



**2026 PADDLE EUROPE
JUNIOR AND U23
SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

23-26 JULY 2026

SZEGED



DEAR FRIENDS, DEAR FUTURE GUESTS,

On behalf of the Hungarian Canoe Federation, I am proud and delighted to announce that Szeged will welcome the most important age-group canoe sprint event on the continent, the Paddle Europe Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint Championships, in the summer of 2026.

Those who follow the sport closely know that the legendary Mátyás Regatta Course has been the venue for the most prestigious international canoe sprint events in recent years, including the Senior European Championships held here in 2024 under the auspices of Paddle Europe, just ahead of the Paris Olympic Games. Now, after 2008, we once again have the honour of welcoming the best junior and U23 athletes to the City of Sunshine

The significance of this event for Hungarian canoe sprint is immense, as we place strong and continuous emphasis on developing our youth system year after year. I am confident that once again we will discover new talents—both within the Hungarian team and among other national squads—who will go on to become defining figures of the future international elite.

On behalf of the Hungarian Canoe Federation and the Host Organising Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Szeged from 23-26 July for the next European Championships. Until then, I wish everyone all the best, and to the athletes, a successful and injury-free preparation.

FRIENDLY REGARDS,

Bálint Székács

Secretary General of the Hungarian Canoe Federation
Chairman of the Host Organising Committee

ISTEN HÖZÖTT and WELCOME!

On the following pages, we guide you through all the necessary information that may assist you and your team on the way to Szeged. Apart from the general introduction of the city and the Regatta Course, the most vital and useful bits of information on the competition, participation, visa issuance and accommodation options can also be found here.

The Hungarian Canoe Federation is hoping to see you at the 2026 Paddle Europe Junior and U23 Sprint Championships between 23-26 July 2026 in Szeged.

If you are looking for more information, do not hesitate to visit the official website of the competition:

WWW.SZEGED2026.COM

SEE YOU IN JULY
THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE





THE HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Chairman	SZAKÁCS, Bálint
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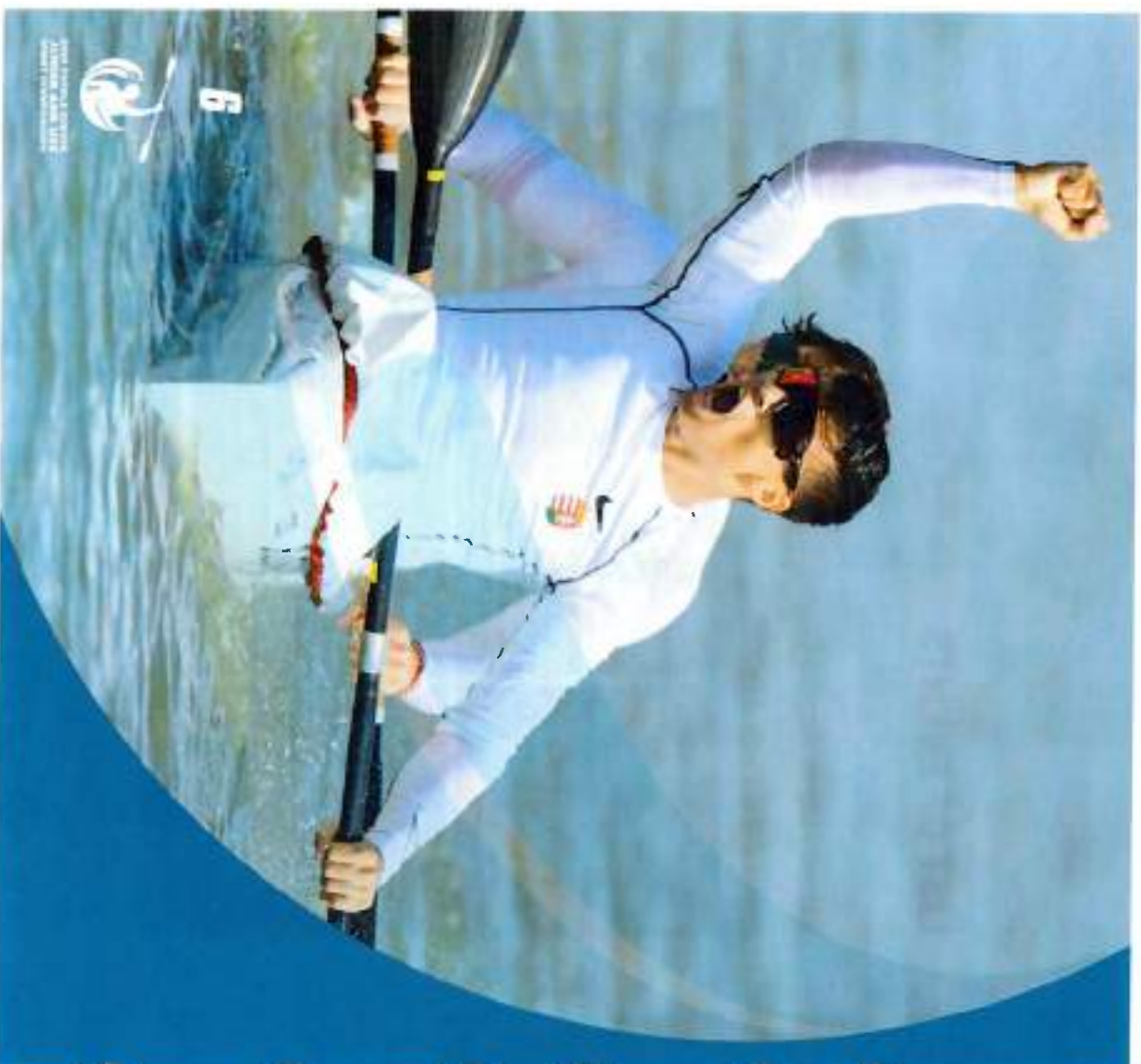


