

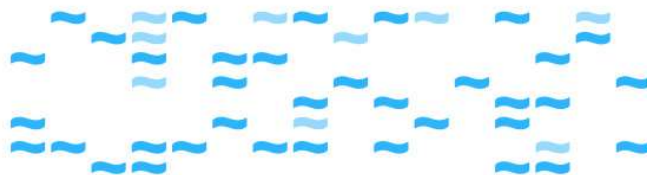
Your April Newsletter

This month's European Aquatics newsletter includes updates on technical officials, coaching clinics, and preparations for this summer's events.



THE MAIN STORY

Preparations for all of our events this summer are ongoing, with a number of formalities and changes agreed ahead of what will be one of the biggest summers on record for aquatics in Europe.



Governance, Organisation and European Aquatics Office Topics

This section provides updates on our continuing organisational restructure, as well as reports on presidential engagements and Bureau operations.

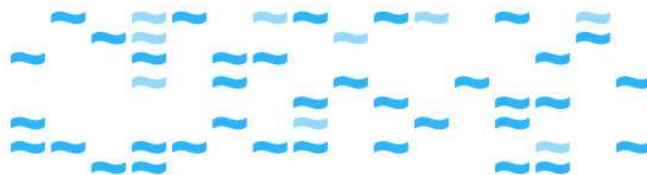
Institutional

- European Aquatics President Antonio Silva was present at the inauguration of the new Olympic Aquatics Centre in Paris St Denis, on 4 April in the presence of the President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron as well as the FFN President and European Aquatics Vice-President Gilles Sezionale, as part of preparations for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 (pictured).
- With a very busy water polo season now coming to a climax, representatives from the European Aquatics leadership team travelled to support the organizers and athletes. First Vice President Josip Varvodic was at the Euro Cup Women Final in Trieste; Vice Presidents Kyriakos Giannopoulos and Fernando Carpena travelled to the Champions League Women Final Four in Barcelona. Josip Varvodic and Bureau Member Milos Mracevic travelled to the Challenger Cup Men final event in Kranj.



Corporate

- The President, Officers, Executive Director, and Executive Deputy Director have begun planning meetings with European Aquatics staff to finalize goals, concrete objectives and timelines for development, sport disciplines, marketing, commercial, broadcast and media / communications, to align with the new European Aquatics Strategic Plan and specifically the Action Plan for 2024.
- The President and General Secretary Noam Zwi, and Bureau Liaisons, participated in meetings with all newly elected technical committees. They welcomed all new members and encouraged the committees to develop 2024 Action Plans that were aligned with the new strategic plan.
- A HR process is now underway to recruit talented candidates to join the European Aquatics team, with the priorities being to find appropriate candidates to fill the European Aquatics Academy, Development, and marketing roles.



Sport Topics

This section provides updates on our events for the summer, new dates for our Coaches Clinics and more.

European Aquatics Championships

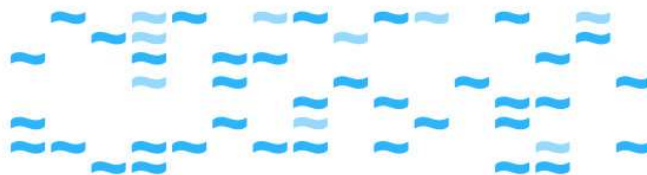


- With the European Aquatics Championships fast approaching, another site visit to Belgrade took place in April – with excellent cooperation with the local organising committee as usual. Bulletin #2 for Elite and Masters, has also been sent out to stakeholders.
- Elite and Masters athlete entries continue to be registered. In the elite event, 885 athletes have confirmed, which is already 88% of the number that accredited for Roma 2022, so very encouraging in an Olympic year. For Masters, registrations are heading towards expected targets, with promotional efforts now ramping up.

Officials/Technical Committee

- The list of officials for the European Aquatics Championships, Junior Swimming Championships, Youth Artistic Swimming Championships and Open Water Swimming Cup have now been approved.
- Several European Aquatics Technical Committees (Swimming, Artistic Swimming, Masters, Open Water and Diving) have met for the first time since the elections to prepare action plans for the rest of the calendar year.





