer volunteer management templates, job descriptions, and recognition concepts.
 - o Support hosts in recruitment, coordination, and training of volunteers through shared experience and materials.
 - o Encourage on-site coordination routines, such as daily briefings and shared task lists.

- Commercial and Partnership Support
 - o Define rules for sponsor visibility and ensure alignment with ECA's existing partners.
 - o Provide guidelines for VIP and hospitality services, including branding consistency and partner engagement.
 - o Encourage synergies with local tourism and side events to enhance visibility and community impact.

- Material and visual support
 - o Official medals and diplomas with unique ECA/Paddle Europe branding.
 - o Boat and cap tags with the ECA/Paddle Europe logo for visual identity.

- Technical and digital support
 - o Live results system and support for digital results publishing (as used by ICF).
 - o Support in managing ECA/Paddle Europe media content – templates, posts and visuals for social networks.
- Evaluation and Legacy
 - o Conduct a joint debrief and evaluation after each event using a standard feedback format.
 - o Compile a good practice summary for future hosts.
 - o Maintain knowledge continuity by linking new organisers with previous hosts.

Specifics

- Accommodation packages - accommodation is often unthought about and left till the last minute
- Airport transfer
- All the above (in question)
- Accreditation – the same layout of accreditation card for every season (the events then would just add their logos + the sponsorships logos)
- Should give to each athlete a second accreditation, only to enter in the venue, so they can have someone of the exterior (family friends) helping

- All open events and masters' events run alongside other European championships
- Anthem database
- Anything it can
- Anything that would make it a special event as a European championships
- Banners (including those of the ECA sponsors)
 - o If there are some banners which has to be set on around the venue and those banners are as for ICF events all about the ICF sponsors and not the events, then provided them also for free to HOC.
 - o ECA/Paddle Europe banners - Corporate design
- Bibs in canoe freestyle
- Books of canoeing
- Branding
 - o Official ECA/Paddle Europe banners, flags, and podium backdrops for consistent visual identity.
 - o Digital branding materials (logos, templates, media kits) for organizers to use across print and online channels.
 - o ECA banners, ECA tents, ECA podiums. Be a bit more professional in the look of our events
 - o ECA must be the main brand for all European championships
- Camera equipment
- Catering
 - o Improved for athletes and staff

- Centralized online registration and accreditation system for athletes, officials, and media — ensuring streamlined logistics and security; it is very time consuming and will allow organisers to focus more on event delivery
- For smaller federations free accreditation - it's very expensive
- Ceremony protocol
- Clear information about race schedule and communication with the NF
- Clear and well-established event procedures that still allow a degree of flexibility for local organizers.
- Development camp
- Dining - Food most of the is absolutely below standard and often only the fruit is edible
- Depends on cost
- A delivery guide (technical deliverables)
- DJ's - it is in my opinion as important as the judges to get the vibe going
- Distribution of information through official ECA/Paddle Europe channels (website, social networks).

• ECA could, through European funding or development programmes, build a shared storage and logistics system for such event equipment. This would significantly reduce costs for new hosts, support the development of smaller venues and ensure a consistent, professional presentation at all European Championships - and sustainability above all. But it really needs to be further developed as this is something that first come to my mind in regard of help to OC.

- Engagement within the local community, try out sessions working with local schools/clubs to provide a legacy and support future competitions and to leave a positive trail in the wake of the events around Europe.

- Environmental conferences to work out how we in our sports can have the best impact on the environment.
- Inspirational/informational talks from activists/athletes/professionals.
- Expertise for livestream
- Gifts for all the athletes
- Good meals in all events - Sometimes it's really bad
- I think you do okay
- ITO's clothes - to be used on all events during let's say one Olympic cycle
- Judges
- Finances
 - o So that the organizers can work with something before the race starts
 - o ECA should be economically supporting countries who organise races
- Lanyards
- Live stream
 - o Quality live stream
 - o The live stream should be more consistent and we should work with the ICF to use Two Circles (or future provider) for consistent product and not just concentrate on TV rights.
 - o Higher quality and more live streaming of events
- Marketing materials
- Medals
 - Medal box/case to get them home safely and display them
 - Medals only - the rest should be managed by OC with some information support from ECA

