



ESC ACTIVITY REPORT

PRESIDIUM MEETINGS

- Győr, Hungary, March 1st, 2024
- Zoom, April 25th, 2024
- Budapest, Hungary, May 27th, 2024
- Novi Sad, Serbia, October 12th, 2024
- Osijek, Croatia, March 8th, 2025
- Paris, France, July 27th, 2025
- Yerevan, Armenia, October 23rd, 2025

Main decisions directed to the development of the shooting sport:

- To establish new age categories for athletes of the U-16 and U-18 age categories;
- To introduce new European Championships for athletes of the U-16 and U-18 age categories;
- To hold separate European Championships for M/W and MJ/WJ starting from 2025;
- To approve ESC Challenge formats;
- To approve amendments to the General Regulations;
- To approve hosts of the 2025 and 2026 European Championships for U-16/U-18 age categories in Air Rifle/Air Pistol and Trap/Skeet;
- To approve hosts of the 2025 and 2026 European Championships for U-18 age categories in 25/50m and Trap/Skeet;
- To support the Organizers of the European Championships by covering travel expenses and accommodation of the Technical Delegate, as well as travel expenses of the Jury members and all ESC Officials;
- To support the Organizers of the European Championships by granting financial support to the TV production and internet streaming of the Finals;
- To support the Member Federations by covering entry fees for participation of athletes in the ESC Challenge events at all 2025 European Championships;
- To increase the number of finalists in the European Youth League Championship from 8 to 10 in both AR and AP;
- To create the ESC Entry System.
- To hold the XXX ESC Ordinary General Assembly in Yerevan, Armenia, on October 24-25, 2025.
- To appoint Melis Giraud as the new ESC Secretary General;
- To approve the General Provisions for the 2025 SIUS European Youth League Championship;



- To approve the General Provisions for the 2025 European Champions League;
- To approved the 2024 and 2025 Budgets and the 2024 Balance;
- To approve partnership agreement with Double-Alpha Academy;
- To approve sponsorship agreement with Capapie;
- To allow athletes with AIN status take part in the Duet/Mixed Pairs ESC Challenge events in the program of the European Championships starting from the 2025 ECH U-18 Shotgun;
- To approve the hosts of 2027 European Championships
- To approve the host for 2026 European Championship 25/50m U18
- To approve the Technical Delegates and Chiefs of Jury nominations for the 2026 European Championships;
- To approve the strategy for 2026 ESC Air Cup;
- To approve Agenda and documents for the XXX General Assembly.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following European Championships were organized in 2024 and 2025:

Championship	Location	Athletes	Nations Represented	Nations Winning Medals	European Records Established
2024 European Championship 10m, Air Rifle/ Air Pistol	Győr, Hungary	614	43	21	5
2024 European Championship Shotgun	Lonato del Garda, Italy	445	42	18	2
2024 European Championship 25m/50m/300m, Rifle/Pistol	Osijek, Croatia	520	38	24	16
2024 European Championship Running Target	Plzeň, Czechia	68	10	7	19
2025 European Championship 10m, Air Rifle/ Air Pistol U16/U18	Tallinn, Estonia	264	28	21	39
2025 European Championship 10m, Air Rifle/ Air Pistol Junior	Osijek, Croatia	329	40	20	10
2025 European Championship 10m, Air Rifle/ Air Pistol Men/Women	Osijek, Croatia	323	42	21	10
2025 European Championship U18 Shotgun	Malakasa, Greece	97	19	12	12
2025 European Championship 25/50/300m/RT/SH Men/Women, Men Junior/Women Junior	Châteauroux, France	977	44	31	42



NEW FORMATS

The programs of all 2024 and 2025 European Championships included a set of innovative formats for different disciplines, competitions, and age categories has been developed under the common brand ESC Challenge.

Some of these formats are based on the traditional scoring system, while others use the hit/miss approach. The introduction, testing, and refinement of the ESC Challenge formats aim to make shooting sport competitions more attractive, TV-friendly, and easier to understand for the general audience.

SIUS EUROPEAN YOUTH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

2024 REGIONAL QUALIFICATION ROUNDS

Region	Location	Dates	Athletes	Nations Represented
North	Alytus, Lithuania	April 18 th -21 st	45	6
West	Bologna, Italy	April 26 th -28 th	40	6
East	Osijek, Croatia	April 26 th -28 th	24	5

Qualified Teams for the Final:

- Air Pistol: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czechia, Spain, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Serbia, Sweden, and Ukraine.
- Air Rifle: Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Norway, Slovenia, Serbia, and Ukraine.

MEDAL STANDING

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ukraine	2		
Italy		1	1
Spain		1	
Norway			1

The 20 SIUS HS10 targets were won by the top four teams in the Final, while all remaining teams as well as the teams that did not qualify for the Final from the Regional rounds received SCATT systems (one per team). All special prizes were provided thanks to the ESC Sponsorship.