LIST OF EVENTS

Venue: Maty-ér Regatta Course, Szeged, Hungary

Event date: 23-26 July 2026

WOMEN	K1	200m 500m 1000m
	K2	500m
	K4	500m
	C1	200m 500m
	C2	200m 500m
	C4	500m
MEN	K1	200m 500m 1000m
	K2	500m 1000m
	K4	500m
	C1	200m 500m 1000m
	C2	500m 1000m
	C4	500m
MIX	XC4	500m



PROGRAMME

16 July (Thursday)

Team Leaders' meeting online

20 July (Monday)

Access period starts

Accreditation opens

Regatta Course opens for training

21 July (Tuesday)

Official training time

22 July (Wednesday)

ITC's meeting

Official training times with starting machine test

Opening Ceremony before the Grand Stand

23 - 26 July (Thursday - Sunday)

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26 July (Sunday)

Access period ends (in the evening)

COURSE

The 2,400-metre long, 122-metre-wide regatta course is located two kilometres south of Szeged. Being an artificial course, current is not an issue here and it is quite well sheltered from strong winds as well. It is equipped with a new Albano system and has nine lanes along with a separate warm-up line. There will be electric time keeping with a photo finish camera and video recording. Automatic starting system will be used for the start. The facility fully meets the ICF requirements.

ENTRIES IN THE ICF SDP SYSTEM

The Host Organizing Committee requires you to use the online entry system (SDP) of the ICF to submit your numerical and nominal entries. The system can be reached at:
[HTTPS://ICFMEV.ATOS.NET/ICF/ICF.JSP](https://icfmev.atos.net/icf/icf.jsp)
(In case you need help with the SDP, please contact:
JSTANOJEVIC@CANOE-ECA.EU)



BASIC SERVICES AND HOSPITALITY

HOTEL BOOKINGS AND TEAM REGISTRATION IN THE HMS

Please note that hotel reservations and team registrations (without a hotel reservation must be submitted via the HMS (Hospitality Management System) at [HTTPS://HMS.HKOCORP.HK/LOGIN](https://hms.hkocorp.hk/Login).

