

# Invitation

Dear sport friends,

After busy year in Bratislava, we are happy to welcome you back for International Junior and U23 Regatta 2023.

Last year was amazing. We were happy to organize two great competitions, Regatta and Olympic Hopes. Both were very successful, 40 countries participated at Olympic Hopes. Lake Zemnik in Bratislava is getting popular in canoe sprint world. And we are looking forward continuing with competition organization this year.

Since 2019 is Bratislava hosting International Regatta and the venue is getting better each year. We are really proud that European Canoe Association assigned organization of ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint European Championships 2024 to Bratislava. Bratislava has the advantage of great connection via highways, close to two airports. And the lake with stand clear water close to the city centre is what it makes it so special.

This year we decided to update event programme according to European and World Championships by adding 5000m and having less 200m events. We believe, athletes will addapt to these trends and enjoy another unforgettable and quality competitions that make everyone come back again year after year.

We wish you great results and pleasant stay in Bratislava.

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Chairman of organizing committee

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#### Information about Bratislava

Bratislava is capital city of Slovakia located in the Central Europe. City is well connected with neighbouring capitals and international airports by international highways. Population 520 000. The capital of Slovakia attracts visitors with its rich history and landscape, as well as its modern buildings. Visitors can't miss Bratislava Castle, with its own Historical Museum and surprisingly quaint gardens overlooking the city. Stroll down the picturesque streets of the district under the Castle towards the Old Town, featuring the remarkable St.Martin's Cathedral. This Gothic Cathedral witnessed the coronation of 19 Austro-Hungarian kings and queens, including Maria Theresa, whose importance was felt throughout Europe. The Main Square, extremely rich in historical and cultural monuments, draws visitors in with its charming atmosphere. Here, you can also find several palaces, the Bratislava City Museum, the Old Town Hall, and Roland's Fountain, all serving to enrich the atmosphere. Visit the Primate's Palace, with precious English tapestries from the 17th century and beautiful displays in its Art Gallery. We must mention the nearby Blue Church, an Art Nouveau gem with blue plaster and roof. For sightseeing in Bratislava, you can also hop on the small historical train and explore the entire city, beginning from the Castle and ending in the streets of the Old Town. This train runs throughout the year. On the right bank of the Danube, relax in the oldest public park in Central Europe called Sad Janka Kráľa, which was founded by Maria Theresa. At the end of the park, you will see the suspension Bridge of Slovak National Uprising, whose UFO café offers amazing views of the city's surroundings. Enjoy a trip down the Danube on a sightseeing boat. You can choose from among several different routes, like a cruise around Bratislava, one up to Devín, a cruise on the other side to Gabčíkovo and much more.



#### Zemník

Canoeing Sport Center is located about 5 km south east from city center.



**GPS COORDINATES** 

Latitude 48.090257 Longitude 17.138144

#### Weather Information

The month of May presents moderate sunny weather with average temperature about 18 - 24°C

• Temperature

Daytime temperatures will generally reach highs of around 22°C. At night the average minimum temperature drops down to around 12°C.

Relative Humidity

The average daily relative humidity for May is around 30%.

Precipitation

The average monthly amount of precipitation is 50 mm.

Wind

The average daily wind speed in May is 10 km/h.

The average number of windy days in May is 11.

### How to get to the Venue

City is well connected with neighbouring capitals and international airports by international highways.

#### **BY ROAD**

Bratislava is situated directly on country boarders with Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary. Bratislava is well connected to neighbouring capitals by international multilane highways. Within Slovakia, the D1 motorway connects Bratislava to the east of the country (direction Košice, Krakow), the D2 motorway connects Bratislava with Hungary to the south and the Czech Republic to the north and D4 motorway connects Bratislava with Vienna. Entry to venue is from roundabout (Zuzany Chalupovej Street) exit "Hrádza" and follow signs "Slovenská kanoistika".

#### **BY AIR**

If you want to fly to Bratislava, you can choose between the city's own international airport and Schwechat airport in Vienna, which is about 45 km from Bratislava and connected by regular shuttle buses. Regular flights link these airports with many major European destinations.

Vienna international airport (VIE) www.viennaairport.com Bratislava airport (BTS) www.bts.aero

#### **BY TRAIN**

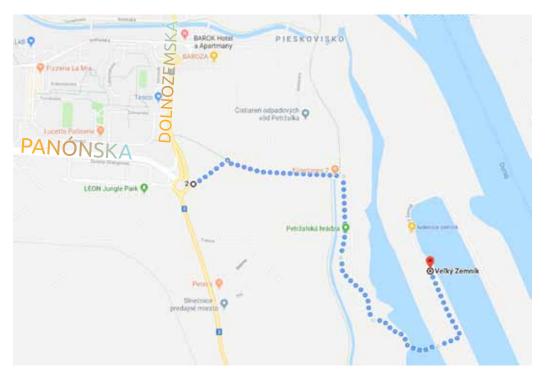
International trains to Bratislava's main railway station run from Vienna (1 hour), Budapest (3 hours), and Prague (4-5 hours) several times a day. There are less frequent direct connections to Berlin, Bucharest, Kiev, Moscow and Warsaw.

The main railway station is a short distance from the centre and there is a good connection to city public transport; alternatively, walking takes 15-20 minutes. Trains from Vienna also arrive at Bratislava–Petržalka Station, which is to the south of the city centre across the Danube River.

