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2026 World Rowing Under 19 Championships

6th - 9th August 2026

Plovdiv, Bulgaria

WELCOME



2026 World Rowing Under 19 Championships, Plovdiv, Bulgaria



Jean-Christophe Rolland
President, World Rowing

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2026 World Rowing Under 19 Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Plovdiv has become a true staple of the international Rowing calendar. Only a few months before these Championships, the city will also host the World Rowing Cup II, further strengthening its reputation as one of our sport's most reliable and inspiring venues. Athletes, coaches, and fans alike know that Plovdiv offers not only excellent racing conditions, but also a warm and vibrant atmosphere that makes every event memorable.

The World Rowing Under 19 Championships are always a highlight of our season, as they represent the future of Rowing. Here in Plovdiv, the world's most promising young athletes will take their first steps on the global stage, and we will witness the passion, talent, and determination that will shape the next generation of our sport.

On behalf of World Rowing, I extend my gratitude to the Organising Committee, the Bulgarian Rowing Federation, and the City of Plovdiv for their dedication and commitment to delivering yet another world-class event. I also wish all athletes the very best as they take on this important milestone in their careers.

We look forward to a week of exciting racing, new friendships, and lasting memories here in Plovdiv.

Jean-Christophe Rolland
President, World Rowing

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of Jean-Christophe Rolland.

WELCOME



**Ivan
Popov**

Chairman of the 2026
World Rowing Under 19
Championships
Organising Committee

Dear rowing friends,

It is my great pleasure and honour to invite you to the 2026 World Rowing Under 19 Championships, which will take place in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Plovdiv has a strong tradition of hosting world-class rowing events and is once again ready to provide an excellent setting for the next generation of rowing talent. With its outstanding regatta venue and welcoming atmosphere, the city is prepared to ensure a memorable experience for all athletes, teams, and guests.

The Under 19 Championships are a celebration of youth, skill, and international connection. We believe this event will offer young rowers the opportunity to give their best, demonstrate commitment and determination, and create lasting memories. We are committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and positive environment for all.

We look forward to seeing you in Plovdiv in August 2026 for an inspiring and unforgettable championship.



ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Honorary Committee

Minister of Youth and Sports
Plovdiv Regional Governor
Mayor of Plovdiv
President of the Bulgarian
Rowing Federation

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Kostadin Dimitrov

Svilen Neykov

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Zlatko Iliev

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Todor Stoilov
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Daniel Hristov

☎ Mob: +359 894 322 282

✉ info@plovdivrowing.com
🌐 www.plovdivrowing.com

📍 Regatta Course address:
Park "Otdih i kultura"/
Regatta Venue, Plovdiv
4002, Bulgaria

📍 GPS coordinates
Boat house area:
42°09'02.1"N 24°43'05.2"E

Finish tower:
42°08'54.0"N 24°42'58.3"E

BULGARIA & PLOVDIV



About Bulgaria

Bulgaria is located in Southeastern Europe, occupying the eastern part of the Balkan Peninsula. Founded in the 7th century, it is one of the oldest countries on the European continent.

Covering 111,000 square kilometers and with a population of over 5 million, Bulgaria is known for its geographical and cultural diversity. Its landscapes range from vast plains and valleys to low and high mountains, deep gorges, and beautiful sandy beaches along the Black Sea coast.

Bulgaria attracts visitors with its stunning natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, architecture, and ancient history. The capital city, Sofia, is a vibrant metropolis that blends modern life with historic landmarks and serves as a cultural and economic hub in the region.

About Plovdiv

Plovdiv is the second-largest city in Bulgaria and one of its most important cultural and economic centers. Situated on both banks of the Maritsa River in the Upper Thracian Valley, it covers an area of 101.98 square kilometers and is home to about 338,000 people.

Plovdiv is a strategic industrial, commercial, scientific, and transportation hub in the Balkans. The city and its surroundings are rich in cultural, archaeological, historical, and natural attractions. Throughout the year, it hosts a variety of festivals, concerts, and cultural events.

One of the Oldest Cities in Europe

Plovdiv is among the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe and was named the oldest city in Europe and the sixth oldest in the world. Nestled in southern Bulgaria, it is a leading



destination for culture, religion, wine, and shopping. With a heritage spanning eight archaeological periods, Plovdiv is a living museum of world history.

