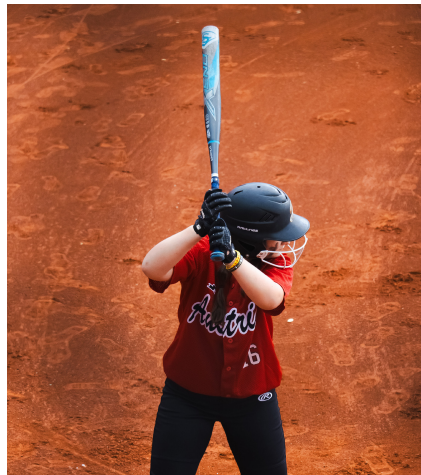


GENERAL PROGRESS REPORT

2024 SEASON



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CONGRESS PARTNERS



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OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS



WBSC EUROPE MEMBERS

WBSC Europe consists of 39 Member Federations for baseball and 37 Member Federations for softball.

BASEBALL

 AUT	 BEL	 BLR
 BUL	 CRO	 CYP
 CZE	 DEN	 ESP
 EST	 FIN	 FRA
 GBR	 GEO	 GER
 GRE	 HUN	 IRL
 ISR	 ITA	 KOS
 LAT	 LTU	 MDA
 MLT	 NED	 NOR
 POL	 POR	 ROU
 RUS	 SLO	 SMR
 SRB	 SUI	 SVK
 SWE	 TUR	 UKR

SOFTBALL

 AUT	 BEL	 BUL
 CRO	 CYP	 CZE
 DEN	 ESP	 EST
 FIN	 FRA	 GBR
 GEO	 GER	 GGY
 GRE	 HUN	 IRL
 ISR	 ITA	 KOS
 LTU	 MDA	 MLT
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 ROU	 RUS	 SLO
 SMR	 SRB	 SUI
 SVK	 SWE	 TUR
 UKR		

1.4 - WBSC Europe is constituted of the Member Federations, Associations or Organisations, which organise, promote and develop Baseball-Softball in the Region of Europe.

From the WBSC Europe Statutes.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Dear Friends,
Esteemed Guests,
Member Federations,*

It is with pride that I welcome you to the 2025 WBSC Europe Congress in Zagreb, Croatia.

Since Croatia is my home, hosting you in Zagreb holds a special place in my heart and makes this occasion even more significant.

This meeting represents an important milestone in WBSC Europe's journey. This year's Congress is an elective one, marking the end of a historic chapter and the start of a new one.

Since the Elected Executive Board took office in 2022, our aim has been to strengthen our sports in the continent.

We worked to reach these goals.

In 2024, WBSC Europe launched the Champions Cup as a league, following the request of the main baseball federations and clubs to have a top international competition hosted in their stadium.

We also dedicated our efforts to finding a new host for our biggest event, EuroBaseball, after Israel had to withdraw its hosting bid. For the first time in history, three countries will host the Baseball European Championship.

Furthermore, in 2024, we organised, together with Dutch Baseball and Softball Federation, the Women's Softball European Championship, despite it not being in the initial calendar, to keep our top athletes in the cycle and prevent a three-

year gap between events.

Moreover, the finals of the WBSC Women's Softball World Cup held in Italy served as an inspiration for the whole continent, as the Netherlands secured a remarkable fourth-place finish, matching their best World Cup performance from 2016.

Baseball5 has also maintained its remarkable expansion throughout our continent, and seven European programs are currently in the top 20 of the WBSC World Ranking.

Outside of the field, WBSC Europe has advanced in marketing and streaming by finalizing a deal to obtain funding. This change will assist us in further developing and promoting our competitions.

Our Member Federations' commitment and dedication have played a key role in achieving the growth of the last term. This advancement has been fueled by the broadening of our event portfolio, the creation of new programs, and the partnerships with WBSC and various global organizations.

It is necessary for WBSC Europe to keep developing from this foundation.

The upcoming elections will bring renewed energy for our confederation to advance with cohesion.

My heartfelt thanks go to each of you for your dedication to our sports and your priceless contributions to WBSC Europe.

May this Congress bring fruitful discussions, collaboration, and inspiration as we work together to shape the future.



