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WELCOME TO METKOVIC CANOE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Croatian Canoe Federation, in partnership with the town of Metkovic and the local rowing club Neretvanski Gusar, extends a warm invitation to all National Federations to return to Croatia for another exciting canoe Marathon event.

This time, we are thrilled to host the
2024 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships in Metkovic, Croatia.

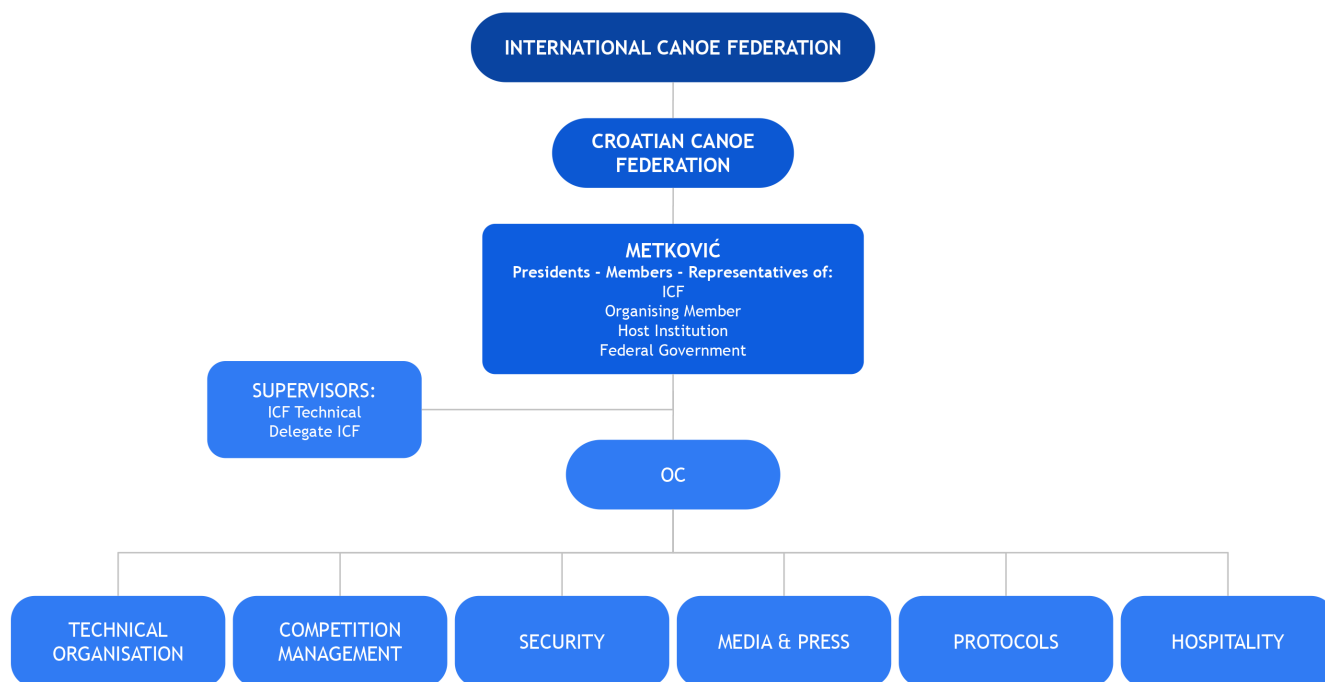
Building on the success of the 2018 and 2023 European Championships, our enthusiasm is high as we prepare to organize the most extensive and memorable World Championships to date. These events not only highlight the growth and evolution of the sport but also foster a sense of unity among athletes, fans, and communities worldwide.

It's essential to bear in mind that this competition is qualifying event for the 2025 World Games in Chengdu. More information will be available in Bulletin 2.



OUR ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Our organizing committee is working closely with the International Canoe Federation to ensure the delivery of an outstanding event in Metkovic come September 2024. Additionally, the venue is set to host the Masters World Championships, and a dedicated bulletin addressing this will be released in April 2024.



“ In the upcoming document, you’ll discover essential details to assist you in planning your participation. We sincerely hope we can rely on your presence at this event, and we assure you it will be an unforgettable experience!



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GENERAL INFORMATION **CROATIA & METKOVIC**

Croatia, positioned at the juncture of Central and Southeast Europe, graces the eastern Adriatic coast.

