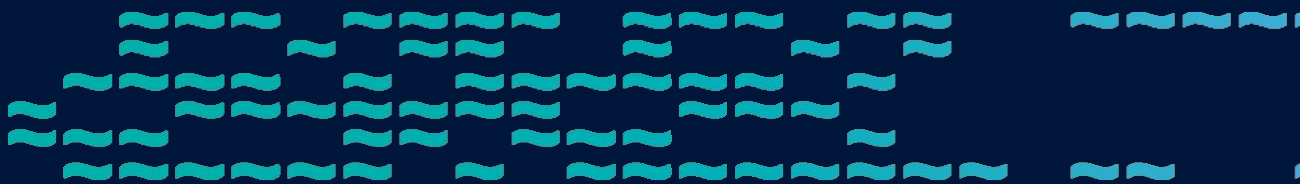




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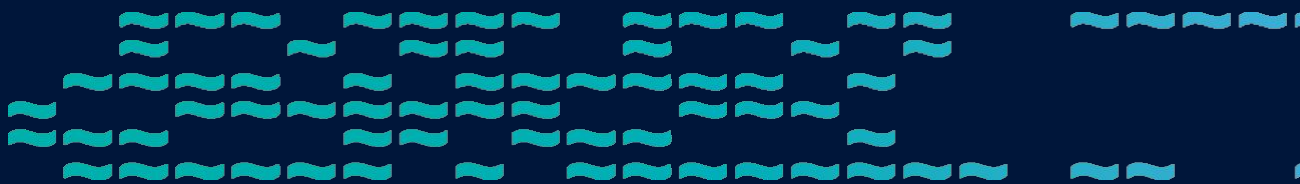
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Welcome message

On behalf of European Aquatics, it is my great pleasure to welcome all National Federations, athletes, coaches and officials to the European Aquatics Masters Championships 2026. Samorin, Bratislava and Graz will host a celebration of our Masters community, a group of athletes who embody the true spirit of our sport at every stage of life.

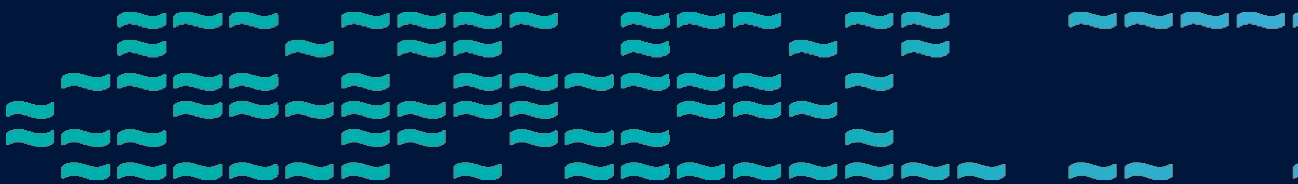
I would like to thank the Local Organising Committee, the Austrian Swimming Federation and the X-Bionic Sphere for their dedication in preparing these Championships. I wish every delegation a successful competition and a memorable stay.

Antonio Silva
President, European Aquatics

Together with European Aquatics, the Austrian Swimming Federation is proud to co-organise this edition of the Masters Championships. We look forward to welcoming athletes from across Europe to Samorin, Bratislava and Graz for a two weeks of great sport, friendship and shared passion for water.

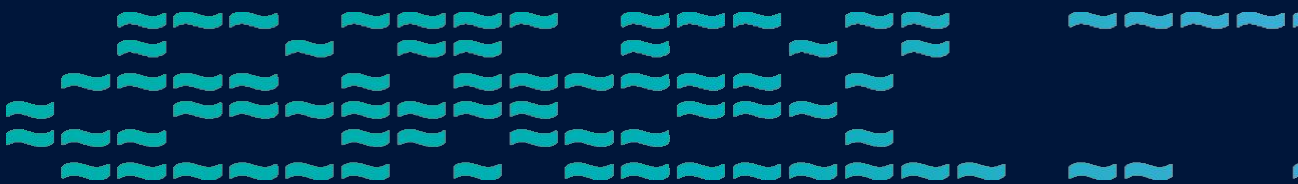
Arno Pajek
President, Austrian Swimming Federation (OSV)





