



Dear Sports Friends,

as ECA's Board of Directors just confirmed the 2020 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships in Prague (<https://www.canoe-europe.org/news/green-light-for-the-2020-eca-canoe-slalom-european-championships-in-prague-1683>), Czech Canoe Union is pleased to invite you to take part at this championships which is scheduled for 18-20 September 2020.

In past years we have delivered many successful international competitions – just to mention 2013 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships which was a great contribution to the 100th anniversary of Czech Canoe Union and 2018 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships which has exceeded all expectations in many ways.

We are extremely excited to host another event of this importance. Having proven high level of experience from organising top world competitions accompanied with a very high degree of media exposure, Czech Canoe Union is ready to prepare and conduct the 2020 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships.

Czech canoeing will be happy to welcome all National Teams for the training and the competition and we hope that this competition held on artificial slalom course in Prague - Troja will bring to you a lot of top sport results but also another dimension like Prague's historical monuments and culture. We are looking forward seeing you in Prague.

Here we are presenting a summary of the first important information. More information regarding this event can be found on the event website.

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GENERAL AND COMPETITION INFORMATION

ORGANISERS

European Canoe Association
Czech Canoe Union
2020 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships Organising Committee

DATE

18th – 20th September 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CZECH REPUBLIC AND PRAGUE

Prague - Troja, Czech Republic



Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic. It has an area of 496 km² and is home to 1,200,000 people. The year 870, when Prague castle was established, is regarded as the beginning of the city's existence. However, people inhabited the area in the early Stone Age. In 1918, at the end of World War I, Prague was declared the capital of a new country – the Czechoslovak Republic. In 1993 it became the capital of an independent Czech Republic. Prague is situated in the heart of Europe – approximately 600 km from the Baltic, 700 km from the North Sea and 700 km from the Adriatic. Prague is not a huge distance from other central European cities. Vienna is 300 km away, Bratislava 320 km, Berlin 350 km, Budapest 550 km, Warsaw 630 km and Copenhagen 750 km. The River Vltava flows through Prague for 31 km, and at its widest measures 330 m. The Vltava has created some interesting places in Prague – islands and meanders, providing many idyllic scenes.

Prague, the nation's capital, is the centre of political, economic and sport activity in the Czech Republic. Prague magical history, beautiful architecture, and culture attract millions of visitors to the city each year. The concert halls, theatres, clubs, and restaurants will provide the participants of Championships with a lifelong memory.

Area: 496 square kilometres

Number of the population: 1 285 995 (12/2009)

Geographic location: (centre of a town) 50°05'19" N, 14°25'17" N

Time zone: Czech Republic is in the Central European Time Zone. Central European Standard Time (CET) is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1). Like most states in Europe, Summer (Daylight-Saving) Time is observed in Czech Republic, where the time is shifted forward by 1 hour; 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2). After the Summer months the time in Czech Republic is shifted back by 1 hour to Central European Time (CET) or (GMT+1)

Average altitude: 235 m above the sea

Climate: average temperature is 9°C, during summer months 19°C, during winter months -0,9°C

Electricity: 230 V

Telephones: The international dialling code for the Czech Republic is +420 (or 00 420). When calling from abroad this must be dialled first followed by the 9-digit number. Emergency calls in Czech Republic 112 (can be called free of charge from mobiles even without a SIM card inserted).

Language: The only official language in the Czech Republic is Czech, which is spoken by 96 % of the population. However, have no fear, as especially in larger cities you can make yourself understood in English relatively easily.

Internet: The Czech Republic enjoys good internet connections, so you will not have problems getting online by quick broadband lines or Wi-Fi networks.

Money: The currency used in the Czech Republic is the Czech crown which has the international abbreviation CZK.

Healthcare: Private and state healthcare facilities operate in the Czech Republic. The majority of them have agreements with the State Health Insurance Company on the provision and payment of healthcare.

Arriving in the Czech Republic, Customs and Airports

The Czech Republic became a member of the EU in 2004. There are different rules for citizens of other EU member countries than for tourists from other parts of the world. Everyone must carry ID at all times.

Customs quotas and regulations: When bringing goods into the Czech Republic there are limits set on certain commodities. If a certain amount is exceeded, duty must be paid, and the importer is required to inform customs of the amount of the commodity he or she is bringing into the country.

