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#### Dr. Farid Gayibov President

2021 marked a reasonable return to a normal competition season. We hosted the European Championships in Artistic Gymnastics (Basel, SUI / April 21-25), Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini-Trampoline (Sochi, RUS / April 29 – May 2), Rhythmic Gymnastics (Varna, BUL / June 9-13), Aerobic Gymnastics (Pesaro, ITA / September 17-19), Acrobatic Gymnastics (Pesaro, ITA / September 29 – October 3) and TeamGym (Guimaraes, POR / December 1-4).

It is pleasing to see that the number of Federations participating at this years' events returned to what we had before the Covid-19 pandemic. This is a testament to the fact that the guidelines for the competitions organised in the pandemic period and the cooperation between European Gymnastics and the Local Organising Committees do provide a safe environment.

The organisation of the European Championships in the Olympic disciplines during the pandemic had a positive impact on subsequent achievements of the European gymnasts who succeeded to retain their positions in the Olympic ranking after the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Another pleasant fact was the online interest shown to our competitions as the number of people watching the Europeans reached 80'000 people this year.

Besides that, we organised the European Age Group Competitions in Acrobatic Gymnastics (Pesaro, ITA / September 23-26) and the Golden Age Gym Festival (Rethymno, GRE / October 3-8). Only 2 events – the 2020 European Gym for Life Challenge and 2020 EUROGYM (Reykjavik, ISL) - were postponed and ultimately unfortunately cancelled.

In 2021, we have extended the contract with our global partner

SmartScoring. In fact, we have achieved our goal we pursued for the last 4 years. We increased our funds thanks to the contracts we concluded with our partners – SmartScoring, Eurovision and the apparatus suppliers Gymnova, Janssen Fritsen, Spieth & Eurotramp. The benefit for the Organisers of the European Championships from these contracts is considerable. An interest in the hosting of our events has consequently increased and we succeeded to allocate the events until 2024.

With the purpose of further development of Gymnastics in Europe, we hosted training camps and (online) coaches' courses in different disciplines. We have done a lot of work in the direction of improving our support tools for Federations and will continue to modernise them in the coming years. Implementation of various programs, including the educational ones will facilitate the further progress of the National Federations.

Another field, we have worked on so far and will continue is achieving wider TV coverage in all Gymnastics disciplines. There is a constant competition between sports in terms of popularity and number of participants. We must evolve with time and adjust to the environment in order to remain competitive and get more TV exposure.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to all the Federations who hosted our events regardless of the current difficulties. The work they have done to ensure the safety of all participants is incredible.

I hope we will not have any restrictions at our competitions in 2022 and will be able to enjoy the competitions impressed by enthusiastic spectators we are all used to.







#### Lisa Worthmann General Director

During 2020 I would not have thought that the topic Covid-19 remains a major factor for our planning still throughout the whole year of 2021. Unfortunately, it turned out to be like that. Nonetheless, it can be said that 2021 was a positive year for European Gymnastics. And it has been a busy one in which we managed to run all of the usual four events scheduled in an odd year as well as three postponed events from 2020.

The year started still mostly in home office for the European Gymnastics staff and the majority of meetings with our authorities throughout the course of the whole year remained online. Nonetheless, already in March travel started for our Technical Committees and staff with the first co-ordination meetings taking place on site again for the preparation of the 2021 events.

In April, the 2021 event season began. I would like to thank all the European Championships hosting federations and their local organising committees of the Swiss Gymnastics Federation, the Russian Trampoline Federation, the Bulgarian Rhythmic Federation, the Italian Gymnastics Federation and the Portuguese Gymnastics Federation for the excellent European Championships which managed, even though strict Covid-19 guidelines were in place, to bring the focus back on gymnastics. The impressive level of the performances from the European gymnasts after a year of difficult training conditions highly impressed me! We were also glad to see audience again at least at some of the events. Hopefully the public can be back in full at all events in 2022.

The Olympic qualification at the Artistic Gymnastics and Rhythmic Gymnastics European Championships also ran successfully. For the overall future of sports, it was good that the Olympic Games in Tokyo finally could take place.

A special thanks goes to the Hellenic Gymnastics Federation and the local organising committee on Crete for bringing a successful Golden Age Gym Festival to life one year later than originally planned and for mastering the challenge to run a Gymnastics for All Festival under the difficult current conditions!

In September the first European Gymnastics Executive Committee in-person meeting since January 2020 took place again in Lausanne. While online meetings during the time in between also were productive it was good to have the opportunity for discussions in person again. This meeting also marked the farewell of our Administration Manager Susanne Dubois who has retired after 33 years in the European Gymnastics office. She will be missed! In addition to this Executive Committee meeting, several meetings with our member federations took place in person this year and the meeting planning for 2022 has started.

Thank you to the European Gymnastics authorities and staff and our reliable partners from SmartScoring, EBU, Spieth, Gymnova, Janssen-Fritsen and Eurotramp for all the work during this busy year with 7 events and for keeping up the spirit during the ongoing special circumstances in pandemic year number two!

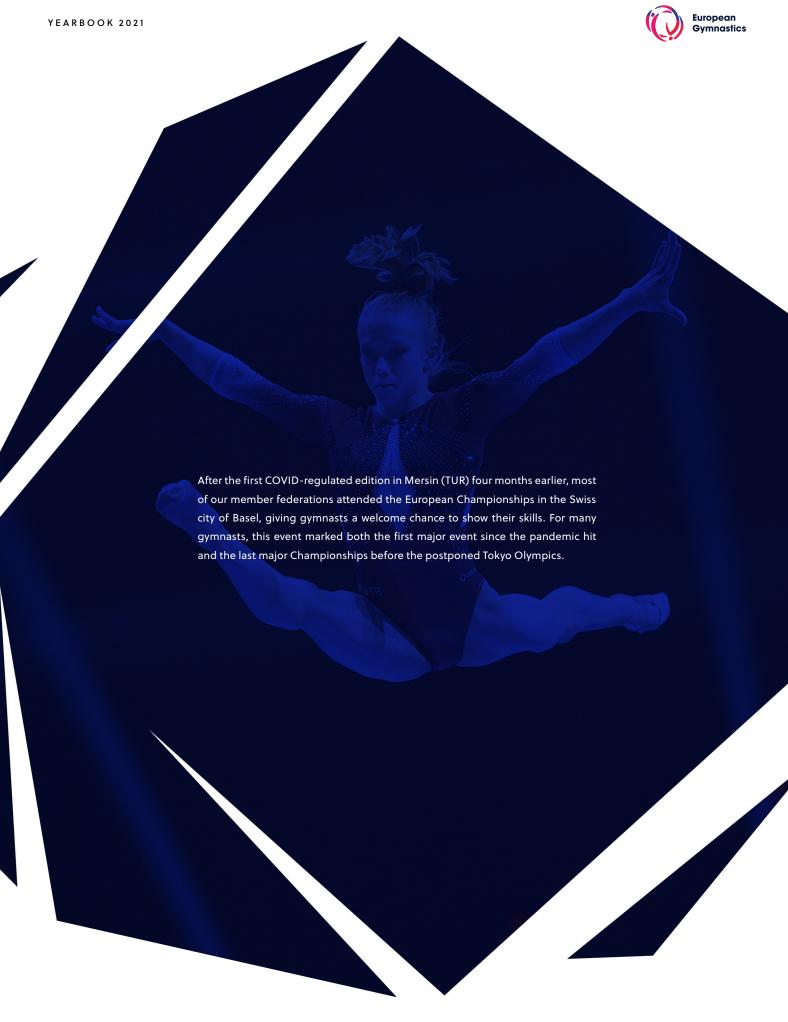
I am looking forward to 2022 with the special event of the Multisport European Championships combining 9 different sports, including our Artistic Gymnastics European Championships, from August 11th – 21st in Munich (GER), all other European Gymnastics events throughout the year and the exceptional end of the European Gymnastics Congress which was moved from 2021 to December 2022. Hopefully the impact of the pandemic will get less for the work of our member federations as well as for the European Gymnastics events. However, 2021 again has shown that gymnastics in Europe in any case will continue!