Historic names such as Kendros, Eumolpia, and Philippopolis reflect its rich past. The name "Plovdiv" first appeared in the 7th century and remains to this day. The city is famous for its charming Old Town, where colorful 19th century mansions house museums, galleries, and guesthouses. A must-see is the stunning 2nd-century Roman Amphitheater, still used for performances today.

Cultural Life in Plovdiv

Plovdiv's cultural calendar is vibrant year-round. Highlights include Opera Open, the International Folklore Festival, and the Music Days in Balabanov House. The Ancient Theatre serves as a spectacular venue for many top-level concerts and performances.

Built on seven hills, Plovdiv also offers great opportunities for sports and leisure. Enjoy the romantic atmosphere at the Singing Fountains, or take a stroll along the Main Pedestrian Street - one of the longest in Europe - lined with elegant architecture and boutiques.

The city is a paradise for wine lovers, regularly hosting renowned wine events. Thanks to its central location, Plovdiv is the perfect base for day trips to nearby attractions such as Bachkovo Monastery, the Rhodopes, the Rose Valley, and the Valley of the Thracian Kings.



ACCOMMODATION



VMI-MEDICAL CLINIC
Closest to the
Venue



SPECTATOR
PARKING



CATEGORY I



CATEGORY II



CATEGORY III



LOW COST



CENTRAL
BUS STATION



TRAIN
STATION



AIRPORT



PICK UP/
DROP OFF
BUS STATION

ACCOMMODATION



All quoted prices are in Euro, per person, per day, on full board basis, airport transfers and local shuttle bus services are provided.

HOTEL/ 1st CATEGORY

	Room Type	Distance to the Venue	Driving time to the Venue	Price per Person
Landmark				
Creek Hotel/ 4 star	Single	2 km	5 min	240 €
	Twin/Double			174 €
DoubleTree by Hilton	Single	6 km	16 min	240 €
	Twin/Double			174 €
Hotel Imperial/ 4 star	Single	6.5 km	18 min	240 €
	Twin/Double			174 €

HOTEL/ 2nd CATEGORY

	Room Type	Distance to the Venue	Driving time to the Venue	Price per Person
Ramada Plovdiv				
Trimontium/ 4 star	Single	5.5 km	15 min	195 €
	Twin/Double			145 €
Park Hotel Sankt Peterburg/ 4 star	Single	4 km	10 min	195 €
	Twin/Double			145 €
Leipzig Hotel/ 4 star	Single	5.5 km	15 min	195 €
	Twin/Double			145 €
Youth Center Regatta Venue/ 3 star	Single	0 km	0 min	190 €
	Twin/Double			140 €
Park Hotel Plovdiv/ 3 star	Single	7 km	25 min	190 €
	Twin/Double			140 €
Hotel SPS/ 4 star	Single	7 km	25 min	190 €
	Twin/Double			140 €

HOTELS/ 3rd CATEGORY

	Room Type	Distance to the Venue	Driving time to the Venue	Price per Person
A&M Hotel/ 3 star	Single			160 €
	Twin/Double	6 km	20 min	120 €
	Triple			115 €
Urban Hotel/ 3 star	Single			155 €
	Twin/Double	7 km	25 min	115 €
	Triple			110 €

Low cost

	Room Type	Distance to the Venue	Driving time to the Venue	Price per Person
Intelcoop Hotel	Twin/Double	8 km	30 min	110 €
	Triple			90 €

Extra costs

The OC does not take responsibility for any extra services of the hotel, such as minibar, telephone, parking, etc. These costs are to be paid directly to the hotel.

BOOKING

Member federations should book their team's accommodation through the Organising committee not later than, 6th May 2026.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

A deposit of 50% of the total amount is required not later than, 6th June 2026.
The remaining balance is to be paid by 6th July, 2026.

CANCELATION POLICY

All cancellations in part or full must be in writing and notified to the OC accommodation department.
Refunds will be considered on the following basis:

- Notification before 6th May, 2026 - no cancellation fee.
- Notification between 6th May, 2026 to 6th June, 2026 - 90% refund of the total cost of the accommodation
- Notification between 6th June, 2026 to 6th July, 2026 – 50% refund of the total cost of accommodation
- Notification for full cancellation after 6th July, 2026 or no show – no refund.

