



32nd European Water Polo Championships
from the 10th to the 23rd of January 2016
Belgrade, Kombank Arena

WELCOME TO BELGRADE



Serbia and Belgrade will have the honour to host the 32nd European Water Polo Championships, which will be held from the 10th to the 23rd of January 2016 in the Kombank Arena. A total of 16 men's and 12 women's teams will compete through an innovative system of competition at this tournament. The best placed teams will qualify directly for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

We proved our skills in organising large sports competitions on several occasions. Belgrade was the host of the:

1. First World Water Polo Championship in 1973
2. FINA Cup 2002
3. World League 2005
4. European Championship 2006
5. European Junior Championship 2008
6. Universiade 2009
7. Water Polo Championship League –“Final Four” 2013



MEET BELGRADE

Belgrade is situated in the heart of the Balkan Peninsula, at the intersection of roads connecting Eastern and Western Europe and on the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. Belgrade is the city of culture, inspiration, sports and festivals. The Serbian capital is a quickly changing and developing city. Some of the most attractive locations are: The Belgrade Fortress –the oldest cultural and historical monument, Skadarlija –the bohemian quarter, Knez Mihailova Street, the Old and New Royal Court, the Parliament and the Temple of St. Sava.



KOMBANK ARENA

The Kombank Arena is designed as a universal hall for sport, cultural events and other programmes. The Kombank Arena has a seating capacity of 20 000 - 25 000, depending on the event being held. Since its official opening in 2007, “Kombank Arena” has hosted: The Eurovision Song Contest, Universiade, Davis Cup, Fed Cup, World Basketball League and the Volleyball World League.



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TECHNICALITIES OF MAKING A SWIMMING POOL

The installation of the pool will begin on December 27th 2015 and will be completed by January 4th 2016. Filling the pool with water is scheduled for January 4th 2016, when 1386m³ of water will be poured into the swimming pool. The training pool holds 750m³ of water. The filling and heating of the water will last for 36 hours.



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The 32nd European Championships will be the largest ever held and the greatest sports event in Serbia in 2016

- For the purposes of the Championships, two temporary pools will be installed in the Kombank Arena
- For the first time in history men's and women's matches will be played intermittently at one venue on the same day
- For the first time in history 16 men's and 12 women's national teams will participate at the European Water Polo Championships

• 100 matches, 56 in men's and 44 in women's category, will be played at this event

- 16 men's teams will be divided into four groups and 12 women's teams into two group
- More than half of the matches will be broadcasted live by RTS in HD technology (Serbian Broadcasting Corporation)

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HOTELS

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

1. Hotel Crowne Plaza Belgrade
2. In Hotel Belgrade
3. Radisson Blu Old Mill Hotel



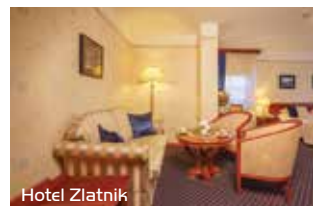
MEDIA

1. Jump Inn Hotel
2. Hotel Park
3. Tulip Inn Hotel Belgrade



FRIENDS, FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS

1. Falkensteiner Hotel Belgrade
2. Hotel Park
3. Hotel Zlatnik

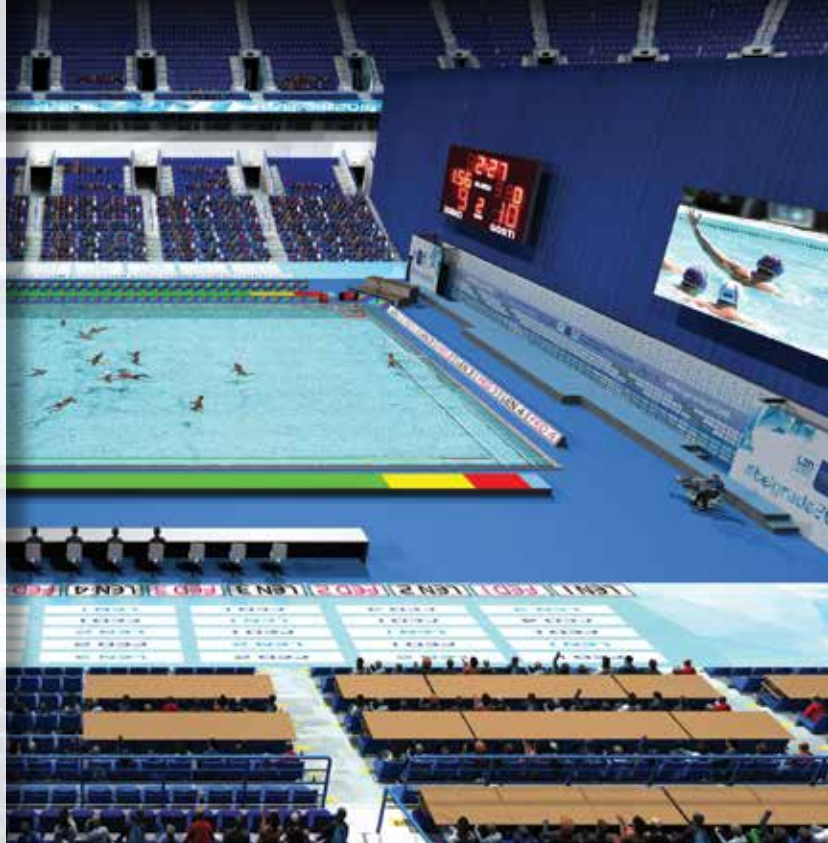


MEDIA

Members of the media will enjoy working in a very modern media centre located in the Kombank Arena. The Media Centre is designed to enable smooth reporting during the competition. The Media Workroom will be large enough to accommodate all members of the press, with modern work stations equipped with power outlets and internet connections.

The Media Workroom is close to the Mixed Zone and the Press tribune, which will enable efficient reporting of the European Water Polo Championships Belgrade 2016. Photographers will enjoy a variety of photo positions both on the field of play and in the seating bowl, guaranteeing spectacular photos of the competition.

All members of the press will have the opportunity to enjoy the media lounge and complimentary refreshments will be available in the Media Workroom.





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