



2026 EUROPE TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bid Document

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Winter Championships
European Championships
Multisport Championships



ELITE STANDARD DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our traditional offer for European Elite Athlete !

Young emerging elite Athlete and more experienced one compete in challenging races all across Europe. Probably the best way to make the way to the top !

PARATRIATHLON

Paratriathlon is fully part of the triathlon family. Therefore, the best european para triathlete compete at the same time and the same place as the elite !

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At the same place and same moment of the championships, the Annual General Assembly welcomes once a year the delegate of the 43 countries composing the European Triathlon Union federation. This is the moment where the future of our sport is discussed and decided !

NATION STARS TOUR

A unique tour of Age Group European Championships !

The Nation Stars Tour is the tour of the 3 major Age Group Europe Triathlon Championships. It gives an impressive visibility to our European Triathlon Nations. They can present with pride their best age grouper in each category.

KEY EVENTS

- Europe Triathlon Winter Championships
- Europe Triathlon Championships
- Europe Triathlon Multisport Championships

The European Championships event offers drafting and non-drafting formats in the sprint and standard distance to the best European Age grouper in a unique qualitative experience !

World & Europe Triathlon

EUROPE TRIATHLON: THE EUROPEAN GOVERNING BODY

The European Triathlon Union was established in 1984.

Europe Triathlon is the European governing body for the Olympic sport of Triathlon and for all related multisport such as Paratriathlon, Aquathlon, Duathlon, Long Distance Triathlon, Long Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon and Winter Triathlon. Europe Triathlon is recognised by World Triathlon as the Continental Confederation in Europe. The Europe Triathlon Championships have been organized since 1985.

More information about Europe Triathlon can be found at europe.competitions.org.



WORLD TRIATHLON: THE WORLD GOVERNING BODY

World Triathlon was founded in 1989. World Triathlon is the world governing body for the Olympic sport of Triathlon and recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the Association of Summer Olympic Sports (ASOIF) and Sportaccord, the Association of International Sport Federations.

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More information about World Triathlon can be found at www.competitions.org, "the official triathlon resource".

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Introduction

This document is intended for Europe Triathlon National Federations (NFs), Host Cities or Event Local Organising Committees (LOCs) interested in bidding to host the Europe Triathlon Championships. The event includes the:

1. Europe Triathlon Elite Standard Distance Championships.
2. Europe Triathlon Age Group Standard Distance Championships (no-drafting race).
3. Europe Triathlon Age Group Sprint Distance Championships (drafting race).
4. Europe Triathlon Paratriathlon Championships.
5. Europe Triathlon Annual General Assembly.

The Event will run over at least two but preferably over three days, to have a 24 hour gap between the two AG Events which allows the athletes to race both Events. The Europe Triathlon Championships are designed to provide well organised Events in all triathlon-related Multisports with a wide continental reach and high quality competitions for athletes.

Europe Triathlon Championships feature:

- Significant prize purse for Elite athletes in the individual Elite race.
- Media and internet coverage, which makes hosting attractive for sport tourism and for developing the global brand of the host city.
- Significant income for the LOC from potential sponsorship, athlete race entries and ancillary activities.
- Significant income for the City and Region from athlete and spectator bed nights, daily expenses and associated income.
- Significant exposure, kudos and promotion of the City and the Region with potential for increased tourism.
- The Europe Triathlon Championships will be part of and count towards the World Triathlon Series Rankings with points as well as for the Europe Triathlon and the World Triathlon rankings. The double points compared to a Europe Triathlon Cup Event are likely to attract the best European athletes ensuring a high quality of field. This will be of considerable benefit to the successful LOC.

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- i) Host Cities, with the endorsement of their respective National Federation, can bid to host a Europe Triathlon Championship. Hosting the Europe Triathlon Championships creates an instant economic impact in a city by bringing in a significant number of international tourists to the Host City, including competitors, support teams, officials, sports fans, family and friends.
- ii) The event also brings together athletes of all levels, from future stars to formal European Champions and Olympic potential medallists to every aspect of the mass participation market. Triathlon is one of the fastest growing mass participation sports in Europe and the world and a Host City can benefit from major sports tourism activation.
- iii) The Host City can expect extensive content delivered across all official Europe Triathlon social media platforms.
- iv) Europe Triathlon Championships events are not constrained to a stadium, which makes it a unique sport by offering the Host City the opportunity to showcase visual postcards of its landmarks using the city landscape and unique venues as the race venue as opposed to an indoor stadium. This allows the global audience to witness an iconic sport and the city environment alongside each other.
- v) National Triathlon development initiatives and creating a genuine sporting legacy can also result from hosting a successful Europe Triathlon event.