Kruno Karin
President
World Baseball Softball
Confederation Europe

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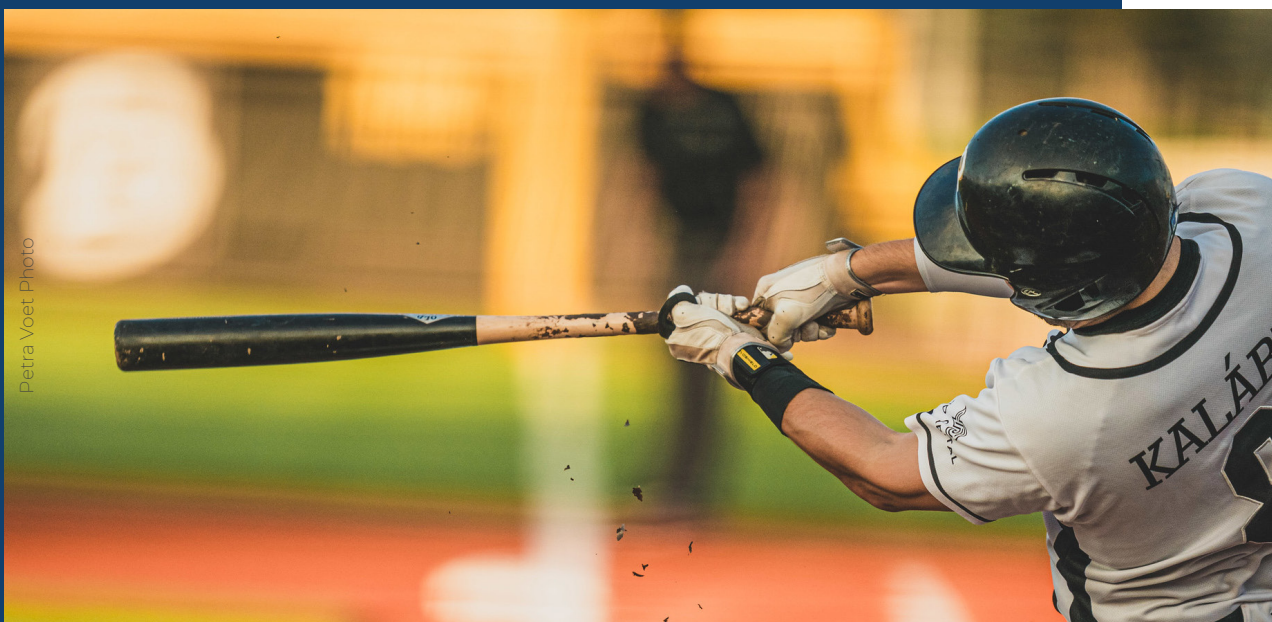
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Athlete Representative Baseball



Martina Lackner-Keil
Athlete Representative Softball

BASEBALL

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WBSC EUROPE BASEBALL COMMISSION

Vice President Baseball: Petr Ditrich.

Commission Members: Oleg Boyko, František Bunta, Darja Grimšič, Jan Kuipers, Stephen Lesfargues, Jorge Miqueleiz Cortes.

WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee

Chair: František Bunta; Competition Chief: Stephen Lesfargues.

WBSC Europe Baseball Umpiring Committee

Director: Zdenk Zidek; Members: Serge Makouchetchev, Dirk Biehl.

WBSC Europe Baseball Scoring Committee

Chair: Linda Steijger; Member: Stephanie Winkler.

2024 EUROPEAN BASEBALL SEASON IN NUMBERS:

16
EVENTS

2 CHAMPIONSHIPS
8 EUROS QUALIFIERS
5 CLUB COMPETITIONS
1 NEW LEAGUE
92 TEAMS
1200+ ATHLETES

WBSC EUROPE SOFTBALL COMMISSION

Vice President Softball: Gabriel Waage.

Commission Members: Daniela Castellani, Petra Cizmic Pokrajac, Wout Isbouts, Mike Jennings, Sophie Khidasheli, Florian Lautenschlaeger.

WBSC Europe Softball Competitions and Technical Committee

Chair: Mike Jennings; Competition Chief: Wout Isbouts.

WBSC Europe Softball Umpiring Committee

Director: Florian Lautenschlaeger; Members: Hans Hornstra, Raoul Machalet.

WBSC Europe Softball Scoring Committee

Chair: Dennis Duin; Member: Marco Battistella.

2024 EUROPEAN SOFTBALL SEASON IN NUMBERS:

13
EVENTS

4 CHAMPIONSHIPS

9 CUPS

145 TEAMS

1600+ ATHLETES



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SOFTBALL

BASEBALL5

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WBSC EUROPE BASEBALL5 COMMISSION

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Commission Members: Vladislav Belic, Erik Eilering, Elliot Fleys, Arnoldas Ramanauskas.

