

Zagreb Once Again the European Capital of University Rowing: Around 500 Athletes from Over 70 European Universities Arriving at Jarun

From August 26 to 29, 2026, the Lake Jarun regatta course will host the 16th EUSA European Universities Rowing Championship, featuring free admission for all spectators and a live stream.

From August 26 to 29, 2026, the regatta course at the Jarun Sports and Recreation Center will once again become the epicenter of European academic sport. Zagreb is set to host the 16th EUSA European Universities Rowing Championship, gathering around 500 participants representing 77 universities from 23 European countries over three days of competition.

The championship will feature student crews from Austria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and the host nation, Croatia. A distinctive feature of EUSA competitions is that student-athletes represent their higher education institutions directly, regardless of their nationality.

Croatian colors will be defended on home water by representatives and crews from three institutions: the University of Zagreb, the University of Split, and the Rochester Institute of Technology Croatia (RIT Croatia).

Zagreb and Lake Jarun boast an outstanding tradition of organizing major academic rowing events. It all began in 1998 with the FISU World University Rowing Championship—the first international academic sports event held in independent Croatia. The capital also hosted the EUSA Rowing Championship in 2008, where rowing legends Damir Martin and Valent Sinković secured gold in the double sculls for the University of Zagreb. The elite of European university rowing returned to Jarun as part of the 2016 European Universities Games.

Zagreb successfully hosted the EUSA Championship again in 2024, when Croatian rowers achieved remarkable success by claiming six medals (five for the University of Zagreb and one for the University of Split), setting high expectations for this year's home performance.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, August 26, at 19:30 at ŠRC Jarun.

Competition kicks off on Thursday, August 27, followed by semifinal races on Friday, August 28. The event culminates on Saturday, August 29, with the final races and the medal award ceremony.

Admission to view all races from the grandstands and the shores of Lake Jarun is free for all spectators. For those unable to attend in person, a live stream will be broadcast via the official championship YouTube channel.

The event is jointly organized by the European University Sports Association (EUSA), the Zagreb Academic Sports Association (ZASS), and the Zagreb Rowing Federation (VSZ), in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism and Sport (MINTS), University of Zagreb (UNIZG), Croatian Academic Sports Federation (HASS), Croatian Rowing Federation (HVS), the City of Zagreb, and other partners.