Please be aware that registering your team in the online system (arrival & departure dates, number of persons) is mandatory even if you are planning to book your accommodation independently from the Host Organising Committee.

Prior to logging in for the first time, please send an email to BOOKINGS@ZEGED2026.COM, even if you have used the system earlier, since we need to add the new event to your profile.

Please note that email modification requests cannot be accepted and will not be considered; all changes should be indicated exclusively – before and after the deadlines – in the online system.

Please remember that no booking or modification request can be considered as confirmed until you receive a notification from the HOC.

IMPORTANT: As the event is not an open championship, we accept enquiries, bookings, and payments exclusively from National Federations and their officially appointed representatives. Our services cannot be ordered or paid for by parents, individual athletes, or sports club representatives.

Please ensure that your National Federation designates one official representative who will be responsible for submitting and managing all team orders.

Kindly note that one joint pro forma invoice will be issued per team. Any further financial arrangements between the National Federation and self-paying participants must be handled directly between those parties, without the involvement of the HOC.

TEAM INFORMATION FORM

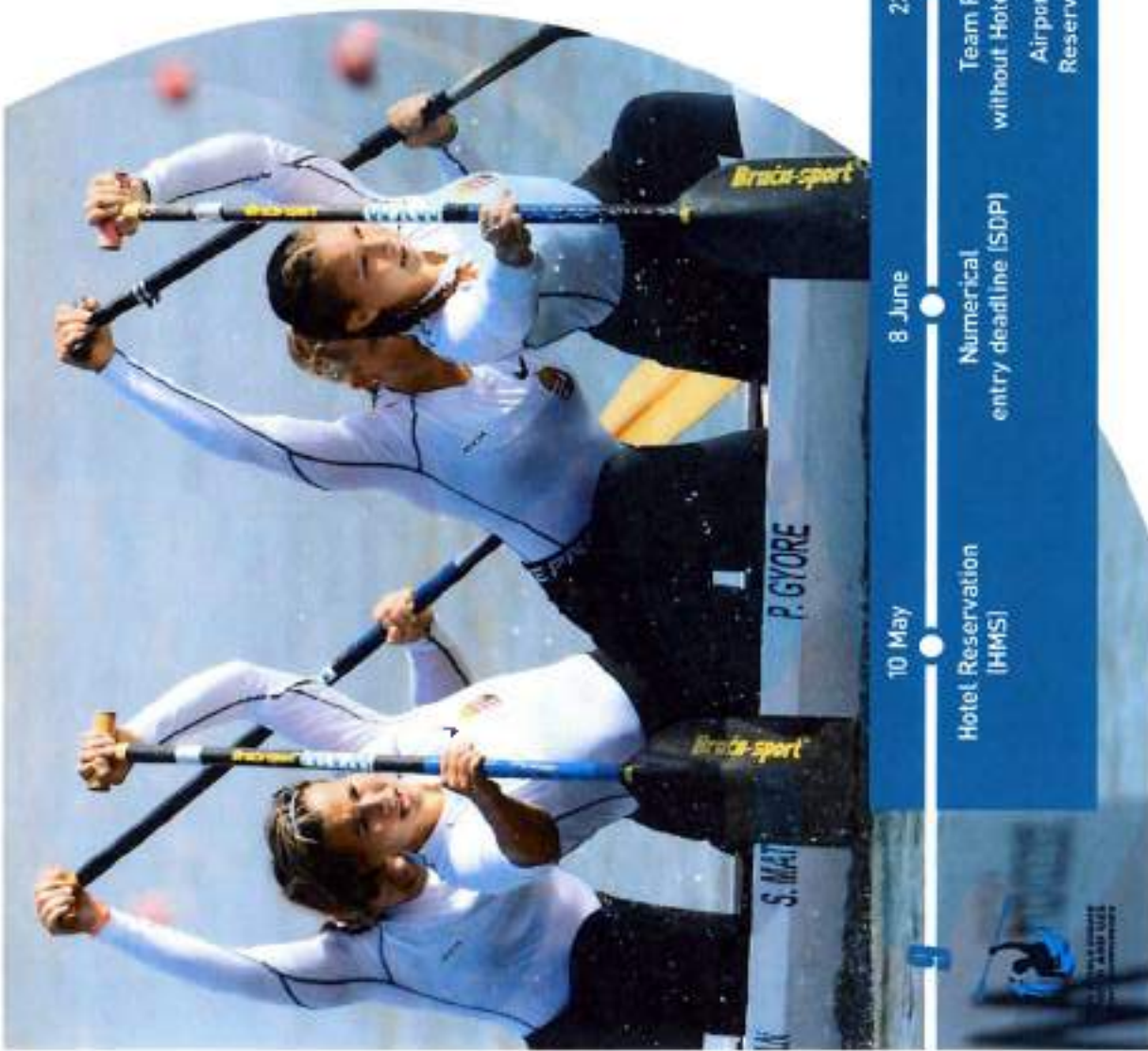
In preparation for the upcoming 2026 Paddle Europe Junior and U23 Sprint Championships, we are gathering essential information to ensure that all participating teams receive the necessary support and services.