## **European Championships** in Artistic Gymnastics

21 – 25 April 2021 Basel +









#### **Nikita the Great**

Defending European all-around Champion, reigning World Champion and one of the top prospects for the Tokyo Olympics, Nikita Nagornyy (RUS) raises the expectations even more after a solid performance in Basel, mesmerising the world with a fabulous triple pike on floor. Qualifying to all but one final, Nagornyy cruised to victory in the all-around. In event finals, he added the gold on floor, silver on pommel horse and rings. After the all-around final, he said:

"The main task for me today was to get 88 points. And if I wouldn't have achieved that, I would have been upset. For me, it was important as well to get on the podium together with David [Belyavskiy]. I am super happy it worked out!"





#### A ticket to Tokyo for Iordache

It was a close call but fan favourite Larisa Iordache made it... to the Olympics! The 24-year-old Romanian suffered through a kidney infection, determined to compete in what was her one and only possibility to qualify for Tokyo. A fall from beam in the first rotation couldn't deter her from her goal as she still posted the highest score of all competitors on that event. Finishing behind the Russians, Iordache secured the second continental spot





## Melnikova's medal collection

Even though Angelina Melnikova had to settle for silver in the all-around, she returned home as the most decorated female gymnast in Basel, proudly showing off her gold medal on uneven bars, silver in the all-around and on floor and the bronze on vault.

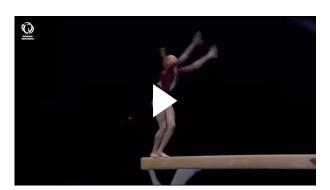




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#### **Potential confirmed**

Viktoria Listunova dominated the junior ranks, winning the 2019 European Youth Olympic Festival and the inaugural junior World Championships. Transitioning into the senior ranks is not an easy task, however the 15-year-old Russian did not let history get to her. In fact, Listunova became only the second gymnast ever to win the European crown on her senior debut, after Nadia Comaneci in 1975. Talk about being in good company!





## The return of the rings maestro

Shoulder surgery sidelined Greek rings maestro Eleftherios Petrounias for a while, causing him to miss the 2019 Europeans after a series of 4 consecutive European titles. In Basel, he returned to the top, showcasing his usual exquisite style combined with incredible difficulty. Welcome back!

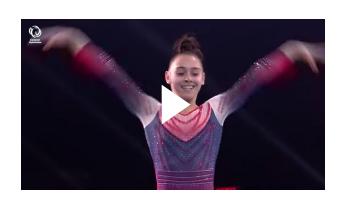




#### A star is born

16-year-old Jessica Gadirova certainly made a name for herself at her international senior debut. Collecting a full set of medals, the British talent first won bronze in the all-around followed by silver on vault and, the icing on the cake, the European title on floor for an exquisite routine.

"I am just speechless. I have already been on the podium twice and gradually getting higher and higher on the podium is just overwhelming. It's like 'wow, I've done it.' I am just over the moon, jumping for joy!"





#### European Gymnastics

#### Yes, he can!

Turkey keeps on making marks in gymnastics, with Adem Asil securing a fourth Olympic ticket for the Turkish men while Ferhat Arican claimed his second consecutive European title on parallel bars.

"The Turkish team continues to write history all the time. There's only four months in between my first and second European gold medal. It's just unbelievable. I am really happy about it."





#### The queen of Switzerland

Swiss star Giulia Steingruber vaulted to her fourth European title on the event. After winning in 2013, 2014 and 2016, she was victorious again in Basel, cementing her status as the queen of Swiss gymnastics.





## 10 years at the top and counting

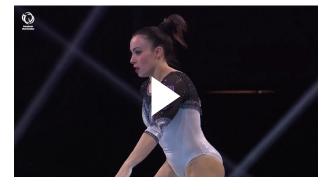
The withdrawal of Artur Dalaloyan unexpectedly promoted David Belyavskiy (RUS) to an all-around competitor. The veteran, at the top of gymnastics for over 10 years already, seized the opportunity with both hands, even though he thought briefly about withdrawing from the final, grabbing the silver behind teammate Nagornyy. And he didn't stop there ... on the final day of apparatus finals he earned the silver on parallel bars and finished an excellent competition with a fabulous European title on high bar.





On the tunes of the famous partisan song 'Bella Ciao', Vanessa Ferrari clinched the bronze medal on floor, the event she won gold on in 2007 and 2014. Furthermore, the 30-year-old returned to the all-around as well, for the first time since 2016, as she looked to secure a place in the Italian Olympic team which would mean competing in her 4th Olympic Games.





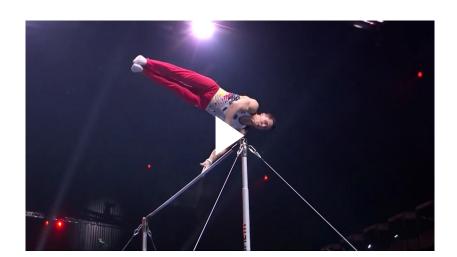


## 'Hero de Janeiro' claims individual success

Andreas Toba, well-known for his heroic performance at the 2016 Rio Olympics where he performed while injured to help out his team, has been a rock in the German team for many years. As a solid all-arounder, it took until Basel 2021 for him to even make an individual event final at this level. First final ever and it was good for his first medal as well: silver on high bar!

"At the age of 30, I finally won my first individual medal at European Championships. This really is a reward for all the hard work. I knew everyone in this final had a chance to win and I tried to compete my routine as clean as possible. I am happy it worked out."







A huge **thank you** to all the participating gymnasts, coaches and officials! And to the Local Organising Committee, the Swiss Gymnastics Federation and the local governments for putting on a fantastic event despite extremely challenging conditions.