- Not medals - medals could be made characteristically by the nation that organizes the competition
- Medal and award ceremony protocols
 - o Including anthem, flag procedures, and athlete presentation guidelines
- Medals
 - o Opposite (different) to the ICF try to give the organisers a bit more freedom
- Media package for the host: templates, press banners, conference script
- Media aspect of our sport should be more importance. An idea could be more focus on the medal ceremony, with champagne bottle/s, or something that makes it more exiting and unique to watch
- Money (I know, not easy...)
- More informal ceremony right after the race for TV
- Name & nation stickers for the boats
- National flags per nation (3 of each)
- Not flowers as they spoil before the athletes reach their countries - plush competition mascots, in all competitions
- On site sports presentation
- Opening ceremony
 - o Ideas
 - o A short procession of competing nations for the Opening Ceremony
- Opportunity for athletes and Officials to come together at the end of an event
- Prize money
 - o Funds for organizing competitions or funds for prize money at competitions

- Promotional and media support
- Potential financial or logistical support for marketing and live streaming
- Results platform
- Social events
- Social media coverage so athletes can reshare results, important links, time schedules, highlights etc.,
- Spectator invites
- Staff for protocol co-ordination
- o At least one ECA staff member at each one of the continental championships
- Technical support all along the preparation of the event
- The way things are now is fine
- Timing & scoring
- o Unified system
- o 50% of costs of event management program (e.g. Memosoft etc)
- Timetable
- TIP camp
- Training for nations underdeveloped in particular disciplines.
- Trophies
- TV rights, coverage and system for coverage in situ (in the event)
- Video judging system
- Welcome bags
- What we can provide depend on the discipline so we need to have common services and specific services

How do you see the ECA/Paddle Europe support to be delivered (e.g. financed, in services, in human resources, advice and guidance etc.)?

General

- As it's currently run
- I think it's good like it is now.
- For me, the way things are now is fine
- Being able to supply any of the things listed in the question in case the organisers need that would be great.

The better event, the better coverage, the better product for potential sponsors. It would be great if ECA could manage to get a sponsor either for the whole or for any of the disciplines separately.

- ECA/Paddle Europe support should be delivered mainly through structured development programs, coaching support, and athlete services rather than direct financial aid. Providing expert guidance, training camps, mentorship, and access to high-level coaching and facilities would have a more lasting impact on athlete performance and development across Europe.
- ECA competitions are a stepping stone/pathway to world champs and Olympics, as well as being a pinnacle competition in its own right. It should be funded by national federations, national Olympic Committees and or the IOC.
- The format for competitions should be kept as basic as possible in order to reduce cost and make hosting/applying for them more appealing (especially J & U23 competitions). E.g. a wild water race basically needs a suitable river, parking at start and finish, 2 stop watches, a laptop and a printer - that's it! TV, VIP areas, travel expenses and dinners for board members are not needed. Budget should be focussed solely on the athletes and the competition. If a host nation has budget for TV, live feeds etc, hospitality etc, then great, it can only enhance the event and experience.

- I know too much - or too little to answer but to sum it up - people, money, well organized knowledge, IT, time
- I do think there might be a difference between the Olympic and Non-Olympic disciplines (what the exact difference is must be discussed later)
- Do not push (adjust) the calendar – in meaning of do not push HOCs to keep the ECA events on different dates.
- HOC's are so hard to find and if they are about to be pushed with the date because of some other ECA event, it could be really difficult for them. Do not be afraid of having the ECA European Champs in sprint on the same time period (week) as the Dragonboat/Wildwater/etc.
- Organising community activities aiming to bring all nations communities further together to be able to work collaboratively on issues and projects and to engage the athletes and the event in the local area.
- National federations could help absorb some of the admin burden. Some federations are large and could accommodate a small increase in their workload. They also have technical/event and discipline specialist/s that could advise/support some tasks. This could be done on a rotational basis.
- A mix should be the best answer, although it's complexity should be guided by the finances, reducing overall costs as the main goal.
- I saw good antidoping European and worldwide guidance.
- ECA is adapting to be like a main organiser to increase the number of federations at championships
- Being a financial partner

Advice

- Offer advisory support through experienced technical delegates or coordinators who can guide organizers before and during the event.
- Advice and guidance - but it is very important that it must be supported by written documents.
- Assessment of applications and awarding of events – then advisory and continuous monitoring of competition venues and facilities in the run-up to an event
- Advice/guidance on organising competitions & events (standards, venues, logistics)
- Assistance with legal, regulatory, safety, environmental standards

Branding

- Support in the field of branding and visual presentation of the event (ECA/Paddle Europe templates, banners, brand packages).
- Rules, brands, looks, prestige

