



2020 ESF Congress took place in Vilnius

28 member Federations of the European Softball Federation gathered in Vilnius, Lithuania, for the general ESF Congress. The second edition of the WBSC Europe Congress also took place on Saturday, February the 8th, 2020.



A Draw of [Championship Pools](#) was made during the General Congress. Participants of the Women's Championship, Men's Championships and U-15 Women's Championships now know their opponents for the first few days of each tournament. A new Women's Championship system was introduced.

Drawing 2020	
Men's European Championship	
Pool A	Pool B
CZE	NED
GBR	DEN
BEL	ISR
GER	CRO
SWE	SVK
FRA	LTU

The New [Media Coverage Manual](#) that is intended to increase the quality of official tournaments coverage is out. Organizers of all Cups and Championships will be in an easier position now, having everything planned already, only following this guide in cooperation with ESF Communications Director.



There were four new inductees to the ESF [Hall of Fame](#): Rebecca Soumeru, Jesper Panduro, Robert Kessler, Libby Moss!

The ESF President Gabriel Waage prepared two special awards, as he does each year. The first award went to the Spanish Federation for taking special care of the first-ever European Masters Cup.

The second award was given to the former ESF Communications Director Helena Novotna for her contribution to Softball in Europe over the last five years she's spent with the ESF.

The Netherlands were awarded by Little League and also by Pony award. Pony also awarded Russia.



Elda Ghilardi from Italy was named the new ESF Communications Director.

Elda Ghilardi has been helping the ESF with graphics over the last two years. In 2019 she was on the media team of the Men's Worlds Championship where she showcased her skills and enthusiasm. She was in charge of social media of the event and recorded a gret impact. [Read more...](#)

The position of the ESF Communications Director is now in the phase of transition. For any communications with the Communications department please use both hnovotna@europeansoftball.org and eghilardi@europeansoftball.org Thank you for understanding.

We updated all of our official tournaments on our Facebook page!

[Check our events out!](#)

2020 photo contest winners are:

- Gennaro Campagnano;
- Marco Pugliese;
- Sunshine Santos Haw.



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