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Bank transfer in EURO

SDRUJENIE “ORGANISAZIONEN KOMITET GRE-BANE”
IBAN: BG44DEMI92401400065077
SWIFT CODE: DEMIBGSF
Bank: D COMMERCE BANK AD,
PLOVDIV BRANCH /154, 6th SEPTEMBER BLVD.
4000 PLOVDIV, BULGARIA

The currency of the account is in EURO, so please make sure that your payment is in EURO. Please do not forget about the transaction fees. It is your responsibility to pay these extras when transferring money to our bank account.

Payment at the OC office in the permanent building at the Venue (additional accommodation changes only):
Payment due to additional accommodation changes is possible also upon Member Federation's arrival either in cash – EURO or by credit card (VISA, VISA ELECTRON, MASTERCARD, MAESTRO).

REGATTA VENUE



Nestled in the heart of Europe's oldest city, the Plovdiv Regatta Venue combines natural beauty with state-of-the-art design, offering an unforgettable experience for athletes and spectators alike.

TECHNICAL PARAMETERS OF THE REGATTA COURSE

- ▶ total length of the artificial water channel is 2 220 m
- ▶ total width is 133 m
- ▶ depth of the channel is about 3,0 m
- ▶ 8 lanes of 12.5 m width marked with Albano system
- ▶ asphalt road around the course 5 km long
- ▶ 4 launching pontoons
- ▶ protected against wind alongside the course from start to finish
- ▶ start bridge with 8 start fingers
- ▶ the entire venue is wheelchair accessible

FINISH TOWER

Provides the perfect conditions for all activities connected with race operations:

- ▶ five floors air conditioned
- ▶ timing and sport presentation operation center
- ▶ TV camera support structure

SPECTATOR AREA

- ▶ grandstands for up to 1800 seats
- ▶ parking facility
- ▶ food and beverage sales points
- ▶ information services
- ▶ merchandising and marketplace
- ▶ medical services
- ▶ dedicated area for wheelchair users at the grandstands
- ▶ ceremonies in front of grandstands
- ▶ free access to Internet

TRAINING CAMPS

The venue is available for pre-competition training camps.