WBSC Europe Baseball5 Technical and Competition Committee

Chair: Ludovic Meillier; Members: Yegal Brownlee, Ivana Dineva, Nathan Ortega, Tony Jones.

2024 EUROPEAN BASEBALL5 SEASON IN NUMBERS:

1
EVENT

1 CHAMPIONSHIP - WBSC WORLD
CUP QUALIFIER

13 TEAMS

100+ ATHLETES

20+ GAME OFFICIALS

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Chair: Petra Cizmic Pokrajac; Member: Kristian Palvia, François Collet, Sanna Hermansson, Dirk Fries, Terry Lingenhoel; Staff: Ralitsa Velcheva. Senior Advisors: Krunoslav Karin, Ami Baran, Petr Ditrich, Gabriel Waage, Yuri Alkalay.

INTEGRITY COMMISSION

Members: Marko Mrdjenovic, Dagmar Voith Leemann, Peter Ström.

LEGAL COMMISSION

Chair: Lars Sundin; Members: Brian Aron, Ainars Birulis, Colum Lavery, Vladimir Richter.

DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

Chair: Jürgen Elsishans

ATHLETES COMMISSION

Members: Jorge Balboa, Martina Lackner-Keil.

CORPORATE ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

Director: Kristina Uroic.

GOVERNANCE DEPARTMENT

Head of Department: Mette Nissen Jakobsen; Members: John Boyd, Elliot Fleys, Bjørn Christian Thode.

MARKETING DEPARTMENT

Director: Elda Ghilardi; Members: Boris Sekulskii, Tom Thornhill.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Director: Elda Ghilardi.

EVENTS DEPARTMENT

Head of Department: Jürgen Elsishans; Member: Kristian Pälviä.



ABOUT WBSC EUROPE

The World Baseball Softball Confederation Europe (WBSC Europe) is the European governing body of Baseball, Softball, Baseball5 and all National Team & Club competitions.

Walking in the footsteps of the World Baseball Softball Confederation, Europe became the first continent to merge its baseball and softball organizations into one single entity. WBSC Europe was established on February 10th, 2018.

The following entities are established to govern and administer WBSC Europe:

- the Congress;
- the Executive Board;
- such Commissions as the Executive Board may deem appropriate.

Five Departments operate under the WBSC Europe Executive Board.

The competitions are run by the Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 Commissions, whose Technical Commissions are responsible for the successful running of the WBSC Europe tournaments. The Technical Commissions prepare all the necessary documents for each competition and members of the TC physically supervise the WBSC Europe tournaments.

The Umpiring Committees are responsible for umpiring schedules at tournaments and for the organization of umpire clinics.

The Scoring Committees are responsible for the scorekeeping of all games at the WBSC Europe competitions and also for scorekeeper clinics.

The WBSC Europe Office, led by Kristina Uroic, takes care of all the operations that make the events possible.

The WBSC Europe Communications Department, together with the Media Officers at the events, make European Championships and Cups visible, keeping the community informed.

All WBSC Europe events would not be possible if it were not for the events' Local Organising Committees and all the Volunteers.