Its capital, Zagreb, nestled in the north, boasts the title of the country's largest city. Croatia's diverse geography encompasses a captivating Adriatic Sea coastline, inland regions marked by the Dinaric Alps, and a history influenced by ancient civilizations, leading to independence in 1991.

The nation's cultural tapestry is woven with the Croatian language and a heritage shaped by Mediterranean, Central European, and Balkan traditions. Its artistic contributions, particularly in literature, echo through history.

Croatia's allure extends to tourism, drawing visitors to historic cities like Dubrovnik and Split, alongside scenic national parks such as Plitvice Lakes. The economy, fueled by sectors like tourism, has been part of the European Union since 2013.





Croatia stands as a destination where rich history, diverse culture, and natural splendor converge, offering travelers a harmonious blend of exploration and relaxation.



THE CITY OF METKOVIC

Located in the valley of the Neretva river, open towards the sea, Metkovic offers great possibilities for enjoying your vacation. Traditionally turned towards agriculture because of the rich river delta known for its plantations of tangerines and other fruit and vegetables, it is a natural phenomenon and you can also enjoy boat rides (Neretva photo safari) and in traditional specialties (eel and frog).

Where hills merge with a fertile valley, where a green river and mystical swamps combine with clear blue sea, that is where you find Metkovic. Here you will feel the call of the wild, get to enjoy in juicy fruit, especially the tangerines and meet your welcoming hosts to have a good time!

HISTORY

The remains of the city of Narona, today's Vid are 4km southwest of Metkovic, where the Archeological museum Narona is built, as the first "in situ" museum in Croatia. Built on the locality of an antique temple dedicated to the 1st Roman emperor Augustus, it shows a unique collection of antique statues made sometime in the 1st century B.C. The Archeological museum Narona is a unique and unavoidable destination for all lovers of culture, art, history and archeology.



TRADITION

Of interesting events to note are the city features. During May there is the traditional folklore event “Na Neretvu misečina pala”, or “Moonlight falls on Neretva”, while July is reserved for traditional mullet fishing and the Cipolijada, a contest of jumping into the Neretva. There’s also the Roman Night in Narona, which will transport you back in time to Roman times, where gladiator fights and slave markets were prominent.

A part of the Day of the Neretva Principality in August is getting to know traditional crafts and village games, watch exciting contests and costume plays. The traditional Neretva ship marathon, “Maraton lađa”, where around 30 crews from the Neretva valley and abroad compete, is held on the 2nd Saturday in August.

CULTURE

Metkovic has a traditionally rich cultural life. The amateur theatrical society has been active since 1875 and another important cultural society in the town is KUD Metkovic which for decades organises the International Review of Folklore „Moonshine Falls on the Neretva“. One of the oldest Metkovic cultural societies is the Town Brass Band founded in 1886.

NATURE

The best example of a rich and diverse bird population of the Neretva delta can be observed in the ornithological collection in Metkovic. Founded by famous Croatian ornithologist Dragutin Rucner. Unfortunately, the dalmatian pelican, griffon duck and marbled teal are gone, but even today we can see bitterns and ferruginous ducks nesting in the Neretva delta. The delta is an important resting place for millions of migratory birds but also a popular destination for many nature lovers. Today, the ornithological collection is part of the Natural History Museum in Metkovic.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND FREE TIME

NERETVA PHOTO SAFARI

Metkovic offers visitors a host of interesting cultural, natural, gastronomic and tourist facilities of exceptional value, both in the town and in the wider area.

While enjoying the landscape of the region, tourists can sample the delights of many specialities including fish and frogs, as well as the fruit and vegetables which grow here in abundance.

Cruising in an ancient Neretva boat through the meandering rivulets and channels of the Neretva valley, one can enjoy the clear waters of the Neretva delta, and can pass by floating islets with many fauna and flora.

A trip to the backwaters and canals of the River Neretva is a true feast for your eyes and mind. All aboard the boat, the traditional Neretva boat, and enjoy the steady hand of our leaders who will take you through a tangle of mysterious canals covered with reeds and rushes...



NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The wealth of wildlife in this area is preserved to a large extent. The ornithological collection consists of 340 different items. The collection is organized according to the animal's biotopes. The items also contain a certain lanner falcon (*Falco biarmicus*) which is among the most endangered falcons in the whole of Europe which speaks for itself about the quality and diversity of the collection. The Neretva delta is an important resting place for millions of migratory birds but also a popular destination for many nature lovers. Today, the ornithological collection is part of the Natural History Museum in Metkovic.