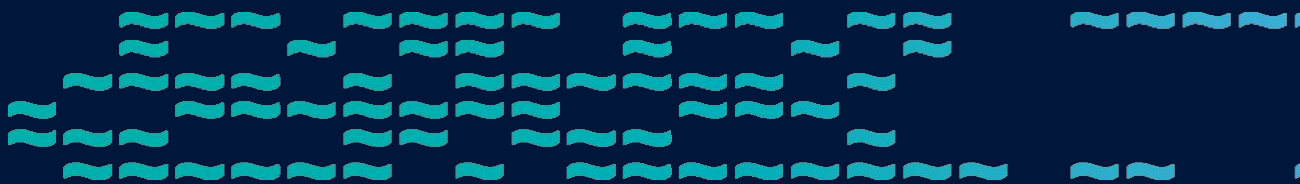
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PARTICIPATION

Discipline	Women	Men	Total
Swimming	1078	1264	2342
Open Water Swimming	249	283	532
Artistic Swimming	406	41	447
Diving	90	61	151
Water Polo	86	728	814
Total	1909	2377	4286



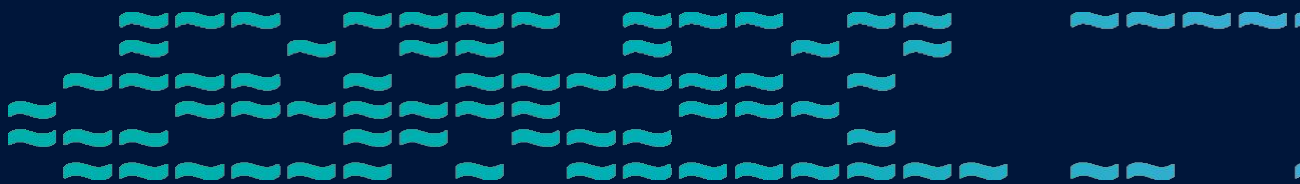
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Bureau Liaison	Pia Johansen
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Technical Committee Vice Chair	Boris Drobac
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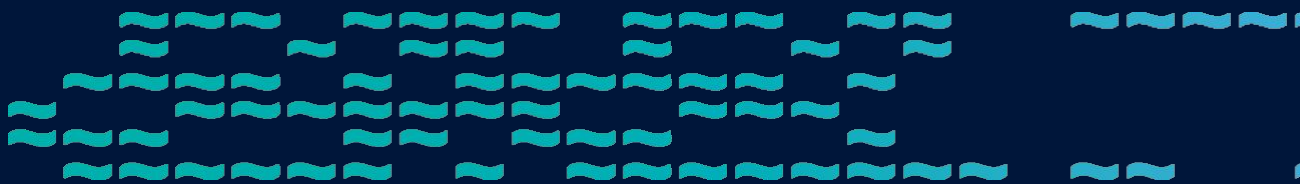
A CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE HEART OF EUROPE

The European Aquatics Masters Championships 2026 will take place across four international standard venues located in Samorin and Bratislava in Slovakia and Graz in Austria. 5 sports, 4 venues, 3 cities, 2 countries, 1 spirit.

This multi city format provides athletes and participants with access to world class aquatic facilities while offering the opportunity to experience the cultural richness and hospitality of Central Europe.

The Championships are designed to provide:

- World class competition conditions and integrated athlete services
- Accessible infrastructure and efficient logistics
- A welcoming environment for athletes, families, and supporters



VENUES AND COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Samorin (SVK) - x-bionic sphere

🇸🇰 Dubová 2254/33, Čilistov, 931 01 Šamorín

Swimming:

- training 16-17 Aug
- competition 18-24 Aug

Open Water Swimming (canal):

- training 24-25 Aug
- competition 26-28 Aug

Water Polo:

- training from 25 Aug,
- competition 26-30 Aug

All competitions will be conducted in accordance with European Aquatics Masters Regulations.