Thank you Basel, thank you gymnasts!







Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	5	7	1	13
Great Britain	1	1	4	6
Switzerland	1	1	1	3
Ukraine	1	-	2	3
<b>○</b> Turkey	1	-	1	2
Armenia	1	-	-	1
Greece	1	-	-	1
<b>■</b> France	1	-	-	1
Germany	-	1	1	2
<u></u> srael	-	1	-	1
Netherlands	-	1	-	1
<b>■ ■</b> Italy	-	-	3	3

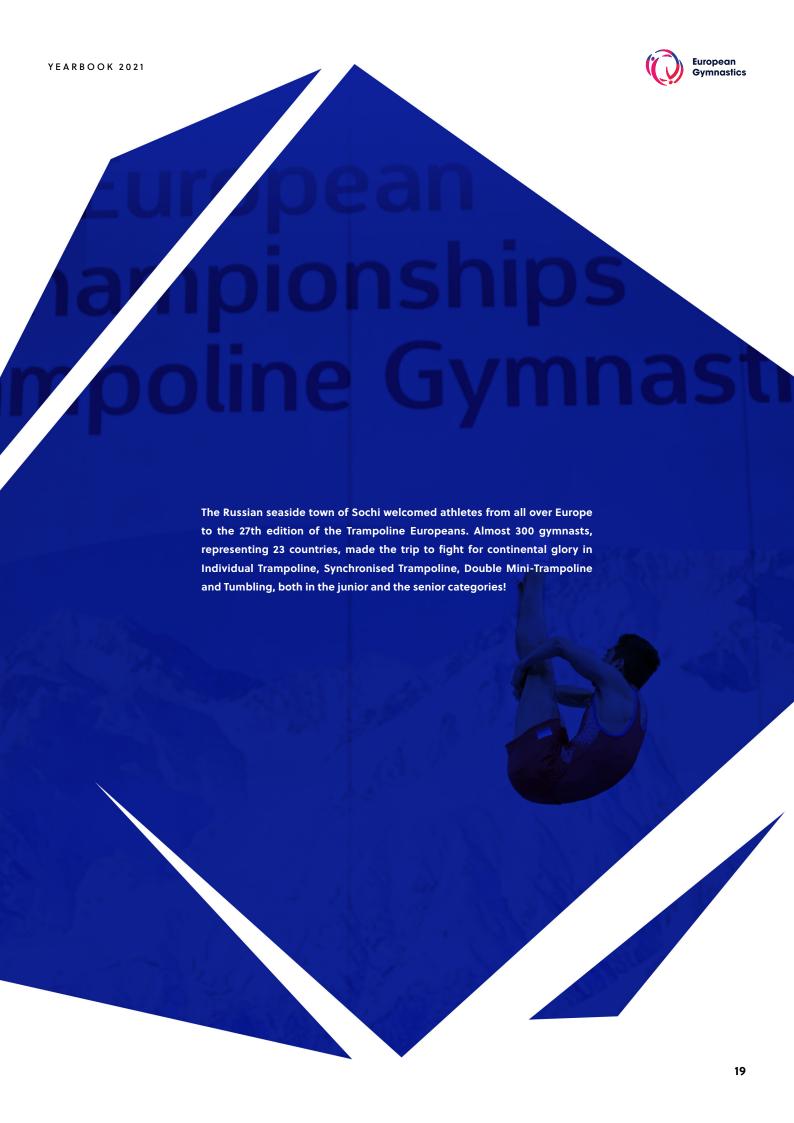
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264 Gymnasts

155 Men 109 Women

# European Championships in Trampoline, Double Mini-Trampoline and Tumbling









## Belarus delivers the Championships' most successful athlete ... Aleh Rabtsau!

The national anthem of Belarus sounded three times for Aleh Rabtsau in the Iceberg Arena. He won the individual Trampoline final, claimed gold in synchro with Uladzislau Hancharou and was part of the victorious Belarussian men's team. He returned home as triple European Champion and as a father to his first baby born while he was in Sochi!





## Tachina Peeters tumbles to gold

Belgium's tumbling star for many years already, Tachina Peeters has won medals at World Cup events in the past, but the 24-year-old finished in the unfortunate fourth place at several major events, including the 2016 and 2018 Europeans, the 2017 World Games and the 2018 Worlds. Sochi provided her the opportunity to shine bright and she took this chance with both hands. Tumbling to a combined score of 70.800, Peeters held of the challenge by Viktoria Danilenko, outscoring her by 0.200 for the European crown. And that was not all for Belgium: together with teammates Evi Milh and Laura Vandevoorde, Peeters earned team bronze.







#### Russia's new Trampoline star

After leading her team to victory, Russia's lana Lebedeva also secured the individual European title in Trampoline. A new star is born!







#### **Another DMT Maestro**

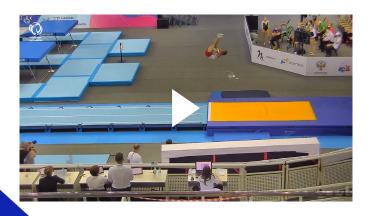
Any of Russia's four male Double Mini-Trampoline team members could have challenged for gold so it all came down to keeping nerves under control and difficulty and execution up. Aleksandr Odintsov did just that, claiming his first individual European gold, improving from the silver won in 2016.



## Mister tumbling Vadim Afanasyev

His daring tumble runs cause quite a stir on social media, engaging people all around the world. In Sochi, Vadim Afanasyev outperformed the entire field showing off great difficulty for the gold medal.











# France's female team tumbles to gold in the lion's den

An exciting battle ensued in the women's team tumbling final between host nation Russia and the French ladies. Candy Briere-Vetillard, Manon Morancais, Maelle Dumitru-Marin and Lucie Tumoine gave it their all, taking the gold with half a point advantage over their rivals.

#### Turkey's historic medal

The Turkish Gymnastics Federation celebrates one historic moment after the other in gymnastics. Now that time came in Trampoline as Elif Colak and Sila Karakus won silver in the junior synchro final, while Colak added bronze individually.

Gymnasts representing the Turkish Gymnastics Federation have now won European medals in all disciplines endorsed by the Federation.





#### **Proud home nation**

The athletes representing the home nation, the Russian Federation, absolutely killed it in competition. Amassing a grand total of 30 medals, including 19 European titles!

We warmly thank the Russian Trampoline Federation for stepping in during these troubled times and pull off a high-level organisation. Thank you to all the gymnasts that gave the best of themselves, the coaches that guide them every day and the judges that invest their free time to these disciplines.

THANK YOU!



Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	19	5	6	30
■ Belarus	6	6	1	13
<b>■</b> France	1	3	4	8
<b>■</b> Belgium	1	1	1	3
▼ Portugal	-	7	3	10
Sweden	-	1	3	4
Azerbaijan	-	1	2	3
<b>○</b> Turkey	-	1	1	2
<b>≣</b> Greece	-	1	-	1
<b>■</b> Denmark	-	1	-	1
Germany	-	-	5	5
Ukraine	-	-	1	1



#### **Participants**

23 297
Federations Gymnasts

134 163
Men

133 164
Seniors Juniors

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World Cup AG: Cottbus I Baku World Challenge Cup AG: Varna I Mersin I Osijek I Szombathely

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#### Golden girls on fire

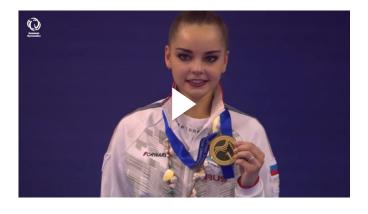
The Bulgarian group featuring captain Simona Dyankova, Laura Traets, Madlen Radukanova, Stefani Kiryakova and Erika Zafirova, celebrated huge success as the aptly dubbed Golden Girls mesmerised the audience to clinch the gold for their exquisite 5 balls routine, their first single apparatus gold since 2014! This was followed by a silver medal winning performance with 3 hoops and 2 pairs of clubs.





#### **Arina's All-Around love**

In a repeat of the 2018 European all-around final, Russian star Arina Averina had a fabulous day, cruising to victory with a total score of 109.100. Celebrating her second European all-around victory, the only title twin sister Dina doesn't have yet.

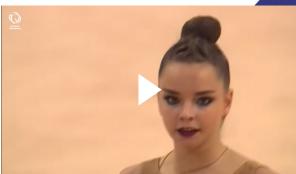




#### Dina's revenge

After her bronze medal in the all-around, threetime World all-around Champion Dina Averina took her revenge in the apparatus finals, claiming three European titles: hoop, ball and ribbon! Earning silver with clubs and team gold as well, Dina returned to Moscow as the most decorated gymnast of #Varna2021.





## Ashram continues writing history

One to watch for several years already, 2020 European all-around Champion Linoy Ashram (ISR) overcame a disappointing 4th place in the all-around, to win the clubs final. Winning against the Russian team is quite a feat, it has been a whole 10 years since the last non-Russian victory when Belarus' Liubou Charkashyna won ball and clubs gold in 2011. Ashram also added silver with hoop and ball.









#### **Bubbly Buba**

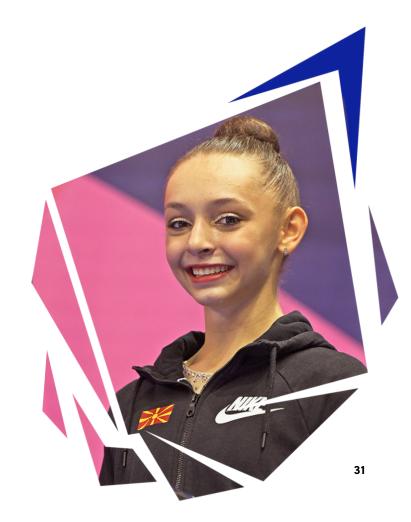
In a last-minute plot twist, crowd favourite Boryana Kaleyn, as the very last performer in the all-around final, showed the clubs routine of her life, scoring 27.950, overtaking triple World Champion Dina Averina with 3 tenths for the silver medal. Varna's Palace of Culture and Sports erupted with joy for the incredible feat of the 20-year-old Bulgarian. This is the first all-around medal at a European Championships for Bulgaria since Maria Petrova's victory in 1994!



## North Macedonia's Shooting Star

Our global partner SmartScoring awarded its Shooting Star prize to Rejchl Stojanov (MKD). The 18-year-old was born in the United States to a Macedonian mother and a Bulgarian father. She currently lives and trains in the Bulgarian capital Sofia under the guidance of the legendary Neshka Robeva and Valentina Simeonova. Having both passports, she opted to compete for North Macedonia. Absolutely passionate for her sport, Stojanov has been making a name for herself, highlighted so far by a fabulous 16th place in the all-around final of the 2020 Europeans in Kyiv (UKR).

In Varna, she exceeded her own expectations by qualifying to the all-around final. Her results are vital to the development of this discipline and its future stars in North Macedonia. Her dream is to compete in the Olympic Games.





#### **Queens of difficulty**

Anastasia Bliznyuk, Olga Karaseva, Anastasia Maksimova, Angelina Shkatova, Anastasia Tatareva and Karina Metelkova, together known as the fabulous Russian rhythmic group, lived up to their reputation of Queens of Difficulty. Presenting the most difficult routines in the group all-around final, they claimed the European crown with an advantage of almost 3 points. In the apparatus finals, they also earned silver with 5 balls to go together with the team gold.







## Israel regains mixed apparatus crown

After bronze in the all-around and in the 5 balls final, Israel's group, featuring Yana Kramarenko, Yuliana Telegina, Karin Vexman, Ofir Dayan and Natalie Raits, saved their best till last. In the final with 3 hoops and 2 pairs of clubs, the ladies regained the mixed apparatus crown they also won 5 years ago on home soil in Holon.







#### Farfalle flying high

The Italian Butterflies Alessia Maurelli, Martina Centofani, Agnese Duranti, Martina Santandrea and Daniela Mogurean clearly already had Japan on their mind, competing in their 5 balls routine wearing beautiful Kimono-style leotards. They were rewarded with silver in the all-around and claimed bronze for their 3 hoops and 2 pairs of clubs performance.



#### **Belarussian princesses**

Placing second and third in the all-around last year, Belarussians Alina Harnasko and Anastasia Salos always provide ample entertainment with their delightful routines and gregarious personalities. Harnasko earned the silver with ribbon and bronze with ball while Salos grabbed two bronze medals, for her hoop and clubs performances!









#### **Russian junior** group dominates

Milena An, Mariia Fedorovtseva, Anna Grosh, Sofia lakovleva, Nonna Nianina and Elizaveta Tataeva showed that succession for the Russian group is guaranteed. Winning all three junior group European titles, these ladies showed incredible talent, living up to the reputation of the Russian rhythmic school.



With 1 individual and 1 group ticket to the Tokyo Olympics up for grabs, the all-around finals provided additional excitement. After a great battle, Hungary's Fanni Pigniczki and the Ukrainian group came out on top and could book their flights to the Japanese capital.



The Bulgarian Rhythmic Gymnastics Federation, led by its President Iliana Raeva, organised a wonderful event, surprisingly only the first time the European Championships came to Bulgaria. Hopefully it will not be the last time! Thank you Varna, thank you gymnasts!