We kindly ask you to complete the following **GOOGLE FORM** with your team's basic information, including the contact details of the onsite team leader, any food allergies, the number of boats delivered and any other relevant details.

This information is vital for the Host Organising Committee to make the necessary arrangements and ensure a smooth and inclusive event for all participants.

Please submit your responses by 23 June at the latest to allow us sufficient time for planning and coordination.

KEY DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRIES AND FORMS





ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

Hotel reservations can be made through the HOC in four different categories, according to the room types and prices listed below. Each accommodation package includes three meals for each day: breakfast and dinner served at the designated hotel, and lunch provided at the Regatta Course.

Official hotels provide dinner on the day of arrival, while full meal service (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) begins on the following day. In cases of very early arrival on the first day, lunch may also be provided on the day of arrival, subject to availability.

The accommodation package fee is required to be paid daily throughout your team's stay. For reservations before 20 July and from 26 July please refer to the section on training camps or inquire with the HOC for individual pricing.

- **Category 1 (3-star superior and 4-star hotels)**

- single occupancy¹ 205 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy² (twin/double room) 180 EUR/person/day

- **Category 2 (2-star superior and 3-star hotels)**

- single occupancy 180 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy (twin/double room) 155 EUR/person/day

- **Category 3 (2-star and 3-star hotels and guest houses)**

- single occupancy 155 EUR/person/day
- double occupancy 135 EUR/person/day
- triple occupancy 115 EUR/person/day

- **Category 4 (2-star motels, guest houses, hostels)**

- single occupancy 125 EUR/person/day
 - double occupancy 110 EUR/person/day
 - triple occupancy 95 EUR/person/day
 - quadruple³ occupancy 90 EUR/person/day
1. one person in the room, the type of bed can be either single or a double bed
2. two persons sharing the same room. Please choose a twin room in case you need two single beds or a double room in case the 2 persons would share a double bed
3. four persons sharing the same room



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Please keep in mind that due to the limited availability of hotel rooms in various categories, reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. This means your team may be redirected to a different category than initially requested unless there is sufficient space available in the required category.

Check-in is from 15:00 and rooms must be vacated by 10:00 on the morning of departure. Upon request, hotels will provide storage rooms for an additional fee, which should be paid directly to the property.

Please be aware that the Regatta Course Hotel is not available for booking for this event.

Disclaimer: the HDC does not take responsibility for any extra services provided by the hotel, such as minibar, telephone, parking, etc. These costs are to be paid directly at the front desk.

PARTICIPATION FEE

If your accommodation has been booked independently and not through the Host Organising Committee, you are **required** to pay a participation fee of 40 EUR / person / day from the day of your arrival. This fee includes basic services, but **does NOT include lunch** at the Regatta Course.