Women's Water Polo Euro Cup

- The Final Four of the Women's Euro Cup was held in Trieste, Italy on 13 and 14 April – organised by Pallanuoto Trieste Club with the support of the Italian Swimming Federation. It was a great event with exciting matches, which were well attended.
- Antenore Plebiscito Padova took the gold, with Pallanuoto Trieste the silver, and Zv de Zaan the bronze. BVSC – Zuglo finished in fourth-place.



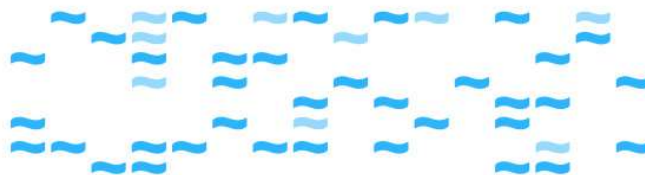
The Women's Euro Cup and medals were presented by European Aquatics First Vice President Josip Varvodic, supported by Sergio Pasquali - President of the Regional Committee - Federazione Italiana Nuoto, Fabio Scoccimarro - Regional Councillor of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Roberto Dipiazza - Mayor of the city of Trieste and Enrico Samer - president of Pallanuoto Trieste Club



The Women's Champions League Final Four was a sell-out event. The Cup and medals were awarded by European Aquatics Vice President Kyriakos Giannopoulos and European Aquatics Bureau Liaison Fernando Carpena, together with the Susana Closa – Manager of Institute Barcelona Esports, Ramón Bosch – President of the Catalan Swimming Federation, Anna Caula – General Secretary of Sport and Fiscal Activity, and Laura Vilagrà – Vice President of Government and Councillor of the Presidency of the Generalitat of Catalonia.

Women's Water Polo Champions League

- The Final Four of the Women's Champions League took place on 20th and 21st April, hosted by CN Barcelona, in partnership with the Catalan Swimming Federation and with the support of the Royal Spanish Swimming Federation. The event showcased the best women's water polo that Europe has to offer and provided great games for those in attendance.
- Astralpool CN Sabadell took the title for the seventh time, Olympiacos SFP secured the silver medal, with CN Sant Andreu, the youngest team at the event, taking the bronze. Assolim CN Mataró put in a spirited fight to finish in fourth.



Further Updates

This section contains a range of information on branding, registrations, and more event details.

- European Aquatics' operational teams are working with organising committee to prepare for upcoming Events in May:
 - Open Water Cup Leg 1 in Piombino (ITA) - 18 May
 - EA Youth Artistic Swimming in Athens (GRE) - 22-26 May
- Logos using the new European Aquatics' branding have now been prepared for 7 events: the European Aquatics Championships and Masters, The European Aquatics Open Water Swimming Cup, Youth Artistic Swimming Championships, Junior Swimming Championships, Open Water Cup and Junior Artistic Swimming.
- Registrations have opened for the European Aquatics Coaches Clinics for High Performance Swimming: Strategies for Excellence in Coaching that will take place in Vienna (AUT) on 9-10 September 2024.
- April is the month of the Club Competition Finals for Water Polo.
- The last final game of Challenger Cup Men competition, between AVK Triglav Kranj and Galatasaray SK was held in Kranj, on Saturday, 27th of April with Galatasaray winning to become the first Turkish team to win a European level competition in Men's water polo.
- The Cup and medals were awarded by Josip Varvodic – European Aquatics First Vice President, Milos Mracevic EA Bureau liaison and Matjaž Rakovec the Mayor of Kranj.
- The Euro Cup Men Final Four event will be held on 17 - 18 May in Rijeka, Croatia, hosted by Primorje Erste Bank. The 3 other qualified teams are Astralpool CN Sabadel of Spain, Spandau 04 from Germany, and Jug Adriatic Osiguranje from Croatia.
- Water Polo Sport Director Renato Zivkovic has carried out site visits to both Burgas and Zagreb ahead of the European U19 Water Polo Championships to be hosted in those cities later this year. Organisation is ongoing and they promise to be great events.

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