

Report on the activities of European Confederation 2021-2024

The aim of the European Confederation is to maintain and develop Modern Pentathlon in Europe through the European Championships in all the age categories, and the goal is to provide high sport level of these competitions. One more important issue is to increase the number of potential organizers not concentrating on two-three federations capable to host major events every year.

In the last years the number of the organizers has grown, today twelve European nations are potential organizers of European Championships of different age categories and ten of them hosted European Championships in the last cycle. This is a positive dynamics. Despite the huge disappointment of the leading European nations after replacement of riding with another discipline- obstacle race, this change opened new opportunities for the new nations and new organizers for active participation in all the levels of European championships.

Every year ECMP holds the following European Championships: Senior, Junior, U24, U19, U17, Biathle/Triathle/Laser Run, Masters (every other year) and from 2024 U15.

European Federations – organizers of ECMP events in the cycle 2021-2024 to whom I would like to express sincere gratitude on behalf of ECMP are: Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Spain, Turkey, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, Greece and Germany. Some of them were hosting European Championships every year in this period. Due to their activity already in the middle of this year ECMP calendar for 2025 was ready, there will be 8 European Championships next year (including Masters and U15).

European Confederation in its turn provides material support to the organizers of major European Championships (Senior, Junior, U17 and U19) and European nations upon their requests in case they have difficulty to send their athletes to the European Championships. This support is very modest but it encourages the organizers and nations. They know that we do care. And now some word about the central event for ECMP in the period 2021-2024. In 2021 Modern Pentathlon was included in the program of the 3d European Games 2023. This was due to enormous joint efforts of the Polish Modern Pentathlon Federation and its President at that time Ms Anna Bajan, whose personal impact was invaluable, to Polish NOC and its former President Mr Krasnicki, to ECMP Executive Board and to good luck which was on our side this time. We had won and inspired and all the organizational difficulties were only a challenge and maybe because of our positive mood, Modern Pentathlon was lucky and all our requirements which seemed unrealistic found full support and green light from EOC and LOC. Modern Pentathlon competitions at the 3d European Games were held from June 25 to July 1 at the Academy of Sport Centre (AWF) of Krakow, and turned out to become one of the biggest sport event of the European Games. There were 118 athletes from 25 countries struggling for medals of the European Games as well as for 8 quota places (in each gender) for the Olympic Games in Paris. One more reason for joy was that EOC satisfied our request to include Mixed Relay to the competitions. Competitors, guests and spectators were impressed with the facilities. The venue look was excellent.

There is no doubt that success of Modern Pentathlon at the European Games was an important step for ECMP for further possibilities.

In conclusion of my report I would like to express my admiration with Modern Pentathlon at the Olympic Games in Paris, congratulate and thank the French Federation and its President Joel Bouzou with this success. It was the greatest European event ever seen!

I would like to thank all the members of ECMP Executive Board for their cooperation, support and friendship through all these years.

I express my sincere gratitude to UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann for all he is doing for our sport for his dedication to it. I would like to thank UIPM Secretary General and UIPM staff, the people with whom we work and communicate on the daily basis.

You all made history and provided future to Modern Pentathlon!

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