Disclaimer: please remember that the HOC cannot be held responsible for the quality and price of individually reserved accommodations, hence we suggest arranging your hotel booking directly with us.

LUNCH

National teams with individual hotel reservations can add lunch at the Regatta Course for 18 EUR / meal / person when purchased online in advance, or 20 EUR / meal / person when purchased on-site. Please note that **orders are accepted until 9 July** and purchases are subject to a 100% cancellation fee after this deadline. Eligibility will be verified by scanning the barcode on the accreditation badge upon entering the catering area, so on-site purchases will not be available. If you would like to order lunch for your team, please contact us directly at BOOKING@SZEOED2026.COM to inquire about the Lunch Order Form

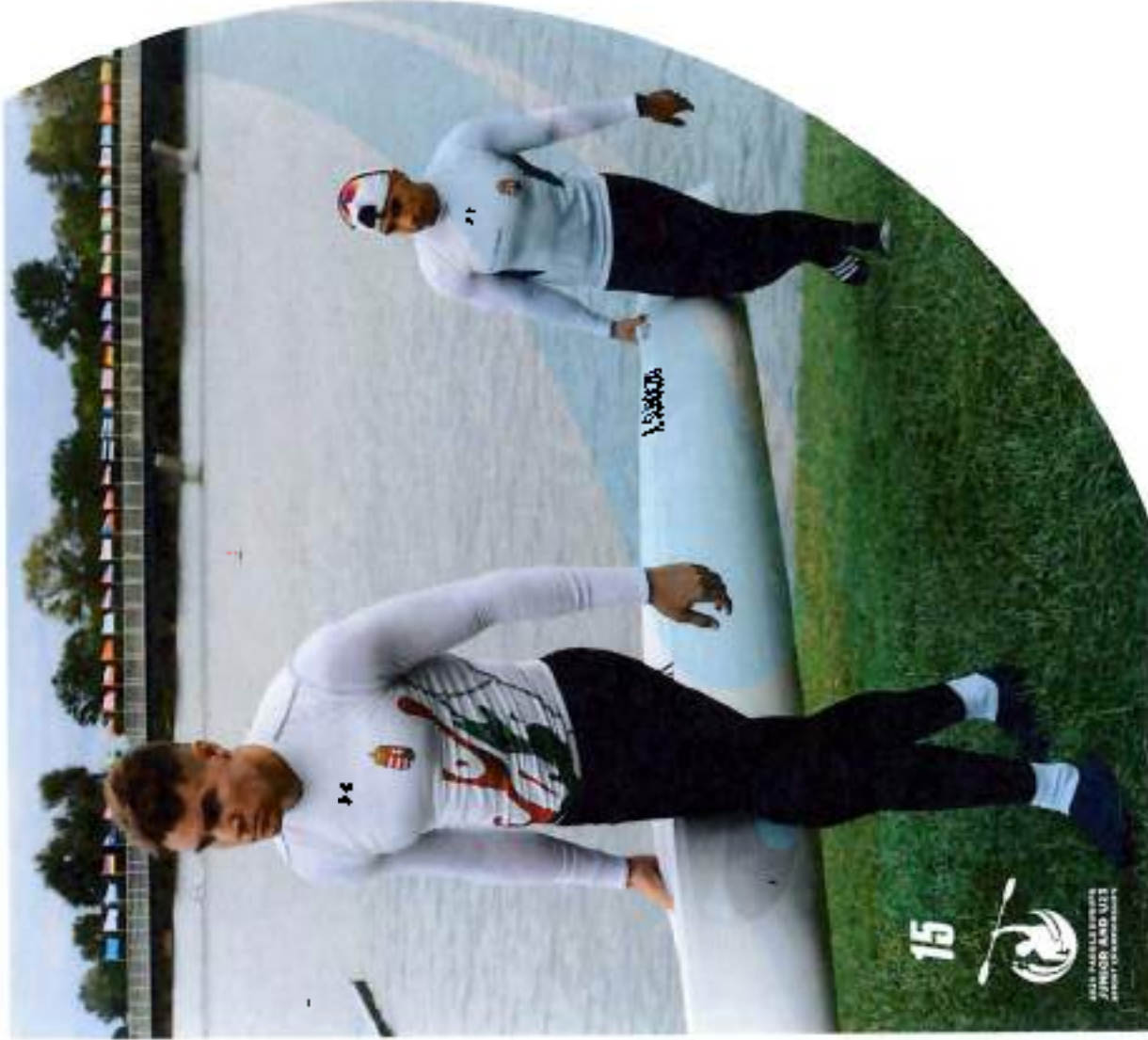




BASIC SERVICES COVERED BY THE ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE AND PARTICIPATION FEES

Non-competition days

- Accreditation services
- Info desk
- Boat storage facilities
- Boat measurements and control facilities
- Shuttle bus service between the Regatta Course and the official hotels during the access period, according to timetable
- Access to and operational costs of the venue
- Medical care at the course
- Security service at the course
- Fully comprehensive insurance for the event
- Access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3.5t) / team
- Drinking water during the access period



Competition days

- All the above
- Doping control
- Live streaming of the races
- Timing and results system
- Boat number distribution
- Results and information announcements
- EXPO village
- Athletics Lounge

Kindly note that the participation fee and the accommodation packages do not include transportation between the Liszt Ferenc International Airport or Budapest railway stations and the city of Szeged.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

For teams larger than 3 persons arriving together at the same time, we offer transportation between Budapest and Szeged for 38 EUR / person / one-way. Individuals and teams of 3 or fewer requiring transfer should contact the HOC for an individual price.

Please note that if the airport transfer reservation form is not submitted to the HOC by the deadline of 23 June, or if your exact departure date and time are not known by the time of accreditation, the transfer fee will increase to 50 EUR / person one-way.

PARKING

