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Fédération Européenne de Sports Populaires a.s.b.l.  
European Federation of Popular Sports (EFP)



## **NEWSFLASH 4/2022**

including the invitation to join a



## **Calendar**



## ***IVV Delegates Meeting on 23.08.2022 in Neuried***

The report on this year's IVV Delegates Meeting has been sent to all member countries in the meantime.

As IVV-Europe we would like to discuss the following additional comments :

### *Item 10: Choice of the venue for the IVV Delegates Meeting 2024.*

From the report it appears that the proposal to host in Canberra/Australia was unanimously accepted. In view of the fact that the participation is required by the statutes, but this will be connected with a very large financial expenditure, the topic will be discussed on part of IVV-Europe how the participation via video could be possible both technically and legally until then. Furthermore, it will be suggested whether national associations can be "represented" by their continental association at this meeting. If necessary, the statutes would have to be adapted, an application would have to be made in this regard.

### *Item 13: Proposal of IVV-Europe for financing i.e. partial reimbursement of the IVV membership fees to the respective Continental Association.*

As stated in the report, the proposal of IVV-Europe for this new, fairer and simpler financing model was approved after controversial discussions.

As IVV-Europe we would like to thank all parties who followed our argumentation and who see the care work to be done by IVV-Europe for all European national associations/clubs as part of the IVV offer.

### *Item 14 : Strategic plan*

The work on this important document/plan continues continuously. After unanimous approval of the plan it was decided to form further strategic working groups. Members of the IVV Europe Presidium will of course participate in these groups. Should there be interest to complete the working groups, one can contact the IVV, respectively the IVV-Europe Secretariat, at any time.

The different working groups are :

- Research and Development
- Mentors
- Information Technology
- Sports programs
- Review of bylaws, guidelines
- Finance Committee





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On the occasion of the Europiade it has been confirmed that there is a lively interest in the respective European Cups. In this sense and in order to make it easier for the participants to choose official IVV walks in the different member countries, IVV-EUROPE would like to encourage the publication of a

## IVV-EUROPE-HIGHLIGHTS-CALENDAR

Each IVV-Europe member country will be able to inform about its most important, most interesting, most extraordinary hikes in an IVV-Europe-Highlights-Calendar to be published digitally by IVV-Europe.

IVV-IML events will be listed separately !

This in words as well as in pictures.

***Do not hesitate to involve IVV-Europe in your marketing efforts !***

We would like to draw already attention to the following dates 2023 :

- May 9 : Europe Day / Day of the European Popular Sports Associations
- May 18-21 : Chantonnay, France - IVV-IML Event
- May - June : Europe's Artists' Trail (information soon separately)
- June 10-11 : Bern, Switzerland - IVV-IML Event
- August 19-20 : Crailsheim, Germany - IVV-IML Event
- September 2023 : European Week of Sports  
: 21 -23.9.2023 IVV World Hiking Championships in Abtenau - Austria
- October 14-15 : Welkenraed, Belgium IVV-IML Event
- October : IVV-Europa Delegates Meeting in Luxembourg





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## Upcoming projects

IVV-Europwe is currently working intensively on a "**Patronage Project**".

The patronage to be offered by IVV-Europe is intended to be a special form of cooperation of IVV-Europe with third parties institutionnel connected within IVV-Europe member country associations.

Patronage of an IVV-Event can be accepted if it represents an important contribution to the realization of the ideals and goals of IVV. IVV-Europe thus expresses its interest in projects that correspond to its interests.

The projects to be supported should be of a certain size and should differ from the traditional IVV hikes, be it by the distance to be hiked or the number of hiking days offered. Of course, they have to meet all quality standards of the IVV.

The IVV-Europe patronage could include :

- The permission to use the IVV-Europe logo.
- The publication of the event in the IVV-Europe Newsflash
- The promotion of the event on the IVV-Europe social channels (homepage, Facebook, Twitter).
- The promotion of the event in the IVV-Europe annual highlights calendar
- The free provision of certificate layouts in the style of IVV-Europe.