2024 EUROPEAN CALENDAR

Tournament	Sport	Dates	Venue
Baseball European Champions Cup	Baseball	May 10 - Sep 28	LEAGUE - 4 venues
Baseball European Federation Cup	Baseball	June 3 - 8	Zuerich (SUI)
Baseball European Cup	Baseball	June 4 - 9	Valencia (ESP)
Baseball European Federation Cup	Baseball	June 6 - 9	Varazdin (CRO)
Baseball European Federation Cup Qualifier	Baseball	June 10 - 15	Ljubljana (SLO)
Baseball European Federation Cup Qualifier	Baseball	June 11 - 16	Stockholm (SWE)
U-15 Women's Softball European Championship	Softball	July 1 - 6	Prague (CZE)
U-12 Baseball European Championship	Baseball	July 2 - 6	Paderborn (GER)
U-12 Baseball European Championship B Pool	Baseball	July 3 - 7	Trnava (SVK)
U-18 Baseball European Championship	Baseball	July 8 - 14	Regensburg (GER)
U-15 Baseball European Championship B Pool	Baseball	July 15 - 20	Kaunas (LTU)
U-15 Baseball European Championship B Pool	Baseball	July 15 - 20	Sisak (CRO)
Coed Slowpitch European Championship	Softball	July 16 - 20	Pardubice (CZE)
Baseball European Championship B Pool	Baseball	July 22 - 27	Belgrade (SRB)
Baseball European Championship B Pool	Baseball	July 22 - 27	Kutno (POL)
Baseball European Championship B Pool	Baseball	July 25 - 28	Ashbourne (IRL)
U-22 Women's Softball European Championship	Softball	August 5 - 10	Kutno (POL)
U-23 Baseball European Championship B Pool	Baseball	August 5 - 10	Zuerich (SUI)
U-23 Baseball European Championship B Pool	Baseball	August 6 - 11	Budapest (HUN)
European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy - Sport	Softball	August 14 - 17	Collecchio (ITA)
European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy - Future	Softball	August 14 - 17	Collecchio (ITA)
Women's Softball European Premier Cup	Softball	August 19 - 24	Buttrio (ITA)
Women's Softball European Cup	Softball	August 19 - 24	Novara (ITA)
Women's Softball European Cup Winners Cup "A"	Softball	August 19 - 24	Haarlem (NED)
Women's Softball European Cup Winners Cup "B"	Softball	August 20 - 24	Mont-Saint-Guibert (FRA)
Men's Softball European Super Cup	Softball	August 26 - 31	Prague (CZE)
Women's Softball European Championship	Softball	September 1 - 7	Utrecht (NED)
Men's Softball European Masters Cups	Softball	October 23 - 26	Barcelona (ESP)
Women's Softball European Masters Cups	Softball	October 23 - 26	Barcelona (ESP)
Youth Baseball5 European Championship	Baseball5	Oct 29 - Nov 2	Clermont-Ferrand (FRA)

In addition to the official events, WBSC Europe also organized and supported various other events under its umbrella in 2024, including the Baseball Umpiring Certification Clinics held in January and November, the Baseball Advanced Umpiring Clinic in February, the Softball Umpiring Certification Clinics from March to June, the EBSCA Training Camp in October, and the Central Europe Women's Softball Euroleague.

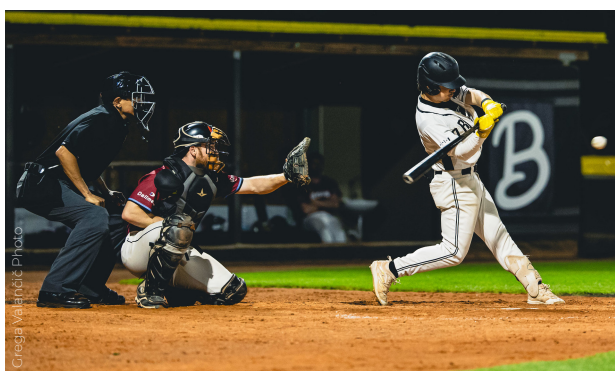
COMPETITIONS 2024

The 2024 season of WBSC Europe was marked by an intense calendar of events with 30 baseball, softball, and Baseball5 events throughout the summer.

The Baseball European Champions Cup was played for the first time as a league across four venues between May and September, delivering high-level competition among four top clubs in Europe. Draci Brno claimed the victory becoming the Baseball European Champions Cup 2024 champions.



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The Baseball European Federation Cup was held in Zürich and won by Hoboken Pioneers (BEL). Varazdin, Croatia, hosted another Federation Cup, won by the home team Vindija Varaždin.

The Baseball European Cup in Valencia, Spain, followed with the Tenerife Marlins winning gold.

The Federation Cup Qualifiers took place in Ljubljana and Stockholm and were won respectively by Kranjski Lisjaki and Stockholm Baseball.

Prague hosted the U-15 Women's Softball European Championship, won by Czechia, and Paderborn served as the venue for the U-12 Baseball European Championship. Germany claimed their third consecutive title.

The U-12 EuroBaseball B Pool took place in Trnava, Slovakia. Belgium won and qualified for the A Pool in 2025.

Regensburg was the setting for the U-18 Baseball European Championship where Italy triumphed.

The U-15 B Pool events were played in Kaunas, Lithuania, and Sisak, Croatia, where Great Britain and Belgium qualified.

The Coed Slowpitch European Championship brought another event to Czechia. Great Britain won their 13th title in the category.

The senior national competitions continued with the Baseball European Championship B Pool being staged in Belgrade, Kutno, and Ashbourne. Hungary, Lithuania, and Austria qualified for EuroBaseball 2025.