Development

- Development strategy
- Help the smaller federations get more athletes competing internationally
- Continuous mentoring support to national federations
- Guidance on nutrition and fitness programs
- More resources for athletes around health and performance
- Pathways for younger developing athletes e.g. U16 championships
- Assistance with the organization in parallel of competitions, training courses for athletes from countries where canoeing is not very popular or for certain disciplines
- Rock solid safeguarding networks and advisory options for athletes of all nations to help in their specific athletic needs or to help support people's home communities and access to paddling

Fees

- There is clearly across the paddle sport community confusion over accreditation fees, participation fee, levies etc and we should make this far clearer. From the Sports Commission meeting transparency as to what this includes, and why, is a must.

Guidance

- Development and sharing of standardized guidelines for the organization and implementation of ECA/Paddle Europe events.

Equipment

- Could have a pool for basic equipment for the events that contains the cameras and stuff that can be used by all of the events in the calendar

Finance/funding

- Contribution from each Nation to support the financing? (This might happen already?)
- Co-insurance/finance of officials and official ECA/ICF guests.
- Donations and memberships, and government subsidies
- Focus financial input on branding, promotion, and visibility, where central investment has the highest collective benefit.
- European Union Tenders

- In short, ECA's strength lies in delivering support through people, expertise and coordination, not direct funding. With consistent communication and a shared understanding with Technical Delegates, this form of support can be even more efficient and visible.

- Financial support.

- Finance/ed would be great but I am pessimistic to be real

- Financial support for older athletes, advice and guidance for younger athletes would be a good place to start.

- Finances by both parties, special focus on collaboration with the organising nation's government/sport ministry.

- Financially it is mostly ok, but for sure the HOCs need help with advice and guidance.

- Funds for promotional activities, media coverage and live streams.

- Not sure how it should be financed but it requires some.

- Partial financing of the organizational costs of the event (protocol costs, logistics, ceremonies).

- Possibility of co-financing the travel and accommodation costs of ECA/Paddle Europe officials.

- Financial support is always the most welcome form for organisers, but realistically this is not something ECA can provide at this stage. However, ECA already deliver operational and coordination support, and this can be further expanded

- Financial prizes for medallists

- They (?) should be given money for services

- The current model – covering official travel costs, providing constant coordination through the Sport & Event Manager, and on-site presence during championships – is very effective and appreciated. What can still improve is the level of proactive cooperation between the ECA Office, Technical Delegates and organisers, to ensure that the available support is used to its full potential

- ITO's brought together by ECA
- Cover costs of ECA officials and referees.
- Reducing the number of ITO's to reduce the financial impact of accommodation, transportation, etc.
- Volunteers by organising nation
- More funding from National Federations

Hosting Fee

- Very clear from the Sports Commission meeting this fee must be for some provisions not just for the collection of monies as this will not be seen as a positive step forwards otherwise.
- Regarding the hosting fee there is nothing to stop ECA/Paddle Europe adding a percentage to show some monies are going to the centre for sport/event development but this must be published and available for all to see.

Human Resources

- Human resources, with a maximum of 2 persons, advise on non-technical issues.
- Provide support both financially and by personnel.
- The ECA could help with human resources, advice, guidance to the organisers to have the more uniform and successful competitions.
- Potentially a little bit of human resource
- HOC with single ECA representative
- For the continental championships we need to have on site support from the staff so they can liaise with the HOC for operational issues and to also to provide support around common rule statues and ceremonies.

- Dedicated services and human resource support for less experienced organizers or those who have faced challenges in previous editions.

Inclusion

- Recommendations in the field of inclusion

Materials

Media

- Recommendations for a media strategy.
- ECA/Paddle Europe to be responsible, together with the organisation for communication and promotion.
- Support audiovisual broadcasting with free connection on YouTube for example
- Service provider for media, broadcast/streaming support for events.

Services

- Already offer services to organizers informally. We need to clarify what we already offer in the different disciplines as well as the additional services that could be offered if we develop hosting fees and participation fees.

Sponsorship

- Continuing with the current system with an ECA Board -looking for sponsorship.
- Need to find sponsors = more willing to organise.
- More sponsors.
- Competition officials
- For bidding/hosting, event planning and preparation
- Staff to support organisers.

