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Masters Championships

2026 Austria
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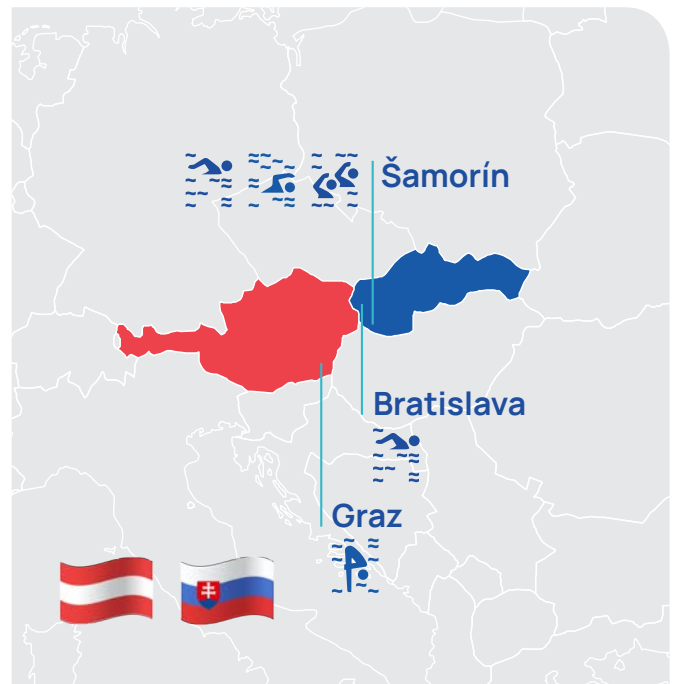

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Welcome to a New Era of Masters Aquatics

We're thrilled to introduce a **historic** and **first-of-its-kind** edition of the European Masters Championships – the 2026 European Aquatics Masters, a **cross-border** celebration hosted by **Austria** and **Slovakia**.



This landmark collaboration brings together two outstanding venues, offering a unique combination of **world-class sports infrastructure**, **premium athlete services**, and a **vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere**.

Two Countries – One Masters Spirit. Innovation, performance, and lifestyle – all in one unforgettable event.



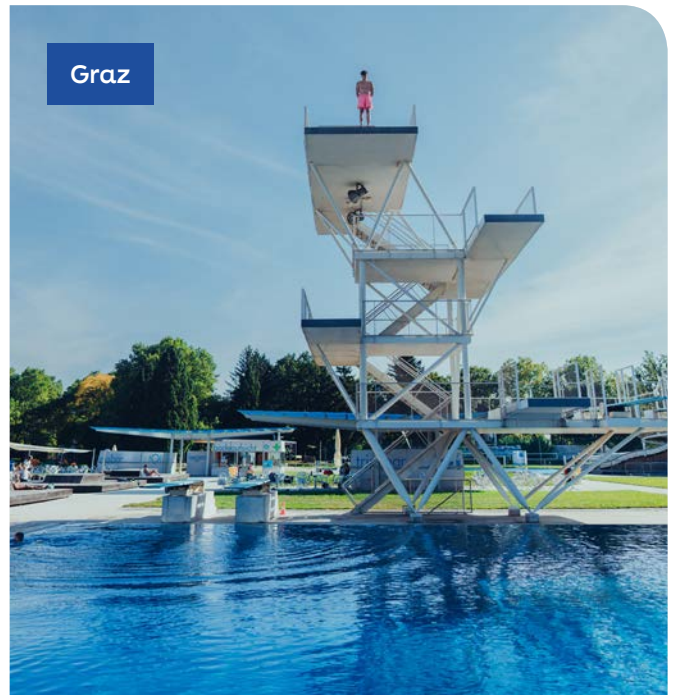


A New Format for a New Generation

For the first time ever, the European Masters Championships will be hosted across two countries, showcasing the strength of partnership and the shared passion for aquatics in Europe.