Kutno also hosted the U-22 Women's Softball European Championship, where the Dutch national team won the gold medal.



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The U-23 Baseball European Championship B Pool played out in Zürich and Budapest. Israel and Austria won the tickets to the A Pool.

The European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy took center stage in Collecchio, Italy. Israel won the Sport division and Sever Brnowon the Future division.

Olympia Haarlem (NED) claimed their third consecutive Premier Cup title in Buttrio, Italy. The Women's Softball European Cup was held in Novara. Princ Zagreb's win earned Croatia access to the next Women's Softball European Premier Cup.

Haarlem hosted the Women's Softball European Cup Winners Cup "A," while the "B" version of the competition was played in Mont-Saint-Guibert. Sparks Haarlem defended the Cup Winners Cup Title while Mont-Saint-Guibert Phoenix earned the promotion for Belgium with the victory in European Cup Winners Cup 'B'.

Prague welcomed the world's top men's fastpitch players for the Men's Softball European Super Cup. Hørsholm Hurricanes claimed their fifth title since the tournament's birth in 1990, Teammisgav won the lower pool of the Softball Europe Cup.

The Women's Softball European Championship in Utrecht saw twenty-two teams compete for the Title of European Champion, won by Italy.

Later in the year, the Men's and Women's Softball European Masters Cups took place in Barcelona. The Men's Cup concluded with SC United Prague emerging as champions; the Czechie Carrots claimed the Women's Cup.

The season concluded with the Youth Baseball5 European Championship in Clermont-Ferrand, France. Lithuania was crowned as undefeated European Champions.

With the 2024 season completed, WBSC Europe looks ahead to the 2025 calendar.



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DEVELOPMENT 2024

WBSC Europe works to expand baseball and softball through Coaching Development Programs, aiding national federations, and ensuring international participation.

#PRIORITY 1: Development of Coaches & Players

The development of coaches and players is mainly carried out by EBSCA (European Baseball Softball Coaches Association). In 2024, WBSC Europe organized the EBSCA Training Camp with 60 players and 16 coaches. The EBCA Convention drew 61 baseball coaches.

WBSC Europe is working on collaborating with the leading coaching organizations, NFCA, and ABCA for coaches' membership, coaches exchange, and equipment.

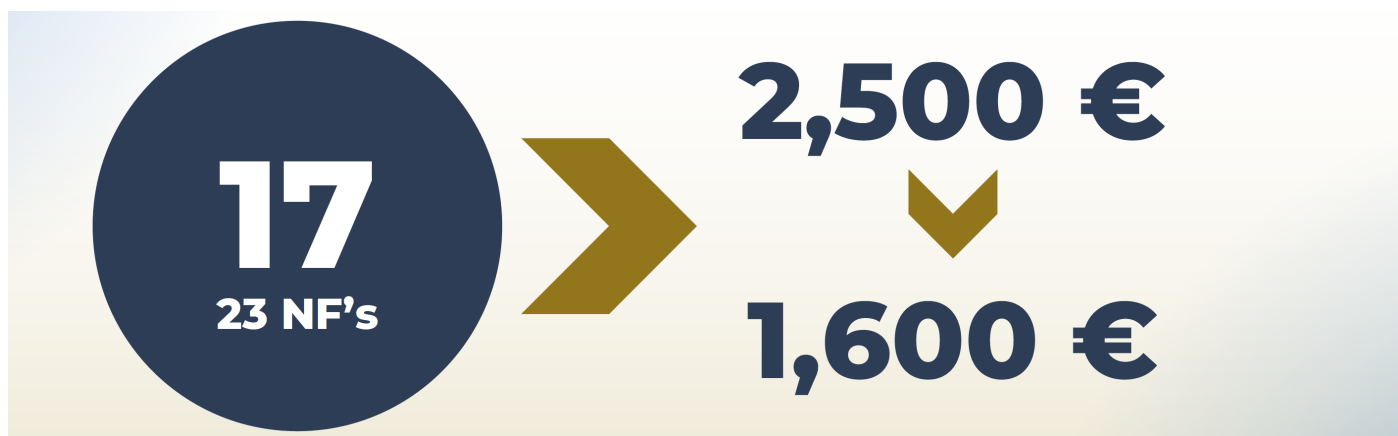
#PRIORITY 2: Development of National Federations

To support national federations, WBSC Europe has a system for development requests.

