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European Shooting Confederation  
Mr. Alexander Ratner

Dear Mr. President,

07.08.2025

On behalf of the Estonian Shooting Sport Federation, we propose to add the U-23 age group to the European Championship schedule.

In most sports, international title competitions are also held in the U-23 age group. This would be an important motivator for athletes who are not yet part of the adult team but are out of juniors. The new competition class also gives federations the opportunity to win more medals from international title competitions.

We propose to add the U-23 age group to the European Championship schedule in 10m, shotgun and 25m and 50m events. The Estonian Shooting Federation is also ready to organize the first U-23 European Championships in 10m or 25m and 50m events.

With best regards,

Meelis Loit  
Secretary General of Estonian Shooting Sport Federation



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**to Mr. Alexander Ratner  
President of European Shooting confederation**

**Dear Mr. President,**

On behalf of the Latvian Shooting Federation (LSF), an active member of both the ESC and ISSF, we would like to propose raising the junior age limit from 21 to 23 years for European championships and other competitions.

In recent years, the participation and success of our athletes—both junior and senior—have grown significantly at high-level international shooting competitions. This development reflects the growing strength and competitiveness of the sport across Europe.

Many young athletes are still pursuing university studies during this critical stage of their development. Extending the junior age limit to 23 would provide them with a greater opportunity to compete at a high level while balancing their academic commitments. This change would not only support their athletic progression but also promote fairness and stronger competition within the junior category.

We believe that raising the age limit would be a valuable step toward further development of shooting sports in Europe, and your support in this matter would make a significant contribution.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We remain committed to working together to promote and strengthen our sport.

Sincerely,

Mr. Raimonds Bergmanis  
President of Latvian Shooting federation

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Secretary General  
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Warsaw, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Mr Alexander **RATNER**  
President  
European Shooting Confederation

## Dear Mr President

We are thrilled to see how European Shooting Confederation opens the new Olympic cycle with bright idea of U16 and U18 competition for very young athletes, which finished successfully in Tallin and recently in Malakasa, together with splitting 10m European Championship for Juniors and Men/Women categories giving opportunity for juniors to participate in both competitions. The upcoming European Youth Olympic Festival with quota places for European Games is also a game-changer for youths as they could get a chance to obtain more experience before they become adult athletes.

All of this gives a bigger picture of how European Shooting Confederations wishes to push forward talented athletes so they could in the future compete at the same level with shooters from another continents. There is also one more idea that could give young athletes a better start as an adults. Many of other sports are successfully performing competitions designed for "U23" category with a restriction of starts only for athletes up to 23<sup>rd</sup> years of age. Many national institutions, including Polish Ministry of Sports, are willing to provide additional funds for athletes who claim medals on continental and world championships in such category. With this idea we wish for the Board of ESC, Judges and Technical Committees to evaluate this idea and to put into ESC rules and calendar an U23 European Championship as an every-year recurring competition.

As a Polish Sport Shooting Federation we are ready to be host of the first edition of U23 European Championship for all 3 disciplines of the shooting sport

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**TÜRKİYE ATICILIK FEDERASYONU**  
**Turkish Shooting Federation**



Ankara, 07.08.2025

To: Mr. Alexander RATNER  
President  
European Shooting Confederation

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Turkish Shooting Sport Federation, we propose to add the U-23 age group to the European Championship schedule.

In most sports, international title competitions are also held in the U-23 age group. This would be an important motivator for athletes who are not yet part of the adult team but are out of juniors. The new competition class also gives federations the opportunity to win more medals from international title competitions.

We propose to add the U-23 age group to the European Championship schedule in 10m, Shotgun and 25m and 50m events. The Turkish Shooting Federation is also ready to organize the first U-23 European Championships in 10m or 25m and 50m events.

With best regards,

Murat KOCAKAYA  
President



# ФЕДЕРАЦІЯ СТРІЛЬБИ УКРАЇНИ

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To the President of the European Shooting Confederation Oleksander Ratner

Dear Mr. Oleksandr!

The Ukrainian Shooting Federation assures our respect and applies to you with request.

The Ukrainian Shooting Federation is extremely pleased that the European Championship 16-18 was held for the first time in 2025. These competitions provided an opportunity to look at the sporting prospects of the youngest shooters. Among the youngest athletes aged 16 to 18, we also held internal Ukrainian championships, which in turn made it possible to conduct high-quality selection of young athletes.

In our opinion, it is necessary to introduce a European Championship for under-23s to the existing European Championships among juniors and adult athletes. Such competitions will provide an opportunity to support children's and youth shooting sports not only in Ukraine, but also in all European countries, where, first of all, children's and youth sports schools have been preserved, whose athletes are educated up to the age of 23.

Taking into account the above, the Ukrainian Shooting Federation is working on including the European U23 Championship in the list of competitions for 2026 and beyond. We have great hope that you, Mr. Oleksandr, will personally support our proposal and that the entire leadership of the European Shooting Confederation will also support it, which will lead to the fruitful development of shooting in Europe in the future.

With best regards,

The President of USF



Oleg VOLKOV