CAVE IN PREDOLAC

Cave in Predolac is the most important speleological site of the Neretva valley and its greatest values are the richness and diversity of aquatic fauna.



ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM NARONA

Archaeological research conducted at the "Plečašove štale" site in 1995 and 1996 led to a sensational discovery of the remains of a Roman temple – the Augusteum – and 17 marble statues, both outsized and in natural height. These findings inspired the idea of presenting unique archaeological site integrally, including both architectural remains and other specimens of the ample archaeological materials. Archaeological museum Narona is the first in situ (on site) museum in Croatia.



ROUTES TO METKOVIC



BY AIR

AIRPORT IN SPLIT - CROATIA



Google maps location – <https://maps.app.goo.gl/v61nEhZ6k68UUDqu7>

Distance to the Venue – 154km, approximately 2 hours drive

Airport transfer to the Venue can be arranged by the OC. For more information please contact this email address: info@wchmetkovic24.com

AIRPORT IN DUBROVNIK - CROATIA



Google maps location - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bgHmKKZPSWptUov86>

Distance to the Venue – 120km, approximately 2 hours drive

Airport transfer to the Venue can be arranged on this email address: stiianno.hr@gmail.com

BY ROAD



Google maps location of the Venue - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Nyu8yqzPhDVCSELY8>

Metković boasts a strategic location featuring well-established highway connections and a port along the Neretva River. Travelers from diverse European countries can utilize the A1 highway, among other routes, to access Metković from various regions within Croatia. The Main Tourist Road (D8-D9) plays a crucial role in tourism and serves as a viable route for travelers heading to Metkovic.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

DATES & PROGRAM

The 2024 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships are scheduled to take place from **September 19th to September 22nd**. During this event, there will be a paracanoe demonstration race that is open to all 12 classes.

Additional details about the paracanoe race will be shared later.

Coinciding with this, the 2024 ICF Masters Canoe Marathon World Championships will occur during the same week, specifically on September 16th and 17th. The competition will be held at the same venue.

The Masters bulletin containing more information will be available in April 2024.

DISTANCES

LONG DISTANCE:

CLASSES	CLASSES
MEN	K1, K2, C1, C2
WOMEN	K1, K2, C1
U23 MEN	K1, C1
U23 WOMEN	K1, C1
JUNIOR MEN	K1, K2, C1, C2
JUNIOR WOMEN	K1, K2, C1

SHORT DISTANCE:

CLASSES	CLASSES	DISTANCES
MEN	K1, C1	3,4 km
WOMEN	K1, C1	3,4 km

DATE**ACTIVITY**

SATURDAY
September 14

- Arrival of Teams
- Access period begins
- Opening of Accreditation

SUNDAY
September 15

- Arrival of Teams
- Access period begins
- Opening of Accreditation

MONDAY
September 16

- Arrival of Teams
- Access period begins
- Accreditation
- **Masters Day 1**

TUESDAY
September 17

- Arrival of Teams
- Accreditation
- **Masters Day 2**
- Free training between Master's event

WEDNESDAY
September 18

- Arrival of Teams
- Accreditation
- **Paracanoe Demonstration Race**
- Free training between Paracanoe race
- Team Leaders Meeting