In 2024, 23 national federations sent in 41 project proposals, which is more than in 2023 (15 requests for 11 NFs). WBSC Europe set aside €36,000 for development, covering 80% of the NFs' project costs while federations cover the remaining 20%.

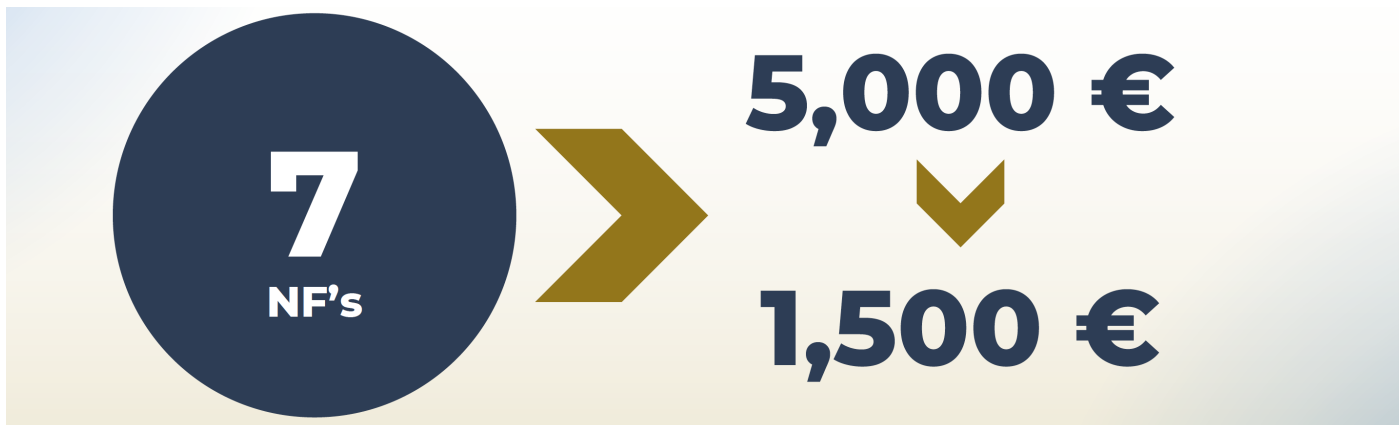
WBSC Europe provided development support to Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Romania, and Slovenia, focusing on youth baseball and softball, Baseball5 expansion, and creating new clubs.

Additionally, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Georgia, Great Britain, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, and Switzerland received funding for initiatives including club development, Baseball5 programs, player development, and coaching clinics, reinforcing the sport's growth across Europe.



With an additional 50,000 euros made available by Little League, WBSC Europe supported seven National Federations in their development initiatives. This funding was secured after reaching the milestone of over 1300 Little League teams in Europe.

The support was allocated to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden. These initiatives focus on league progression, coach development, youth participation, school programs, and regional baseball and softball expansion.



PRIORITY #3: Foster International Participation through Leagues and Tournaments

WBSC Europe continues to support leagues and tournaments to drive participation and growth in baseball and softball.

The 11th Softball European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy saw 17 teams competing across two divisions. The Central Europe Women’s Softball Euroleague 2024 featured six teams from three countries, reflecting the increasing popularity of the sport in the region.

Meanwhile, the Euro Baseball Winter League was originally set for Tenerife, Canary Islands but was not held in 2024 due to a lower-than-expected number of applicants.

PLANS FOR 2025

WBSC Europe has plans for 2025, including the EBSCA membership expansion, a coaches database, and new mentorship programs to further support coaches’ and athletes’ development across the continent.

An Erasmus+ Sport project will be developed with the goal of securing €60,000 to support training, coaching development, and knowledge sharing.

In 2025, the funding process for National Federations begins with the call for proposals opening on February 15, followed by the March 3 deadline for submissions. The evaluation and selection process starts on March 15 and concludes in April, with national federations receiving notifications thereafter.



WBSC EUROPE CALENDAR 2025

WBSC Europe announced the 2025 Baseball, Softball, and Baseball5 planning.

