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SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

The IFSC Europe Sustainability Award was launched in 2021, with the aim of helping Event Organisers find ways of reducing the impact of Events on the environment

Five events entered in time to be judged by the members of the Sustainability Working Party. We are very happy with the quality of the entries and presented accordingly the following Awards:

Silver

Belgium (Puurs - CMBEL)

France (Laval - FFME)

Switzerland (Ostermündingen – SAC)

Bronze

Austria (Klagenfurt - KVO)

Perm (Russia – CFR)

We congratulate the winners for their hard work.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We welcome 2022 with excitement for the year ahead. With a New Year comes a chance to reflect and change, which can only be fruitful with a lot of communication and interaction. With that in mind, please don't forget to update your National Federation contact details by sending an email to

europa.sg@ifsc-climbing.org

2021 was the year in which we saw our sport enter the biggest sporting event of the world. It was and is a real challenge to deliver a good and fair show but we managed, resulting in the IOC Executive Board presenting our sport as a program sport from 2028 onwards. This decision still needs to be ratified but another step has been taken and we can continue the good work in order to be ready at every edition of the Olympic Games. For Paraclimbing inclusion, the road seems a bit longer but progress is being made.

On the European level, we are excited to attack, together with the national federations, the challenges stipulated within the Strategic Plan and new ones arising. Since Figueira da Foz your new board has been busy with getting started. On January 19th and 20th we'll meet in person to work intensely on the strategic plan and the precise steps and measures to take in 2022 and the following years. All comments in preparation towards this meeting are very welcome.

Furthermore, our standard operations are continuing and the latest Sport Department updates can be found below. Our biggest event of the Year will be the European Championships in Munich for which the last details are being finalised. We hope that we can meet in person again, in Munich and on other occasions.

So, a new year has started and lots of new opportunities to grow together are ahead of us. Let's do this! #strongertogether

*Don't forget to register for the IFSC General
Assembly by 23 January 2022 and apply for an
ESTA or visa*

SPORTS NEWS

The calendar has been confirmed for 2022 and applications for the 2023 season are already being received.

The Route Setter exchange program for 2022 has begun, with the application form sent out by Mario on 11 January

The rules are being finalised with the announced modifications confirmed. Preparations are fully underway for the Event Organisers Handbook (EHO) and with regards to Munich, the qualification procedure for the Combined finals will be finalised with IFSC.

Paraclimbing - please email us (Europe.sg@ifsc-climbing.org) if your Federation is intending on running any open National Paraclimbing events. A full list of scheduled events can be found here: <https://paraclimbing.org/events/>

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IFSC Europe, Plenary Assembly, Figueria da Foz, November 2021



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