#### BY BOAT

Perhaps the nicest way to arrive in Bratislava is by riverboat, via the Danube. The Rhine–Main–Danube Canal links Bratislava with the North Sea; the Danube River connects it to the Black Sea.

Cruises along the Danube have been a big hit with tourists for many years. River cruises go to and from Budapest, and a scheduled passenger service, the Twin City Liner, connects Bratislava and Vienna by high-speed catamaran several times a day during summer.



### Visa Requirements

The Organizing Committee will assist in processing Immigration visa applications for all participants of the Championships.

Type C Schengen visa: entry visa

The visa entitles its holder to enter and stay in the Schengen area for not more than a total of 90 days within a six-month period subsequent to the date of the first entry. This visa may be issued for one or several entries (single entry and multiple entry visa).

Further information can be found at www.foreign.gov.sk/en/home

### Border regime of Slovakia / COVID-19

https://korona.gov.sk/en/travelling-to-slovak-republic/

Actual information regarding COVID-19 before and during the race will be published on https://regatta.canoe.sk/

### **Customs Regulations**

Slovak customs procedures are regularly reviewed and follow European Union legislation, where applicable.

Slovak Canoeing will provide support and guidance to support this process, particularly in connection with licensed Sport and Medical equipment, however, we are unable to guarantee all exceptions.



### Age catogories

Kadets (2007-2008), Juniors (2005-2006) and U23 (2000-2004)

**Events** 

The disciplines of the Regatta will be as follows:

K1 200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m

K2 500m, 1000m

K4, C4 500m

C1 200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m

C2 500m, 1000m

### Competition programme

**22th May 2023** Access period strarts

Race Course opens for training

**25th May 2023** Teamleaders meeting

Official training times with starting machine test

**26th-28th May 2023** Competiton days

**28th May 2023** Evening access period ends

#### Prizes

The three best national teams and three best athletes will receive special valuable prices.

Best national team €1.000,Second team €500,Second athlete €400,Second athlete €200,Third team €300,Third athlete €100,-

### Payment

The accommodation and participation fees are to be paid as below:

Hotel reservation deadline is 26th March 2023. Once the HOC confirms your booking, 60% of the total amount will be invoiced with 8 days payment terms. Kindly note that the booking shall be provisional until the payment of the invoice has arrived to our bank account, hence the HOC reserves the right to alter or cancel the reservation until that time. With the arrival of the payment it shall be a confirmed reservation. An updated proforma invoice will be sent by the HOC verifying the arrival of your transfer to our bank account. Participation fee (for those who booked their accommodation on their own and not through the HOC) has to be paid upon the proforma invoice sent by the HOC. Please, keep the deadline of submitting the nominal entry 18th May 2023.

100% of the accommodation and/or participation fees have to be paid until 18th May 2023.

The participant's fees are to paid after coach meeting, or before the competition via bank, only in EUR:

Benificiary: Slovenska kanoistika, Junacka 6,831 04 Bratislava

Bank: Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.

IBAN: SK64 0900 0000 0051 2488 5114

### Participation Fee and Services

#### Participation fee:

All participants (athletes, coaches, attendants, etc.) have to pay a participation fee of 30€/day, that includes:

- Medical care at the course
- Fees for the use of the regatta course and its facilities

The participation fee does NOT include:

Transfer from and to the Airport

In case accommodation is booked through the HOC, then all team members of that national federation will not have to pay a participation fee as it is already included in the accommodation price.

### Deadlines for submitting

In order to assure a very good organization and accommodation we would be obliged if you could confirm your participation by fill forms:

- ELECTRONICAL Preliminary entry form, hotel reservation / request for boats 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 On http://regatta.canoe.sk/
- Team registration without hotel booking: 18th April 2023
- Rooming list: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Airport transport reservation: 26th April 2023
- ELECTRONICAL Nominal Entries on our website 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 On http://regatta.canoe.sk/

After deadline of nominal entries will be every change charged by  $2,- \notin /$  one change.

### Traning before competitions

For teams coming not only from oversees we will be able to arrange for training camp before (or after) the competition. Please contact hujsova@canoe.sk.

#### Boat rental

A limited number of boats can be rented. Your request must be send till **26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the online preliminary form. After this date should be problem to provide boats.** The fee will be 40 EUR per single boat and day, 45 EUR pre double boat/ day and 100 EUR per K4/C4/and day.

### Description of Competition Venue and sport infrastructure

Zemník Canoeing Sport Centre is natural course near river Danube suitable for canoeing and rowing. It is located 5km south east of the Bratislava city centre. This course is used for water sports since 2013. It is 2,2km long and 200m wide.



### Services for Athletes

The following services will be provided to all accredited athletes and team personnel:

Local transport
Athlete's Village
Boat Storage
Rest Room
Medical during competition
Car Parking
Drink Water during competition
Flatwater Training



## Type and standards of accommodation

#### Accommodation for athletes and teams

Accommodation costs pro person/night, including full board and local transportation.

Category 1: Double room: 80 EUR / person, Single room: 95 EUR / night



Category 2: Double room: 70 EUR / person, Single room: 80 EUR / night



Category 3: Person: 55 EUR / night, Single room: 70 EUR



Category 4: Multiple room: 50 EUR / person, Single room: 70 EUR / night



# Airport Transport for all participants

Bratislava airport 10€/person Viena airport 25€/person Groups up to 3 person will have a special price



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