Support

- Support in organizing the European Championship to make costs cheaper for national teams!
- If it is asked, should support, otherwise just supervise all the processes
- Maybe more space for an athlete and their family or friends because they cannot have Accreditation Cards
- The support should be more focused towards the athletes e.g. better-quality food at competitions, better race facilities and accredited hotels, more publicity, etc)
- More competitions for athletes - making the sport more popular
- ECA could help source athletes and countries to complete (fill) categories at European Championships. In this matter, all the events will be run the same in the basic principles
- Should be more non-Olympic sports
- For an athlete to focus on their start - more place/s in the Competition Area where you can go without accreditation
- Everything that is directly involved in the races. In this way championships can be organized in a standard way
- As is now but extra for medals, presentation and support in media

Technical Support.

- Deliver centralized services such as accreditation systems, live results, timing coordination, and standardized media assets.

Training

- Facilitate training for local organising committees to build long-term capacity.

Any additional constructive comments you wish to make?

General

- I think the way the ECA currently works is much more friendly and flexible than that of the ICF and this should remain a key aim; it needs to be for the paddlers and that alone.
- I would like to thank you for opening the discussion about the future of Canoeing in Europe to the broader community. This is an important and valuable step. I truly believe that sharing different perspectives and visions will help the ECA make stronger and more informed decisions. While national federations and their representatives naturally act in the best interest of their organisations, I hope personal views can also contribute with a wider perspective for the benefit of the sport as a whole.
- I believe the ECA is showing a genuine will to move our sport forward, in a way that the ICF has perhaps been missing in recent years. Being simpler, more practical, more flexible, and ready to take calculated risks is a direction I fully support.
- Olympic disciplines – every year because:
 - o This has been the traditional model for many years.
 - o Teams often use the European Championships as a selection event for the World Championships.
 - o The events generate income for the teams, NF's and athletes.
 - o There is still strong interest from host NF's and higher participation levels.
 - o Many NOC's consider European results within their Olympic qualification and funding systems.
 - o For Junior and U23 categories, reducing events to every two years would significantly limit participation opportunities.

- Non-Olympic disciplines – every two years (non-synchronised)
 - o Increases the importance and perceived value of each championship.
 - o In self-funded disciplines, participating in both European and World Championships in the same year is financially and logistically difficult.
 - o Currently, there are limited bids to host events every year. There have been cancellations as well as other struggles even in Olympic disciplines prove it.
 - o Alternating years would allow ECA to focus its limited resources and deliver higher quality events.
 - o Aligns with the ICF's vision to return to a two-year World Championship cycle
 - <https://www.thepaddler.news/slider/icf-president-backs-world-championship-return-to-two-year-cycle/>
 - o Would enable stringer and more consistent event delivery.

- Divided thoughts on marathon:
 - o Moving to a two-year cycle could bring similar benefits to those listed above.
 - o Alternatively, ECA could organise European Championships one year and a European Cup the next, with lower organisational requirements – which could also serve as a platform of testing new formats and keep the selection race for NFs.

- Making some European Championships qualifiers for the World Championships could significantly boost participation, enhance event prestige, and attract more bidders and sponsors.

- Youth and Masters development – some clear community interests.
- Fostering closer links between ECA and local organizers will ensure alignment in technical standards, event promotion, making European sprint canoeing more accessible, modern, and competitive internationally.
- Invite spectators, support attractive disciplines,
- The survey asks about whether certain disciplines the ECA should not support, but then asks about the frequency of those disciplines???? The survey doesn't give the opportunity to say never?? The survey therefore does not accurately reflect my views as I don't think some of the disciplines should be under the ECA banner as they have their own European federations.
- Universal food for athletes at venues, approved by nutritionists - 2023 Brandenburg canoe polo championships were very good
- I think holding the European Championships annually is quite important for athletes to be able to secure sponsorship. Since athletes can't really live out of prize money in our sport and most of them are not regularly funded by their federations it's crucial to have important competitions that can attract sponsors.
- Too many disciplines for ECA and national federations and not enough money for the federations to improve all those disciplines. ECA has to concentrate to the main disciplines and improve the sport to the right direction. Sprint kayak which the biggest discipline is very difficult for the federations to improve it because of the cost and the new ranking system and the little financial support.
- I believe that the ECA should be a model in the organization and implementation of competitions, as well as in deciding which disciplines will be included in the other international competitions, because Europe is the centre of quality and the majority of countries involved in kayaking come from Europe. For this reason, the ECA, in cooperation with the National federations, should take a more prominent stance and become more actively involved in the ICF's policymaking regarding which disciplines will be represented at the World Championships and the Olympic Games, as well as in decisions concerning the qualification process for the Olympic Games and the number of athletes allowed to compete.

