

## 2021 European Aquatics Championships, Budapest (HUN)

### Day 1

#### Artistic Swimming Mixed duet technical

**Gold: Mayya Gurbanberdieva, Aleksandr Maltsev (RUS) 91.7963**

“It's always a pleasure to compete here, in Hungary, Budapest. They are organising events really well. But now the underwater speakers were not working, but we tried to synchronise the performance. We won the first gold medal of the whole championships, so we are happy about that.”

**Silver: Emma Garcia, Pau Ribes (ESP) 84.8694**

“Two weeks ago we participated in a world series in Kazan, it was our first international competition since 2019, but this is a European Championships so it is different for us. We are very happy with the medal and the result despite problems with the underwater speakers. This choreography is almost new, we started to prepare it in 2019, after Gwangju, but we didn't have a lot of occasions to show it. So, for the moment we are happy, and this is a good way to start this competition.”

**Bronze: Isotta Sportelli, Nicolo Ogliari (ITA) 77.4281**

“We have been training together for 10 days only. We were working really hard and intensively day and night, weekends included. We were catapulted suddenly onto the big scene so we weren't expecting this. We tried to get rid of anxiety the best way we knew how. The choreography is new. It is based on an old routine of (Giorgio) Minisini and (Manila) Flamini but it was modified for us with some new elements in order to suit us. We are happy and thrilled. We were a bit worried jumping into the pool because they warned us of the technical problems with underwater speakers but it was OK.”

#### Diving Team Event

**Gold: Russia 431.80**

**Kristina Ilinykh:**

“It was great to dive here in Duna Arena in this beautiful pool but without audience it's a little it weird. All of our dives were great. We are so happy to have won the gold medal.”

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**Silver: Italy 428.00**

**Chiara Pellacani:**

“I am really satisfied. For the rest of the team it is the first medal at the European level. Everybody gave his or her absolute best. They were excellent. We also had a lot of fun which is what I love about this sport. The atmosphere was very positive. It was important for all of us to break the ice at this European Championships. We are really content with the final result.”

**Bronze: Germany 421.00**

**Patrick Hausding:**

“The level in this team event here at the Europeans is very high, we started very strong, I think we were leading until almost until the last round. Then in platform we were little weaker than the other divers. I think we have to be satisfied with the bronze medal. It is always good for your confidence to start the first event with a medal, and I’m hoping to continue like this. I have a lot of events this week, so let’s see how many medals I can get.”

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