We would appreciate to be informed what other support could be relevant for the event providers.

Patronage will be provided free of charge. Mention of the patronage by the event provider is explicitly encouraged.

Proposed procedure

- The patronage has to be applied for in writing to IVV-Europe, the event/event presented.
- The decision about the patronage is made by the Presidium.

The assumption of a patronage does not result in any legal or financial obligations for the IVV-Europe.



**Become a member of IVV-Europe !**

*Especially welcomed would be the cross-national organization of an IVV event in the form of a "Cup". For this purpose, at least 3 member countries should offer popular sports events/hikes, whose participation is additionally encouraged by the award of a certificate, a patch/medal. For this, marathon hikes (Benelux Cup ?) or the walking of permanent hiking trails would offer (Europe Cup?) ....*





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### IVV-EUROPE-SHOP

Stickers, stickers, patches and pins are a great way to increase his acquaintance.

Stickers are mobile, go with the customers, stickers are affordable. IVV-Europa has produced various stickers/patches and pins, each with the well-known logo.

They are sold in the IVV-Europe store as well as on the occasion of each IVV-Europe Marketing stand.

However, clubs/National Federations may also include them in their offer, at reduced prices.

Enclosed a list of the products :

Type	Price for national associations	Official selling price
Patch IVV-Europe - Small - 6 cm -	3 €	4 €
Patch IVV-Europe - Large - 8 cm -	3,50 €	5 €
Sticker - 10 cm -	0,80 €	1 €
Pins in gift box with butterfly clasp/magnetic clasp	5 €	6 €

Orders are accepted at the secretariat.



### Annual General Meetings

As already announced by IVV, on 28.07.2022 IVV Czech Republic has elected **Mr. Jiri Broz** as its new President. IVV-Europe also welcomes Mr Broz and looks forward to a constructive cooperation.

Likewise, on 10.6.2022 IVV Austria elected **Mr. Leopold Halbesreiter** as its new President. IVV-Europe congratulates Mr. Halbesreiter and wishes him and his partly renewed team much success in their tasks !

They both take up the office of the respective president in a difficult time, a time of setting the course for the future of both the Volkssportvereinigung and the European IVV unification process.





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## **IVV World Hiking Championships from 22nd to 24th September 2022 in Saalbach-Hinterglemm (A)**

IVV-Europe would like to thank the Austrian Volkssportverband as well as the Tourism Association Saalbach Hinterglemm.

A wonderful IVV-Walking-WM was offered. Music, dance and singing enriched this Volkssport event, made hikers happy. The impressive backdrop of the Kitzbühel Alps made all efforts quickly forgotten.

900 participants completed 2973 hikes, covering a total of 40,463 km. The marathon distance was successfully completed by 146 participants.

Participants from 17 nations were ranked: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.

To say it with the tourism association: Thank you, you made it really "casual" !



Locations of the previous IVV World Hiking Championships in Austria :

- 2003 : Saalbach-Hinterglemm
- 2004 : Saalbach-Hinterglemm
- 2005 : Saalbach-Hinterglemm
- 2006 : Schladming
- 2007 : Innsbruck-Igls
- 2008 : Fügen im Zillertal
- 2009 : Tauplitz-Bad Mitterndorf
- 2010 : Abtenau
- 2011 : Innsbruck-Igls
- 2012 : Grossarl
- 2013 : St-Ulrich/Pillersee Tal
- 2014 : St.Lambrecht
- 2015 : Tauplitz - Bad Mittendorf
- 2016 : Mittersill
- 2017 : Filzmoos
- 2018 : Wildschönau
- 2019 : St.Michael im Lungau
- 2020 : —
- 2021 : Schwaz
- 2022 : Saalbach-Hinterglemm
- 2023 : Abtenau



Let's look forward to seeing you again in Abtenau in 2023 !

Let's also look forward to an IVV-Europe information and communication stand in Abtenau !





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The 6th Europiade in Kehl / Strasbourg is now history and was a success thanks to the good cooperation between the German Volkssportverband DVV and the Fédération Française des Sports Populaires FFSP with 3,709 tickets sold.