Bratislava (SVK) - Pasienky Aquatics Complex

🇸🇰 Junácka 4, 831 04 Bratislava

Artistic Swimming:

- training 17-18 Aug,
- competition 19-23 Aug

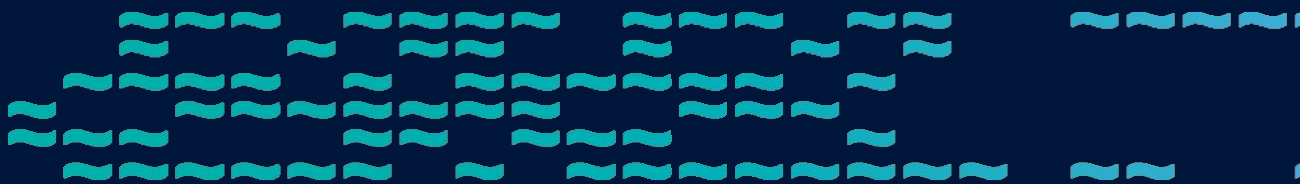
Graz (AUT) - Auster Sport- und Wellnessbad

🇦🇹 Janzgasse 21, 8020 Graz, Austria

Diving:

- training 22-23 Aug,
- competition 24-29 Aug





SAMORIN AND THE X-BIONIC SPHERE - MAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS HUB

The City

Samorin is a small town on the Danube lowland, about 25 km southeast of Bratislava. It combines easy accessibility with a calm, resort like atmosphere, ideal conditions for athletes who want to focus fully on their preparation and competition.

The Venue

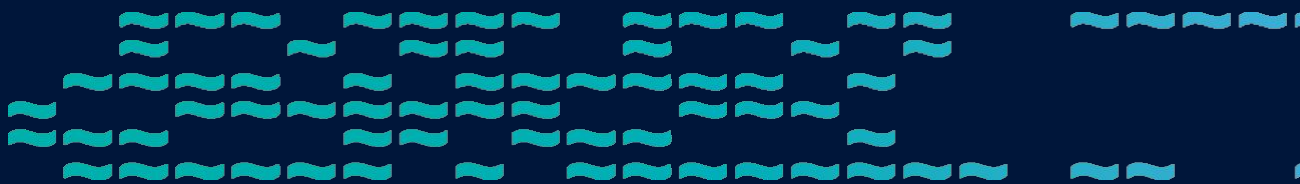
The x-bionic sphere will serve as the central hub of the Championships. It is internationally recognised as a high performance training centre and regularly hosts Olympic athletes, national teams, international training camps and major international competitions.

Aquatic facilities

- 50 metre Olympic outdoor pool, 10 lanes, Swimming competition and Water Polo, professional timing and competition systems
- 25 metre indoor pool, Swimming warm up and Water Polo tournament, dedicated warm up and training space
- Open Water venue in the Danube backwater canal, calm water conditions, dedicated competition course and safety infrastructure

Disciplines hosted

Swimming, Open Water Swimming, Water Polo



X-BIONIC SPHERE - ATHLETE SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Athlete services