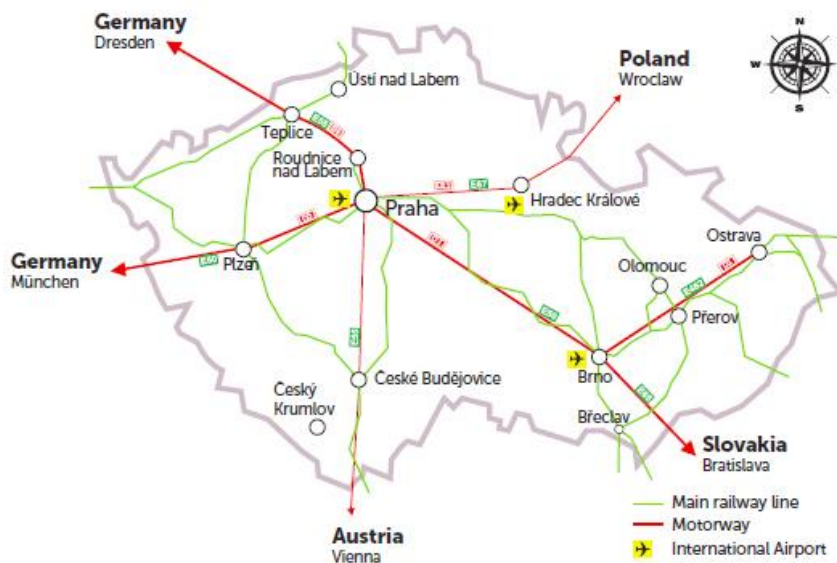
Embassies and consulates: You can access assistance in difficult situations from your country's embassy. Embassies are always located in the capital of the Czech Republic, Prague, and a complete list can be found on the Ministry for Foreign Affairs website.

International Airport - Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG) is a flight hub used by more than 40 airlines that travel to hundreds of destinations. It has three passenger terminals. Terminal 1 is used for flights outside the Schengen zone, while the Terminal 2 is used for flights within the Schengen zone and Terminal 3 is for private and charter flights. You can get all the relevant information on the non-stop phone lines +420 220 111 888.



From Václav Havel International Airport Prague (PRG) to Prague Troja Venue it is about 20 km, approx. 40 min.

It is also possible to use other European International Airports.



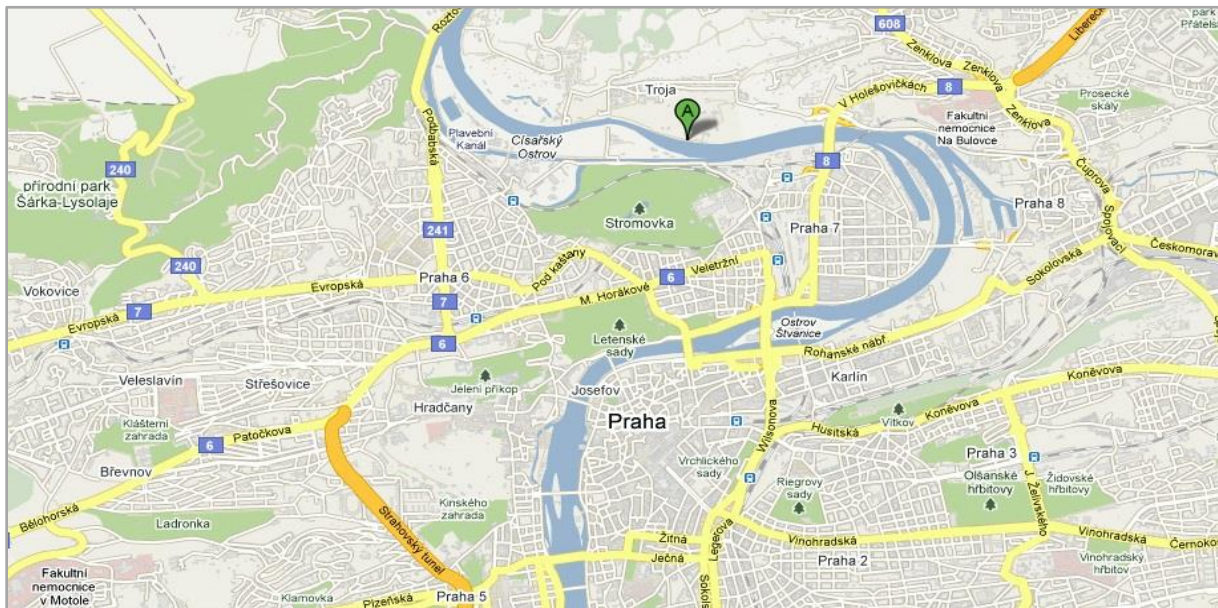
Other nearest airports: Germany: München – 380 km, 3h 40min to the venue, Frankfurt am Main – 520 km, 4h 50min, Leipzig – 266 km, 2h 40min; Austria: Wien – 350 km, 3h 20min to the venue; Slovakia: Bratislava – 350 km, 3h 20min to the venue.

