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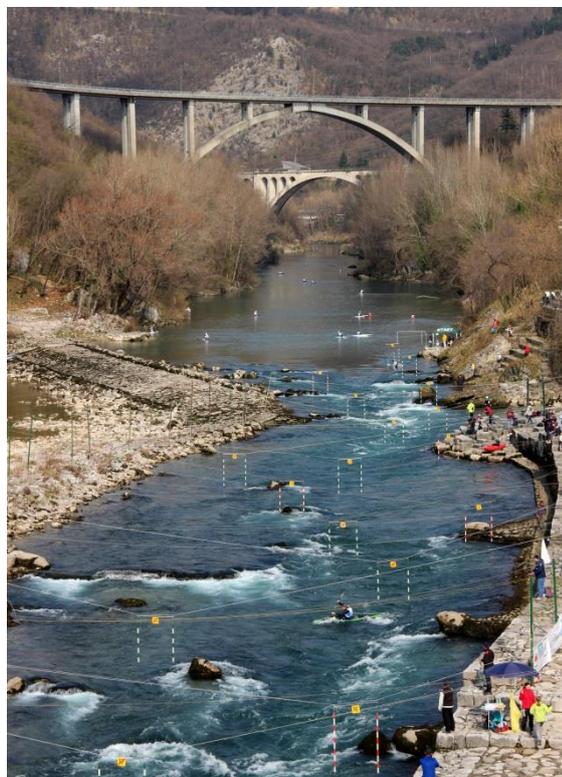
2016 ECA JUNIOR AND U23 CANOE  
SLALOM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SOLKAN - SLOVENIA

August 24-28, 2016

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## Words of welcome – Mayor of Nova Gorica

*Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Guests,*

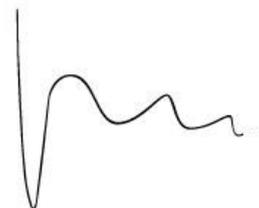


*I would like to extend a warm welcome to Nova Gorica to all the competitors, team members, guests and visitors of the 2016 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships, an important international event, which we are very glad and honoured to be hosting. It is not the first time we have such an event here, as the organisers, namely the Canoe Federation of Slovenia and the Soške Elektrarne Kayak Club, have a wide experience with international competitions. Over the past decade the Solkan Kayak Centre hosted the Junior World Championships in 2006 and the European Junior and U23 Championships in 2008 and 2012. I do believe that the upcoming championships will once again be organised with utmost professionalism.*

*I would like to invite you to use the opportunity to visit the many historical sites and treasures of nature in our region and I am sure you will enjoy the richness and variety of our delicious local cuisine and the pleasant Mediterranean climate. I am looking forward to greeting you in the Goriška Region and the Soča Valley with our hospitality at its best and our traditional cross-border cooperation.*

*Matej Arčon*

*Mayor of the Municipality of Nova Gorica*

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## Words of welcome – President of Canoe Federation of Slovenia



*A big and important sporting event is ahead of us and it is an honour to welcome all the competitors and other participants of the 2016 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships – Solkan 2016.*

*We have taken over the organisation of this big event in belief that the youth is the most important part of the sport's development. They are equally important for the sport as the sport is important for their development. This has been and will be our organisational guideline of the competitions in Solkan. Kayak centre Solkan on the Soča River is one of the most recognised wild water centres primarily intended for the development of young competitors.*

*Competitions are of course part of the sport and a necessity, but we believe that the 2016 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships – Solkan 2016 will be more than just another competition for the young athletes. We will strive to achieve they will remember this championships mostly for good company, nice moments and of course beautiful places. We hope the 2016 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships – Solkan 2016 will be an experience they will use and value not only in sports but also in private life.*

*Good luck and welcome to Solkan!*

*Andrej Ribič*

*President of the Canoe Federation of Slovenia*

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## Important key dates

### Official training period

**August 22-24, 2016**

Training in groups after registration

### Accreditation - Entries

**10/6/2016** Numerical entries deadline

**10/8/2016** Nominal entries deadline

Entries are possible only online via SPD – ICF entries system.

Entries must be made through the numerical and nominal online entry form. You must enter athletes and team members/staff.

## Facts and useful information

### Name

2016 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships

### Period

August 24-28, 2016

### Location

**Solkan, Slovenia**

**River: Soča**

**Slalom course:**

Semi artificial course

Regulated water flow

Length: 295 meters

Width: 18 – 45 m

Flow rate: 25 – 50 m<sup>3</sup>

### Organisers

European Canoe Association

Canoe Federation of Slovenia

Kayak Club Soške elektrarne

### Website

[www.socakayak.si](http://www.socakayak.si) (active from 1/5/2016)

### Email

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## Competition Rules

The 2016 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships will be organised in accordance with the ICF and ECA Slalom Racing Competition Rules.

## Categories

Men junior: K1, C1, C2

Women junior: K1, C1

Men U23: K1, C1, C2

Women U23: K1, C1

## Participation Fee

The participation fee - accreditation is 100 EUR (competitors, team leaders and team members). It includes free training 5 days prior to the competition, event organisation, technical video signal, wireless internet signal and logistic support for teams.

## Team leaders meeting

Official Team Leaders meeting will be held in the conference room in Kayak centre Solkan on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 19:00.

## International Technical Officials meeting

The first meeting of the International Technical Officials (ITO) will be held in the conference room in Kayak centre Solkan on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 14:00.

## Championships venue

Kayak centre Solkan already hosted the ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships in 2008 and 2012. We can all agree that both events were a great success. Nevertheless the organisation of the championships is an additional challenge for our organisational committee and many others taking part in realisation of this event. Once again we are preparing ourselves to carry out professional and attractive championships, accompanied by an interesting additional programme in relaxing surroundings and in pleasant natural environment.



As this is one of the most important competitions under the wing of European Canoe Association we expect the participation of the best European competitors in junior and U23 categories.

The local canoeing club built a new kayak centre in 2005 with the help of a city and the government. A modern sports centre had grown at the site of a former sawmill and paper mill also with additional help of the European funds.

Kayak centre includes a partially artificial channel in the natural channel of the river which is suitable for training at different water levels. 300 meters long track and a modern facility adjacent to it allow the organisation of any competition and training session for beginners and the best paddlers as well.

The course on the Soča River is made of stone and is 450 meters long and has a 2.7 meters fall. The water flow is controlled by hydro power plants with a lot of water coverage. The power plant is situated 750 meters up the river. The course has arranged access to water, trails for paddlers and stands for spectators. In a few years of its existence the kayak centre has become well known for popular and interesting events during the day and in the evenings, when floodlights illuminate the course which makes the venue even more attractive for the audience.

## Nova Gorica & Solkan

Goriška is a region divided between Slovenia and Italy. It stretches from the sea to the high peaks of the Alps. Proximity to the Adriatic Sea and the Alpine peaks gives it a mild climate throughout the year, making it one of the nicest places to live in.

Slovenian Goriška is a region with 112,000 inhabitants, located in the westernmost part of Slovenia. After the Second World War Nova Gorica (with 32,000 residents) became an important university, scientific, cultural, commercial and sports centre. Nova Gorica, also called the city of roses, boasts a number of hotels of all categories, small guesthouses and apartments, which are known for excellent cuisine and superb wine.

Main aorta of Goriška is the Soča River, which originates in the heart of the Julian Alps. In its almost entire 138 km length to the sea Soča River is a paradise for paddlers and other water sports enthusiasts.



Solkan is a place known for its carpentry and also canoeing. Kayakers have become active in particular before the Second World War and shortly after when they formally organised themselves into a club that still exists today. Canoe racing is here at home. Names such as Prijon, Bone, Špacal, Jug, Pellegrini, Poberaj, Abramič, Štrukelj and others have carried the good name of Solkan kayakers into the world with many world champion titles and other successes, and with their knowledge and enthusiasm to develop the wild water sport.

# Competition programme

Provisional programme of the 2016 ECA Junior and U23 Canoe Slalom European Championships  
Solkan/Nova Gorica, August 24-28, 2016.

## Sunday, 21/8

08:00 – 19:00 Nations training by schedule  
19:00 Unofficial team leaders meeting

## Monday, 22/8

08:00 – 19:00 Nations training by schedule

## Tuesday, 23/8

08:00 – 19:00 Nations training by schedule  
16:00 – 19:00 Accreditations  
19:00 Team leaders meeting

## Wednesday, 24/8

08:00 – 14:00 Nations training by schedule  
08:00 – 14:30 Equipment control  
10:00 – 15:00 Accreditations  
16:30 Demonstration runs  
20:00 **Opening ceremony**

## Thursday, 25/8

09:00 Heats – Juniors C1W, C1M, K1M  
14:00 Heats – U23 C1W, C1M, K1M

## Friday, 26/8

09:00 Heats – Juniors and U23 C2M, K1W  
14:00 Team events – C1W, C1M, K1M – juniors and U23  
18:00 **Prize giving ceremony for team events**

## Saturday, 27/8

10:00 Semifinals and finals – C1W, C1M, K1M  
16:00 Team events – C2M, K1W – juniors and U23  
18:00 **Prize giving ceremony**

## Sunday, 28/8

10:00 Semifinals and finals – C2M, K1W  
14:30 **Prize giving and closing ceremony**



## VISA requirements

The Organising Committee will assist in processing Immigration visa applications for all participants of the event. Further information can be found at

[http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/travel\\_and\\_visa\\_information/visa\\_information](http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/travel_and_visa_information/visa_information).

## Accommodation

Accommodation standards vary in quality as well as in price.  
Please contact us to help you find the best solution.

## Booking help and logistics

Please contact:  
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## Other useful information

### How to get here:

#### Location

Solkan is located in the lower part of the Soča River near town of Gorica/Gorizia. Highways, railways and International Airport are located nearby, in a radius of 30 km. Canoeing venue in Solkan is located 2 km from the City centre of Nova Gorica.

#### Transport

Teams should provide their own transport of competitors and equipment.

#### Location of airports, rail network and roads to the venue/city

Nova Gorica has a railway station connected with Ljubljana and Venice as well. The nearest airports are:

Ronchi – Trieste airport: 30 km

Ljubljana – Jože Pučnik airport: 100 km

Venice airport: 110 km

#### Arriving by car

The majority of drivers enter Slovenia by motorway. To drive on motorways in Slovenia you must have a vignette or you can face heavy fines.

More information on vignette:

[http://www.dars.si/Dokumenti/Toll/Methods\\_of\\_payment/Vehicles\\_up\\_to\\_35\\_t/Vignette\\_308.aspx](http://www.dars.si/Dokumenti/Toll/Methods_of_payment/Vehicles_up_to_35_t/Vignette_308.aspx)

## Athletes Area at the venue

A section of the public viewing place will be made available exclusively for the competitors. The separate area will be provided for the teams.



### Boat Hire: available quantity and rental fees (if required)

There are 10 boats available for hire; however they will not be the top competition models.

### Transport of athletes and officials during the competition

The transportation of competitors from the place of accommodation to the competition venue is the responsibility of the respected teams. The OC will organise the transport for the race officials on the basis of the individual needs.

### Access to transportation for leisure

Solkan is a suburb of the city of Nova Gorica. The bus stop of the city transport is approximately 350 metres away from the venue itself. The proximity of the city to the Solkan venue guarantees a number of visitors who will arrive with bicycles and by foot.

## Medical support

### Location of local hospitals

The Clinical Hospital with 24-hour medical services is 8 kilometres away. Ambulance crew and doctor will be on a standby in the area daily during the competition days. By demand we are able to provide a sport massages and therapies at the event venue for the whole duration of trainings and competitions. Sport massage and therapie services are at your own cost and not covered by the organiser.

## Security at the venue

All competitors as well as officials will have accreditation passes enabling them the access to their designated areas. General security will be delivered by a local security agency.

**We will not accept any responsibility for missing equipment and other goods.**

## Access pass and parking

Parking places will be organised. Every team will be allowed to park one van with the trailer.

## First aid

A van with first aid will be located in the competition area.

## Water safety

Rescue service in the competition area will be organised during the competition days.

## Medical Insurance

Organising Committee kindly asks all participants of the event to ensure medical insurance policy in their countries. Organising Committee will not cover any expenses in connection with hospital or dental treatment.

## Internet access

Available in most areas of the Kayak centre Solkan.

## Training

### Training Period

Training on the course is possible all year long. Training sessions for participating teams can be arranged. Please, contact the organisers:

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Kajak klub  
Soške elektrarne



NOVA GORICA



Krajevna skupnost Solkan



Kajakaška zveza Slovenije



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