For inquiries please contact the Organising Committee at info@plovdivrowing.com

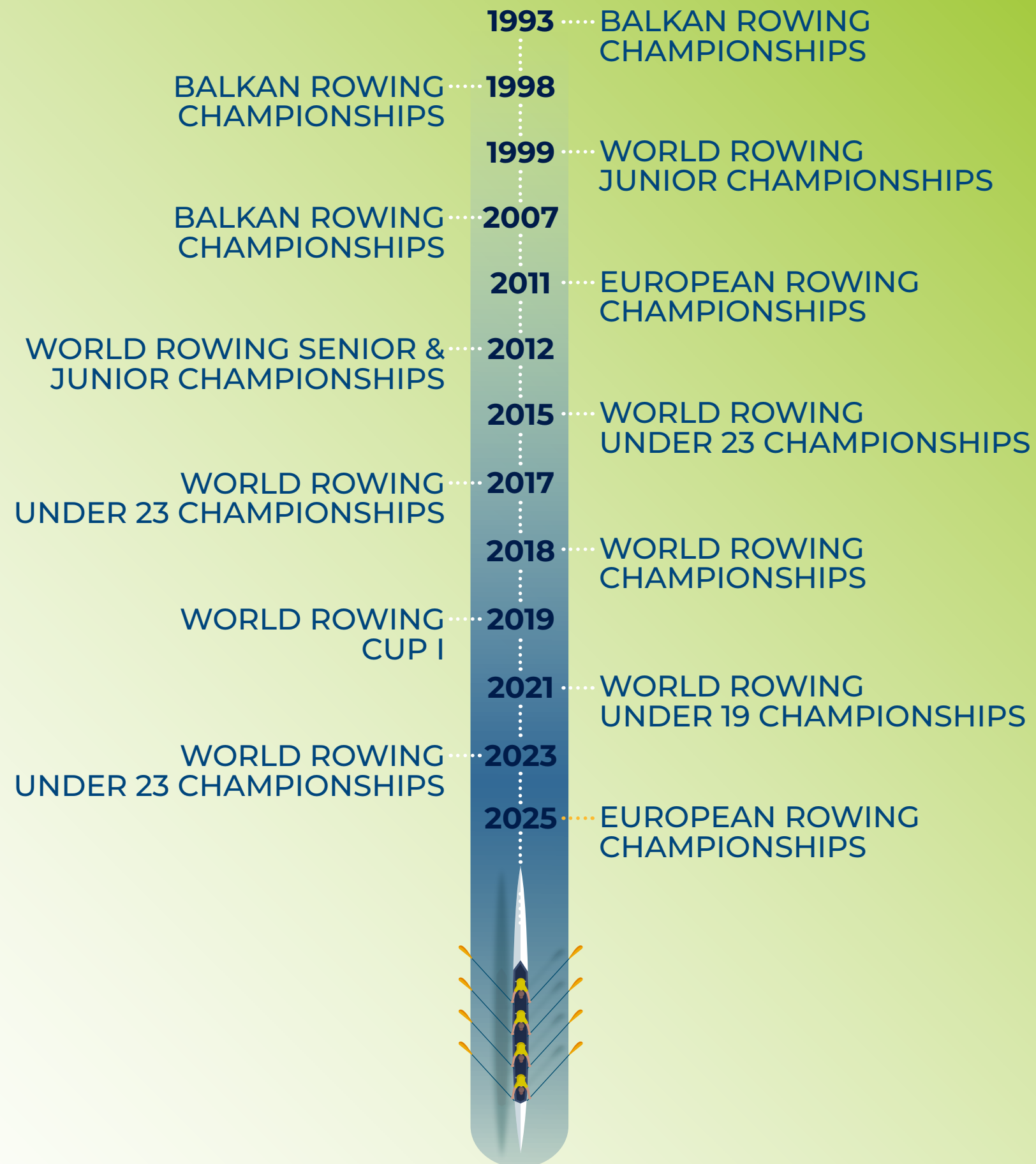


1. START
2. BRIDGE
3. RESTURANTS
4. PERMANENT GRANDSTAND SEATS
5. TECHNICAL BUILDING
WR AND OC OFFICES,
PRESS CENTER,
PRESS GRANDSTANDS,
VIP SERVICES AND GRANDSTANDS
6. FINISH TOWER
7. LAUNCHING PONTOONS

8. PERMANENT BOATHOUSES,
WEIGHTING, REST AREA,
CHANGING / SHOWERS,
MEDICAL FACILITIES, DOPING,
MASSAGE, INFORMATION CENTER,
ACCOMMODATION,
TRANSPORTATION CENTER
9. ACCREDITATION
10. TEAM BUS DROP OFF
11. BOAT RACKS
12. TRAILER PARKING