- ECA/Paddle Europe should focus on creating a unified and efficient support system for its member federations, emphasizing coordination, knowledge sharing, and operational transparency.
- Include more people. Make it be so that anyone can enter as long as they are part of national body. Limiting numbers to two or three paddlers will not allow the expansion of the sport.
- We already have so little races during the year. For our sports system in CZ matters something only results from WCH and ECH, the World Cups are just basic races so do the step back and have one big race only in two years would be a mistake in my point of view. The goal must be to make more attractive the ECH for the organizers, TV rights and spectators. How to do it is different issue.
- There's a balance to find between common strategy and specificity of the disciplines (e.g. Juniors and U23 with or without senior, the place of the masters etc)
- The calendar must be extended - currently, a lot of events to organize in a few months
- A better coordination between ECA and ICF both on strategy and implementation of the strategy
- Such a structure would not only preserve the diversity and tradition of our sport but also promote universality. While the strongest nations will naturally dominate the medal tables, a complete event program would allow smaller countries and developing teams to focus on the distances and boat types that best suit their athletes.
- Even if this requires an extended competition schedule, with qualifications held in the first days and finals concentrated over the weekend, a well-planned and flexible approach from the organizers could make it entirely feasible."
- The opportunity for these events to have cumulative, lasting impact on the places that they visit and the communities of paddlers across Europe is immense. It could go far beyond the competition

- This is my general comment regarding the definition of annual and biennial championships. While the Olympic disciplines – quite rightly – should remain annual due to their structure, visibility and participation base, among the non-Olympic disciplines two clearly justify an annual format: Canoe Marathon and Wildwater Junior & U23.
- Marathon has a high number of athletes, with slightly fewer nations, yet it consistently finds organisers and maintains strong event quality. Wildwater Juniors involve a wide range of nations and show strong youth engagement; although organisers can be harder to find, the development potential fully justifies an annual rhythm.
- In non-Olympic disciplines, one of the biggest challenges for National Federations remains financing, as athletes often need to cover participation costs themselves. For juniors, however, there are various fundings and athlete-development grants that make annual European events more accessible and valuable for both sport and federation development.
- For the remaining non-Olympic disciplines, a two-year cycle would help ensure quality, sustainability and balanced resource use.
- It would be highly beneficial to develop digital tools for event management, communication, and accreditation, as well as a platform for sharing best practices among member countries.
- Additionally, investing more in staff education — both technical and administrative — would significantly strengthen the entire paddling community."
- Is there a consideration for a 3 or even 4-year cycle, this takes the pressure of finding venues all the time, and also allows federations to build funding pots. With less competitions the money can go farther! Also, would allow ECA to concentrate on a few disciplines each year if the events are staggered. Therefore, freeing up resource and time commitments. less is more!
- The number of athletes on EC is different from a discipline to another and this have an impact on the decision to separate or not juniors and U23/U21 and seniors

- We also need to increase the participation to our events to improve the economic model of our EC (masters / Individual entries / new events...)
- Please keep event every year, it's important for development of our sports.
- Don't change ECA on the European paddles, it is horrible name. It's a disgrace from a historical view.
- Don't change what is functional and traditional
- The 2 disciplines where I filled in every 2 years can be alternating with the other federation
- Put the various HOCs in contact so that more similar offers are created
- Put a bit more effort into the non-Olympic events
- I think that ECA Junior Cup series should be organized by ECA/ Paddle Europe or the race organisation should follow the rules which ECA/ Paddle Europe will create and the organisation committee should be controlled to avoid situations which happened previously.
- While I would prefer all non-Olympic disciplines to be every 2 years, they should not all be the same year and this is for the European's. There is nothing to stop the disciplines having events in the between years but we should promote the Euros as the key events.
- I believe all major events should be every 2 years. That's what makes it so special, if it was every year, it would then become no different from any other yearly competition.
- I also think that at least the non-Olympic disciplines should have events every year as there are already not that many events in a year and losing the European champions could result in people switching to sports where they have more events
- Thanks for the effort of taking into account the opinions of all the spheres around Paddle Europe. I'm sure the outcome will be really positive, representative and constructive for us all.