THURSDAY
September 19

DAY 1 of competition

FRIDAY
September 20

DAY 2 of competition

- Paracanoe Demonstration Race

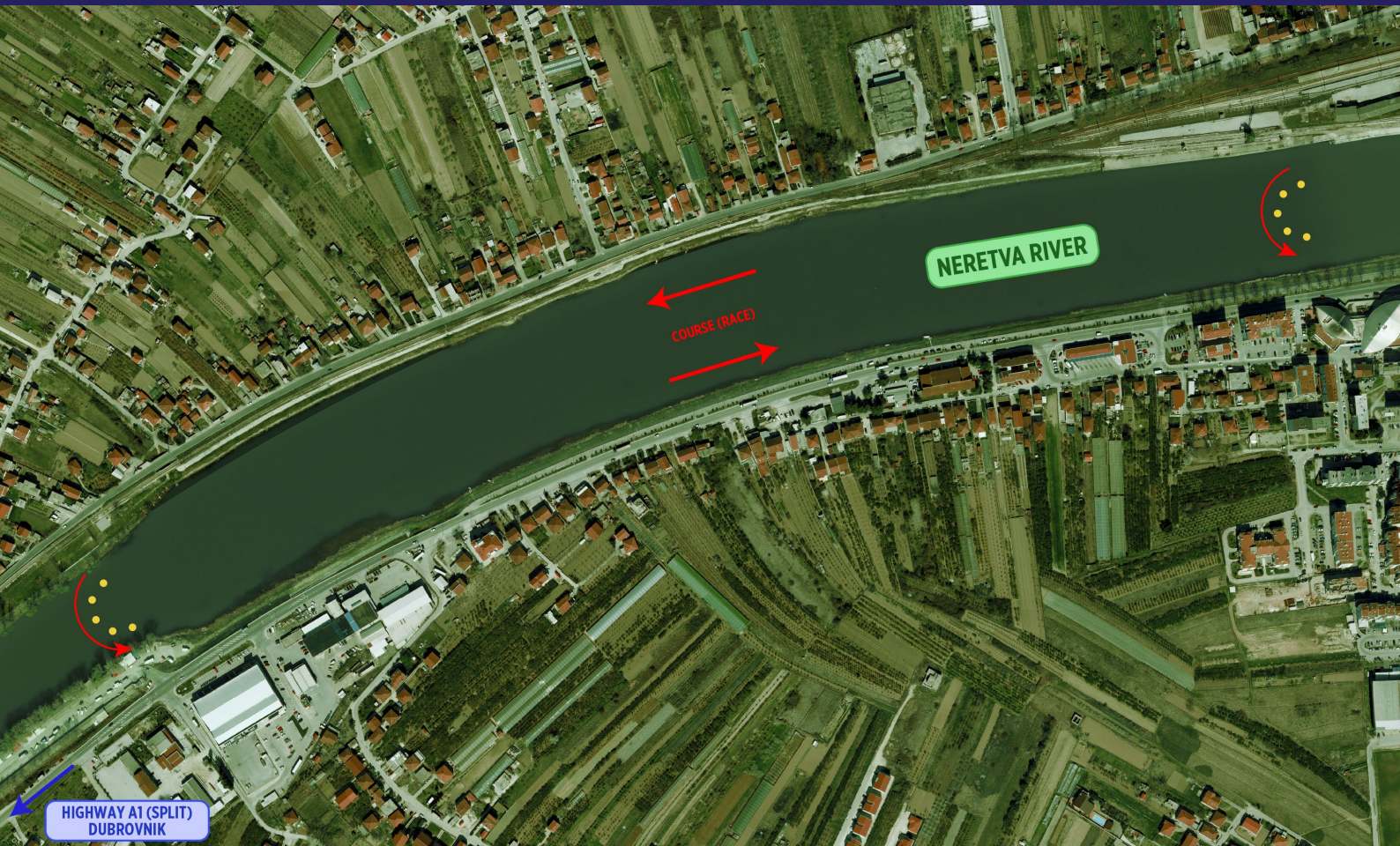
SATURDAY
September 21

DAY 3 of competition

SUNDAY
September 22

DAY 4 of competition

THE VENUE LAYOUT



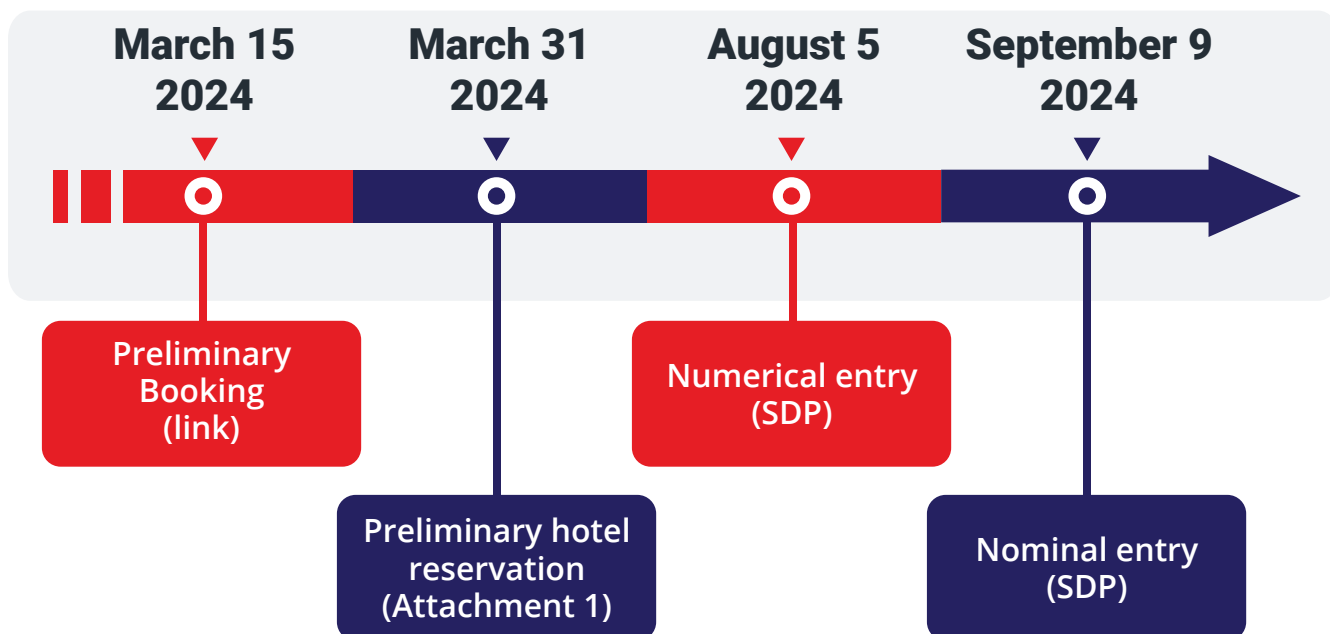
PORTAGE

The start, finish line and the portage will be in the same area. The portage is placed on the bank of the river in between the start and finish line. The portage length is according to the ICF rules. Disembarkation is on the pontoons by dock. Embarkation is on the pontoons. Running surface is flat, concrete covered with carpet.



DEADLINES, ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

DEADLINES:



Numerical and nominal entries:

All teams are requested to use the ICF SDP online entry system to submit Numerical and Nominal entries <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/icf.jsp>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide. Any questions or issues relating to entries or accreditation should be sent to sdp@canoeicf.com prior to the respective deadline.

Hotel reservation:

Attachment 1, sent to the following email addresses: stiianno.hr@gmail.com and info@wchmetkovic24.com

Preliminary and travel info:

<https://forms.gle/pG4e56SmzkMb8xZZA>

PARTICIPATION FEE

Only for those who have not booked accommodation with the organiser.
Participation fee of **25 € per day per person** is payable for the days during the access period excluding lunch.

The participation fee includes the following:

- ✓ Accreditation
- ✓ Outdoor boat storage
- ✓ Medical Care at the Course
- ✓ Doping control
- ✓ Participation in the Opening Ceremony
- ✓ Live streaming of the races
- ✓ Security Service at the Course
