



IFSC EUROPE NEWSLETTER

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NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS!

SAVE THE DATES:

National Federation Call; 7
March 4pm CET, Preparation for
the General Assembly and a
Q&A regarding Quotas and
formats

National Federation Call; 18
April 4pm CET, to discuss
Sustainability and Paraclimbing

National Federation Call; 31
May 4pm CET, to discuss
Safeguarding and Officials'
Fees

National Federation Call; 11
October 4pm CET, Preparation
for the Plenary Assembly

IFSC Europe Plenary Assembly;

Save the Date, 17&18
November, Bratislava

Even though we're already February, welcome in 2023!

The European board has started this year's work with an intense two-day meeting where, based upon our Strategic Plan, we checked where we are, on what points we are behind schedule and how we can speed up even more.

The development at European level is strongly dependent on two pillars. On one side there is our staff, the operational capacity to support and deliver all events and activities. We're working with our Europe Sport Officer Alfons and the office in Torino on making us more efficient and effective at this level.

Secondly, our commissions help us to define the way to go and to realize specific projects. For this we absolutely need your help since most commissions are still incomplete. See our call out below.

I am also happy to confirm that, as last year, we plan to communicate more regularly with you throughout 2023. Newsletters like this one will provide you with updates and call outs from our side. Multiple NF calls will enable us to open new discussions, explain difficulties, exchange ideas and get your feedbacks on different topics. You will find the planned dates, also those of the Plenary Assembly, in this newsletter. But do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions and ideas in between those fixed moments. I'm looking forward to all that work that we'll do all together.

In the meantime, our event calendar is completed and all preparations are in full swing.

So, let's go for a great 2023. I hope to see you all "on the floor"!

Grtz,

Tijl Smitz, IFSC Europe President

*Don't forget, if you are not receiving our emails,
make sure we have your up-to-date contact
details*



Congratulations to all the
Winners!

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

The sustainability award concluded last year with the following awards being presented at the PA in Manchester:

Bronze Awards:

Soure EYC 2022- the Federação Portuguesa de Montanhismo e Escalada
Innsbruck EC 2022- Austria Climbing

Silver Awards:

Prague EC 2022- Český Horolezecký Svaz
Ostermundigen EYC 2022- SchweizerAlpen-Club
Dornbirn EYC 2022- Austria Climbing
Graz EYCH 2022- Austria Climbing
Chambéry EYC 2022- Fédération Française de la Montagne et de l'Escalade

Our Commission members have thoroughly renewed the Award for 2023, learning its running in 2021 and 2022. We took a close look at all processes and activities needed before, during and after an Event. We have found more than 40 ways (criteria) in which our Events could become more sustainable. Points (from 1 – 5) are awarded for each criterion depending on the difficulty of achieving them fully.

Entry to the Award is mandatory for 2023 onwards. Full details of the Award can be found on our website here https://cdn.ifsc-climbing.org/images/Website/IFSC_Europe/IFSC_Europe_Sustainability_Award_2023_Briefing_Notes.pdf

COMMISSION NEWS

We are looking for new active members to join our commissions. We have places available in the Paraclimbing Commission, the Sustainability, Sport Commission (Route Setter) and the Development Commission. Being part of a commission is vital to ensuring IFSC Europe can achieve the aims as set out in our strategic plan.

As a recap;

long-term advisory bodies, not decision-making bodies

→ for the board

→ and for the NF`s

- members will be nominated for 4 years (2022 – 2026),
- possibility for each commission to be prolonged from the next board
- all commissions meet digitally on a regular basis (one personal meeting is possible if necessary, to be confirmed by EB)
- Purpose and activities of each commission are based on the strategic plan and based on the priorities the current board sees for the next 4 years
- Annual work program as specified by the board and given in the first meeting with deadlines for the different tasks

Candidates are invited to send a copy of their CV and a cover letter from their respective NF to europe.sg@ifsc-climbing.org



SPORT NEWS

With the main goal of giving routesetters from all over Europe the opportunity to gain experience on international events, we are happy to continue with the Routesetters Exchange Program in the 2023 season; details regarding application process have already been sent out, please get in touch if you did not receive this.

Additionally, the plan is to introduce a Judges Exchange Program for each European Event with further details to be discussed.

Rules:

Quotas:

After more than 2 years of restrictions at events (COVID-19) no more regulations are necessary which lead to positive adaptations on quota regulations at European Youth Cups and European Youth Championships. Based on Performance, the TOP 10 ranked federations get additional spots in each relevant category and discipline. Please see additional attachment on this email.

European Cup Series:

The 2023 IFSC European Cups National Team Ranking (ENTR) will be used to determine the Qualification to the Olympic Qualifying Event in Laval 2023 which shows that the European Cup Series is successfully established.

Homogenization of Rules:

Considering the goal of "Homogenization" of IFSC-E Rules consistent final quotas for all disciplines have been implemented. We are hopeful that the Rules will be published on the IFSC Website in due course, but have been attached to the email as well.

Flash format:

After 3 years of strict Covid 19 regulations an adapted flash format is back at the Qualification at European Youth Events. For the first time the Qualification at European Senior Cups in Bouldering will be run in the same flash format as for the Youth Categories.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Have a story you wish to share? Why not get in touch?

Email europa.sg@ifsc-climbing.org to be included in the next Newsletter.

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