Train: There are two international train stations in Prague - Wilson (Main Station) close to Wenceslas Square and Holešovice Station. Both are connected with the city centre as well as with each other. Holešovice station is 10 min. by walk to the venue.

Car: Capital City of Prague is the hub of the Czech network of highways and its roads extend in all directions. See the map above with Airport directions to the venue.

COMPETITION VENUE

The venue is located in Prague - Troja, cca 20 min. from Prague's centre by car or public transport /tram, bus or metro/.



White Water Center - Prague, Troja - artificial slalom course

The quality and the difficulty of this course fully correspond with the importance of the European Championships and with regards to the several ICF and ECA events we have organised in past few years, we can confirm that our course meets all international standards. Whole course is now equipped with new obstacles – RapidBlocks and it made the course more challenging and safer.

River: Vltava
Length: 410 m
Width: 12 - 14 m
Drop: 3,6 m
Flow rate: 16 m³/s



Other facilities – accommodation, restaurant and gyms can be found right at the venue in the boathouse.



TRAINING

Free official training before the European Championships will be organised from Sunday 13th Sept 2020.

Training during the year on the slalom course is possible the whole year around. It is necessary to respect the training schedule, which you can find on the www.slalomtroja.cz website or posted at the course. If you want to be added into the training schedule you have to make reservation via e-mail training@slalomtroja.cz at least a week in advance. You need to buy a day pass or annual pass at the reception and have it visibly placed on your boat or helmet.

TRAINING FACILITIES AVAILABLE NEARBY

Slalom course in Prague – Štvanice - (10 min. by car, 40 min. by paddling)

Slalom course in Brandýs nad Labem – (20 min. by car)

Contact: Ondřej Chour, ondarch@post.cz, +420 602 234 059

Slalom course in Veltrusy (20 min. by car)

Contact: jozka@razdva.cz, +420 721 986 477

Slalom course Roudnice (45 min. by car)

Contact: KK Roudnice, kanoe.rce@seznam.cz, www.kkroudnice.cz

Slalom course in Roztoky (60 min. by car)

Contact: Mr. Holý, holy@polyglass.cz, +420 602 362 818

Slalom course in Trnávka (90 min. by car)

Contact: RK STAN, raft.klub.stan@gmail.com, www.rkstan.cz/slalomova_draha_trnavka

Slalom course in České Budějovice (120 min. by car)

Contact: Ondřej Pinkava, rafting@slalom.cz, +420 731 410 796

COMPETITION RULES

2020 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships will be run in accordance with the ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules for the World Championships except for the rules explained in the document: DIFFERENCES IN THE COMPETITION RULES BETWEEN ECA EUROPEAN CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS which is available for download from the ECA website at: <https://www.canoe-europe.org/preview-file/eca-canoe-slalom-rules-differences-eca-icf-may2019-2903.pdf>.

EVENTS

2020 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships

MK1	Men's Kayak
MC1	Men's Canoe
WK1	Women's Kayak
WC1	Women's Canoe
MK1x3	Men's Kayak Team
MC1x3	Men's Canoe Team
WK1x3	Women's Kayak Team
WC1x3	Women's Canoe Team

ENTRIES POLICIES

Maximum boats:

- Individual events - each NF max. 3 boats per event
- Team events – each NF max. 1 team per event

If you have any questions or problems concerning entries, please, do not hesitate to contact us or ECA.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation passes will be required to access the venue.

Accreditation fee will be **110,- EUR** per Athlete (Aa), Team Leader (AC), Technical Staff (Ao), Medical Staff (Am) etc. The payment of the accreditation fee can be made by cash at the venue upon your arrival or by bank transfer.

For bank transfer please contact HOC at accreditation@slalomtroja.cz.

All transaction costs are the responsibility of your NF. ***If your payment will be done by bank transfer, please, make sure that we receive the payment no later than 11th September 2020.***

ICF ONLINE ENTRIES & ACCREDITATION SYSTEM - SDP

PRINCIPLES

Entries and accreditation requests must be made by the National Federation using the online entries system (SDP): <https://icf.msl.es/icf/icf.jsp>

For detailed instructions on how to submit entries, please read the SDP user guide. Any questions or issues relating to entries or accreditation should be sent to sdp@canoeicf.com prior to the respective deadline.

SDP user guide http://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/nf_userguide_v2.2.pdf

NUMERICAL ENTRIES

Numerical entries close: **4 August 2020**

NOMINAL ENTRIES

Nominal entries close: **8 September 2020**

Each athlete competing must be entered by name.