BASEBALL

Baseball European Champions Cup	League format	
Baseball European Cup	June 3/4 - 7/8	Rouen (FRA)
Baseball European Federation Cup- Group SLO	June 2/3 - 7/8	Ljubljana (SLO)
Baseball European Federation Cup- Group SWE	June 2/3 - 7/8	Stockholm (SWE)
Baseball European Federation Cup Qualifier - Group POL	June 2/3 - 7/8	Kutno (POL)
Baseball European Federation Cup Qualifier - Group NOR	June 2/3 - 7/8	Kristiansand (NOR)
U-12 Baseball European Championship	July 2 to 6	Hluboka (CZE)
U-15 Baseball European Championship	July 15/16 - 19/20	Trieste (ITA)
U-23 Baseball European Championship	August 5 - 9	Trebic (CZE)
Women's Baseball European Championship	August 14 - 17	Hluboka (CZE)
Baseball European Championship	September 20 - 27	NED, ITA, BEL
U-12 Baseball European Championship B Pool	July 1/2 - 5/6	Janossomorja (HUN)
U-18 Baseball European Championship B Pool - Group POL	July 7/8 - 12/13	Kutno (POL)
U-18 Baseball European Championship B Pool - Group BUL	July 7/8 - 12/13	Blagoevgrad (BUL)

SOFTBALL

Men's Softball European Championship	June 23 – 28	Havlíkv Brod (CZE)
U-23 Men's Softball European Championship	July 1 – 5	Kunovice (CZE)
U-18 Women's Softball European Championship	July 21 – 26	Navarra (ESP)
Women's Softball European Championship	September 7 – 13	Prague (CZE)
Coed Slowpitch European Super Cup	July 28 - August 2	Berlin (GER)
European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy	August 13 – 16	Collecchio (ITA)
Men's Softball European Super Cup	August 18 – 23	Chomutov/Most (CZE)
Women's Softball European Premier Cup	August 25 – 30	Bollate (ITA)
Women's Softball European Cup	August 25 – 30	Enschede (NED)
Women's Softball European Cup Winners Cup "A"	August 25 – 30	Evry-Courcouronnes (FRA)
Women's Softball European Cup Winners Cup "B"	August 25 – 30	Enschede (NED)
Softball European Masters Cups	October 22 – 25	Barcelona (ESP)

BASEBALL5

Baseball5 European Championship	TBA	Panevezys (LTU)
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BLIND BASEBALL

Blind Baseball European Championship	TBD	Bids Open
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The dates may be subject to change based on the decisions of WBSC Europe, the Local Organizing Committees and the number of teams.

2025-2029 PLANNING

WBSC Europe announced the 2025 Baseball, Softball, and Baseball5 planning.

BASEBALL

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
U-12 Baseball European Championship	X	X*	X	X*	X
U-15 Baseball European Championship	X*		X*		X*
U-18 Baseball European Championship		X*		X*	
U-23 Baseball European Championship	X*		X*		X*
Women's Baseball European Championship	X*		X		X*
Baseball European Championship	X		X		X

U-12 Baseball European Championship B Pool	X	X	X	X	X
U-15 Baseball European Championship B Pool		X		X	
U-18 Baseball European Championship B Pool	X		X		X
U-23 Baseball European Championship B Pool		X		X	
Baseball European Championship B Pool		X		X	

SOFTBALL

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Women's Softball European Championship	X*		X		X*
U-22 Women's Softball European Championship		X		X	
U-18 Women's Softball European Championship	X		X*		X
U-15 Women's Softball European Championship		X*		X	

Men's Softball European Championship	X		X*		X
U-23 Men's Softball European Championship	X*		X		X*
U-18 Men's Softball European Championship		X*		X	
U-16 Men's Softball European Championship		X		X	

Coed Slowpitch European Championship		X		X	
Men's Slowpitch European Championship		X		X	
Coed Slowpitch European Cup	X		X		X

BASEBALL5

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Baseball5 European Championship	X*		X*		X*
Youth Baseball5 European Championship		X*		X*	

* European Championship is Qualifier for next expected WBSC World Cup

INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT 2024 - 2025

NETHERLANDS AT THE PREMIER12 2024

The Netherlands fought for a Super Round spot in Premier12 2024 Group A in Mexico, winning against Panama and Puerto Rico but falling short to Venezuela, USA and Mexico. Chinese Taipei claimed the Premier12 title, defeating Japan 4-0 in the final at the Tokyo Dome.

EUROPEAN EBASEBALL PREMIER12 QUALIFIER 2024

Italy's MSQA emerged victorious in the European eBaseball Premier12 Qualifier, defeating the Swiss BOOMER_77 in the final held in Italy. With a 2-0 sweep in the best-of-three series, the Italian player secured a place in the HUGAN WBSC ePremier12 2024. The ePremier12 concluded at the Tokyo Dome, where the final was displayed on the stadium's 125-meter-wide video board, with Shora claiming the world title.