MAJOR EVENTS HELD IN PLOVDIV



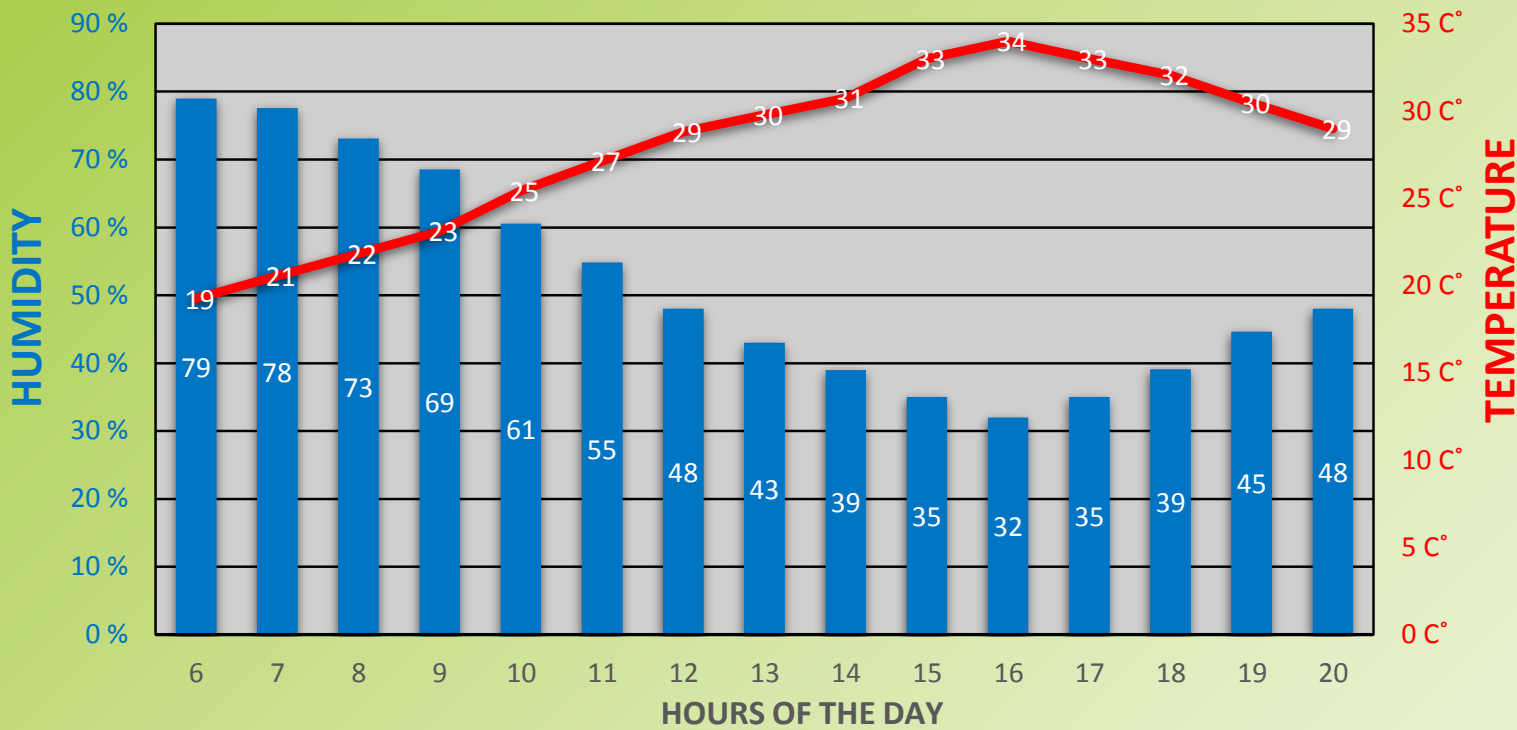
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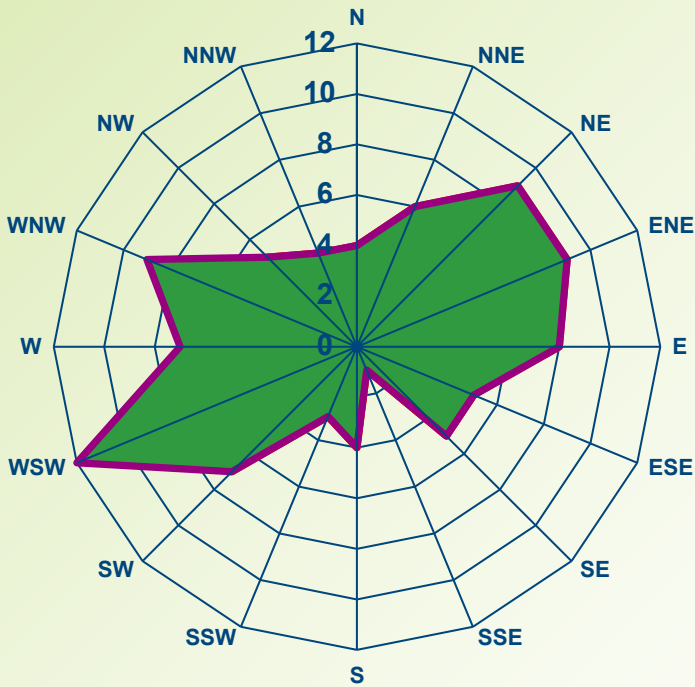
GENERAL INFORMATION METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS
Regatta course, Plovdiv, 1-15 AUGUST, 2021-2025
Altitude above sea level ~ 167m.