Team personnel must also be submitted for accreditation at this time. These entries will be used to produce the accreditation cards for all teams.

REMINDER

Any late entry will incur a fee of 100 euros.

Entries or accreditation requests sent directly to the competition organiser will NOT be accepted.

HEALTH AND SANITARY MEASURES

We are strongly committed to deliver competition with good health and sanitary conditions to all attending National Federation. Health and safety of all teams is our top priority.

Situation of Covid-19 outbreak in Czech Republic is stabilised and almost all restrictions have been lifted and canoeing as a non-contact sport belongs to a group of sports with low risk, but we take this issue very seriously and we will apply additional health measures and requirements to ensure a safe environment for all involved.

We already took the action and we can list few examples of our plan:

- Competition schedule has been amended (for ex. opening ceremony in the theatre cancelled; demo runs organised only in full length to give athletes and coaches more space and to mitigate the risk...)

- Venue layout modification (closed separate space for each nation in athletes' tent, every space equipped with download solution for technical video; large athletes' area with possibility for teams to put up their own tent, mix zone modified to allow social distancing...)
- Organising Committee appointed person involved in planning and application of health and sanitary measures
- Number of people at the competition will be kept lower (organisers, ITOs, spectators)
- Sanitary measures at the venue
- Hand sanitizers for all entrances and throughout the venue
- To ensure the venue is clean and hygienic – regular cleaning of indoor spaces by fogging disinfection method, regular wiping of surfaces and any equipment with disinfectant
- Screening measures – thermometric temperature checks in place for participants and spectators at the points of venue entry
- On-site first-aid point
- Predetermined communication of a case and COVID-19 situation to teams
- OC members, all work groups and volunteers will be briefed on the protocols for a suspect and confirmed patient, on infection prevention and control measures and on where to find more information
- Signage to inform spectators, teams, organizers and other participants about public health advices and ways in which they can prevent themselves from getting infected with virus
- Physical (at least 1 meter) separating of competitors, officials, spectators, and support staff will be advised and practiced where possible

In the next step we will evolve the plan and specify the best practice in each area of the venue. Closer to the competition we will publish a detailed bulletin where all health measures and requirements will be described.

Please also review the ICF recommendations for delegation members attending canoeing competitions:

https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf_covid19-health_for_teams.pdf

We are hoping that the pandemic will be at a reasonable level to allow the delivery of these competitions. However, we have to make clear that the attending National Federations will remain responsible for their accommodation and travel costs in case of force majeure leading to a late cancellation of these competitions.

PRESS AND MEDIA INFORMATION

Information will be available on the www.slalomtroja.cz website in the "Media" section. Media Officer and contact person for these purposes is:

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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

For more information refer to the official event website:

<http://www.slalomtroja.cz>.

ORGANISERS:

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VENUE:

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UNOFFICIAL PROGRAMME

2020 ECA CANOE SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 13 September

13:00 Paddleride 2020

Monday 14 September

11:00 - 18:00 Official training

Tuesday 15 September

09:00 - 18:00 Official training

16:00 Prague Riverside Cross

18:00 - 19:00 Team Leaders meeting

Wednesday 16 September

09:00 - 18:00 Official training

Thursday 17 September

08:00 - 14:00 Official training

14:00 Heats - Course construction

15:30 ITOs & NTOs 1st meeting

16:30 Heats - Demonstration runs & Rehearsal

Friday 18 September

09:10 Forerunners Women's C1 & Men's K1

09:30 - 12:30 Heats Women's C1 & Men's K1

Lunch break

13:30 Forerunners Women's K1 & Men's C1

13:45 - 16:20 Heats Women's K1 & Men's C1

16:30 Semi-final / Final - Course construction

17:30 Semi-final / Final - Demonstration runs

Saturday 19 September

08:45 Forerunners Women's C1 & Men's K1

09:00 - 11:15 Semi-finals Women's C1 & Men's K1

Lunch Break

12:15 - 13:30 Finals - Women's C1 & Men's K1

Medals ceremony Women's C1 & Men's K1

14:30 - 16:05 Team events Women's C1 & Men's K1

Medal ceremony Team events

Sunday 20 September

08:45 Forerunners

09:00 - 10:45 Semi-finals Women's K1 & Men's C1

Break

12:00 - 13:10 Finals Women's K1 & Men's C1

Medals ceremony Women's K1 & Men's C1

14:30 - 15:50 Team events Women's K1 & Men's C1

Medal ceremony Team events

** Please note that the times are tentative and are subject to change. **