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## The Chefs the Mission visited Győr

A major milestone of the preparation for the European Youth Olympic Festival in July taking place in Győr was the so-called Chefs de Mission Seminar, hosting the team leaders of the participating NOCs. The chefs were informed during the presentations about the most important issues related to the various areas, such as accreditation, transport, health care services, safety measures, ceremonies and volunteering. The Chefs de Mission visited the EYOF venues, including the sport and training venues, and the Athletes Villages under construction as well.

“We are very proud that we can work together with an Organising Committee who do their best for the athletes on the highest possible level. In Győr, much energy was spent on building new facilities and renovating to meet the highest standards. It is not only essential for the European Youth Olympic Festival, but it is also a legacy for the city, for its residents, but most of all the youth living here”, Joseph Cassar, Chair of the Coordination Committee said in his opening speech.

In the name of the Organising Committee Zsolt Borkai, the Mayor of Győr and President of the OC welcomed the delegates of the fifty countries. As he said, a great advantage of the EYOF in Győr is that the venues are close to each other, there are no significant distances, therefore a compact event can be organised, with a real Olympic

atmosphere. “Besides the high standard organisation of sports, we would also like to present our cultural values, the beauties of Hungary, Győr and our region.” Mr Borkai expressed his hope that besides the official programs, the Chefs de Mission will have the opportunity to get to know the city which will act as host for the whole of Europe.

During the two days, the Chefs de Mission made friends with Hugoo, the mascot of the event, with whom they made a lot of selfies. They also got to know the beauties of Győr, and at the accompanying events they could see such peculiarities as the sand animation of Norbert Papp, which presented the sports of EYOF and Győr in a spectacular and unorthodox manner.

The Chefs the Mission could submit their questions continuously during the two days, which were answered by the organisers during the closing conference. On this occasion, Mr Cassar, thanked members of the Organising Committee for the openness and cooperative efforts as well as their efficiency, which had so far guaranteed good relationships and successful work. Talking to the Chefs de Mission he emphasized that this is a youth event, where young people participate who might participate at adult European and world championships, Olympic Games later, therefore their Chefs de Mission have a great responsibility in making them feel part of the Olympic Family, and thus receive an impetus for their future career.



## Interview with a swimming legend, who is a great fan of EYOF

The career of "The Flying Dutchman" was extremely successful: he conquered the biggest swimmers like Popov, Phelps, or Ian Thorpe. In the king category of swimming, 100 and 200 meter freestyle he won three Olympic gold medals. Pieter van den Hoogenband is considered a national hero in his country, a swimming hall was named after him, and his world record could not be broken for eight years. He was the competition director of the European Youth Olympic Festival in Utrecht four years ago, and he came to Győr as the Chef de Mission of the Dutch EYOF delegation.

*"I have very beautiful memories of Hungary. At my last Olympic Games in Beijing I lost the finals against Michael Phelps in 2008, and I won the silver medal. Therefore, as it turned out, my last big victory took place in Budapest in 2006, at the European Championships. It was a huge experience to win a gold medal after returning following an injury. This was a great moment in my life. What I also have fond memories of from Hungary*

*is people's love I experienced. From the hotel staff to the taxi driver, everybody was really nice and helpful. They reassured me continuously: "Pieter, come on, you can do it, you are a real champion!" This was what I heard from everybody, and they were right: I left Budapest as a European Champion."*

The Dutch legend cannot be embarrassed with the question to say a few names he remembers being the best swimmers in Hungary, and he is listing them: *"In 1996 I was still young, 18 years old, and I entered my first Olympic Games in Atlanta. As usual, we were looking at the Hungarians with great respect. They were always characterized by hard work and persistence. Your champions are not only fast, but have beautiful technique. Károly Güttler and Norbert Rózsa were at the peak of their careers at the time, and I was happy to be in their proximity. I also consider Krisztina Egerszegi the best of all times, she was my favourite, I really enjoyed watching her swimming."*