Juniors

- U18 category for all disciplines
- Junior athletes should get the chance to compete every year. As if it's every two they will only get a chance at u17 and not u18 so that will hold back development of athletes. This also means date of birth plays a much better role in sports. At instead of a bad birth day being 12 months down the line there could be a 24-month difference.
- We may see opportunity to create (or change) under age category to U21 for some disciplines (e.g. slalom but not sprint)
- It is important for the U23 and Juniors to have a championship each year as it is part of their development.
- Please check with the ICF that in the U23 and junior categories the world championships are preferably scheduled also every two years and then of course, alternate with the European Championships

Media

- The ECA could improve the quality of the events in the Media communication. More publicity and have more shares on social media, TVs and news.

Marathon

- For Marathon do you think Masters should be combined into the elite and para programme, can be good, because for example in SUP, also good to see the Masters to be combined with Junior and With Elits athletes. (With Masters come more athletes. Kids....)

Slalom

- As an active athlete, and speaking specifically from the canoe slalom perspective, I see Europe as the 'base' of the sport worldwide. Basically, where the tradition has been stronger, and where a big percentage of the athletes are based.
- Senior Slalom and Sprint - These championships should be held every 2 years. These disciplines have a world's every year and the Olympics as major championships. This will reduce the burden on trying to find host nations, spread the competition load for athletes in terms of personal cost and performance requirements over very long seasons. These are high calibre events that require higher budgets, suitable venues and bigger budgets and a large organisational load.
- I think it will be important for the future to keep the continental championships present every year, as it keeps us present in the international season, and also it is financially important for many athletes' funding.
- Get rid of extreme slalom
- ECA must have stable kind of discipline independent of the Olympic games. And don't do it, many drastic changes like finished C2 slalom
- For Olympic disciplines it could be argued to have Senior Championships once every 2 years

Sprint

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- I believe it would be beneficial for sprint canoeing to include all events for 200m, 500m and 1000m (K1, K2, K4, C1, C2, C4 for both men and women, across juniors, U23, and seniors), regardless of their current Olympic status.
- Our sport reached its peak, but for some reason they dropped the famous disciplines (K2 1000m, K4 1000m, K2 200m, K4 200m...) This ultimately led to a reduced number of competitors and countries participating in the championships. Adding or removing disciplines must be planned in the long term and everyone must be aware of the consequences.
- Make this sport great again. Bring back 200m in K4. Not just that, but we should have more distances in our own championships, rather than just listening to the IOC and ICF.
- The Sprint European Championships should have all the events available in a venue, including K2s and K4s in all 200, 500 and 1000 m. distances

- I would choose (also for the Paracanoe and the Slalom) to keep the program as aligned as possible with the Olympic program. Maybe keeping the C1 and K1 500 Men, for instance, or the K1s and C1s 200 for all, but reducing the total number of events would make competition tighter and the quality would rise. When the new OQR system is approved, it will force to focus the training in certain events and the Championships should match that, in my humble opinion.
- I think it will be important for the future to keep the continental championships present every year, as it keeps us present in the international season, and also it is financially important for many athletes' funding.
- For sprint there should be a 5k with no portages for junior and u23. There is one for senior and the events should be the same for junior and u23. It is also the most entertaining event that has the best atmosphere around it and i believe that it is the key to promoting the sport globally
- For Olympic disciplines it could be argued to have Senior Championships once every 2 years.

Canoe Polo

- There should be and under 18 canoe polo championship to help with progression of the sport and bring on younger paddlers

Freestyle

- Freestyle - All classes should have unlimited entry, team sizes. Re introduce OC1 yes, its small but so is freestyle, again not restriction on team sizes.

ITO's

- ECA/Paddle Europe board could have another look at the way how ITO's get their travel funding funded by the ECA/Paddle Europe at the moment. The current declaration process is insufficient and gives the NF way more work than what should be necessary. A system where the ITO can directly book via the ECA/Paddle Europe would save a lot of time and effort for the NF and the IF. A similar system like the ICF would be a consideration.