- ✓ Timing and results system
- ✓ Access pass and parking at the venue
- ✓ Boat numbers distribution
- ✓ Organisation Fee
- ✓ Results and information announcements
- ✓ Drinking water during competition days
- ✓ Merchandising facilities
- ✓ Transport to hotel and course included
(only for booked accommodation through organization)
- ✓ Free Wi-Fi at the competition venues
- ✓ Access to the competition venues for the purpose of training and other activities

The participation fee is calculated from the time of the arrival of the sports team, until the team leaves.

Additional services and rates:

Airport pick-up service from (Split) Split Airport (ONLY) to the venue/hotel upon arrival and from venue/hotel upon departure. Directly agreed with Organising Committee through direct enquiries at info@wchmetkovic24.com. The cost is 30€ per person for a one-way journey. From Dubrovnik Airport can be organised directly with selected agency over this email address: stiianno.hr@gmail.com

Lunch tickets will be available for accredited people choosing not to take advantage of the accommodation package at a price of **10€ per day per person from September 14 to September 22.**

Lunch tickets must be booked in advance, and the deadline for reservations is September 1st. Please ensure you make your bookings before this date.

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

The accommodation package fee will include:

- **Accommodation**
- **Participation fee**
- **Three meals per day (breakfast and dinner at the hotel, lunch at the Venue)**

Hotel reservations can be done using the form in Attachment 1, which you will find at the end of this document. Please send it to the following email addresses: stiianno.hr@gmail.com and info@wchmetkovic24.com.