MLB LONDON SERIES 2024

The MLB London Series 2024 saw the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies split a thrilling two-game showdown at London Stadium, captivating fans across Europe.

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC 2025 QUALIFIERS

Two European teams will take the field in the 2025 World Baseball Classic Qualifiers. Spain will compete in Taipei City, Taiwan, from February 21 to 25, while Germany will battle in Tucson, Arizona, from March 2 to 6.

WBSC SOFTBALL WORLD CUP 2024

The WBSC Women's Softball World Cup Finals 2024 took place in Castions di Strada, Italy. The Netherlands finished fourth, matching their best result from 2016, after a tough loss to Canada in the bronze medal game. Host Italy placed eighth, securing a win against China. European fans filled the stands, showing strong support throughout the tournament.

SOFTBALL WORLD GAMES 2025

The World Games 2025, set for August 7-17 in Chengdu, China, will feature men's and women's softball. The Netherlands will compete in the women's event, while the Czechia has secured a spot in the men's tournament.

EUROPE'S BASEBALL5 INTERNATIONAL RESULTS 2024

France won the bronze at the WBSC Baseball5 World Cup 2024, defeating Venezuela. Lithuania finished eighth. By year-end, seven European nations ranked in the WBSC Baseball5 top 20, with France at No. 3 and Lithuania at No. 7.



MEDIA

WEBSITE

In 2024, wbsceurope.org attracted 231,000 users, generating 3.8 million page views across 817,000 sessions. The average session duration increased to 7 minutes and 2 seconds, up from 6:33 in 2023, reflecting deeper engagement. Nearly 400 articles were published throughout the season.

Since the launch of the platform in 2023 under the current Executive Board, over 500 documents have been uploaded for members, while more than 1,200 articles have been published across over 140 pages.

NFs are encouraged to share their English press releases for featuring on the WBSC Europe website.

STREAMING

In 2024, WBSC Europe transformed its streaming strategy by introducing monetization, moving beyond previous limited efforts that generated just over €1,300. Partnering with Joymo, WBSC Europe launched baseballeurope.tv, using the partnership funds to provide partial support to Local Organizing Committees for event streaming. As expected, the paywall reduced viewership, but 2024 set the stage for the future. For the first time, all the 30 annual WBSC Europe events streamed on a single platform.

After its launch in May 2024, baseballeurope.tv attracted over 38,000 visitors, including 4,586 subscribers, and generated almost 1.7 million estimated interactions. The average watch time of each game increased from 15 minutes in 2023 to 19 minutes per session in 2024. With over 120,000 views, nearly 40,000 hours watched, and 1.4 million estimated impressions, WBSC Europe took its first steps into streaming monetization.

PHOTOS & SOCIAL MEDIA

WBSC Europe documented the 2024 season with around 40,000 photos uploaded to Flickr, making them available to National Federations, Clubs, Athletes, and the media. The platform has now reached 9,261,837 all-time views.

Media Officers, now officially part of Baseball, Softball, Baseball5, and Blind Baseball regulations, played a key role in event coverage, engaging teams, players, and fans.

With the Media team growing (applications open), WBSC Europe continues expanding its reach across the social media platforms.

Follow our channels:

Facebook:

WBSC Europe; WBSC Europe Softball; WBSC Europe Baseball

Instagram:

@wbsc_europe; @softball_europe; @baseball_europe.

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@WBSCEurope; @baseballeurope; @softball_europe.

TikTok: @wbsceurope



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THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the WBSC Europe Executive Board, as we conclude the 2022-2025 term, we reflect with pride on what we have built together.

Despite challenges, our sports have continued to grow across Europe, driven by our shared passion and dedication.

The future holds exciting opportunities, made possible by the hard work of our global community and WBSC. Baseball and Softball will return to the Olympic stage at Los Angeles 2028, Baseball5 will debut at the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar 2026, Blind Baseball is gaining recognition on its path to the Paralympics, and eSports is creating new ways to engage with our sports.

Success comes from unity. Our strength lies in the commitment of every federation, team, athlete, volunteer, umpire, and official who contributes to the growth of our disciplines.

Together, we will continue moving forward, ensuring a bright future for our sports in Europe and beyond.

As we look ahead, we stand by our guiding motto: “Fortes Simul, Familia Aeterna” – “Strong Together, Family Forever.”

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With gratitude and optimism,

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