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SPORT CLIMBING JOINS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS MUNICH 2022 SPORTS PROGRAMME

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The respective European Championships in Sport Climbing plus Beach Volleyball, Canoe Sprint and Table Tennis have joined those in Athletics, Cycling, Gymnastics, Rowing and Triathlon for the event that will take place from Thursday 11 to Sunday 21, in August 2022.

The Munich 2022 European Championships Sport Climbing are set to feature around 400 male and female athletes competing in Lead, Speed, Boulder and Combined disciplines in eight medal events. Across the nine sports, 4.400 athletes from 50 countries are set to compete in a total of 158 medal events.

IFSC President Marco Sclaris said:

"In these difficult times, we are proud to be welcome in a great event like the European Championships 2022. Looking forward to our event in Munich is a sign of recognition of the IFSC and of the work we have done over the years. This achievement encourages the IFSC to continue on its project of reorganisation of its Councils, for the development of the sport. After the inclusion in the Asian Games in 2018, now also in Europe we are moving to another level. Finally, I have to thank European Championships Management and the city of Munich for their confidence. On our side, I want to congratulate the President of the IFSC European Council Dr. Wolfgang Wabel for his commitment, and the Deutscher Alpenverein for their support."

Horst Seehofer, the Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community, said:

"Munich provides world-class conditions for elite international sport, which will be demonstrated in 2022 when this city plays host to the European Championships. This is a huge opportunity for sport in general and a tremendous event for the public. I am extremely pleased about this decision as the Federal Minister, but also as a sports enthusiast. Therefore, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone coming to Munich for this event."

Libor Varhanik, EC2022 Board Interim Chair said:

"On behalf of the EC2022 stakeholders, it is my great pleasure to welcome Sport Climbing to the Munich 2022 European Championships. We are sure that with the addition of the European Championships in Beach Volleyball, Canoe Sprint, Sport Climbing and Table Tennis, each represented by their best athletes, audiences on-site and on-

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screen will enjoy an extraordinary sporting and cultural experience and a rich combination of diversified sports and performances at the highest level."

The Munich Olympic Park will be an important symbol of sustainability on the 50th anniversary of the 1972 Summer Games with the iconic location set to be the heart of the second edition of the European Championships. The majority of events and activities will take place in and around the park in order to create an extraordinary festival atmosphere that allows athletes from different sports to experience the event together and visitors to embrace multiple events.

The multi-sport European Championships is an 11-day celebration of world-class sport that brings together existing individual continental championships into one coordinated event staged every four years. The Championships has a central timetable, uniform branding on-site, on-air and across digital and print media, with an overall country ranking table.

Munich 2022 is the second edition following the outstanding success of the inaugural European Championships in 2018, with Glasgow and Berlin successfully staging seven European Championships with 13 disciplines, providing a unique platform to elevate the Champions of Europe. A television audience of more than 1.4 billion watched this memorable first edition on free-to-air channels via EBU Member broadcasters and partners in 44 territories across Europe and worldwide.

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