2025 REGIONAL ROUNDS

Region	Location	Dates	Athletes	Nations Represented
West	Bologna, Italy	April 4 th – 6 th	45	6
East	Novi Sad, Serbia	April 11 th – 13 th	40	6
North	Dobele, Latvia	May 8 th – 11 th	50	7



The 20 best teams from 16 nations have won the right to participate in the Final, which was take place in Budapest, from October 9th to 12th.

Teams qualified for the Final:

Rifle: Serbia, Slovenia, Norway, Croatia, Italy, Estonia, Ukraine, Denmark, Hungary, Austria

Pistol: Latvia, Serbia, Ukraine, Italy, Czechia, Lithuania, Sweden, Poland, Hungary, Spain

MEDAL STANDING

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ukraine	1		1
Slovenia	1		
Italy		2	
Hungary			1

Thanks to ESC sponsorship, 20 SIUS HS10VO targets was awarded to the medalists, while 24 SCATT training systems will be distributed among the remaining finalists and the teams that did not qualify for the Final from the Regional rounds.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE (ECHL)

2024 SHOTGUN

Took place in Poznań, Poland, on September 19th-22nd, 2024

8 Teams from 7 nations: Türkiye, Great Britain, Spain, Czechia, Greece, Germany, Poland.

FINAL STANDING		
Trap Team		Skeet Team
Great Britain	1 st place	Greece
Spain	2 nd place	Germany
Türkiye	3 rd place	Czechia
Poland	4 th place	Poland

2024 AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL

Took place in Belgrade, Serbia, on October 24th-27th, 2024

8 Teams from 5 nations: Türkiye, Italy, Germany, Serbia, Norway

FINAL STANDING		
Air Rifle		Air Pistol
Norway	1 st place	Türkiye
Serbia	2 nd place	Serbia
Germany	3 rd place	Germany
Italy	4 th place	Italy



2025

A new approach of the competitions was implemented: separate tournaments for teams composed of 2 men or 2 women will take place instead of mixed teams of 4 athletes (2 men and 2 women) per discipline as used in 2023 and 2024, edition. Its already allowed to increase the number of participating nations.

SHOTGUN

16 Teams from 10 nations: United Kingdom, Croatia, Czech Republic, Turkiye, San Marino, Ukraine, Cyprus, Slovakia, Finland and Spain. The Tournament was held in Madrid, Spain, on September 10–14.

FINAL STANDING WOMEN		
Trap Team		Skeet Team
San Marino	1 st place	Slovakia
Spain	2 nd place	Finland
Turkiye	3 rd place	Turkiye
Great Britain	4 th place	Cyprus
FINAL STANDING MEN		
Trap Team		Skeet Team
Croatia	1 st place	Ukraine
Great Britain	2 nd place	Czechia
Czechia	3 rd place	Spain
Spain	4 th place	Great Britain

AIR RIFLE/ AIR PISTOL

16 Teams from 11 nations: Hungary, Czech Republic, Croatia, Serbia, Norway, Poland, Germany, Ukraine, Bulgaria, France and Turkiye. The Tournament was held in Istanbul, Turkiye, on October 1–5.

FINAL STANDING WOMEN		
Air Rifle Team		Air Pistol Team
Turkiye	1 st place	Turkiye
Norway	2 nd place	France
Poland	3 rd place	Bulgaria
Hungary	4 th place	Ukraine
FINAL STANDING MEN		
Air Rifle Team		Air Pistol Team
Hungary	1 st place	Turkiye
Czechia	2 nd place	Germany
Croatia	3 rd place	Ukraine
Serbia	4 th place	Czechia



EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

For the first time in history, shooting sport has been included in the official program of the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF). The EYOF 2025 in Skopje, North Macedonia, will feature 12 medal events in the 10m Air Rifle and Air Pistol.

The total of 112 athletes from 37 nations have taken part in EYOF.

- To support the event, the ESC has provided significant assistance:
- donated 10 SIUS electronic targets to the Macedonian Shooting Sport Federation;
- covered the expenses of TV/streaming signal production;
- compensated 50% of the expenses for results production (TSR).

EUROPEAN GAMES

Following the success of Baku 2015, Minsk 2019, and Wrocław 2023, the General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees unanimously decided to include shooting sport in the program of the next edition of the European Games, to be held in Istanbul in 2027.

The ESC and the EOC are currently finalizing the Participation Agreement for the Istanbul 2027.

LAPUA EUROPEAN CUP 25m/300m

In 2024, qualification rounds for the 25m European Cup were organized in Lasko, Slovenia; Tallinn, Estonia; Suhl, Germany; and Öckerö, Sweden. Qualification rounds for the 300m European Cup were held twice in Zagreb, Croatia; twice in Århus/Skibby, Denmark; and in Väluste, Estonia. Qualification points from the European Championship in Osijek were also included for the 300m final.

The European Cup Final for both 25m and 300m events took place in Thun, Switzerland, with a total of 71 athletes: 42 in Rifle events and 29 in Pistol events.

