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Activities 2023-2024:

List all competitions and development activities since the previous congress.

Competitions 2023

Sprint World Championships, Augsburg, Germany, 10-11 June

20 Nation, 4 Continents, 9 of 11 events valid (C2M Team and C1W Team not valid)

[Reports](#)

Development Camp with focus of Canoe Disciplines with 10 athletes, 2 coaches

Nations Meeting - [Minutes](#)

Jun / U23 world Championships Roudnice, Czechia, 05-08 July

27 Nation, 4 Continents, 662 Starts, all 38 events valid [Reports](#)

Development Camps : 49 athletes, 6 coaches [TIP Camp Report](#)

Nations Meeting - [Minutes](#)

Worldcup 1 Sprint , Mezzana, Italy, 16 June

13 Nation, 3 Continents, 86 Starts, all 6 events valid

Worldcup 2 Classic , Mezzana, Italy, 17 June

13 Nation, 3 Continents, 86 Starts, all 6 events valid

Worldcup 3 Classic, Lipno, Czechia, 27 August

12 Nation, 2 Continents, 104 Starts, all 6 events valid

Worldcup 4 Classic, Lipno, Czechia, 26 August

12 Nation, 2 Continents, 104 Starts, all 6 events valid

Worldcup 5 Sprint, Ceske Budejovice, Czechia, 30 August

12 Nation, 2 Continents, 111 Starts, all 6 events valid

Worldcup 6 Sprint, Ceske Budejovice, Czechia, 31 August

12 Nation, 2 Continents, 111 Starts, all 6 events valid

Competitions 2024

World Championships Sprint, Classic and Master, Sabero, Spain, 12-16 August

27 Nation, 3 Continents, 259 Starts, all 22 events valid [Reports](#)

Development Camp with focus of new nation in wwc with 11 athletes, 3 coaches [TIP Camp Report](#)

Nations Meeting - [Minutes](#)

ITO examination : 4 new ITO's

Worldcup 1 Classic, Veles, North Makedonia, 15 June.

17 Nation, 2 Continents, 71 Starts, 6 events valid

Worldcup 2 Sprint, Veles, North Makedonia, 16 June.

17 Nation, 2 Continents, 73 Starts, 6 events valid

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Worldcup 3 Classic, Mezzana, Italy, 20 June.

13 Nation, 2 Continents, 100 Starts, all 6 events valid

Worldcup 4 Sprint, Mezzana, Italy, 21 June.

13 Nation, 2 Continents, 100 Starts, all 6 events valid

Sprint Finals cancelled due to high water level

[Reports](#)

Development activities

This season's development activities were fully related to those of last year. The wildwater canoeing season starts in September and ends in August next year (in some cases it is postponed by one month depending on the date of the World Championships). Therefore, the overview of development activities is summarized for the whole season 2023/2024.

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Some of the development activities from last season served as a starter for this season. These were mainly the Junior and U23 World Championships 2023 in Roudnice nad Labem (CZE) and also the Senior Sprint World Championships in Augsburg (GER). Thanks to the wide international participation, new relationships were established between federations, clubs and people.

As a consequence, for example:

- AGM meeting in New Zealand as part of Wild Water Canoeing and its new breath. Thus, the AGM was held among the local community after 25 years. Here, new steps towards home development, new training environments and new athletes were proposed.
- The AGM meeting of the Irish Wildwater Canoeing Federation, to which members of the ECA and ICF committees were invited for the first time to hear the current situation and challenges. Together they reflected on future assistance and the interconnection of the various canoeing events between the island nation and the rest of Europe and possibly the World. During this meeting it was suggested that a shared calendar of all European wildwater canoeing events (regardless of the size or importance of these events) be created.

And it did. The 2023/2024 season was entered with a shared calendar of events from all active organizing countries (103 races from 18 European countries). [Link](#) for the shared spreadsheet.

Several official ICF Development events were created during this year's racing season. These events have always taken place either before or during the races. These development events were:

- Wildwater Coaching Seminar in Veles, North Macedonia, 14.6. 2024
- ICF TIP Development Camp in Sabero, Spain, 10. - 18.8. 2024

The main responsibility for these official ICF development events lay with Mr. Thomas Rosset, who set up the various management teams and took care of the funding.

The aim of the Wildwater Coaching Seminar was to focus on novice coaches and coaches from (for us) development countries in canoeing. The invitation was of course open to any national federations representative who was interested in joining. Many coaches from Balkan countries attended the seminar. Under the guidance of Jamie Christie (GBR) and Tomislav Crnkovic (CRO), the coaches were given many tips on how to work with young athletes. The name of the presentation "Children from Little to World Champions" speaks for the main content of the seminar and the presentation itself can be viewed [here](#).