Humidity and Temperature, Plovdiv
Average over period 1 - 15 August, 2021-2025



AVERAGE WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION, 1-15 AUGUST, 2021-2025
Distribution of wind directions %



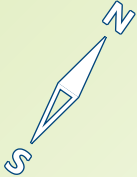
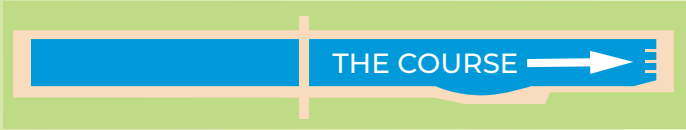
Distribution of wind direction in Plovdiv, 1-15 AUGUST, 2021-2025

N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	calm
5%	12%	13%	6%	4%	16%	22%	10.00%	11.50%

Distribution of wind speed

Calm	0-1 m/s	1-4 m/s	4-9 m/s	> 9 m/s
11.50%	22%	52.00%	11.00%	3.50%

Day (in 2026)	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylength
August 1	6:13	20:40	14:26:11
August 2	6:14	20:38	14:24:01
August 3	6:15	20:37	14:21:49
August 4	6:16	20:36	14:19:36
August 5	6:18	20:35	14:17:21
August 6	6:19	20:34	14:15:04
August 7	6:20	20:32	14:12:45
August 8	6:21	20:31	14:10:25
August 9	6:22	20:30	14:08:04
August 10	6:23	20:28	14:05:41
August 11	6:24	20:27	14:03:16
August 12	6:25	20:26	14:00:50
August 13	6:26	20:24	13:58:23
August 14	6:27	20:23	13:55:55
August 15	6:28	20:21	13:53:26



USEFUL INFO



The Plovdiv regatta venue is conveniently located within the city, adjacent to the Maritsa River, making it easily accessible by rail, road, and public transport services, which operate year-round.

BY AIR

Plovdiv is served by two international airports:

- **Sofia International Airport:** www.sofia-airport.eu – Approximately 90 minutes by car (140 km). The airport is near highway A1/E80, which leads directly to Plovdiv.
- **Plovdiv International Airport:** www.plovdivairport.com – Approximately 20 minutes by car (12 km southeast of Plovdiv).

BY ROAD

Plovdiv can be reached by taking highway A1/E80 from Sofia, a distance of about 140 km or approximately 90 minutes driving time.

It also lies on the European Transport Corridors:

- **No IV:** Dresden – Prague – Bratislava – Győr – Budapest – Arad – Craiova – Sofia – Plovdiv – Istanbul, with a diversion connecting Sofia – Kulata – Thessaloniki.
- **No VIII:** Durrës – Tirana – Kaftan/Kafasan – Skopje – Deve Bair – Gyueshevo – Sofia – Plovdiv – Burgas – (Varna).

BY TRAIN/BUS

- **By Train:** Plovdiv can be reached by train from Sofia in about 3 hours.
- **By Bus:** There is regular bus service from Sofia Central Bus Station to Plovdiv, taking approximately 2.5 hours.

ACCESS



Bulgaria and the Schengen Area

As of 31 March 2024, Bulgaria is part of the Schengen Area for air and sea travel. This means that border checks at airports and ports between Bulgaria and other Schengen countries have been removed. Participants arriving by land from Romania should note that border checks will remain in place until 1 January 2025.

Short Stays (Up to 90 Days)

Teams attending the 2026 World Rowing Under 19 Championships and staying in Bulgaria fall under the short-stay visa category.

If you are a citizen of a visa-exempt country, you do not need a visa to enter Bulgaria for up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

If you are a citizen of a country that requires a visa, you must apply for a Schengen short-stay visa (Type C). This visa allows travel within the entire Schengen Area, including Bulgaria.

A full list of countries whose citizens, holders of ordinary passports, require/do not require visas to enter Bulgaria can be found here: <https://www.mfa.bg/en/services-travel/consular-services/travel-bulgaria/visa-bulgaria>

You can check whether you need a visa here: <https://www.mfa.bg/en>
Important: If you require a visa, please apply at least one month in advance.