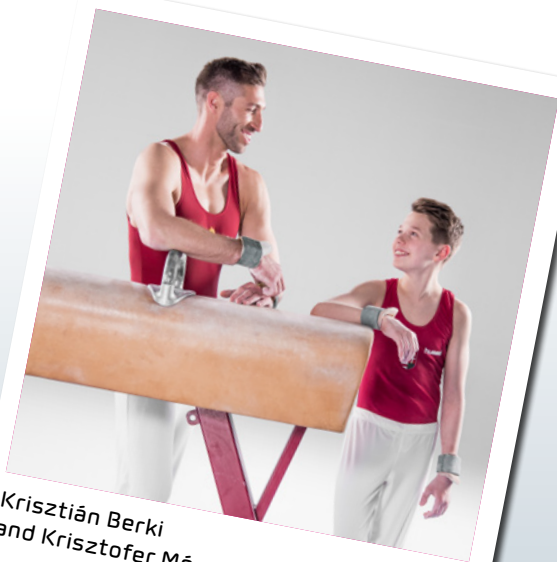
Hoogenband also knows the present Hungarian swimmers, he is really up to date in the sports. He lists our results achieved at the Rio Olympic Games, and he adds he is certain there will be world class Hungarian swimmers, who might already be present at the EYOF. *"For the career of an athlete it is especially important that there should be such competitions, festivals as EYOF. In 1993 my home country, the Netherlands organised these "mini-Olympics", and I was also present in the race. I was considered to be a talented swimmers already when I was 15, however this competition gave me the opportunity to develop further, to be better, and what is important, to gather experience",* the eternal champion of freestyle said about one of the most important age group competitions in his life. He also thinks EYOF will be a perfect trial for the athletes to find out whether they have the passion, the commitment, which is indispensable for success besides talent.

Pieter van den Hoogenband has participated at four Olympic Games, and he said the ambiance of EYOF really grabbed him as a teenager, and contributed to his commitment to never give up and become an Olympic Champion. *"Athletes arrive in Győr from 50 countries, they all need experience, and this in itself is an excellent foundation for a more relaxed atmosphere. EYOF is characterised by a directness, the fact that the athletes are surrounded by youth of the same age, and practically speak the same language, the language of sports. I would like to give the message to the athletes that they should exploit the opportunities offered by Győr, but do it smart. Gather much experience. Try to exploit it for the biggest purpose, to participate at the Olympic Games, and may become Olympic Champions one day. I am a great fan of EYOF, and I sincerely hope they will also become one!"*



## Sport Ambassadors of the EYOF

As it was mentioned in the 2nd Newsletter, the ten EYOF sports are promoted by an adult, renowned athlete and a young talent as the Sport Ambassadors of the European Youth Olympic Festival. These ambassadors are promoting the summer event on billboards all over the country. The pictures below were taken at the photo shooting:



Krisztián Berki  
and Krisztofer Mészáros



Luca Lendvai  
and Krisztián Pars



Zsanett Kötél and Réka Kotormán



Márton Fűri and Johanna Kitti Borissza



Dorina Szirony and Anna Lakióth



Ramóna Farkasdi  
and Zoltán Kammerer



Zsuzsanna Jakabos and Bence Varga





## The Biebers made the video clip for the official EYOF song in Győr

*"We are loved in Győr and we also love Győr",* Peti Puskás said at the shooting of the official EYOF song video. Besides the band, renowned athletes also appear in the clip. *"Here and now",* this is the title of the official song of the European Youth Olympic Festival in Győr. The song of The Biebers exists in Hungarian and also in English, therefore it is suitable to promote the event in Hungary and abroad. The camera was turning from morning to evening, among others, at the Mosoni Danube, in the Audi Arena, the Aqua Sports Centre and in the city centre of Győr.

The front man of the band told that the clip grabs an atmosphere, as the athlete gets up early, when the city is still asleep and sees the awakening city while preparing for training in the early hours. This is a moment, which is easy to experience for an athlete, but also for an active, "everyday" person, so it is a joint experience. In these moments we can meet even near the waterfronts of Győr, as implied by the lyrics. *"The clip is about parallel experiences, when we do something with all our effort, as an athlete, or as a musician, for instance. EYOF and international festivals in general get people together. In these moments many prejudices fail, as we imagine one nation is like this, the other is like that, but when we spend a few days together, we realize we are all the same."*





## Meet and greet of the EYOF volunteers

### The EYOF Torch and official song were presented to the public

More than one thousand volunteers attended the VolunTeam Building Day where they had the chance to meet with each other, with their coordinators, and take part in a general training about the event and their future tasks. At this event the official EYOF song by The Biebers and the Torch have been presented.