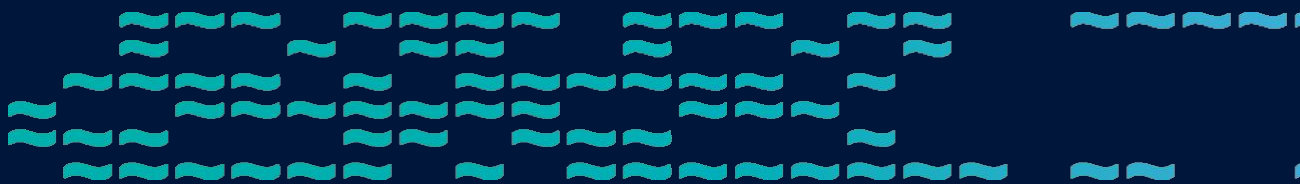
- Accreditation centre
- Athlete preparation and staging areas
- Call rooms and athlete flow management
- Medical and physiotherapy services
- Athlete lounge and relaxation areas
- Competition timing and electronic display systems
- Accompanying programme
- Official partners presentation zone
- Expo zone

Training, fitness and recovery

- Fully equipped professional gym and strength equipment
- Endless cycling opportunities on the banks of Danube River
- Wellness centre with 7 different sauna spots and steam facilities
- Hydrotherapy and recovery areas, massage services
- Thermal recovery pool
- Professional recovery and health services provided by the Medical team



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BRATISLAVA - PASIENKY AQUATICS COMPLEX (ARTISTIC SWIMMING)

The City

Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, lies on the Danube at the border of Austria and Hungary. The city offers excellent accessibility, a wide range of accommodation options, a walkable historic centre and rich cultural opportunities for athletes and families.

The Venue

The Pasienky Aquatics Complex has recently undergone major renovation and provides modern international standard competition conditions.

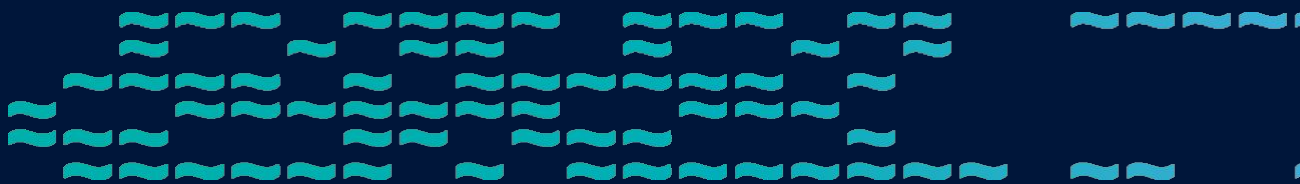
Aquatic facilities

- 50 metre indoor pool
- Dedicated warm up area within the same pool
- Competition and warm up areas separated by a non see through branded mesh barrier

Athlete infrastructure

Athlete staging and preparation areas
Gelatine preparation zones with hot water facilities
Judges' and technical official areas, medical support





GRAZ - AUSTER SPORT- UND WELLNESSBAD (DIVING)

The City

Graz, the second largest city of Austria with a UNESCO listed historic centre, offers a welcoming and athlete friendly environment with excellent accommodation and transport connections. The Diving venue is located within the host city.

The Venue

The Auster Sport- und Wellnessbad is a modern aquatic centre providing excellent technical conditions and athlete services.

Diving facilities

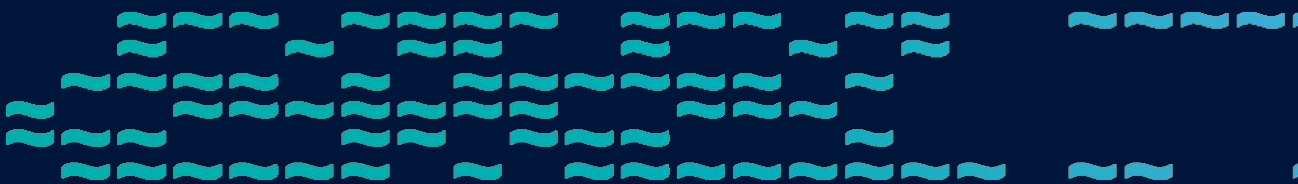
- 2 x 1 metre springboard
- 2 x 3 metre springboard
- 3 metre platform
- 5 metre platform
- 7.5 metre platform
- 10 metre platforms

Athlete and competition infrastructure

Athlete preparation areas and dryland warm up facilities
Judges' seating and competition control areas
Electronic scoring systems
Medical and safety services



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OFFICIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

Official shuttle - official hotels

During the Championships, official shuttle buses will operate between the official Championships hotels and the x-bionic sphere according to the event timetable. Detailed schedules will be published on the official website and at the Sport Information Desk and at the hotel reception.