If you need a Visa Invitation Letter, contact us at:
info@plovdivrowing.com

VISA REQUIREMENTS



THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE VENUE:
Monday, 3rd August 2026

TRAINING DAYS:
Monday, 3rd August - Wednesday, 5th August 2026

RACING DAYS
Thursday, 6th – Sunday, 9th August 2026

The provisional racing programme (including the events offered*) for the Championships will be published on www.worldrowing.com

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Teams and officials who have booked accommodation through the Plovdiv Organising Committee (OC) will be offered transportation between Sofia International Airport / Plovdiv International Airport and Plovdiv free of charge.

Important: This service must be requested in advance by submitting a form to: transport@plovdivrowing.com no later than **5th July, 2026**.

Teams or officials arranging their own accommodation must contact the OC separately if they require airport transfers. In such cases, the service will be provided for an additional fee.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

The Plovdiv Organising Committee will provide regular shuttle service connecting the official hotels and the regatta venue during training and competition days.

- For teams and officials accommodated via the OC, this service is free of charge during the official training and racing period.
- Please note: A fee will apply for shuttle service before the official opening of the venue.

TEAM VEHICLES AND PARKING

Due to limited parking at the venue, only teams accommodated through the OC will be granted vehicle access to the venue.

- All participants are expected to use the official transport system.
- Only vehicles with valid parking permits will be allowed entry into the regatta venue.

To request a parking pass, please email:

transport@plovdivrowing.com

For any additional transport-related queries, feel free to contact us at:

transport@plovdivrowing.com

TRANSPORT



Medical service will be provided in the medical centre with the World Rowing and OC Doctor on site

- Medical service, on water security and rescue will be provided during all training and racing times.
- First Aid service will be provided in the medical centre marked with a red cross inside the boat house area.

Nearest hospital: "St. George" University Multi-profile Hospital for Active Treatment

Located: 2,5 km /6 min. driving time/ from the Regatta venue;

Operational times: 24 hours

Address: 66 Peshtersko Shosse Blvd, Plovdiv

Telephone /base 1/: + 359 32 602 211

Telephone /base 2/: +359 32 602 911

Emergency: In case of a medical emergency, immediately call the national emergency number **112**.

Insurance:

As per Rule 16 of the World Rowing Rules of Racing, it is the responsibility of each Member Federation to ensure that all official participants of the 2026 World Rowing Under 19 Championships, including rowers and team officials, have adequate medical and accident insurance, as well as insurance covering liability, property and equipment.

Any costs of medical care for any official participant that are for anything other than regular care, shall be covered by the respective member federation's medical policy. The Organising Committee does not accept any responsibility for such costs.

MEDICAL SERVICES



Bike rental: 15,00 euros per day

Tent rental: 40,00 euros per day/ 45 euros including 2 chairs and table

For more information, please contact us at: info@plovdivrowing.com

BIKE RENTAL TENT RENTAL



Teams that book their accommodation through the Organising Committee will be provided with full board:

- Breakfast and dinner will be served at the official hotels
- Lunch will be available at the official hotels and at the regatta venue

To ensure appropriate meal planning, please inform us of any food allergies or dietary restrictions by **6th July, 2026**.

Catering guidelines must be submitted to the Organising Committee no later than **6th July, 2026** at: catering@plovdivrowing.com

CATERING



The venue is available for pre-competition training camps.

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TRAINING CAMPS



ACCREDITATION

All media accreditations must be made through the World Rowing platform: <https://worldrowing.com/media-centre/>.

ACCOMMODATION

Plovdiv offers a wide variety of accommodation options. Should you require any further information, please contact us at accommodation@plovdivrowing.com.

MEDIA CENTRE

The media centre will be located in the permanent grandstand building; tabled media grandstand seats close to the finish line will be available.

MEDIA FACILITIES



The World Rowing Family Grandstand is a grandstand area that is designated for the families and close friends of the participating rowers, offering them a prime position close to the finish line and victory ceremonies.

Tickets are sold and distributed exclusively via the Member Federations and are available at a price of **80,00 euros** per ticket valid for all racing days of the event - **Thursday, 6th August – Sunday, 9th August 2026**

The number of seats on the World Rowing Family Grandstand is limited, so tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The public spectators' grandstand offers non-numbered seats free of charge. It is located next to the permanent grandstand building.