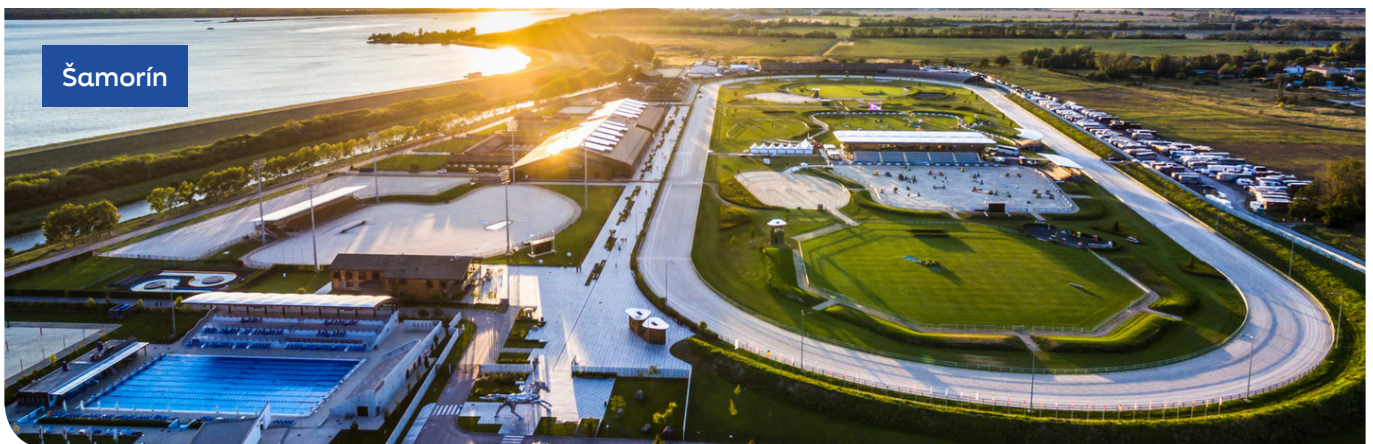


Graz



The 2026 edition combines innovation, inclusivity, and excellence, welcoming athletes of all levels — from world-class Masters competitors to those swimming purely for the joy of the sport.

Šamorín





Šamorín/Slovakia The All-in-One Venue for Three Disciplines



At the heart of the Slovak venue stands the x-bionic® sphere, a 4-star Olympic Training Centre that will host:

- Swimming
- Artistic Swimming
- Open Water Swimming

Built for Performance — Open to Everyone

This state-of-the-art sports resort offers everything

High-Performance Features:

- Olympic-standard 50 m outdoor pool and 25 m indoor pool
- Two-floor elite fitness & strength gym
- Recovery & rehabilitation facilities
- On-site medical support and diagnostics
- Olympic-standard catering and nutrition

Inclusive & Athlete-Centered:

- Custom participation packages for individuals, families, and clubs
- Medical check-ups and health testing available
- Special programs for senior and older-age athletes
- Kids' activities and family services throughout the venue

Water polo is not part of the current championship program. A new initiative specifically designed for water polo players will be introduced shortly.





Beyond the Pool — More Than Just Competition



The x-bionic® sphere is not only a competition venue — it's a full lifestyle destination.

Athlete & Visitor Experience

- Sports shops with swimming gear and accessories
- Nutrition and supplement stores
- Wellness & spa zones
- Health, recovery, and lifestyle services
- Entertainment, leisure, and education programs (eSPO)

Family Fun & Leisure

- Horse riding school & stables
- Kids' Club and adventure zones
- On-site cinema, restaurants, and cafés
- Relaxing natural surroundings by the Danube River



Everything you need — from performance to recovery, shopping to entertainment — in one world-class venue.



VIRTUAL TOUR





Graz / Austria Home of Diving



The **Auster Sport- und Wellnessbad Graz** will proudly host the Diving Competitions. Located in the heart of Styria, this modern sports complex is renowned for its outstanding facilities and inspiring environment.

Venue Highlights

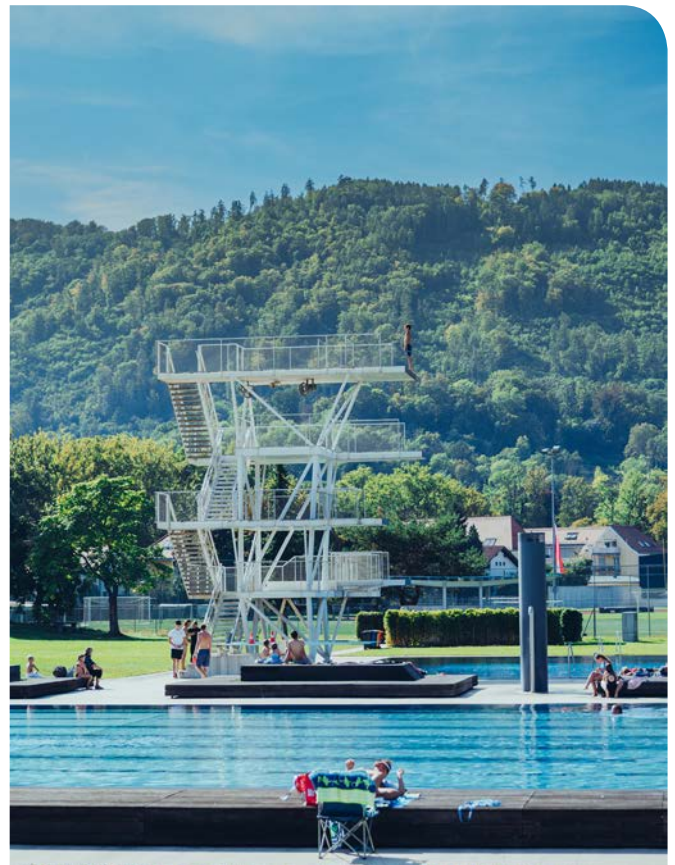
- Olympic-standard **outdoor diving facilities**
- 10-metre diving tower & professional athlete support
- Austria's only **50 m, 10-lane indoor pool with 800 spectator seats**
- Beautiful **natural surroundings** and wellness amenities
- Proven host of international swimming and diving events

