

2022 CU Operation Report

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Highlights of 2021

In 2022, ETU further materialized its restart after the pandemic ended in 2021. The number of events in Europe slowly rose back to the old levels and the number of participating athletes slowly increased. Some events in the beginning of the year were postponed and held later during the year and a total of 20 G2 events were held in Europe.

Manchester hosted the G4 European Senior Championships and at our flagship event, the best senior athletes of Europe were present. The WT Presidents Cup Europe, Multi European Games and European Clubs also had not the number of athletes as before the pandemic struck. Nevertheless ETU hosted these events and the organizers did their utmost to successfully host athletes and teams from both inside and outside Europe.

The ETU Council met only once in 2022. The WT World Cadet/Junior Championships was the occasion for the ETU council to meet. Important decisions were taken with regard to the qualification pathway for the 2023 European Games, but also on matters regarding accommodation at events, the host city for the European Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024 as well as the introduction of European Ranking for all European events instead of just a few events.

List of CU-Promoted Championships

The following WT sanctioned and G2 events were held in 2022:

9 th Turkish Open	8-13 February
Ramus Sofia Open	4-7 March
Belgian Open	19-20 March
Spanish Open	1-3 April
Sweden Open	30 April
Austrian Open	28-29 May
Lux Open	11-12 June
Israel Open	13-14 August
Tallin Open	27-28 August
Polish Open	9-11 September
Slovenia Open	17-18 September
Albanian Open	1-2 October
Riga Open	8-9 October
Montenegro Podgorica Open	15-16 October
Dutch Open	14-16 October
1 st Solidarity Center Open	22-23 October
Galeb Belgrade Trophy – Serbia Open	28-30 October
Dracula Open	4-6 November
Bosnia and Herzegovina Open	21-22 November
French Open	26-27 November

ETU hosted together with the Organizing Committees the following events:

Presidents Cup European edition, Durres, Albania, ALB	20-22 February
G4 European Senior Championships, Manchester, GBR	19-22 May
European Paralympic Championships, Manchester, GBR	19-22 May
Multi European Games, Sofia, BUL	2-8 June
European Small States of Europe Championships, San Marino, SMR	18-19 June
European Club Championships, Tallinn, EST	22-26 August
European Youth Olympic Weight Categories, Riga, Latvia, LAT	6-7 October
European Cadet Championships, Malta, MLT	25-29 November
European Under 21 Championships, Tirana, Albania, ALB	27-30 November

List of Major CU Meetings and Outcomes

ETU Council Meeting

ETU Council meeting took place in Sofia, Bulgaria. Important decisions were taken and the European Olympic Qualification Tournament was awarded to Germany.

Gathered in Sofia, the ETU Council voted for Germany to host the 2024 EQT for the Paris Olympics. Germany won over Israel, whose new President, former athlete ms. Noa Shmida, gave a wonderful presentation as well. The Council approved the Qualification Pathway for the 2023 European Games, further implementation of European Ranking for Cadets and Juniors at all G1/2 events in Europe and the introduction of a European Ranking system for International Referees.

President Pragalos: 'Today we have set a few important steps to guarantee the leading position ETU has in the World. I am very pleased that our Council fully supports the programs that I have initiated to develop our sport in Europe'.

Para Taekwondo Activities

ETU hosted the European Para Championships in 2022. ETU chose Manchester as host country/city for the event. A record number of athletes and countries participated at this event and for the first time in the history, the abled and disabled body event were held simultaneously.

Development & Social Contributions

ETU started the Performance Center in 2022. The European Taekwondo Performance Center (ETPC) focusses on (small) European member federations with athletes that have ambitions to achieve results at the highest international level. Marco Carreira (ESP) and Carlos Esteves (GER) were appointed as its trainers and camps were held in Germany, Malta and Estonia.

The ETPC creates an elite training environment by bringing together elite and high potential athletes from different countries under the umbrella of high skilled and professional staff. By offering professional services and training with other elite and high potential athletes, the aim is to qualify athletes for the 2024 and 2028 Olympics and improve the athlete's world ranking position.

The ETPC provided advanced personalized training programs based on extensive profiling of the athletes. The staff of the ETPC will work closely together with the coaches of the member federation in order to maximize the result for the individual athletes. The ETPC has an extensive global network which enables us to work together with the best training laboratories and partners. During competition, the national coach will guide the athlete and in the preparatory phase, the coach and ETPC will work closely together to optimize the results of the athlete.

ETU started with the European Rankings for cadets and juniors. Based on their result, the athletes obtain points and at European events their ranking is used for seeding purposes. Most G2 events hosted also Cadets and Junior competitions and those who are in the ranking system used the seeding for the athletes. With this European Ranking, the achievements of our future stars are measured and valued!

ETU hosted for the first time in its history the European Championships for Small Countries. At this new event in San Marino, almost 100 athletes from the European Small countries participated. The event was a great success and the athletes and officials not only enjoyed the competitions but also the amazing countryside of San Marino.

Challenges

War hit the European continent after many years of peace. ETU is determined to help the Ukrainian athletes and officials where possible and will monitor the situation carefully. Also other European countries are offering help and support to the Ukrainian teams.

Major Projects in 2022

- Total of more than 30 G1/2 events
- Continuation of European Performance Center
- European Games (G4) Poland
- G4 European Para Championships
- WT Presidents Cup
- Multi European Games
- European Club Championships
- European Cadet and Junior Championships
- European Championships Under 21
- European Championships for Small Countries
- To support Ukrainian athletes as well as other athletes and federations that lack funding. With the Solidarity funding we support athlete participation at events and we finance those members. Target Audience: Ukraine and less financial capable member federations