WR FAMILY GRANDSTANDS



THANK YOU!
Looking forward to
seeing you in Plovdiv!



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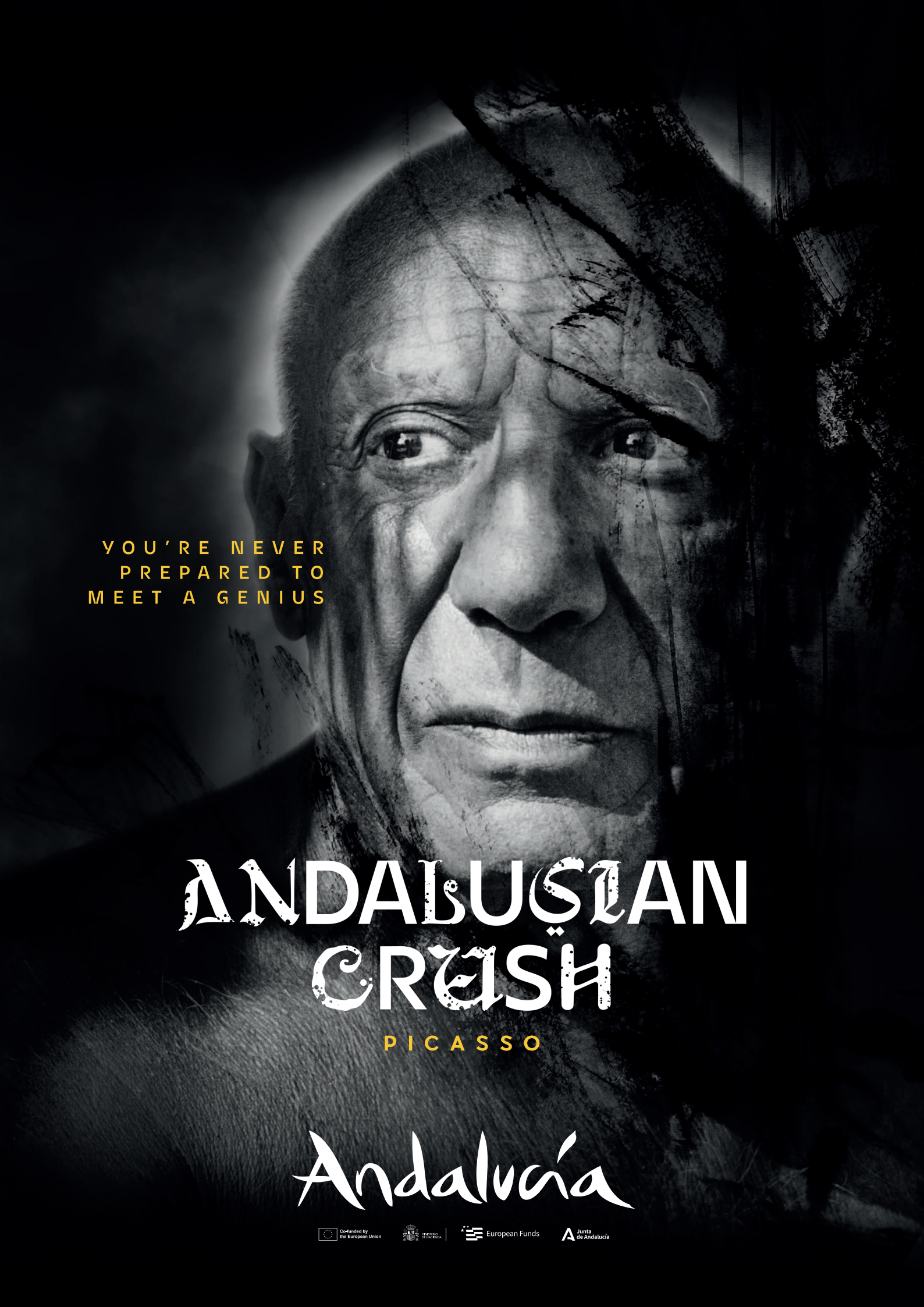
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