Relax, Recharge, Discover Graz

Beyond the pool, Graz offers everything from **culinary excellence** to **cultural discovery**.

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Explore its **UNESCO World Heritage old town**, **design and innovation scene**, and famous **Styrian hospitality**.

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Whether you're diving or cheering from the stands, **Graz welcomes you with open arms**.





Accommodation & Packages

To make your experience seamless, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is preparing a range of custom participation packages for:

- Individual athletes
- Families
- Clubs and training groups
- Friends traveling together

On-Site at x-bionic® sphere (Šamorín)

- Approx. **1,100 beds** directly at the resort
- **First-come, first-served** allocation
- Stay, train, and compete right at the championship hub

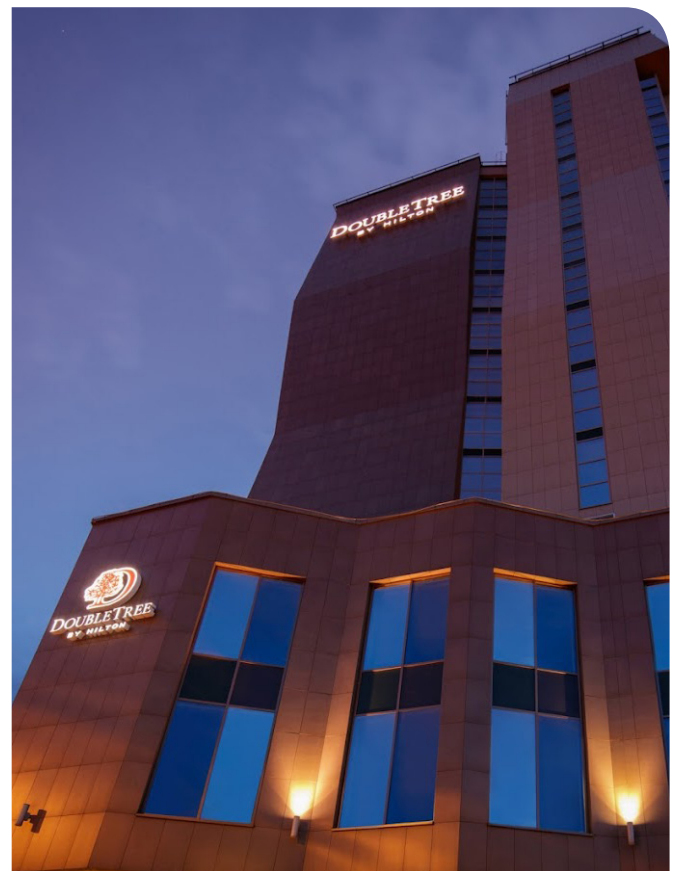
Partner Hotels in Bratislava

LOC has secured **exclusive participant rates** at:

- Hilton Hotel Bratislava
- Hotel Gate One

Includes

- Daily **transport to and from Šamorín**
- **Special discounts** for participants
- Additional leisure and sightseeing options in the capital



Important Notice

Accommodation at the **x-bionic®sphere** and all official event packages will be available exclusively through the **official booking platform**. Public booking portals will not be valid for this event.






Travel & Accessibility

Šamorín / Slovakia

 → 25 min from Bratislava

 → 45 min from Vienna International Airport (VIE)

 → 2 hours from Budapest

Graz / Austria

→ Well connected via major highways and regional airports

→ Accessible from central European cities by train and road





What's Next?

This bulletin provides general and preliminary information. More details are coming soon in **Bulletin No. 2**, including:

- Detailed **competition schedule**
- **Technical information** for all disciplines
- **Accommodation reservations** and **registration guidelines**

The event will follow all **European Aquatics** and **World Aquatics** rules and standards.

Be Part of Something New

Join us for the most **innovative, inclusive,** and **athlete-focused edition** of the European Masters Championships yet.

With **two countries, all-in-one elite venues,** and a **united Masters community**, 2026 will set a new benchmark in the history of aquatics.



Official venue confirmation and next bulletin release: November 23, 2025



European Aquatics Masters Championships 2026 Austria & Slovakia – Connected by Water