The accommodation package fee must be settled for the duration of the team's stay within the access period, commencing on Saturday, September 14th, 2024 and concluding on Monday, September 23rd, 2024.

CATEGORY	ROOM TYPE	PRICE
★★★★ HOTEL	SINGLE	230,00 €
	DOUBLE	170,00 €
	TRIPLE	140,00 €
★★★ HOTEL	SINGLE	140,00 €
	DOUBLE	110,00 €
	TRIPLE	90,00 €
★★★ HOSTEL	SINGLE	110,00 €
	DOUBLE	100,00 €
	TRIPLE	90,00 €
	FOUR-BED	80,00 €

Kindly be aware that the provided figures indicate available prices on a per-person, per-day basis.

Please contact the agency through Attachment 1 as soon as possible to secure your spot, as capacities will be limited, especially due to the tourist season in Croatia.

Please keep in mind that because of limited availability of hotel rooms in various categories reservations will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis which means your team will be redirected to a different category than initially requested if there is not enough space left in the required category.

The Organising Committee does not take responsibility for any extra service of the hotel, like mini-bar, telephone, parking, etc.; these costs are to be paid directly to the hotel. In case your team would cause any damage to the rooms you are to pay for it on the spot or the invoice will be send to your federation for the cost of the damage afterwards.

OTHER INFORMATION

INSURANCE

All participants are firmly advised to obtain appropriate medical insurance from their respective countries. First aid and emergency medical service will be available at the Regatta Course, from September 15, 2024 to everyone requiring medical assistance. The hospital in Metkovic is situated 400 meters from the Regatta Course.

BOAT RENTAL

Federations wishing to rent boats for the competition should contact the official boat providers who will directly take care of these necessities. It is not possible to rent or borrow boats from the HOC.

For information regarding boat rental see official partners of ICF.

BOAT TRANSPORTATION

Participants who need a visa are kindly requested to contact their Chamber of Commerce or Custom Office to obtain the accurate information regarding the documents necessary for the boat transportation.

VISA

Prior travelling to the Republic Croatia, please check whether you need a visa:
<https://mvep.gov.hr/services-for-citizens/consular-information-22802/visas-22807/visa-requirements-overview-22879/22879>

Croatia is a member state of the European Union (EU) and Schengen Area. As such, all accredited participants who are citizens of the European Community and Schengen Area are granted free access to Croatia.

Participants who require a visa to enter Croatia will upon request receive an invitation letter from Canoe Federation of Croatia, once their participation is confirmed.

More information can be found here:

<https://gov.hr/en/visas/1216>

<https://mvep.gov.hr/services-for-citizens/consular-information-22802/visas-22807/22807>

ADEL (ALPHA) CERTIFICATE

For the ICF World Championships, ICF World Cups and ICF Ranking Races and Continental Championships, every athlete, coach and support personnel must pass the relevant anti-doping online course on the Anti-Doping Education Learning platform (ADEL) corresponding to their role.

Athletes who have completed the online Anti-Doping education in the previous years are not required to complete the course again.

To access to the courses, please click <https://adel.wada-ama.org/lear>

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Looking forward to
meeting you in
METKOVIC! :)

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ATTACHMENT 1

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

COUNTRY:	
FEDERATION:	
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:	

CONTACT PERSON

NAME AND SURNAME:	
FUNCTION:	
E-MAIL:	
PHONE:	

DATE OF ARRIVAL:	
DATE OF DEPARTURE:	

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> hotel	<input type="checkbox"/> hostel	<input type="checkbox"/> apartment	
CATEGORY:	<input type="checkbox"/> ★★★	<input type="checkbox"/> ★★★★★	<input type="checkbox"/> ★★★★★★	
SINGLE ROOM	No. of rooms:		No. of people:	
DOUBLE ROOM	No. of rooms:		No. of people:	
TRIPLE ROOM	No. of rooms:		No. of people:	
FOUR-BED ROOM	No. of rooms:		No. of people:	
APARTMENT	No. of rooms:		No. of people:	

The number of accommodation units is limited, so we suggest making reservations as soon as possible, as we cannot guarantee the desired type of accommodation.

The deadline for reservations is March 31, 2024.

Please send the completed form to the email addresses stiianno.hr@gmail.com and info@wchmetkovic24.com, along with a copy of the ID card or passport for all participants.

Date:

___/___/2024

Name and Surname:

Signature:
