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## MEDIA GUIDE

### **WELCOME TO ECA EUROPEAN CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PRAGUE – TROJA 2018**

Vážení kolegové,

Je nám ctí, že jste součástí jedné z nejdůležitějších sportovních akcí letošního roku v České republice. Mistrovství Evropy ve vodním slalomu se vrací do Prahy po dlouhých dvaceti letech a po světovém šampionátu jde o druhou nejvýznamnější akci vodních slalomářů v historii tohoto sportu u nás. Kanoistika je tradiční český sport s bohatou historií, významnou sportovní úspěšností a snadnou dostupností pro všechny zájemce o rekreační nebo kondiční ježdění na vodě. I proto je pro nás spolupráce s médii velmi důležitá, jelikož rozšiřuje povědomí o kanoistice a zvyšuje její popularitu nejen jako sportu, ale také jako formu přirozené aktivity podporující zdravý životní styl.

Zájem médií o naše závodníky a kanoistiku na úrovni vrcholového sportu nás velmi těší, protože pomáhá seznamovat veřejnost s tímto krásným sportem, sportem spjatým s přírodou. Kanoistika je jedním z nejsilnějších olympijských odvětví a pro české barvy naši reprezentanti pravidelně sbírají medaile nejen na světových a evropských šampionátech, ale i na olympijských hrách. Vodní slalomáři jsou nejen skvělí sportovci, ale i zajímavé osobnosti, které přinášejí sportovní a lidské příběhy, které zaujmou nejen sportovní fanoušky.

Vážíme si, že jste si našli čas a cestu do Prahy – Troje, kde se již pořádalo patnáct podniků Světového poháru a dvě mistrovství světa. Věřím, že mistrovství Evropy bude dalším milníkem v historii vodáckých sportů u nás a že přinese silné okamžiky, o kterých se bude psát a hlavně, o kterých se bude hodně číst.

Závěrem bych rád poděkoval organizačnímu výboru ME v Praze – Troji a všem, kteří se podílejí na uspořádání šampionátu a vytvoření podmínek pro všechny účastníky šampionátu, včetně vás, novinářů, jako nedílné součásti soutěže. Přeji Vám u kanoistiky příjemné a inspirující zážitky. Děkuji za spolupráci.

Jan Boháč  
Předseda českého svazu kanoistiky

*Dear colleagues,*

*It is an honour for us that you are a part of one of the most important sport events in the Czech Republic this year. THE ECA European Canoe Slalom Championships in Prague returns to the Czech Republic after long 20 years and after the world championships, it is the second largest event in the canoe slalom history in our country. Canoeing is traditional Czech sport with a rich history, major international achievements, as well as availability to*





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*the public. Also for this reason, the cooperation with media is very important to us. It spreads the knowledge of this sport and increases the popularity of canoeing also as a natural activity supporting the healthy lifestyle.*

*The interest of media towards our competitors and canoeing on the top level pleases us a lot because it helps to introduce this beautiful sport in touch with the nature to the public. Canoeing is one of the strongest Olympic sports and the athletes used to collect medals from major international events like world and European championships for the Czech colours. The canoeists are not only great sportsmen but also interesting personalities who bring up curious sport and personal stories which attract sports fans.*

*We appreciate that you made your way to Prague – Troja, which has already hosted 15 series of the ICF World Cup and two world championships. I believe that the European championships will be the next milestone in the history of water sports in our lands and that it will bring special moments to write about, and especially, to read about.*

*Last but not least, I would like to thank to the Organising committee of the European championships in Prague and to all who help with the organisation of the championships to provide great conditions to all participants, including you, media representatives. You are a part of the team. I wish you pleasant and inspiring moments with canoeing. Thank you for cooperation!*

Jan Boháč  
Head of the Czech Canoe Union

Prof. Jaroslav Pollert  
Chairman of Czech Canoe Union - WhiteWater Section  
2018 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships

*Dear colleagues,*

*We would like to welcome you to the ECA European Canoe Slalom Championships in Prague – Troja and wish you a pleasant stay and an exciting event.*

*The following information should support your work and help you to find your way around the event. You will find detailed information regarding media dates and all organizational issues. If you have further questions regarding any information, accreditation etc., please feel free to contact us. Press Centre will gladly assist you. For fresh information follow our Facebook Canoe Slalom Prague (#slalomtroja).*

Jiří Rohan  
Head of the Local Organising Committee





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## **ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

LOC Director/ Ředitel OV:	Jiří Rohan
Competition Management / Zabezpečení závodu:	Pavel Přindiš, Lukáš Přinda
Technical Manager/ Technické zajištění:	Jiří Prskavec, Milan Bílý
Komunikace/IT, Communication and IT:	Stanislav Ježek
Race Office/Kancelář závodu:	Alena Mašková
Administrative/Administrativa:	Bronislava Rohanová
Finance/Finance:	Jana Nedvědová
Accreditation/Akreditace:	Jakub Vrzáň
Media, Public Relations:	Zuzana Trojáková
Marketing:	Miloš Broukal
Security/Bezpečnost:	Milan Bílý
Ceremonies/Ceremoniály:	Milan Říha, Ivan Kott, Jiří Kolář
Catering, VIP Service:	Irena Pavelková, Ivan Kott, Milan Bareš
Logistics/Logistika:	Pavel Kubričan
Supporting program/Doprovodný program:	Ludvík Medřický, Vít Přindiš

## **ACCREDITATION**

Your accreditation badges and press information kits are available in the Accreditation centre (Press centre) in the boathouse (former gym, next to the restaurant).

Accreditation:

<http://www.slalomtroja.cz/cz/press/akreditace>

## **OPENING HOURS OF THE PRESS CENTRE**

In the Boathouse (Loděnice Troja)

31.5. THU – (13:00 – 20:00)

1.6. FRI – (8:00 – 20:00)

2.6. SAT – (8:00 – 20:00)

3.6. SUN – (8:00 – 19:00)

## **YOU WILL RECEIVE**

Accreditation badge

Media kit – information about the ECh 2018

Parking permit (if applicable)

Bulletin – in the Press Centre





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## **CONTACT MEDIA OFFICE**

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## **GETTING THERE**

Information about the travel instructions and arrival are placed on the website  
<http://www.slalomtroja.cz/en/how-to-find-us>

## **GENERAL AND COMPETITION INFORMATION**

### **ORGANIZERS**

European Canoe Association  
Czech Canoe Union  
2018 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships Organizing Committee

### **DATE**

1st – 3rd June 2018

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND PRAGUE**

### **Prague - Troja, Czech Republic**

Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic. It has an area of 496 km and is home to 1 200 000 people. The year 870, when Prague castle was established, is regarded as the beginning of the city's existence. However, people inhabited the area in the early Stone Age.

In 1918, at the end of World War I, Prague was declared the capital of a new country – the Czechoslovak Republic. In 1993 it became the capital of an independent Czech Republic. Prague is situated in the heart of Europe – approximately 600km from the Baltic, 700km from the North Sea and 700km from the Adriatic. Prague is not a huge distance from other central European cities. Vienna is 300 km away, Bratislava 320 km, Berlin 350 km, Budapest 550 km, Warsaw 630 km and Copenhagen 750 km.

The River Vltava flows through Prague for 31 km, and at its widest measures 330 m. The Vltava has created some interesting places in Prague – islands and meanders, providing many idyllic scenes.

Prague, the nation's capital, is the centre of political, economic and sport activity in the Czech Republic. Prague magical history, beautiful architecture, and culture attract millions of visitors to the city each year.





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**Area:**

496 square kilometers

**Number of the population:**

1 285 995 (12/2009)

**Geographic location:**

(Centre of a town) 50°05'19" N, 14°25'17" N

**Time zone:**

Czech Republic is in the Central European Time Zone. Central European Standard Time (CET) is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1). Like most states in Europe, Summer (Daylight-Saving) Time is observed in Czech Republic, where the time is shifted forward by 1 hour; 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).

After the summer months the time in Czech Republic is shifted back by 1 hour to Central European Time (CET) or (GMT+1)

**Average altitude:**

235 m above the sea

**Climate:**

Average temperature is 9°C, during summer months 19°C, during winter months -0.9°C

**Electricity:**

230 V

**Telephone:**

The international dialling code for the Czech Republic is +420 (or 00 420).

When calling from abroad this must be dialled first followed by the 9-digit number.

Emergency calls in Czech Republic 112 (can be called free of charge from mobiles even without a SIM card inserted).

**Language:**

The only official language in the Czech Republic is Czech, which is spoken by 96 % of the population. However, have no fear, as especially in larger cities you can make yourself understood in English relatively easily.

**Internet:**

The Czech Republic enjoys good internet connection so you will not have problems getting online by quick broadband lines or Wi-Fi networks.

**Money:**





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The currency used in the Czech Republic is the Czech crown which has the international abbreviation CZK.

#### **Healthcare:**

Private and state healthcare facilities operate in the Czech Republic. The majority of them have agreements with the State Health Insurance Company on the provision and payment of healthcare.

#### **Arriving in the Czech Republic, Customs and Airports**

The Czech Republic became a member of the EU in 2004. There are different rules for citizens of other EU member countries than for tourists from other parts of the world. Everyone must carry ID at all times.

#### **Customs quotas and regulations:**

When bringing goods into the Czech Republic there are limits set on certain commodities. If a certain amount is exceeded, duty must be paid, and the importer is required to inform customs of the amount of the commodity he or she is bringing in to the country.

#### **Embassies and consulates:**

You can access assistance in difficult situations from your country's embassy. Embassies are always located in the capital of the Czech Republic, Prague, and a complete list can be found on the Ministry for Foreign Affairs website.

**International Airport - Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG)** is a flight hub used by more than 40 airlines that travel to hundreds of destinations. It has three passenger terminals. Terminal 1 is used for flights outside the Schengen zone, while the Terminal 2 is used for flights within the Schengen zone and Terminal 3 is for private and charter flights. You can get all the relevant information on the non-stop phone lines +420 220 111 888.

#### **COMPETITION VENUE**

The venue is located in Prague - Troja, ca 20 min. from Prague's centre by car or public transport /tram, bus or metro/.

#### **White Water Center- Prague, Troja - artificial slalom course**

The quality and the difficulty of this course fully correspond with the importance of the this event and with regards to the several ICF events we have organized in past few years we can confirm that our course meets all ECA and ICF standards.

Whole course is now equipped with new obstacles – RapidBlocks and it made the course more challenging and safer.

River: Vltava

Length: 410 m





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Width: 12 - 14 m  
Drop: 3,6 m  
Flow rate: 16 m<sup>3</sup>/s

### **COMPETITION RULES**

2018 ECA Canoe Slalom European Championships will be run in accordance to the ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules for the World Championships except for the rules explained in the document:

DIFFERENCES IN THE COMPETITION RULES BETWEEN ECA EUROPEAN CANOE SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ICF CANOE SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS which is available for download from the ECA website.

### **CATEGORIES**

Men: individual and team events in K1, C1, C2  
Women: individual and team events in K1, C1

### **PRESS AREAS**

Accredited media representatives will have the entry to the PRESS CENTRE. Media seats will be signed at the tribune. The interviews can be held in the mixed zone. Winner interviews (video, flash quotes) will be held here too.

### **FLASH INTERVIEWS**

The flash interviews with the winners of each category will be published and available to use after the competition. The quotes will be available in the press center, on the web [slalomtroja.cz](http://slalomtroja.cz) and on YouTube (video).

After the finals, the VIDEO interviews will be published with winners and Czech athletes. A summary video will be published after each competition day of the European championships 2018.

### **INFORMATION FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Infield photographers (other bank of the channel with limited entries) have to wear the photo vest all the time and are obliged to follow all advises by WCh Staff, and ICF officials as well as judges. Outfield photographers work around the venue according to the instructions of the organizers. The selection of 20 infield photographers will be announced and distributed every day after agreement of the media leaders in the press center. The bibs will be handed out in exchange of a deposit (200 CZK or 10 EUR) when taken from the media staff. Free wireless LAN access is available in the Press Area and in the Mixed-Zone.

New information for photographers (photo briefing) will be held every day at 8:30am before the start of the competition.

### **REFRESHMENT**





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The small snacks and refreshment will be available in the press center during the day for free. The food stands will be placed around the venue for various refreshments.

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

For the next practical information about the venue, the city of Prague or the competition, please check the web pages:

<http://slalomtroja.cz/en/general-information>

In case of additional questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

### **TRANSPORT**

There is no shuttle service available. For the transport information please check the web page:

<http://slalomtroja.cz/en/information-visitors/howget-there>

### **LIVE TV BROADCAST**

Live TV broadcast will be available on the Czech TV and on the web pages slalomtroja.cz or the Czech TV.

### **WIRELESS LAN**

Free wireless LAN access is available in the PRESS Centre  
Access code will be announced.

### **PLAN OF THE MEDIA ACTIVITIES**

- Wednesday 30. 5 - 19:30 OPENING CEREMONY, Hybernia Theatre
- Thursday 31. 5 – 10:00 PRESS CONFERENCE, Hotel Jalta
- Thursday 31. 5 – 20:00 BANQUET for the competitors at the Mayor of the City
- Friday 1.6 – 9:00 start of the qualification
- Saturday 2.6 – ca 12:00 Stepanka Hilgertova autograph session and presentation of the book – Canoe Slalom
- Sunday – closing party (19:00)

### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

For more information refer to the event website:

<http://www.slalomtroja.cz>

or

European Canoe Association website:

<https://www.canoe-europe.org>

### **Organising Committee**

Loděnice UK FTVS

Vodácká 789/8







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### **Czech Canoe Union**

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Cell: +420 602 176 916  
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### **Prague WhiteWater Center**

Boathouse and Slalom Course  
Vodácká 789/8  
171 00 Praha 7 – Troja  
Tel./fax: +420 283 850 477  
E-mail: [training@slalomtroja.cz](mailto:training@slalomtroja.cz), [wwc@seznam.cz](mailto:wwc@seznam.cz)  
Web site: <http://www.vodackyareal.cz>

### **Accommodation:**

EuroAgentur - Hotels&Travel  
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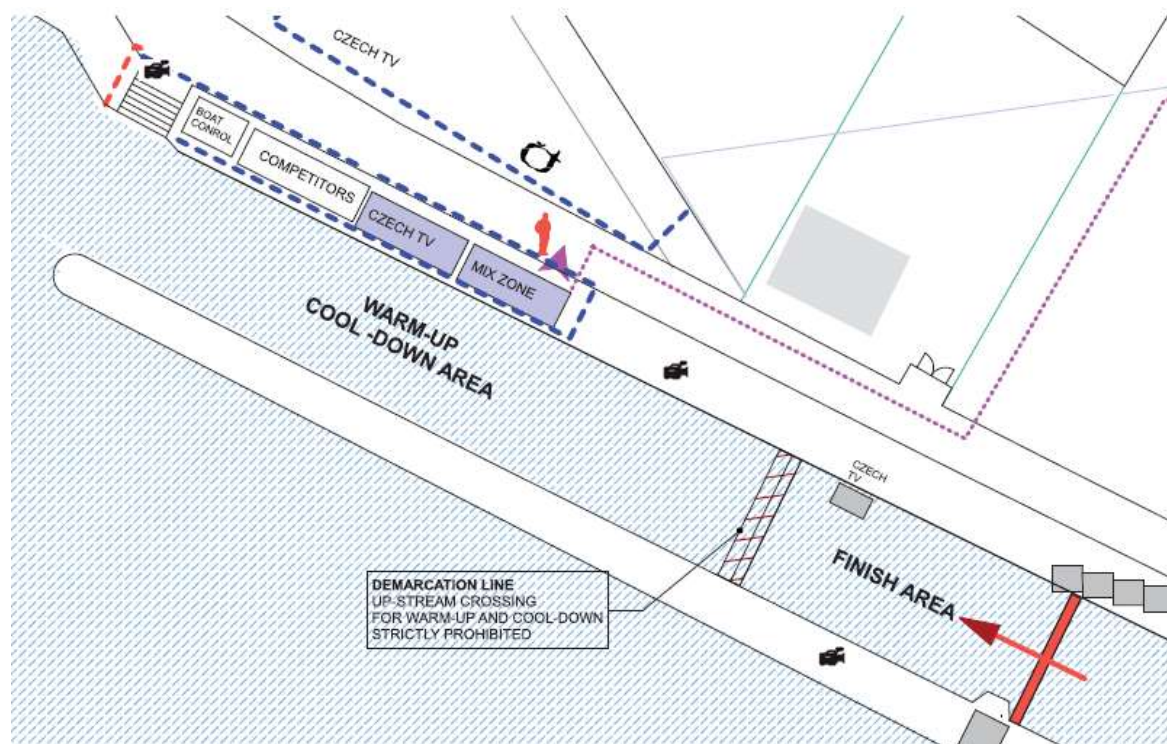


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## MAPA AREALU / PLAN OF THE VENUE

All the maps are to download on the webpages: <http://www.slalomtroja.cz/en/general-information/venue-maps>

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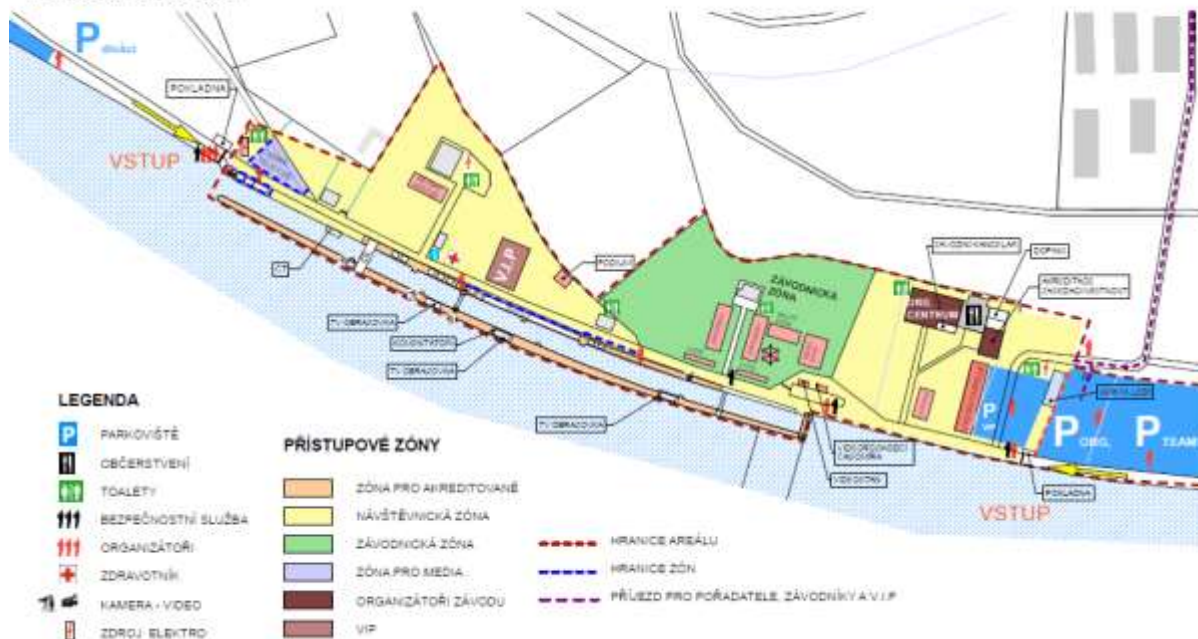


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