In total, 204 athletes participated in the 2024 European Cups across the four 25m qualification rounds. For the 300m events, five qualification rounds were held, with 62 athletes competing.

In 2025 European Cups for 25m and 300m started in May and finished in August. A total of six competitions:

European Cup Lapua 25m - Suhl, GER 9-11.05 European Cup Lapua 300m - Chur SUI 12-16.05 European Cup Lapua 25m - Lasko, SLO 30.05-1.06 European Cup Lapua 25m - Tallinn, EST 18-20.07 European Cup Lapua 300m - Aarhus, DEN 18-24.08 European Cup Lapua 25m - Ockero, SWE 22-24.08

The 25m Cup Final took place in Sofia (BUL) September 26-29. The 300m Cup Final took place in Zagreb (CRO) October 1-5.



ESC AIR CUP

The 2024 ESC Air Cup competitions ran from November through March, culminating in the Air Cup Super Final, which was broadcast live online. The Super Final for Air Rifle took place on June 15th, 2024, followed by the Air Pistol Final on June 22nd, 2024. Thirteen nations participated, with a total of 158 entries across the competition. The winners were awarded special prizes, generously provided by Walther and Capapie.

Over 240 athletes from 34 clubs of 13 countries took part in the 2025 ESC Air Cup - unique remote competition that culminated with thrilling online live Zoom finals! The winners received the prizes from ESC partners – Capapie and Walther.

EDUCATION

The ESC Coach Development Course for Rifle/Pistol was organized in Tallinn, Estonia, on November 14th-17th. A total of 37 coaches from 12 nations participated in the course. ESC, in cooperation with tutors Anne Grethe Jeppesen and Jelena Arunović, prepared education materials for course.

The Level 1 (out of 3) ESC Coach Development Course was designed for junior coaches, assistant coaches, and athletes aspiring to become coaches. The overall goal of the course was to prepare participants for the responsibilities of the coaching role and to enhance their professional competencies. The ESC continues its commitment to coach education with two courses in 2025:

Shotgun – Tallinn (EST)

Rifle/Pistol – Budapest (HUN)

- Total participants: 41 coaches
- Representing: 12 European nations

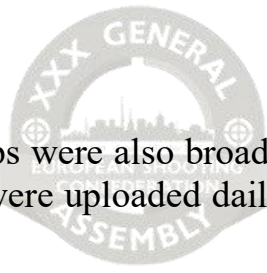
In order to explain the details of the new ESC Challenge formats in Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun, and their implementation during competitions, three specialized training courses were organized. These courses were designed for individuals with experience in officiating as referees and judges at the national, regional, and club levels.

- The first Rifle/Pistol course was held in Tallinn, Estonia, during the European Championship U16/U18.
- The second Rifle/Pistol course took place in Osijek, Croatia, during the European Championship 10m.
- The Shotgun course was conducted in Malakasa, Greece, during the European Championship Shotgun U18.

MEDIA

The European Championships and European Leagues mentioned above were broadcast online through the ESC's video and social media platforms (YouTube, Facebook).

Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Russia, Türkiye, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, and Georgia received the live TV signal from the 2024–2025 European Championships. At the



same time, the European Championships were also broadcast via the Olympic Channel. During each championship, numerous photos were uploaded daily to the ESC website, Facebook page, and Instagram account.

During the 2024-2025 sports season, the number of followers of ESC's social media accounts on Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook has increased significantly.

ESC digital coverage saw remarkable audience growth in 2025, as shown in the table below:

Event	Total Views
ECh Tallinn 2025	24,000
ECh 10m Osijek 2025	43,000
ECh 10m Juniors Osijek 2025	42,000
ECh Athens 2025	49,000
EYOF 10m Skopje 2025	20,000
ECH 25/50/300m/RT/SH Châteauroux 2025	155,000

This growth was driven by high-quality live streaming, proactive social media updates, and engaging new formats such as ESC Challenge.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The ESC together with FITASC and other members of the European Shooting Sport Forum (ESSF) took active part in protection of the shooting sport interests with regards to the European Commission proposals on restrictions on lead in ammunition. In March-April 2025 three joint ESC/FITASC letters have been sent to the EC REACH Unit with scientifically based comments to the EC draft proposals.

A survey was conducted through ESSF members about outdoor rifle and pistol shooting ranges. The aim was to collect data to show that ECHA's derogation conditions are unworkable for most outdoor rifle/pistol shooting ranges in Europe. Having data is essential for our ability to argue for less restrictive proposals for lead bullets on shooting ranges in Europe.

The results are very helpful in highlighting the problems associated with ECHA's derogation conditions. The work by ESSF members in getting survey responses returned was very worthwhile. The ESC co-ordinated replies from it's EU and EEA Member Federations

<https://www.shootingforum.eu/reportranges>

The ESC supported the scientific research "Bioaccessibility of metals (lead and iron) from ammunition in the area of sport shooting activity" and its publication in specialized media.