The Presidium of IVV-Europe expresses its sincere thanks on behalf of all participants and its respectful recognition with this certificate.

Due to an exemplary transnational cooperation of two major European associations, a great Europiade could be offered with unforgettable impressions from the Rhine valley. Our respect and thanks also go to all the volunteers involved.

The following were registered as participants

Total : 3,709				
thereof	Marathon	: 165	Presidential Hike	: 703
	Tower climbs	: 657	Europa-Park visitors	: 238
	Cycling tours	: 32	Hiking trails	: 1,914

We wish all associations a continued lively and successful activity and good collaboration at all levels.

In recognition of the successful organisation, both the German Volkssportverband DVV e.V. and the Fédération Française des Sports Populaires FFSP were presented with a certificate by IVV-Europe !





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## International 60km Cup 2022

On 5.11.2022 the last round of the International 60km and Marathon Cup took place in Saive. 8 transnational events, from 6 different clubs, offered over hundreds of kilometres IVV walking sport at its best. IVV-Europe thanks not only the organisers but also all participants. After Corona many hikers were not yet "ready" for extreme distances, tropical temperatures at some events showed hikers their limits ... An impressive performance that the participants of all 8 hikes have delivered, respect!

The event was not only a success in terms of hiking trails, but the organisers also explored new paths in terms of communication. An own homepage and countless posts on Facebook as well as on Twitter could arouse interest and show that the IVV sport can now also communicate in a contemporary and self-confident way!



IVV-Europa supported the event with regular "motivational posts" on Facebook. A rising interest could be observed in the course of the posts, and in the future it will be possible to make even more use of these communication platforms.

## BRAINSTORMING -Session

On the occasion of the Europiade, IVV-Europa invited to a first joint Brainstorming-session

Although if, with participants from de Federations of France, Belgium, Switzerland and Luxembourg the number of participants in this "premiere" was somewhat below expectations, the topics discussed were no less interesting.

It has been shown that an exchange of opinions and experiences not only strengthens the feeling of community, but also makes it easier to react to the changed situation in the IVV environment.

Reports of the meeting have meanwhile







## International 60km Cup 2022

In addition, walkers who "made it" 8 times were rewarded with an IVV-EUROPE-CERTIFICATE.  
The organising clubs were also honoured with an IVV-Europe certificate - each in their national language! !

Congratulations and thank you !



Representing the countless volunteers, each representative of the clubs Wandergesellen Alt-Hürth (D), Wanderfrënn Mertert (L), Schnelle Füsse Koblenz (D), Cercle Royal des Marcheurs Saive (B), Marche Club Stavelot (B), Gehansbiernknappen Butschebuerg (L), Wanderfrënn Bettendorf (L) was presented with a certificate. IVV-Europa hopes for a further constructive cooperation in the sense of the IVV walking sport !





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2023  
**18<sup>th</sup> OLYMPIAD**  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS USA

February 19-23, 2023/IVV Olympiad  
February 24-26, 2023/IML Texas Trail Roundup

Eight glorious days of walking, biking and swimming including the world-famous River Walk and World Heritage missions. At night, enjoy a uniquely American experience at the award winning San Antonio Stock & Rodeo Show!  
\*Rodeo is optional at an additional cost.

IVVOlympiad2023.org  
texastrailroundup.org

A delegation of the AVA - American Volkssport Association) not only attended the IVV Congress of Delegates, but also invited all delegates to a publicity party reception. The Olympics were presented and a copy of the "American Wanderer" was handed over to IVV Europe President.

A dynamic team is doing its best to offer an unforgettable Olympiad !

**Let's meet and walk together !**



Henry Rosales, Nancy Wittenberg, Romain Buschmann, David Bonewitz



Our partner, P.T.A. Tours, remains at your disposal to offer you trips to the 18th Olympiad at the best possible prices, depending on the circumstances.

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<https://www.ptatours.de/de/navigation/ivv-impl/ivvolympiade/>