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	9	2	2	13
	2	2	5	9
<b>B</b> ulgaria	1	5	-	6
<b>■</b> Belarus	-	2	4	6
<b>■</b> ■ Italy	-	1	1	2

Participant:

37 304 Gymnasts

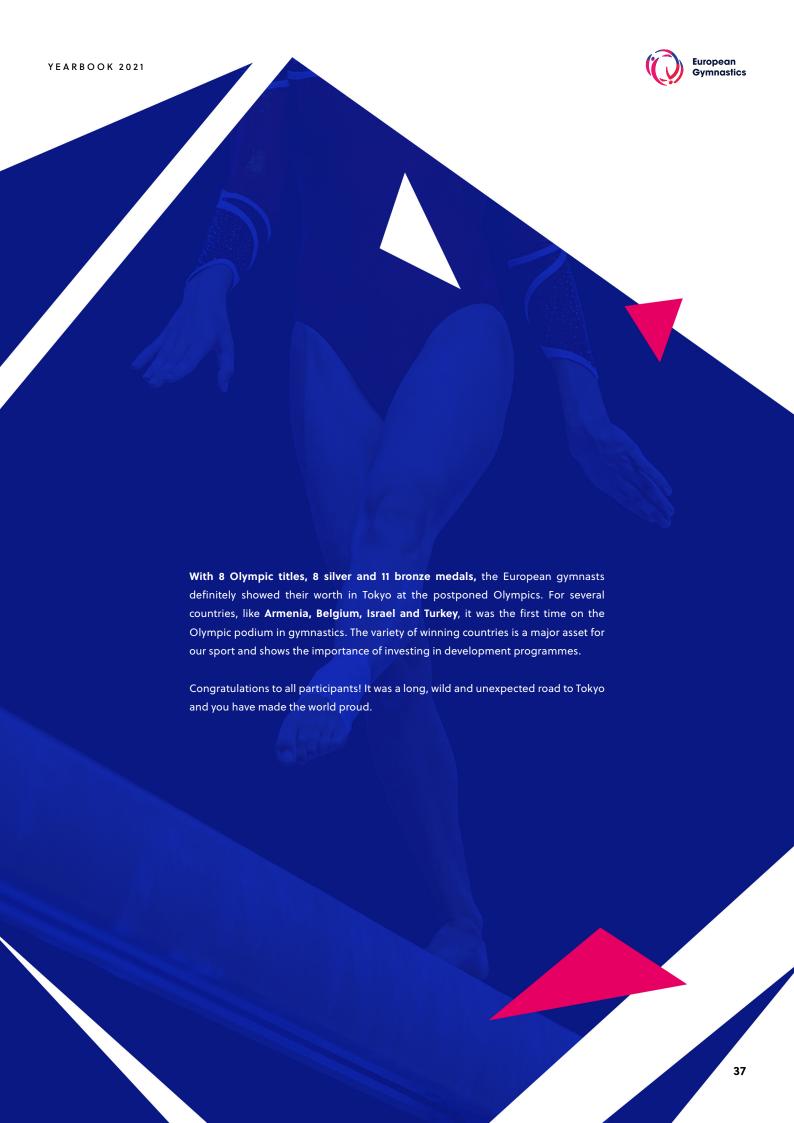
20 116

Gymnasts

18 104
Senior groups Gymnasts

Senior individual gymnasts

































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## **European Championships** in Aerobic Gymnastics

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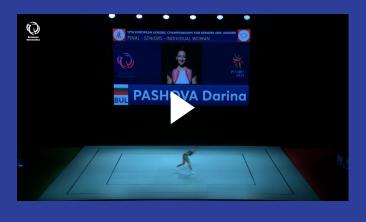






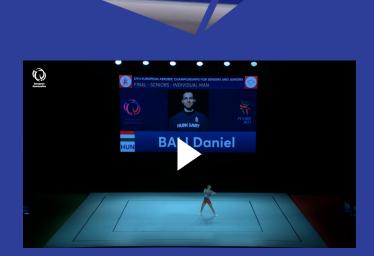
#### **Dazzling Darina**

Third at the 2019 Europeans and second at the World Championships in June, Bulgaria's Darina Pashova qualified in 1st place to the Individual Women final where she set the standard early on, posting 21.700. 2015 junior European Champion Teodora Cucu (ROU) came close, just 1 tenth short. Last up, Tatyana Konakova (RUS) scored 21.650, enough to overtake Cucu, but not enough to reach Pashova's height.





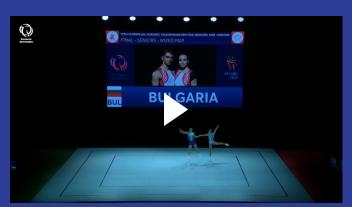
Absent from the Individual men's competition for several years, 2017 European Champion and 2016 and 2018 Vice-World Champion Daniel Bali made an overwhelming return at these Europeans. The Hungarian topped the qualification round and performed fabulously in the final, scoring a huge 22.700. Only defending European Champion Roman Semenov (RUS) put up a challenge. His 22.550 secured the silver medal ahead of Pesaro crowd favourite Davide Nacci (ITA).











### Bulgaria's mixed pairs success

First, juniors Hristo Manolov and Borislava Ivanova took advantage of their top qualifying position, earning the mixed pairs title for Bulgaria. Then, seniors Ana-Maria Stoilova and Antonio Papazov held off defending Champions Fanni Mazacs and Daniel Bali for their first European title. Bulgaria's mixed pairs success is guaranteed for the future.



### Romania rules the groups

Romania, the defending European and reigning World Champion, excelled in the group final. Gabriel Bocser, Teodora Cucu, David Gavrilovici, Mihai Popa and Daniel Tavoc scored 22.533 to surpass top qualifiers Italy. Hungary, to the tunes of the popular Tetris game, added the bronze to their collection.





#### The unbeatable trio

Bulgaria's gold rush wasn't over yet! World Champions Darina Pashova, Antonio Papazov and Tihomir Barotev confirmed they are the ones to beat with a superb exercise in the trio final. With a score of 22.827, they were simply in a league of their own. Romanian trio Teodora Cucu, Daniel Tavoc and David Gavrilovici beat the Russian trio Aleksei Germanov, Petr Perminov and Anton Kolobov by just 0.033 for the silver medal.





### Junior starlets to watch

In the junior Individual Women final, two rising stars emerged. France's Maelys Lenclos added her personal style, performing a gorgeous ballet-inspired routine to clinch the title while top qualifier Lola Lawrence (GBR) burst with energy taking the silver medal.





### History written for the host nation

Traditionally an excellent Aerobics nation, hosts Italy excelled during senior qualifications, topping the Groups, ranking second in Individual Men, Mixed Pairs and Trios and tying for third in Aero Dance. This combined effort resulted in them clinching the European team title! Italy's success story continued with Andrea Colnago easily winning the junior Individual Men's title. 4 more medals, 1 silver and 3 bronze, followed!



**Aero Dance battle** 

The Russian men were eager to regain their Aero Dance title after losing it to Azerbaijan in 2019. With a cool basketball themed routine, Russia scored 18.100, only to be tied with Hungary. As Hungary posted the better execution score, they returned home with the gold medal. Romania edged Italy for the bronze.