The main development event of this season is considered to be the ICF TIP Development Camp during the World Championships in Sabero, Spain. Preparations for this camp started in September 2023. It is important to mention that a selection procedure has been created for the participation of athletes. Clearly defined limits and requirements were sent out to

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the whole World along with the invitation. A total of 11 athletes from 8 countries then competed in the TIP ring itself. These athletes were looked after by three ICF coaches and had one technical assistant. For the wild water canoeing, it should be noted that many support persons are needed as there are several kilometers of wild water to work with, so the team needs both shore support (driving the cars with the tow) and most importantly they need to maintain safety on the water. This requires the active participation of coaches on the water.

You can read about the operation and progress of the ICF TIP Development Camp in this [report](#).

In addition to the 11 athletes selected in the TIP Development camp, there were 20 others from development countries who came to the World Championships at their own expense and worked by helping each other and being able to arrange for several coaches from European countries to look after them.

The next development event was already under the auspices of ECA. It was the Development Camp for junior and U23 competitors during the European Championships in Dallenwil, Switzerland, during the first week of July. If you're interested in that one too, here's the [report](#).

Judges education

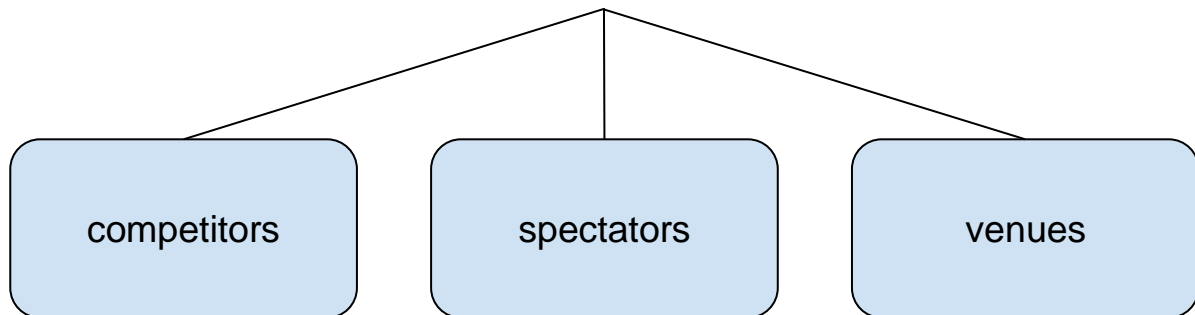
Online ITO education and training has been further developed. This now includes an ITO revision Quiz and ITO examination part 1 as well as materials for coaching and race organisers. 8 new wwc ITO's has been qualified in 2023 and 2024.

Key achievements:

- Significant growing of number of participating nations in World Championship events
- Increase in the number of participants in the canoeing disciplines
- Establishment of a network between athletes and coaches of the nations in order to be able to provide assistance to overseas nations and new nations more easily (Material and coach support on venues)

Strategic plans for future implementation:

In terms of development activities, the strategic plans could be divided into three groups:



Mutual support for ECA and ICF development actions is essential for the coming years. Therefore, the following texts present the same ideals as the ECA WWC division and their presentation of the stratagems for the coming years.

I. competitors

- Communication + together training camps and competitions, exchanging paddlers, coaches, know-how, support the younger generations during the events → **person to person activity**
- Look into marathons, slalom, rafting and sprint divisions, get to know these people from their events, present them the WW sport, come to their country and explain, share the know-how, let them try our boats, gear + take them to our competitions → then try to find the potential coaches and also help them with the communication with their canoe federations → **club to club activity**
- Develop a strong club network and strengthen team working and communications between National Federations → **club to federation activity**
- Experiment and Share successful race formats much more widely. (The Roudnice TIP programme → needs to become a regular part of the calendar. Jamie Christie's Barrow Race format → a family-friendly race format or Jesko Klammer's September Race event in Munich such as Giant WW Slalom Race, Team Races, etc.) → **organiser to organiser activity**
- Joint events/meetings and teambuilding of coaches at international competitions → **organiser to person activity**
- Focus on development in countries that have exceptionally participated in international events in the last 10 years, see map on next slide for more details → **organiser to federation activity**

II. spectators

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- working live results
- split times on classic races (at least 2 of them)
- split times on sprint races (at least 2 of them)
- digital results screen in the racing area
- all of this above in the live stream
- 2-3 camera's views from the classic races
- 2-3 camera's views from the sprint races
- post-race interviews with the winners also in the live stream
- high-quality sports photography
- good and active commentator on the site

III. venues

- Brainstorm about the spring/autumn time for organizing the proper wildwater events and begin the adaptation of global warming
 - Get feedback from athletes, clubs and national federations on potential new and reactivated venues for investigation - are they going to be able to organize events there? + Historic venues overview
 - Find new possible venues in the development countries
 - Develop a shared transport/ sharing/ exchange network for composite boats
 - Try to distribute the cups and championships in the form of a circuit to limit distance differences for sustainable reasons
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