Television, Media and Branding

1. Television Media:

i) Television Broadcast or Live Streaming is compulsory and the associated costs are borne by the LOC and should be in accordance with the World Triathlon TV broadcasting requirements.

ii) All domestic and international rights for television in any form including on screen timing and data and the footage and sound from the television crew are the property of Europe Triathlon. However Europe Triathlon will assign the domestic rights to the LOC for the Domestic Broadcast opportunities. The LOC will provide rushes to the Europe Triathlon/World Triathlon media team for their use post the Event. Europe Triathlon will work with the LOC to maximise the use of the international rights. Television production and domestic distribution costs are the responsibility of the LOC.

iii) The LOC should provide TV broadcasting quality production. This will be of significant benefit to the domestic audience, domestic sponsors and to the aims of the Europe Triathlon to promote the sport to as wide an audience as possible.

iv) A proficient timing company, capable of producing live timing results that can be output to the live video production to provide live timing graphics as the race(s) progress is mandatory. Associated costs for this are the responsibility of the LOC. The Timing company should be approved by Europe Triathlon.

v) If the LOC is not able to organise TV coverage the even streaming production will be organised by Europe Triathlon and the LOC will pay an additional TV fee of 30,000€. This figure is for the Elite race only and will be for live streaming rather than TV quality broadcast. Additional cost will be charged to cover any Paratriathlon race or the Age Group Races Event.

2. News Media:

Online news distribution can be provided for the Event if quality footage is delivered in real time by the LOC.

3. Online Media:

The Event will receive exposure on <https://europe.triathlon.org> via news stories, photo galleries and results. Live timing and video may be published to europe.triathlon.org at Europe Triathlon's discretion, if provided by the LOC. The Event will be staged on Europe Triathlon live and Tri live.

4. Photography and Print Media:

i) The Event will receive the support of the Europe Triathlon Media Coordinator who will write and distribute releases via major continental wire services and be the point of contact for all media matters.

ii) The LOC is welcome to invite the Europe Triathlon Media Coordinator to attend the Event to provide assistance in media operations and communication, in which case all costs including flight from home base, transfer, accommodation and meals should be covered by the LOC should be covered by the LOC.
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5. Branding and Sponsorship:

i) Branding – Europe Triathlon will retain the right to a maximum of 30% (ratio 70:30, LOC: Europe Triathlon) of the branding space for Europe Triathlon and Europe Triathlon sponsors, including on the Field of play. At all times, the branding guidelines in the Event contract need to be followed.

ii) The LOC will create an Event logo according to the Europe Triathlon Branding guidelines which needs approval from Europe Triathlon and must be used by the LOC.

iii) Sponsors – Europe Triathlon shall retain the commercial rights of the Event for Europe Triathlon Sponsors however, Europe Triathlon agrees that it shall grant to the Host, the non-exclusive Commercial and Naming Rights of the Event and the Host shall be entitled to retain any and all revenue generated by these Host Commercial Rights. Should Europe Triathlon not wish to take up their reserved rights these will be handed back to the LOC.

iv) The LOC must liaise with Europe Triathlon to ensure that any sponsors the LOC wish to bring on board do not compete with Europe Triathlon's sponsors.

6. Merchandising:

The LOC will have the right to produce, distribute and sell merchandising products for the Event, with the obligation to include in all items the logo of the Event and of Europe Triathlon. Europe Triathlon will retain the right to sell merchandising specific from Europe Triathlon and World Triathlon, including merchandising referring to the European Championships. Europe Triathlon/World Triathlon merchandising will not include the Event logo.



General Information and Objectives

1. General information:

i) Europe Triathlon Championships are contracted by Europe Triathlon to a Local Organising Committee (LOC), in cooperation with its member National Federation (NF).

ii) Europe Triathlon calls for bids at least annually, however multiple years' bids might be considered. NF's, host cities and LOC's are encouraged to develop visionary proposals that can enhance the scope, presentation and marketing of the Events. Priority will be given to existing organisers that have followed the ideal development path of hosting a National Event, Series Event or Regional Events and delivered a high-quality Event.

iii) Europe Triathlon exclusively owns the rights to the Events and contracts the organisation of the European Championships to individual LOCs, which can be made up of any combination of NFs, Host City and/or recognized Event organisers, as long as the NF is always a co-signatory to the contract.

iv) LOCs must be fully aware of the concept, format, and scope of Europe Triathlon Championships, as envisioned by Europe Triathlon and its partners as defined in this document.