### SmartScoring Shooting stars Miquel Mane and Teodora Cucu

Crowned junior European Champion in the individual women category back in 2015, Teodora Cucu had injuries which required surgery and forced her to quit Aerobics. However, her passion for the sport remained and three years later, when she turned 18, she decided to have another go, training under head coach Maria Fumea.

Last May she competed at the World Championships in Baku where she placed 4th individually and returned home with a complete set of medals: gold with the group, silver with the team and bronze with the trio. Here in Pesaro, Cucu collected another set: gold with the group, silver with the trio and the team and bronze individually.

Spain's Miquel Mane is a true rising star in the aerobics community. At just 18 years old, he's already won the World title in individual men. Coming from Calafell in Catalonia, Mane rose through the ranks of the Age Group Competitions, winning the 2018 World title and placing second at the 2019 junior Europeans. Known for his creativity, Mane participated in the 2019 edition of the Spanish TV show 'Got talent Espana' with the aim of promoting the sport: "I came here so people could discover my sport and to try and get it into the Olympic programme." In Pesaro, Mane finished fourth individually and fifth with the group.





Grazie Pesaro, Grazie Italia! The VitriFrigo Arena provided an excellent home for Aerobics this week!



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<b>B</b> ulgaria	4	-	-	4
Russia	3	5	2	10
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Hungary	2	1	4	7
<b>■</b> ■ Italy	2	1	3	6
■ France	1	-	-	1
₩ Great Britain	-	1	1	2
Portugal	-	1	-	1

### **Participants**

22 322 72 250 161 161 Seniors



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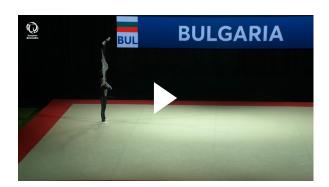






#### In Jackson's style

To the tunes of Michael Jackson, the Bulgarian men's pair Vladimir Kotochev and Georgi Stoyanov delivered an excellent routine. Their delight showed in the reaction of pure joy the gymnasts had after their work was done. With 27.650 they cruised to the victory over Russia's Ivan Musikhin and Arsenii Bochkarev with William Clark and Harley Curtis-Lawrence (GBR) taking the bronze.







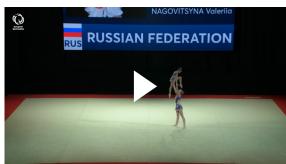


#### **Mighty Israel**

The mighty acro nation Israel clinched four European titles and two silver medals, equalling Russia as the most successful nation in Pesaro. Mixed pair Ilay Kadosh and Tamar Zachor were stunning for 27.450 and the men's group featuring Liad Madar, Liran Cohen, Eran Rodnay and Itamar Moshe Rubinstein scored 27.050 for the second Israeli gold in barely 5 minutes. Coached by 2015 and 2017 European Champions and 2018 World Champions Yannay Kalfa and Lidar Dana respectively, Israel's future is promising. The competition concluded with 2 more Israeli victories: Harel Aharoni and Yuval Bar Tal were the best 12 – 19 women's pair and Hen Vinner, Yarden Greenberg and Maya Kremer the best women's group.







### Russia, ever the powerhouse

Russia also claimed 4 European titles and 2 silver medals, topping the medal table tied with Israel. Aleksandra Novoselova and Valeriia Nagovitsyna won in the 11 – 17 women's pairs, Dinara Aisina, Ustina Mavrycheva and Mariia Fediunina in the 11 – 17 women's groups, Ivan Gavrikov and Sergei Akopian in the 12 – 19 men's pairs and Maksim Korshunov, Artem Logvinov, Ivan Mikulin and Ilia Bocherov in the 12 – 19 men's groups. The sheer amount of talent in this great acro country is endless and truly impressive.

### Portugal's right up there

With 6 medals, Portugal earned the same total as Israel and Russia. Returning home with 4 silver and 2 bronze medals, the gymnasts representing Portugal gave it their all and showed that they are ready to take over the torch at the junior and senior level soon.





#### **Britain's best**

The talented British team earned a respectable total of 5 medals. 4 were bronze and 1 gold medal in the 12 – 19 mixed pairs final going to Samuel Yarnall and Jasmine Banks who delighted the crowd with a stunning performance.



#### **Medal variety**

While Israel and Russia topped the medal table, a grand total of 10 countries returned home with medals, including Georgia and Spain who won their first ever Acro Age group medal!

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
<u></u> srael	4	2	-	6
Russia	4	2	-	6
Great Britain	1	-	4	5
Bulgaria	1	-	-	1
Portugal	-	4	2	6
Spain	-	1	-	1
Azerbaijan	-	1	-	1
Netherlands	-	-	2	2
<b>∷</b> Georgia	-	-	1	1
■ Belgium	-	-	1	1

### **Participants**

27 399
Gymnasts

292 107
Women Men

216 183 11-17 183









### Russian stars confirm status

Crowned triple European Champions in 2019 already, Russian stars Viktoria Aksenova and Kirill Startsev, also the European Games Champions and the reigning World Champions, overcame a slight hesitation in qualifications to ultimately cruise to victory in all three finals, cementing their status as the World's best Mixed Pair!







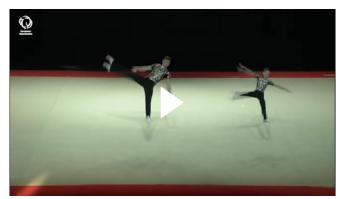
On top of the world since the 2017 World Games, Daria Chebulanka is the rock of Russia's Women's Group. Now partnering with Daria Tikhomirova and Sofia Polishchuk, these ladies are the current World Champions and earned triple gold in Pesaro!







In a league of their own, the gorgeous Men's Pair formed by Timofei Ivanov and Maksim Karavaev, ruled out right in Italy, claiming all three titles with style and determination.



#### **Double Rita's delight**

Rita Ferreira and Ana Rita Teixeira, the first Portuguese gymnasts to win the World title, successfully defended their European allaround title, also clinching the balance gold and the bronze medal in dynamic. With these excellent results, Rita Ferreira became Portugal's most decorated Acro gymnast!



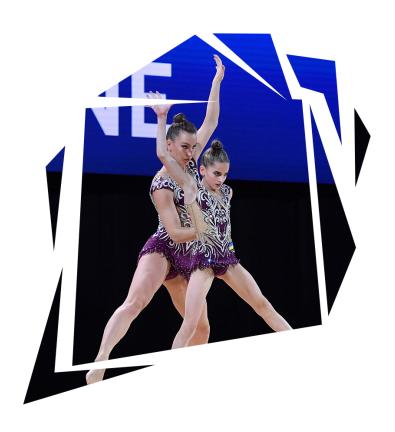




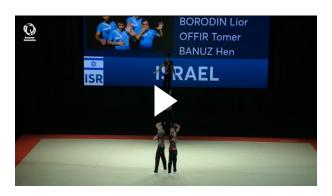
#### **Jackpot for Ukraine**

After winning the bronze medal in the all-around, Ukraine's senior Women's Pair Viktoriia Kozlovska and Taisiia Marchenko excelled in the dynamic final, earning a well-deserved victory and Ukraine's sole European title of this event.









