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# WOMEN'S SOFTBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Bollate, Italy

June 25 - July 1



-  AUSTRIA
-  BELGIUM
-  BULGARIA
-  CROATIA
-  CZECH REPUBLIC
-  DENMARK
-  FRANCE
-  GERMANY
-  GREAT BRITAIN
-  GREECE
-  HUNGARY
-  IRELAND
  
-  ISRAEL
-  ITALY
-  LITHUANIA
-  NETHERLANDS
-  POLAND
-  RUSSIA
-  SLOVAKIA
-  SPAIN
-  SWEDEN
-  SWITZERLAND
-  UKRAINE

*Round-robin pools and the playing system of the Championship will be determined at the TC Meeting in Rome, March 11-12.*

# COED SLOWPITCH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Sofia, Bulgaria

July 10 - 15



## U-16 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Ostrava, Czech Republic July 10 - 15



## U-19 & U-16 MEN'S SOFTBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Prague, Czech Republic July 24 - 29



### U-16 MEN





## General Election to the ESF Executive Council

**Gabriel Waage** (CZE) was elected the new ESF President.

**Ami Baran** was re-elected in the position of Secretary General, **Eddy van Straelen** was re-confirmed as the ESF Treasurer.

**Youri Alkalay** became the new 1st Vice President.

The remaining five Vice Presidents are:

**Petra Arends** (NED)

**John Austin** (IRE) – re-elected

**Daniela Castellani** (ITA)

**Mette Nissen-Jakobsen** (DEN) – re-elected

**Kristian Pälviä** (SWE)

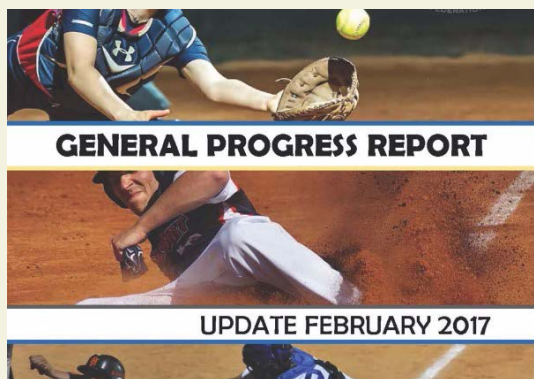
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## ESF GENERAL CONGRESS

The ESF General Congress and Commission meetings took place in Serbia, February 3-4. Apart from the election, ESF Commissions meetings were held and the members presented updates in various areas. These updates were also summarized in the General Progress Report booklet.

A special brochure “a retrospective 2013 – 2017“, which captures the last four years of softball in Europe, was also handed out.

*Download your digital copies below.*



## Umpires clinic

Carolien Stadhouders, the ESF Director of Umpires for Development, has confirmed that the Basic Fastpitch Umpires' Clinic will be organized in Prague, May 24 – 29.

13 participants, from the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Denmark, Spain, Slovakia,

Serbia, Great Britain, the Ukraine, and Croatia have signed up so far, but the clinic is still open for registrations.

[Read more](#)

## MEN'S FASTPITCH DEVELOPMENT PLAN TILL 2021

A meeting of the Men's Fastpitch Development Commission took place in New Zealand, in February, during the Challenge Cup competition.

During this meeting, a plan for men's fastpitch development until 2021 was prepared. The focus was on promotion and visibility of the sport – and it was determined that one key to success would be to hold a number of top men's fastpitch events.

Europe was one of the regions, to where some of the top events were allocated – e.g. Intercontinental Cup in 2018, and the World Championship in 2019.


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### Unofficial competitions

A good amount of softball tournaments for various categories is organized every year across Europe. There's a special section on the [ESF website](#) where all non-ESF tournaments can be shown and invitation can be published.

Use this opportunity to advertise your tournament, and to get teams from all over Europe to come to your special event.

We've heard from teeball and U-13 teams which are looking for a tournament to travel to. To have details about your tournament published on the website, contact Helena Novotna at [hnovotna@europeansoftball.org](mailto:hnovotna@europeansoftball.org)

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