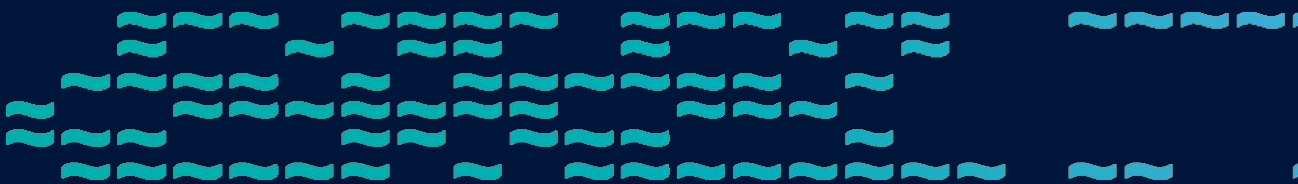
This is available only for those participants who booked official accommodation.

Official transportation partner - 5% discount

Participants interested in airport transfers can benefit from a 5% discount on all services provided by our official transportation partner **Carsen**. To claim the discount, please use promo code EAMC2026 when booking.

Daily transfers Bratislava - Samorin (participants staying outside official hotels)

Participants staying outside the official Championships hotels can book a daily transfer service between Bratislava and Samorin. The price for daily ticket for transportation between Bratislava and X-bionics is 20€ per day and person. Advance booking is required at [transportation booking page](#)



ARRIVAL - AIRPORTS AND MAIN TRANSPORT HUBS

Participants can arrive by

Plane:

- Vienna International Airport (VIE), approx. 45 minutes from Samorin, the primary international gateway
- Bratislava Airport (BTS), approx. 30 minutes from Samorin
- Graz Airport (AUT), located within the Diving host city

Train:

- Bratislava Main Railway Station (Hlavna stanica)
- Bratislava Petržalka Station (for several trains from Vienna)

Bus:

- Nivy Bus Station, Bratislava

Airpot Shuttles

There are regular bus shuttles between both airports and Nivy Bus Station.

The lines do depart every 30 minut from Vienna and every 40 minutes from Bratislava Airport.

Schedule & Tickets might be found here:

<https://www.slovaklines.sk/en/slovakia/destinations-and-experiences/bratislava-airport-bts/>

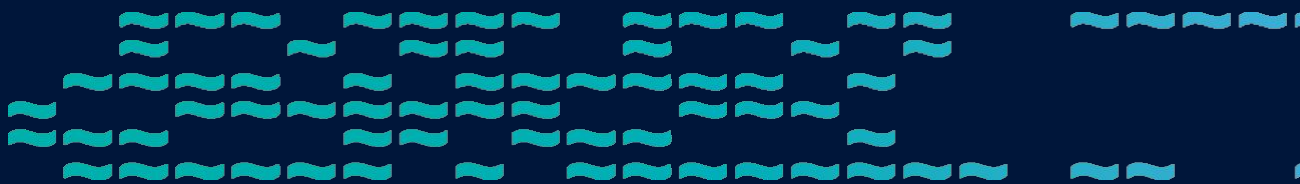
Public transportation within Bratislava

Single ticket approx. EUR 1.50, purchase in the bus by contactless card or via the IDS BK app

Taxi:

Bolt and Uber recommended, 15-20 minutes, approx. EUR 10

Avoid taking unofficial taxis waiting outside the terminal, they are often significantly more expensive.



GETTING TO SAMORIN AND AROUND BRATISLAVA

Getting to Samorin

By bus (recommended): from Nivy Bus Station, approx. 35-45 minutes, several times per hour.

Please note that the X-bionics Sphere complex is located approximately 4 km (40 minutes walk) from the Samorin Bus Station.

Check timetables on www.cp.sk or IDS BK

By taxi: approx. 30-40 minutes, estimated price EUR 35-50

There is no direct train connection to Samorin.

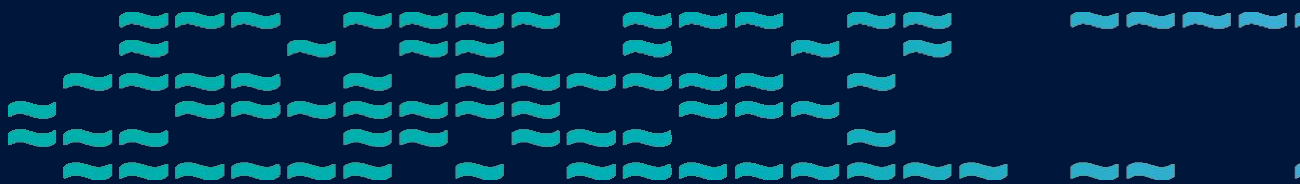
Public transport in Bratislava

Integrated network of buses, trams and trolleybuses.
Google Maps works very well

Main Railway Station: trains across Slovakia and to Vienna
Nivy Bus Station: main coach station for Samorin, Dunajská
Streda, Vienna and Graz

Parking in Bratislava

PAAS parking system: park only in marked spaces, pay via the PAAS app or a parking meter, check local regulations.



GETTING AROUND GRAZ

Public transport in Graz

Graz main station is one of the most important train stations in Austria. The modern transport hub connects local and long-distance transport in Styria and beyond the state's borders. The following public transport options are available for traveling to and from Graz Main Station:

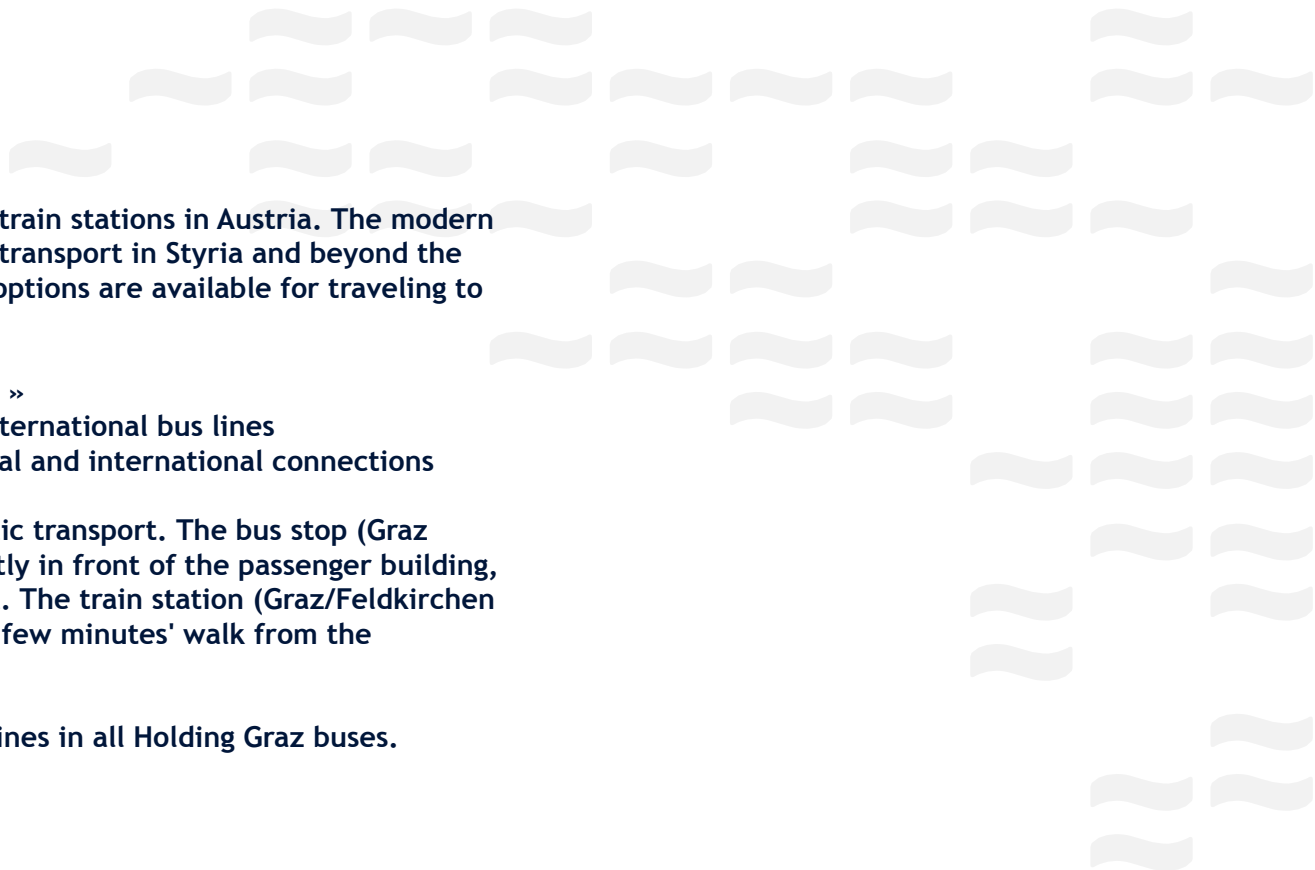
Tram: lines 1, 4, 6 and 7 | timetables tram lines »

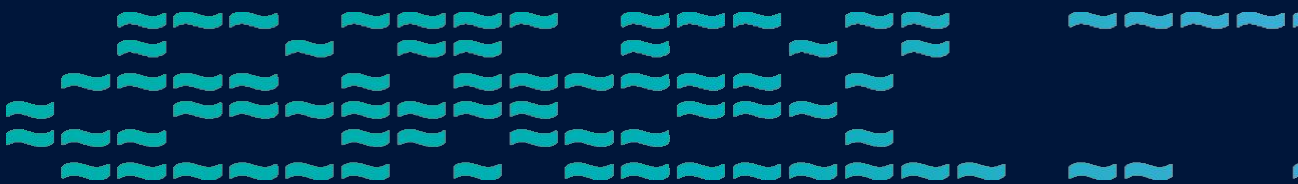
Bus: several city and regional lines as well as international bus lines

Rail: ÖBB Railjet and S-Bahn Styria, with national and international connections

Graz Airport is also very well connected to public transport. The bus stop (Graz Airport, bus lines 630 and 631) is located directly in front of the passenger building, in the immediate vicinity of the departure area. The train station (Graz/Feldkirchen Airport, S-Bahn line S5) is approx. 300 m and a few minutes' walk from the terminal.

Tickets are available from cashless ticket machines in all Holding Graz buses.





Full Inclusion Model Implemented

European Aquatics is proud to introduce a Full Inclusion Model for athletes with disabilities. Under this model:

- Athletes with disabilities will compete fully integrated within the main programme
- Athletes will be included in start lists based on official entry times
- Equal competition conditions will be ensured for all athletes

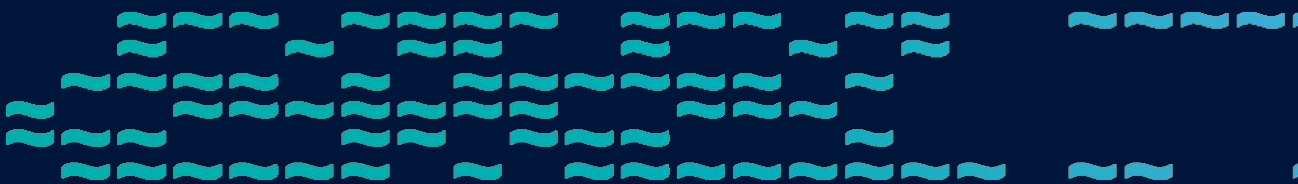
All venues and services have been prepared to support accessibility, including:

- Accessible accommodation
- Barrier free athlete access routes
- Accessible athlete preparation areas
- Integrated medical and athlete services





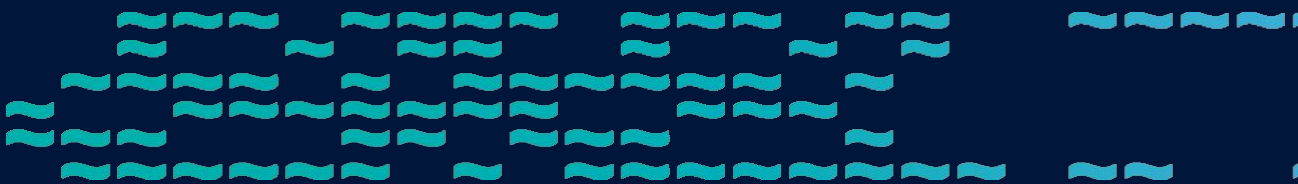
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Sustainability at first choice

In an effort to reduce the environmental footprint of the entire event, we have decided to reduce the use of single-use plastics. For this reason, we would like to inform you that drinking water can be provided through high-quality tap water at all sports venues. **Bottled water will not be available, please make sure to bring your own drinking bottle.**





MEDICAL SERVICES AT THE COMPETITION VENUE

Medical services will be provided by the EMS team during all training and competition sessions. Throughout the competitions and training events, a paramedic unit and a doctor will be available at the venue and will immediately start treatment on site in case of a medical issue. The European Aquatics Medical Guidelines will be in force during the entire Competition.

In case of a sudden deterioration of health, please seek help near the outdoor pool area. In the evening hours, outside of the venue's medical service hours, please contact the national emergency line: 112.

Referral Hospitals

Penta Hospitals Dunajska Streda

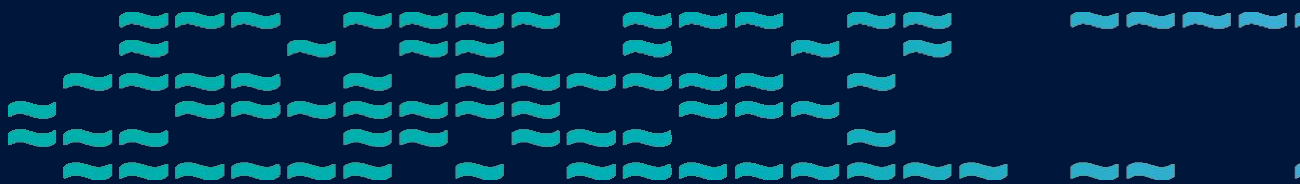
Velkoblahovska cesta 23, 929 01 Dunajska Streda

Univerzitná nemocnica Ruzinov (Bratislava)

Ruzinovska 4810/6, 821 01 Bratislava

LKH Graz II. Standort West (Graz)

Göstinger Straße 22, 8020 Graz



THE SPORT INFORMATION DESK

The Sport Information Desk will be located at the main athletes' entrance and will operate throughout the training and competition period.

Operating Hours: daily, 08:00 to 20:00, with a break from 12:00 to 13:00.

Services Provided:

- General event and venue information
- Sport specific information for the competition
- Lost and Found
- Accommodation and transportation assistance
- Food and Beverage coordination
- Liaison among teams, competition management and the European Aquatics Technical Committee
- Distribution of official documents and communication for teams
- Assistance for the Team Leaders Meeting
- Handling of miscellaneous inquiries