The main goal of the volunteer day was to give an insight to the volunteers about the general principles of volunteering, and create situations where they can practice the kind of tasks they might need to solve during the festival. Besides this, the volunteers also had some fun activities and entertainment throughout the afternoon. The attendants actively participated in furnishing the venue and prepared the location for themselves and other invited guests. Besides the practical training in the University Sports Hall, the venue of future Volunteer Centre served as the location for theoretic education about volunteer behaviour and ethics.

In the evening, Mr Zsolt Borkai, President of the Organising Committee and Mayor of the city Győr, greeted the crowd, thanked the volunteers for their dedication and participation at the first Olympic event in Hungary. *"I hope your enthusiasm toward the event and volunteering will last until the end of the event, as it is a huge responsibility for all of us to complete all tasks during the festival."*

Mr Ferenc Bogisich, the General Manager of QP Zrt. and Mr Ferenc Pató, Technical Manager, presented the Torch which is used during the country wide tour of the EYOF Flame. They explained that the Torch is made out of aluminium alloy, it is 650 millimetre tall, and the top of the installation may be inserted into a 160 millimetre radius circle. The final version of the Torch was selected from 6 different designs, it weighs 2.3 kilograms and was constructed for months, and tested continuously since February.

Mr David Fekete, Deputy Mayor of Győr, Director of the Volunteer Directorate, explained the interest from the volunteers exceeded all expectations. More than 2500 applicants registered for volunteering, and after selection around 1700 of them have been chosen to assist during the festival. From the selected volunteer, 1200 participated at the VolunTeam Building Day, getting to know each other and having fun. After a hard day of work, the volunteers attended the Soulwave concert to finish their day off with some fun.







## EYOF flame lit up in Rome, arrived in Győr on Wednesday

The Roman monument from ancient times, Ara Pacis Augustae witnessed a really special event: the Flame of the European Youth Olympic Festival in Győr and the golden oil branch were lifted in an exceptional ceremony.

The Ara Pacis Augustae, or the Altar of the Augustinian Peace was a symbolic place for the ceremony. This is where the Mayor of Győr, Zsolt Borkai, took over the Flame of the EYOF. The Flame was raised in the air by Olympic Champion gymnast Krisztián Berki, Anita Görbicz, three times Champions League winner handball player, Zsuzsanna Jakabos, former EYOF gold medallist swimmer and Olympian, Krisztián Pars, Olympic Champion hammer-thrower and Hedvig Karakas, world bronze medallist judoka and Olympian. Together they handed over the Flame to Janez Kocijancic, acting president of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and then to Mr Borkai. The Mayor said that the organisers have been working for the success of the first Olympic multi-sport event in Hungary for six years, and have been waiting for this moment, for the Flame to be lit, ever since. He emphasised that the EYOF in Győr is surrounded by an extensive cooperation, besides the support of the State of Hungary and the municipality, numerous enterprises also sponsor the implementation, the event is promoted by renowned Sport Ambassadors. Furthermore, many applied to become volunteers so that they can take active part in EYOF, and many settlements in Hungary joined the Torch Relay. He reminded that there are

only 62 days left, and a wonderful event will start in Győr, where at the Opening Ceremony young athletes from fifty countries can look at the flame with pride.

In history, heroes were born in battles, however today anybody can become hero, no matter if they are outstanding in culture, science, or sports, said Mr Kocijancic at the ceremony. He added that the history of EYOF goes back to a quarter of a century, and this wonderful dream now continues in Győr.

Giovanni Malago, President of the Italian Olympic Committee said he is proud that Rome can host this important milestone. He reminded that Hungary has long Olympic traditions, therefore he is certain that the event in Győr will be a successful one.