2. Europe Triathlon Objectives:

i) Host a safe and fair competition.

ii) Present a European Championship that is attractive to sponsors, and/or, tourism authority, and is of benefit to the NF's objectives of developing the sport at a high level.

iii) Maximise media exposure for the Europe Triathlon Multisport disciplines nationally and globally. iv) Promote good spectator audiences.

v) Exhibit strong corporate support.

vi) Engage public institution support.

vii) Establish strong partnerships (Europe Triathlon/NF/LOC/Host City/and the related partners of Europe Triathlon).

viii) Ensure a strong emphasis on sport development with a provision of a legacy for the sport.

ix) Ensure a high-quality athlete experience for both Elite and Age Group athletes. Europe Triathlon will give positive assessments to bids that detail innovative ways to improve the athlete experience particularly for Age Group athletes.

x) Europe Triathlon considers environmental sustainability as a key area of importance for their Events. Event bids must therefore show what measures the LOC will put in place to ensure this. Event bids that show high sustainability will be given a positive weighting.

Host City/LOC Requirements, Obligations and Responsibilities

1. The Relevant Parties:

The agreement for a European Championship will be concluded between the following parties:

- Europe Triathlon;
- The LOC comprised of: Host City-Event organiser;
- iii) The National Federation Member.

2. Event Fees:

The financial obligations required to host Europe Triathlon Championships events is:

	Event Fee	Prize Money
Europe Triathlon Championships	€ 60,000	€ 80,000

All fees must to be paid to Europe Triathlon well in advance and free of taxes. First the LOC will pay a bid fee consisting of 1/3rd of the Event Fee by the beginning of February 2026, the rest of the Event Fee (the remainin 2/3rds) should be paid 60 days and the Prize Money 30 days prior to the Event.

3. Secondary Financial Considerations:

i) Transportation: The LOC should ensure that local transportation is organised free of charge for up to 30 Europe Triathlon officials including the representative(s) from the Europe Triathlon Executive Board, Europe Triathlon Staff, the Medical Delegate, the Technical Official(s) and the Media Team. This transport will be for all activities related to the Event including:

- Airport transfers;
- Transfer between hotel and competition venue, media Events and any social activities;
- Dedicated car for Technical Delegate, depending on the local distances and the feasibility of using public transport.
- Bids demonstrating sustainable transport options will be looked on more favourably.

ii) Accommodation: The LOC is required to provide 6 days free accommodation for up to 30 Europe Triathlon officials including those drawn from the Europe Triathlon Executive Board, Europe Triathlon Staff, Medical Delegate, Technical Official(s) and Media Team in a hotel that is reasonably close (no more than 10 kilometres) of the competition venue.

iii) Hosting: The LOC is required to host an opening ceremony preferable with a Pasta Party and include a VIP hosting area on race day plus a closing/award ceremony. Specific protocols can be found in the World Triathlon Protocol Manual.

iv) Anti-Doping Control Tests: The LOC will work with their NF and the Doping Control Agency in their country to organise and fund 20 Anti-Doping Control Tests which are, reserved from changes, for the Elite, Paratriathlon and Age Group race categories in accordance with World Triathlon antidoping requirements. The details will be explained in the Event agreement.

v) Insurance: The LOC is obliged to work with the NF to provide ten million 10,000,000€ Event Liability Insurance, Event Third Party Liability Insurance, that will include the WT/TE officials and delegates on it.

vi) Technical Support: The LOC should be aware of the cost associated with timing, results, and communications; radios, phones; internet; as described in the agreement.

vii) Athletes' Services: The LOC is required to provide a full package of athletes' services appropriate to this level of competition including: all information regarding transportation from the airport including costs, access to training sites; safe bike and swim course familiarizations; bike mechanic support; local medical information services' and a unique Event souvenir and finishers medal. On accommodation the LOC has to make sure that hotel options for athletes various from **stars to ****stars maximum. If possible, special rates need to be negotiated with the hotels. All this information need be included within an athlete guide that is published on the Event website the latest 2 months prior to the Event date.

viii) Briefing: Room for at least 250 athletes and coaches for a separate briefing for all competitions.

iv) Europe Triathlon Annual General Assembly: The LOC is required to provide and pay for: accommodation for the Annual General Assembly; a facility for 120 persons with a high table on the front for the 9 Executive Board Members and tables and chairs for a maximum of 48 National Federations, including catering for one coffee break and one lunch break. The accommodation needs to have Audio/Visual equipment, high speed internet connections with WIFI.

