



## ZAGREB 2024

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **European Universities Rowing Championship Officially Opened at Lake Jarun in Zagreb**

The 14th EUSA European Universities Rowing Championship was officially opened on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at Lake Jarun in Zagreb!

This competition will gather over 400 participants from 68 universities across 17 countries in Europe. Among those representing Croatian universities are athletes from the University of Zagreb, the University of Split, and the Međimurje University of Applied Sciences in Čakovec. Notably, the Lončarić brothers, who recently competed in the Paris Olympic Games, will also be participating.

During the opening ceremony, the assembled athletes and guests were addressed by Jasenka Ostojić, Vice-Rector for Arts, Culture, and Inter-University Cooperation on behalf of the Rector of the University of Zagreb; Kristina Singer, Deputy Head of the City Office for Education, Sports, and Youth of the City of Zagreb; Haris Pavletić, President of the Croatian Academic Sports Federation (HASS); Krešimir Šamija, Director of the Sports Directorate at the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Croatia, representing the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, Andrej Plenković, and the Minister of Tourism and Sports, Tonči Glavina; and Željko Kisić, President of the Croatian Rowing Federation.

In his speech, HASS President Haris Pavletić emphasized that this competition and Lake Jarun are among "the greatest legacies of university sports in Croatia." He expressed gratitude to everyone involved in the swift organization of this event and for continuing the tradition of rowing at Lake Jarun. Krešimir Šamija highlighted in his address, "University sports are much more than just competition; they embody the spirit of youth and the desire to push one's own limits. They teach the value of teamwork and dedication—values that last a lifetime."

Following the official speeches, renowned Croatian Olympian Damir Martin, who competed in the 2008 edition of this championship and won a gold medal alongside Valent Sinković, shared his experiences in the sport of rowing with the gathered audience.

The competition will take place from August 28 to 31, 2024, at the Jarun regatta course. Croatian students from the University of Zagreb, the University of Split, and the Međimurje University of Applied Sciences in Čakovec will compete in various disciplines, including single sculls, lightweight single sculls, double sculls, lightweight double sculls, quadruple sculls, and eights.

The final races, attended by Martin Sinković, the current Olympic rowing gold medallist and partner of this event, will be held on Saturday, August 31.



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