#### Israel's still rising

The strong rise of Israeli Acrobatics in the past years continued in Pesaro. Second behind only Russia in the overall medal table, gymnasts representing Israel claimed 15 medals, 8 of which were gold! Amy Refaeli and Yonatan Fridman, the 2019 European Age Group 11 – 16 Champions, transitioned well into the junior category with other juniors showing equally strong skills and routines, like the women's group of Yarden Ron, Michal Stratievsky and Tamar Stollar and men's group featuring Odem Gidron, Or Abraham, Or Strohmayer and Maor Nekave. On a senior level, 2019 junior European Champions Almog Green and Maayan Zunenshine showed their worth, just like the men's group of Amir Daus, Lior Borodin, Tomer Offir and Hen Banuz who won the European allaround gold, just months after their silver medal at the Worlds.

The 2024 edition of the Acrobatic World Championships will be held in Israel, in Holon, site of the 2019 Europeans!



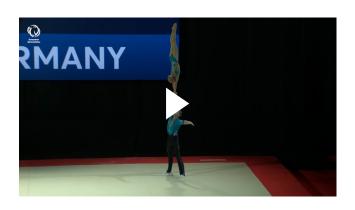


#### **Men's Groups luxury**

For the Russian gymnasts competing the Men's Groups category, probably the most difficult challenge lies within themselves. With 2 fabulous groups competing at the highest level and only 1 of them advancing to each final, every mistake, even the smallest one, is punished immediately. In Pesaro, the 2 Russian groups went head-to-head again. Bogdan Makeev, Viktor Grechukhin, Dmitrii Slabukha and Vadim Nabiev were absolutely fabulous in the balance final, posting a massive score of 29.820 for the title while compatriots German Kudriashov, Kirill Zadorin, Valery Tukhashvili and Mikhail Vikhrov returned home with the gold in dynamic.

#### **Germany shines**

World silver medallists Pia Schuetze and Daniel Blintsov set a high standard, qualifying in top position to the balance final. Known for their ballet-like graceful routines, the German Mixed Pair captured two medals, silver for their balance routine and bronze in the all-around.

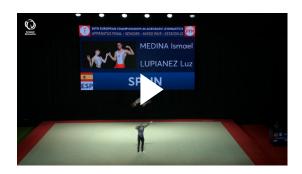






### History written for Spain

Special mention goes to Luz Lupianez and Ismael Medina. This talented Spanish Mixed Pair competed superbly in the dynamic final and earned the first ever European medal at senior level for their country!







# SmartScoring Shooting stars Francisca Maia and Valery Tukhashvili

22-year-old Francisca Maia from Acro Clube da Maia near Porto has an impressive collection of medals, including from European and World Championships and the European Games. She's not only an accomplished athlete though. Francisca studies medicine and is part of a research team that investigates injury prevention in gymnastics. The future generation is definitely in excellent hands.

Valery Tukhashvili has been in acro for most of his life so when a torn Achilles threatened to cut his career short, Valery did everything in his power to return to top shape. After 6 months of recovery, he had just 6 weeks to get ready for the Baku World Cup which his men's group won. Unfortunately, the Achilles tore again and many thought that was the end. But Valery couldn't live without sports, without acro. He convinced his coaches to let him train again and is still going strong several years later.





Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	18	6	3	27
□ Israel	8	4	3	15
Portugal	3	3	7	13
Ukraine	1	1	2	4
Belarus	-	5	4	9
<b>≭</b> Great Britain	-	5	4	9
<b>■</b> Belgium	-	3	1	4
Germany	*	1	3	4
Azerbaijan	-	1	2	3
<b>Spain</b>	-	1	-	1
Netherlands	-	-	1	1

### **Participants**

163 92









The main highlights of the week were the Flash Mob by Olympia Dragouni and the Opening Ceremony and Closing Gala which were expertly guided by the very talented and famous speaker of over 80 years old! Despite the tough covid-19 restrictions, the LOC managed to organise a party evening with Greek dances, showcasing the best the region has to offer.







### **Participants**

16 380
Federations

Gymnasts

332 48
Women Men

36
Groups

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#### **Sweden's supremacy**

Qualifying in first place in all but 1 category, Sweden showed their In the senior finals, Sweden had the highest scores on all three class in Guimaraes. Traditionally one of the top TeamGym countries, apparatus in the mixed teams, cruising to victory. Last but certainly the Swedes started off in a league of their own as they powered not least, Sweden outclassed everyone, even themselves, with to victory in the junior men's final, almost 5 points ahead of their a fabulous performance in the men's teams final to finish with a closest competitors. The victory margin was reduced to just 1 tenth massive score of 61.350. This guaranteed them the European title, over Iceland in the junior women's final though.

only their second one after victory back in 1996.







#### **Best of the British**

Never having won an official European TeamGym medal before, Great Britain came to Guimaraes on a mission. And they lived up to their date with destiny, winning a grand total of 5 medals and placing second behind Sweden in the overall medal table. Silver in the junior men's teams will go down as their first ever European medal, while just a short time later, the girls and boys of the junior mixed team found themselves on the top step of the podium, for the first time ever! In the senior finals, Great Britain claimed silver in the mixed teams and bronze in the men's final.





#### **Iceland women's victory**

In the women's teams final the battle couldn't be tighter. Sweden and Iceland went head-to-head with the ultimate run determining the final ranking. Iceland needed 17.200 on tumble to equal Sweden's total score of 57.250. And the Icelandic did exactly that! The two countries

tied so a tie breaker was needed. As Iceland posted the best scores on floor and trampet, they were awarded the title, last won back in 2012.





#### European Gymnastics

#### Estonia's revelation

Increasing their level year after year, Estonia impressed in Guimaraes. Competing in the junior men's team final, they tumbled, vaulted and performed worthy of the bronze medal, winning the country's first medal in an official TeamGym European Championships.





#### **Piacere Italia**

A strong nation in other gymnastics discipline, Italy has discovered TeamGym now too and is passionate about it. The country hadn't won any medals however before arriving in Guimaraes but they were determined to change that. In the senior mixed final, Italy performed well across all three apparatus, securing the bronze medal, and making its first appearance ever on the podium!