Marathon

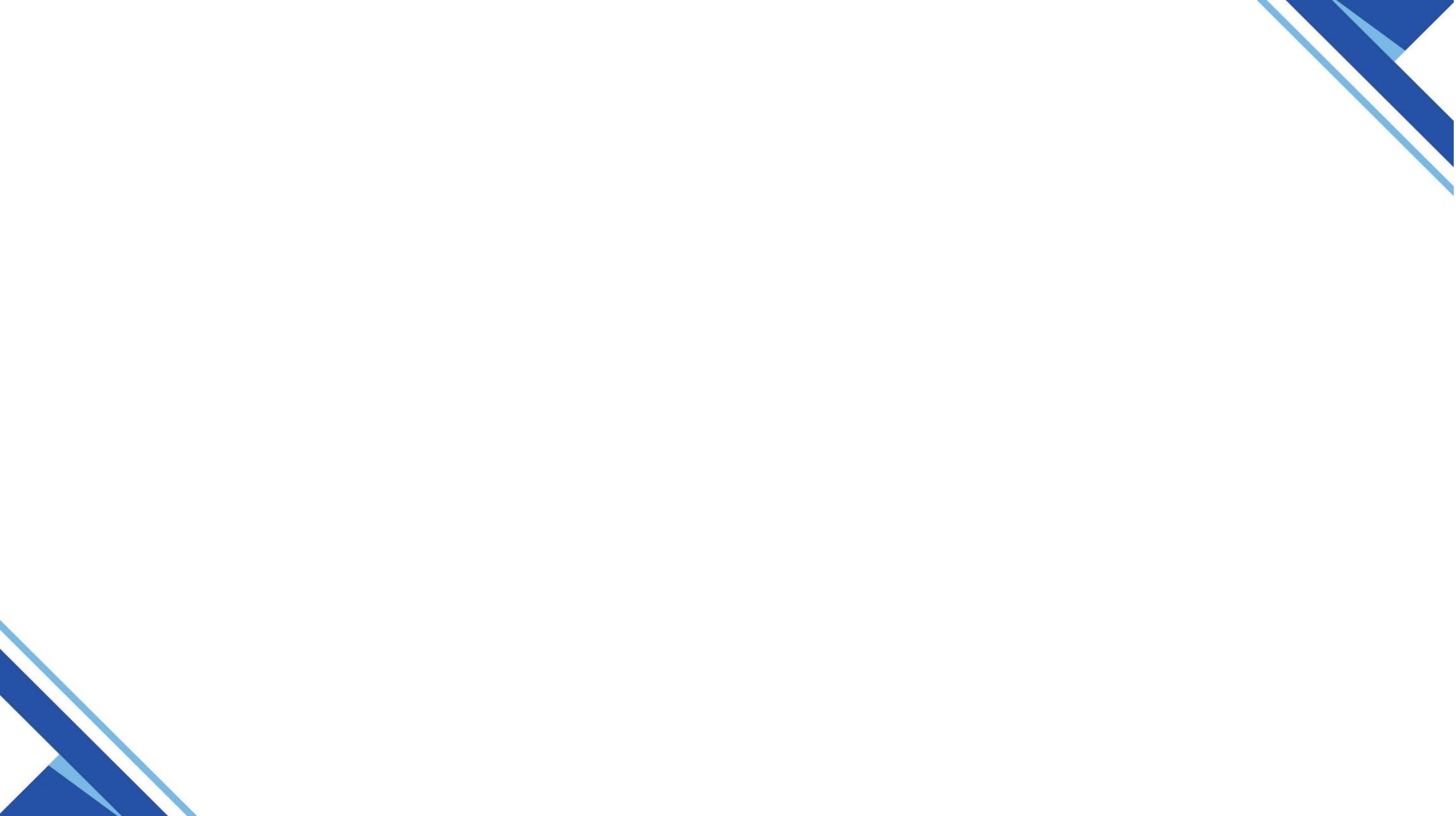
- Don't have many races overlapping in the women's races in the canoe marathon European championships
- Regarding the non-Olympic disciplines, where in some events participation is not large enough even to make the race official, reducing the number of registration chances will increase the competitiveness. For example, the case of the C1s and C2s in Marathon need to be revised, some races in the last few years have been terribly lame compared with the kayak races

Website

- Please, try to invest in updating the ECA website. It is old, not user friendly, overdosed for the first sight

Wildwater

- J & U 23 Wild Water and Slalom - Should be held every year and separate from seniors. These events are pathways for younger competitors and do not need the same venue requirements as a senior championship. Solkan for the WWR champs this year was a great example (although the classic course was a bit too flat).
- Separating them also provides J & U23 athletes from the less well funded nations opportunities to race at senior levels should they get selected.
- When it comes to the question how often the events should take place anything that is Junior & U23 has to be every year as everything else would be unfair to athletes.







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