Teams will receive one parking pass for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3.5t). The sticker is valid for a maximum vehicle size of a 9-seated minibus for parking behind the Athletes Area. Additional parking stickers are available for 50 EUR / car / competition.

VISA

Participants are encouraged to reach out to the Hungarian Embassy or consulate in their country or the nearest one, well in advance to inquire about visa requirements. The process of obtaining a visa for Hungary can vary depending on the region, so it is advisable to allow for a 45-day processing period to secure the visa in time.

THE TYPICAL STEPS FOR OBTAINING A VISA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Booking accommodation via the HOC or sending the confirmation of your hotel booking to the HOC (if booked individually) - please note, the HOC cannot take responsibility for rejection of visa issuance
2. Sending the filled-in visa application form to the HOC (BOOKING@SZEGED2026.COM)
3. The HOC issues the Letter of Invitation
4. Contacting the Hungarian Embassy / Consulate serving in your country / territory and do the paperwork they request from you
5. Visa issuance

Please be informed that the HOC will not issue an invitation letter without knowing your team's arrival and departure dates, accommodation details, the number of participants and their identities. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary and the respective embassy or consulate require the same information from us; therefore, we cannot support your request without your cooperation in providing this information.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION TERMS

PAYMENTS AND KEY DEADLINES

The accommodation package and participation fees are to be paid as follows:

As outlined above, the hotel reservation deadline is **10 May 2026**. Once the HOC confirms your booking, 60% of the total amount will be invoiced with an 8-day payment term, while the remaining 40% is due by 9 July.

Please note that the booking will remain provisional until the payment of the invoice has been received in our bank account.

The Host Organising Committee reserves the right to alter or cancel the reservation until that time. Upon receipt of payment, the reservation will be confirmed. An updated proforma invoice will be sent verifying the arrival of your payment in our bank account.

The participation fee (for those who booked their accommodation independently and not through the HOC) will be invoiced based on the information you submit about your team's stay in the HMS Accreditation Only module. Please ensure that you provide the appropriate data on time so we can arrange lunch, designate a boat storage area, and display a flag for your team.





