

# WBSC Europe VP Softball Report, Issue 19

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TO: Softball Europe National Federations

Dear Friends,

As always, before starting our International Softball season, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our activities and operations with the intent to keep you informed of what is being accomplished within Softball Europe.

## **Men(s Slowpitch European Championship:**

Outstanding hitting performances were the highlights of the final game of the second edition of the Men's Slowpitch European Championship, as the undefeated Netherlands faced the defending Champions, Great Britain. Great Britain won the gold medal game, 47-31, on the field of Colorno, Italy. Netherlands ranked second, and Germany took the bronze medal – more [here](#).



## **Women's World Cup 2023-2024 in Europe and Coed Slowpitch World Cup announced:**



Great news came from the last WBSC Executive Board meeting - the flagship **WBSC Women's Softball World Cup** has been allocated to Italy, Ireland and Spain. Each of these three European nations will host a group of the Softball World Cup stage one in 2023, with Italy hosting the Finals in 2024 – more [here](#). This will be an incredible show of Softball's top performances played in Europe.

In addition, the inaugural the Slow Pitch Softball World Cup was confirmed for 2023, following a Slow Pitch Working Group proposal for a 12-team tournament. I would like to thank Mike Jennings and Colum Lavery for their great co-operation in this matter.

## **European spots for the World Cups:**

[Four European Championships in July](#) are also Qualifiers for World Cups. I would like to clarify how many spots Europe has in each World Cup. The complete Softball World Cups Format is mentioned [here](#).

Inaugural U23 MECh hosted by Sezimovo Usti, Czech Republic on July 6 - 9, is the qualifier for the U23 MWC played in Parana, Argentina in October 2022. **U23 MWC** is a one stage format for 12 teams and **Europe has 2 spots**.

XIV. Coed Slowpitch European Championship hosted by Ljubljana, Slovenia on July 12 - 16, is the qualifier for the newly announced Coed Slowpitch World Cup in 2023. **Coed Slowpitch World Cup** is a one stage format for 12 teams and **Europe has 3 spots**.

XV. U15 WECh hosted by Enschede, Netherlands on July 18 - 23, is the qualifier for U15 WWC played in Tokyo, Japan in 2023. **U15 WWC** is a one stage format for 12 teams and **Europe has 2 spots**.

XXIII. WECh hosted by Sant Boi, Spain on July 24 - 30, is the qualifier for WWC played in Europe in 2023 as the first stage and 2024 as the final stage. **WWC** is a two stage format for 18 teams and **Europe has 3 spots**. If the hosts will not be in the top 3 countries, they will get the wild card as a host. However, from the WECh just the medalists shall qualify regardless if they are hosting or not.

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Gova	Viladecans	Montjuic	Sant Boi
ITALY	NETHERLANDS	CZECH REPUBLIC	ISRAEL
POLAND	GERMANY	FRANCE	SPAIN
CROATIA	AUSTRIA	UKRAINE	SLOVAKIA
BELGIUM	IRELAND	GREAT BRITAIN	DENMARK
GREECE	SWITZERLAND	TURKEY	FINLAND
24 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 Barcelona			MALTA

### **EMRYT is back in Calendar, MASTERS is called:**



Eight teams from six countries will take part in the 2022 European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy (EMRYT), the U-13 European softball cup. EMRYT will be back in 2022 from August 10 to 13, after a two-year break. The eight teams are divided into two categories, Sports and Future Divisions – more [here](#).

The third Softball European Masters Cups will take place from October 26 to 29 October 2022, in Saint Boi, Spain. Teams can register for the 2022 Women's Softball and the Men's Softball European Masters Cups **until September 1, 2022**. The EMC is open to teams with players aged over 40 – more [here](#).

### **Softball Europe Hall of Fame welcomes three new members:**

During the weekend, the Softball Europe Hall of Fame welcomed three new members: two players - Ms. Stephanie Jardine and Mr. Brett Gibbens, and one Umpire Mr. Christopher Moon. The induction celebration of the three new members into the Softball Europe Hall of Fame took place on May 21, 2022, at the Farnham Park National Baseball and Softball Complex in London, Great Britain, during the first weekend of the British National Softball League and was run by Mr. Ieuan Gale, BSF President, and myself – more [here](#).



**WBSC Europe Softball Athlete Representative:**

*As previously announced NFs were asked to nominate Softball Athlete Representative to WBSC Europe Board based on the WBSC Europe Statutes. WBSC Europe Office received one nominee for this position by the official*



*deadline. I am happy to announce that the well known athlete, **Martina Lackner-Keil** is the nominee. Martina has overwhelming player experiences from many European Leagues (Austria, Italy, Netherlands, and Czech Republic) and also from other continents (New Zealand, USA). I am sure Martina will bring the player perspective to the WBSC Europe Board as a twelve time participant at the Women's European Championship with Multilanguage skills. The Legal Commission is preparing the ratification process of her position.*

*If you have any questions, suggestions, feel free to contact me anytime.*

*Best regards,*



*Gabriel Waage*

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