At the ceremony, the work of the famous goldsmith, Nicola Amato, the golden oil branch "Dea Pax", which was made by the same fire which lit up the Flame of the EYOF, was presented. The oil branch accompanied the Flame to Győr, and following the summer event it returns to Rome, to the headquarters of the European Olympic Committees (EOC). The oil branch was taken over by the President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee, Krisztián Kulcsár, who promised they will look after these symbols with special care. He emphasised that for Hungary the Olympic idea is important, and their dream is to host the Summer Olympic Games in Budapest. On this road, the organisation of the European Youth Olympic Festival is a great milestone.





## The EYOF Flame has arrived in Győr!

After the ceremony in Rome, the Flame of the European Youth Olympic Festival arrived in the host town on Wednesday afternoon.

The Welcoming Ceremony on Péter Airport was made even more solemn by the squadron of the SAM WING 12 Arrabona and the Tata Garrison Army Band. Apart from the Mayor, Mr Zsolt Borkai, adult and young EYOF Sport Ambassadors of different sports accompanied the Flame, such as Krisztián Berki (gymnastics), Anita Görbicz (handball), Zsuzsanna Jakabos (swimming), Hedvig Karakas (judo), Krisztián Pars (athletics), Anna Laklóth (basketball), Johanna Kitti Borissza (cycling), as well as Bence Varga (swimming), Tamara Pál (handball), Luca Lendvai (athletics), Márton Fűri (cycling), Richárd Sipőcz (judo) and Krisztofer Mészáros (gymnastics).

Residents from Győr could see the ceremony in Rome and the reception in Péter from recording, and they were greeted by the Mayor of Győr. He said that this day was the fulfilment of their common dream when this outstanding icon of the Olympic spirit arrived in Győr. *'We needed a vast amount of work and collaboration to be able to say that 60 days before the event the preparations are well advanced, great facilities are being built, the organisation is in progress and now the flame can be here with us. We could experience such moments in Rome that we will remember forever and we would like to hand*

*over this feeling to every single Hungarian today and during the nationwide Torch Relay as well.'*

*'I could live through a lot of beautiful moments in my life, some of which are connected to the Olympic Games, and this day will definitely belong to them. Taking part in the Olympics can not be compared to anything, and it is a fantastic thing that thousands of young people can experience this feeling here in Győr.'* – Anita Görbicz summarised. *'To participate in the ceremony in Rome was a wonderful feeling, I as an Olympic Champion shudder to think that we can be part of an Olympic event in Hungary.'* – added Krisztián Berki. According to Zsuzsanna Jakabos, it will be a fantastic experience for the Hungarian athletes to be able to show their acquired knowledge in front of home audience on home ground, while Hedvig Karakas said that she had never had the chance to hold the Torch representing the Olympic spirit before, so this day would be an eternal memory for her. Krisztián Pars emphasised that the athletes were present on the ceremony in Rome as heralds to bring back the Olympic message together with the Flame to the young athletes.

According to Johanna Kitti Borissza, EYOF is a perfect possibility to popularise cycling and for the young talents to introduce themselves, while Anna Laklóth highlighted that she has the honour to represent basketball and to personally experience such historical moments as the arrival of the EYOF flame.



*'It's a tremendous experience to take part in all this, but also a great responsibility at the same time.'* – commented Márton Fűri, one of the young athletes. Luca Lendvai added that these would be memorable and essential moments in her life forever and she would like to do her own part in the Torch Relay as well. Krisztofer Mészáros continued: *'Working together with my role model, Krisztián Berki, will give me extra energy in my preparation. I'm anxious to make the best of myself at EYOF!'* Tamara Pál also mentioned her role model. *'We play a lot together with Görbe, and I learn a lot from her both on and outside the field, and EYOF contributes to this learning.'* According to Bence Varga, a much organised group

is working on this summer event, so that the athletes could compete in the best possible conditions. *'The home-field is extra motivation, it is fantastic that my own town hosts this large-scale international event.'*

Ági Szalóki and the Ballet of Győr contributed to the Flame Welcoming Ceremony, and the guardian flame was placed on the installation in front of the town hall by Mayor Zsolt Borkai. At the end of the ceremony The Biebers sang the official song of EYOF, and after this executive first release of the song the band gave a fantastic live concert to those interested.





# SPORT COMPETITION DAILY SCHEDULE

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# SPORT COMPETITION DAILY SCHEDULE

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