Technical Aspects

World Triathlon/Europe Triathlon Technical Elements:

The key technical elements of an Event consist of:

- The competition categories;
- The schedule;
- The course;
- The venue;

The associated logistical requirements needed to produce an Europe Triathlon Championship at the World Triathlon/ Europe Triathlon standard defined in the contract and the World Triathlon Event Organisers’ Manual and competition rules.

Competition categories:

1. Elite

2. Age Group

- 5 years Age group categories starting from 16-19 (or 18-19 for standard distance), 20-24, ... years;

3. Paratriathlon

- 6 different medal Events (PTVI, PTS2, PTS3, PTS4, PTS5 and PTWC)

Other Scheduled Activities: complementary cultural Events over the course of the weekend.

World Triathlon/Europe Triathlon Competition Course and Venue requirements: the technical requirements of the Europe Triathlon Championships are covered in the Event Organisers’ Manual (EOM) (http://www.triathlon.org/about/downloads/category/event_organisers_manual) and in the World Triathlon Competition Rules. Please study these documents (available on www.triathlon.org) carefully during your bid preparation.

Race distances are:

Europe Triathlon Championship	Swim	Bike	Run
Elite* and AG standard distance	1500 m	40 km	10 km
Paratriathlon	750 m	20 km	5 km
Age Group Sprint**	750 m	20 km	5 km

*Please take note that the Elite races are multi-lap Events where bike laps are 5 to 8km long and run laps 2,5 to 3,3km long.
 **Please take note that the Age Group Sprint Championships bike course should be designed in such a way that a safe and fair drafting race can be organised. This in general means a one-way course on at least two-lane roadways.

Europe Triathlon Sport Presentation: the Europe Triathlon Championships should be presented to the on-site spectators by announcers approved by Europe Triathlon. The presentation shall be in both the language of the home nation as well as in English.

The Award Ceremony must be conducted as per Europe Triathlon/World Triathlon Protocol, at the conclusion of each Event.

A digital version of the programme should provide information on the venue, including diagrams of the staging and display areas, time schedule for Events, a description of each Event and its objective, as well as competitors’ profiles for the top-ranked athletes. A start list should also be made available following the Athlete briefing.

Selection Criteria

Europe Triathlon will evaluate each bid based on a set of criteria such as the geographical location and the number of Events in the region, the experience of the LOC, the commitment of the city and other public agencies, the sustainability of the Event, the Marketing and promotions plan, the Sponsorship plan and secured sponsor agreements, the Support of the host National Federation and the LOC's and NF's commitment to Europe Triathlon Sport Development.

After the bid documentation Submission Deadline, Europe Triathlon may visit all new Venues/Cities that have sent all the proprietary documentation to Europe Triathlon. The bidder must cover the accommodation costs during such visit.

Europe Triathlon may eliminate bids that are not in line with the criteria as laid out in this bid document. Europe Triathlon will only shortlist a bidder if it is convinced that the bidder has the capability and resources to stage the Europe Triathlon Championships at the quality required, and to fulfil all the obligations of the Europe Triathlon Championships.

The decision on the selection will be made by the Europe Triathlon Executive Board.

Bid Schedule

Europe Triathlon Championships LOCs will be selected through the bidding process. The bid process is launched according to the following tables:

2026 Europe Triathlon Championships Bid Timeline:

Deadline	Event
3 March 2025	Opening of the Bid Process
31 May 2025	Submission of Bid documents
1-15 June 2025	Bid evaluation Period by Europe Triathlon
15 June 2025	Selection of 2026 host city
20-30 June 2025	Announcement of 2026 host city

Bid Application Documents

The purpose of this section is to assist bid committees in the preparation of a comprehensive bid package:

- i) Documents should be prepared in a simple format at a modest cost.
- ii) All documents must be submitted to the Europe Triathlon in English.
- iii) Bids are evaluated on substance and content.
- iv) The Bid Questionnaire (page 16) should be completed in print form.
- v) Maps and diagrams should be accurate and of good quality.
- vi) Digital photo should be included.

“Bid Package” Contents: the following materials should be included:

- i) Letters of support:
 - A signed letter of support from the respective NF.
 - A host city letter of commitment including assurance of police support for the required road closures, a medical emergency commitment, and other financial commitments.
 - A letter of support from other relevant public Institutions. - A letter of support from the local tourism authority including any anticipated financial assistance.
 - A letter outlining commitments from media and television for the Event.
 - A letter describing any existing or planned commercial sponsorship commitments.
- ii) A visual presentation from the candidate city.
- iii) The structure of the organizing committee along with brief curriculum vitae of the key people.
- iv) Draft budget outlining revenue and expenses.
- v) Draft marketing and promotion plan.
- vi) The environmental data of the area (tide tables for swim area, weather forecast with average temperatures, water quality conditions).
- vii) Proposed venue and course maps.
- viii) Proposed Event dates, with at least one alternative date.

4. Submissions:

The bid documents and supporting materials must be submitted electronically in word or PDF format to the following email: hq@europe.com

Bid Committee Credentials:

2026 Europe Triathlon Championship	
<p>NF Representative</p> <p>Contact name:</p> <p>Email address:</p> <p>Telephone number:</p>	
<p>LOC Representative</p> <p>Contact name:</p> <p>Email address:</p> <p>Telephone number:</p>	
<p>Event date proposal</p>	
<p>Optional date 1 (<i>mandatory</i>)</p>	
<p>Optional date 2 (<i>recommended</i>)</p>	

Please complete the questionnaire on the next page

Please write down below other important information to support your bid

Bid Submitted by: _____ (name)

Function: _____

On: _____ (date)

Question	Yes	No	Comments or explanation
Letter of support from Host city?			
Confirmation of road closure for the race?			
Medicale emergency support?			
Local transit support?			
Support of Public institutions? (national/Regional Government)			
Letter of National Federation support?			
Number of qualified National Technical Officials?			
Confirmation of the support of top Youth national athletes for the Events?			
Sport development plans associated with the Event? (your Event,...)			
Event insurance (1 million EURO) secured and proof attached?			
Sponsorship secured/anticipated?			
Marketing plan attached?			
Promotions plan attached?			
Media plan attached?			
Athletes' services plan attached?			
VIP hosting plan attached?			
Budget attached?			
Sustainability activities plan?			
Local host broadcaster support – if confirmed?			
Timing compagny name?			
LOC structure?			
Venue and course maps attached?			
Environmental data of the area attached?			

Age Group Athlete Experience

For your information please find below requirements prepared by Europe Triathlon for optimal Age Group Participation. Please make sure all these requirements are taken into consideration to make sure as many Age Group athletes as possible are competing.

1. The LOC shall set up an Event website and Facebook page at least 3 months prior to the Event and thereafter update it frequently.
2. The LOC shall provide Contact email and telephone details of the LOC to all National Federations at least 3 months prior to the Event. Email queries from individual Federations will be answered promptly.
3. The named LOC contact person will help individual Federations meet their requirements (particularly helpful for those with larger teams).
4. The Age Group entry fee will be published no later than 3 months prior to the Event to allow for National Federations plenty of time to implement their qualification process, therefore attaining maximum athlete numbers.
5. The LOC will provide to National Federations a comprehensive local guide (including maps) of the race the latest 3 months prior to the Event.
6. The LOC will send to National Federations regular and updated information, particularly important for smaller teams.
8. The LOC shall make available details of the bike route and road closures in good time before the Event and facilitate riding the course before the race.
9. The LOC shall provide an auditorium with power point facilities, screen and microphone, for at least 4 hours per day in the 3 days before the race. This is important for larger nations to brief their teams prior to the Event.
10. The LOC shall arrange a parade of all nations with flag bearers and with music or a marching band where possible. Arrange a short simple opening and closing ceremony. Try to avoid the evening before the Age Group race. Cost in to the race fee a pre-event pasta party with music and/or entertainment. Take in to account the growing number of vegetarian athletes. Provide a closing party, post Event, as this is very important to the athletes and their championship race experience. Factor a buffet and a drink followed by entertainment/band into the race fee.
11. The LOC shall arrange for official finish line photographs to be available to athletes to purchase.
12. The LOC shall ensure there is a podium for all medal ceremonies of all categories separated with the official Europe Triathlon /World Triathlon backdrop, at an appropriate venue.
13. The LOC shall provide finishers medals for all Age Group categories irrespective of the number of athletes in each category.
14. The LOC shall ensure that for that the official prestart "heartbeat/drum music" is played for every wave.

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