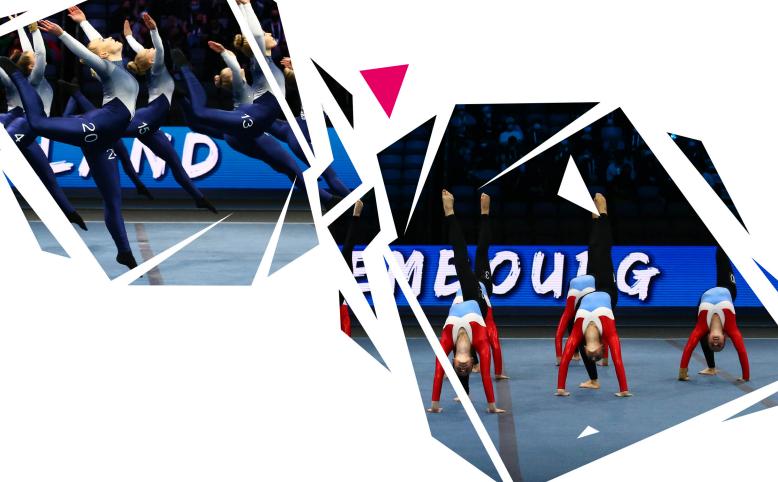




# Finland's podium return

Making their return to the podium, for the first time since 2012, the Finnish women claimed the bronze medal. Their joy infected the whole arena!







## Future host's potential

Participating for the very first time at a TeamGym Europeans, 2022 hosts Luxembourg put together a talented junior women's team. Much to their delight, the girls aced their qualification round, advancing the final where they once again showed their potential.

#### Worldwide appreciation

People from all over the world watched this event via our livestream. Not only the performances of the medal winners were highly appreciated: the French women impressed with an excellent floor routine, Azerbaijan's men tumbled 2 triples, Slovenia entered 3 teams and showed their spark and enthusiasm for TeamGym while Austria, Czech Republic and Germany definitely have the potential to challenge to more traditional. TeamGym nations. Hosts Portugal may have missed out on a medal but they won the hearts of the crowd for their fantastic performances and great sportsmanship.



#### Meet the #TeamGym2021 **All Stars Team!**

apparatus were selected to form the famous TeamGym All Stars compete a triple on trampet! team!

The 6 best female and the 6 best male gymnasts on each Fun fact: All Star Nicole Hosseini became the first woman to successfully

Congratulations to Asta Kristinsdottir (ISL), Saona Canaud (FRA), Agnes Arvidsson (SWE), Evelina Rosengren (SWE), Kolbrun Tholl Thorradottir (ISL), Nicole Hosseini (SWE), Teddie Ohrslin (SWE), Eetu Lahti (FIN), Connor Wharram (GBR), Helgi Laxdal Adalgeirsson (ISL), Elias Gustafsson (SWE) and Victor Emanuelsson (SWE)!







A special shout-out goes to the Portuguese Gymnastics Federation who took over the organisation of this postponed event and did a truly brilliant job!

Obrigado Guimaraes, Obrigado Portugal!



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<b>=</b> Iceland	1	2	1	4
Estonia	-	-	1	1
<b>+</b> Finland	-	-	1	1
<b>■ ■</b> Italy	-	-	1	1

### **Participants**

14 373
Federations Gymnasts

223 150 Men

187 186
Seniors Juniors

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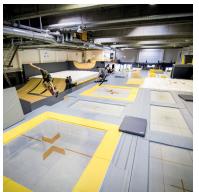






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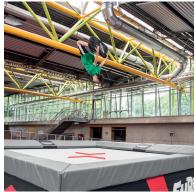














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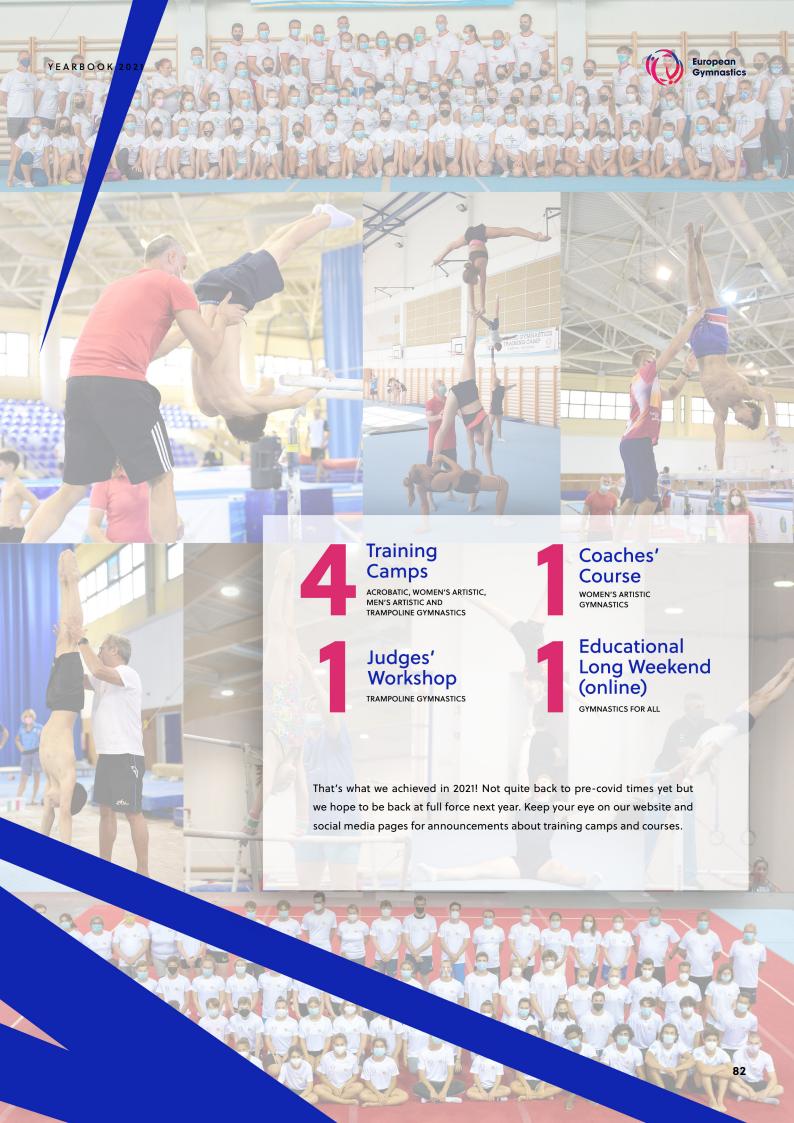




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1 – 5 June	European Championships in Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini-Trampoline	Rimini 📕 📕
15 – 19 June	European Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics	Tel Aviv <u></u>
9 July	European Gym for Life Challenge	Neuchatel +
10 – 14 July	EUROGYM	Neuchatel 🛨
24 – 30 July	European Youth Olympic Festival	Banska Bystrica 🖳
11 – 21 August	European Championships in Men's and Women's Artistic Gymnastics	Munich ==
14 - 17 September	European Championships in TeamGym	Luxembourg 💳
2 – 7 October	Golden Age Gym Festival	Funchal 💗
2 – 3 December	Congress	Albufeira 🏮

Dates and location of Training camps and Workshops will be announced on our social media channels and added to the calendar on our website: <a href="https://www.europeangymnastics.com/events">https://www.europeangymnastics.com/events</a>



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