Please remember that the participation fee does not include lunch, so be sure to add lunch separately upon

request. The lunch order will be invoiced with an 8-day payment deadline, which comes with a 100% payment obligation in case it's cancelled after 9 July.

Please ensure you meet the deadline for submitting the nominal entry in the ICF's SDP system

All accommodation and / or participation fees must be paid in full by 9 July.

BANKING DETAILS

Please ensure you verify the banking details on the pro forma invoice and transfer the appropriate balance to the bank account listed below. **The Hungarian Canoe Federation does not intend to change its banking details or request funds to any other account. If you receive a pro forma invoice instructing payment to a different account, please report it immediately so we can take the necessary legal actions.**



Name of the bank: **Gránit Bank Zrt.**

Address of the bank: **8. Lechner Ödön fasor, Budapest, Hungary, 1095**

Bank account no: **12100011-10208890-000000000**

BIC CODE: **GNBAHUHB**

IBAN: **HU65 12100011 10208890 000000000**

Beneficiary: **Magyar Kajak-Kenu Szövetség,
H-1138 Budapest, Latorca utca 2., Hungary**

The currency of the account is Euro, so please ensure that your payment is made in Euros. Additionally, please remember to account for the transaction fees. It is your responsibility to cover these fees when transferring money to our bank account.

ACCEPTED METHODS OF PAYMENT ON-SITE IN THE ACCREDITATION CENTRE

In addition to cash (only Euros are accepted), we also accept Visa and MasterCard credit / debit cards.



CANCELLATION TERMS

Should you cancel or modify your hotel booking, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by the Host Organising Committee, as itemised below. The amount of the cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the accommodation package fee according to the following period of notice given:

No cancellation fee, if cancelled until 10 May 2026

**50% cancellation fee, if cancelled between
11 May - 28 May 2026**

**100% cancellation fee / non-refundable,
if cancelled after 29 May 2026**

Please, note that in case you submit your room reservation after the reservation deadline (10 May 2026) and we can confirm your request, the relevant cancellation terms will come into effect immediately from the moment of your reservation.

FURTHER INSIGHTS

BOAT TRANSPORTATION

Please contact Your Chamber of Commerce or Customs Office to obtain the accurate information regarding the documents necessary for boat transportation

INSURANCE

All official participants of the European Championships are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.

MEDICAL CARE

All official participants of the European Championships have access to the following medical services: an on-duty doctor; hospital and clinic support. A medical center with ambulance and first aid will be available at the Rogatta Course. Any costs beyond basic first aid, ambulance and physiotherapy services must be covered by the athletes' own medical insurance. The Host Organising Committee will not cover expenses related to hospital, dental or any other medical treatments.





EUROPEAN FEDERATION

HUNGARY AT A GLANCE

TRAINING CAMPS IN HUNGARY

With its nice calm waters and well-known heritage in the paddling sports, Hungary is a popular destination for training camps in 2026. Due to the typically high demand, it is advisable to organize your training camps and reach out to the Hungarian Canoe Federation at BOOKING@SZEGED2026.COM well ahead of time. This will allow us to create a personalized package for you including transportation and motorboat services.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON HUNGARY

Population: 9.6 million

Area: 93,036 km²

Capital Budapest Territory: 525 km²

Time zone: GMT +1 hour

Official language: Hungarian

State form: republic

CITY OF SZEGED

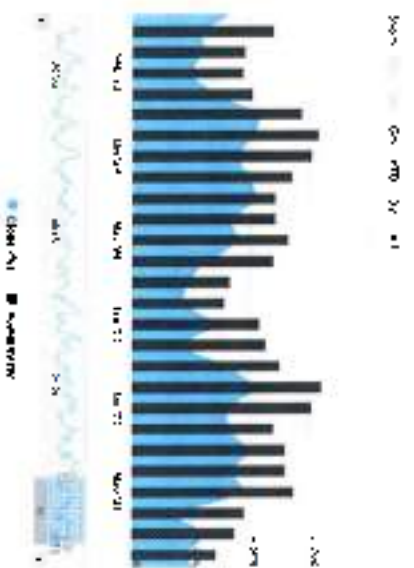
Fruited as the capital of sprint canoeing, Szeged is the seat of Csongrád County and the fourth largest city in Hungary. It is situated near the south-eastern border of Hungary right by the Tisza River. A large part of the town lies on the right bank, while Újszeged (New Szeged), a suburban district of residential homes and parks is on the left bank of the Tisza. Szeged is the cultural and economic centre of South-Eastern Hungary and a thriving university town, which is also famous for its open-air theatre. The city centre is marked by the medieval Tower of St. Demetrius and the stately twin spires of the Votive Church. This cathedral was built in the first decades of the 20th century to commemorate the revival of the city after the devastating flood of the river in 1879. By Hungarian standards, Szeged is a large city with a population of 177 000. The climate is very favourable of canoeing; the annual mean temperature being about 11 °C [52°F], somewhat higher than in the rest of the country. Szeged is sometimes called the City of Sunshine as there is an average of 2 000 hours of sunshine annually.

Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe surrounded by Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria. The Danube River forms part of Hungary's north-western border with Slovakia, and then flows south through Budapest, dividing Hungary into two general regions. A low, rolling plain known as the Great Hungarian Plain, covers most of the region east of the Danube extending east to Romania and south to Serbia. Hungary has a continental climate with cold, cloudy, humid winters and warm to hot summers.

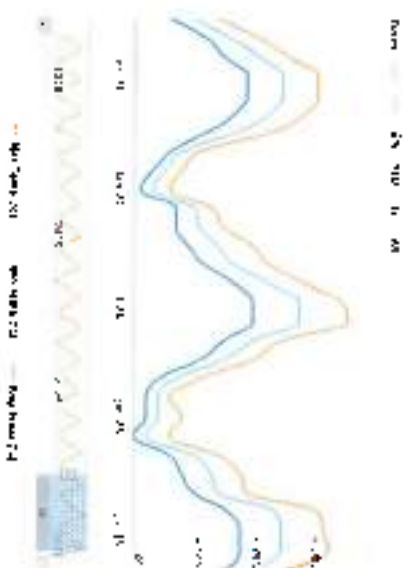


SZEGED ANNUAL WEATHER AVERAGES BETWEEN JULY 2023 AND JULY 2025

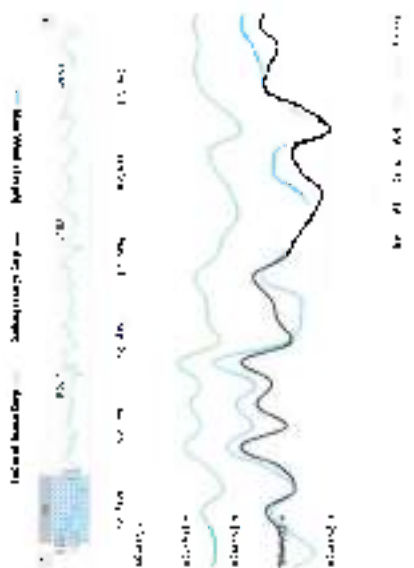
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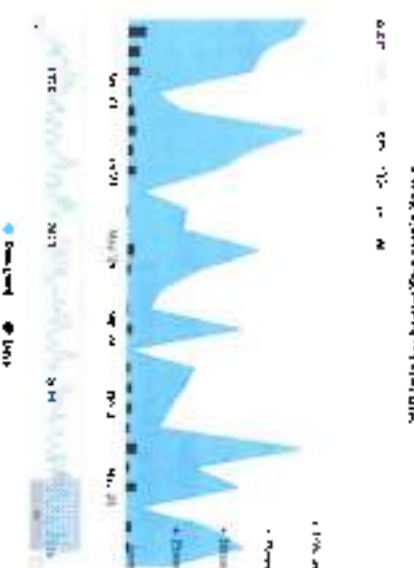
Max Wind Average by Month



Average Wind Speed and Rainfall



Average Wind Speed and Rainfall





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