

Dear colleagues,

Preparations for the **6<sup>th</sup> European Physics Olympiad** are in full swing and we would like to share some important details with you. In less than 4 weeks the teams will arrive in Ljubljana. Registration is closed and we are proud to announce that we will host 187 students from 38 countries. We have just reached our limits and have not turned away any of the registered teams:

Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Moldova, Norway, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Vietnam and Slovenia.

EuPhO 2022 will be completely live, so there is no possibility of online participation and unfortunately we cannot accept any other teams than the ones mentioned above.

## Important information

- On the home page ([www.eupho2022.si](http://www.eupho2022.si)) of the EuPhO 2022 website, you will find two online forms; one for registering each participant and one for entering team arrival and departure dates and times. Both should be completed by **May 8**:
  - The online form for entering participant information (REGISTRATION - NAMES!) should be completed individually for each person. Among other information, we ask for a portrait photo of each participant and the number of the passport or ID card. We need the former for the ID cards, which will also allow you to use public buses during EuPhO, and the latter for the preparation of the registration in the hotel.

The photo must be renamed according to the instructions in the online form before you upload it, and it must be in JPG or PNG format, the image should have the ratio 3:4.
  - The online form for entering the arrival and departure date and time can be filled only once for the whole team. If some members of the team are arriving or departing separately, please fill out this form more than once, indicating each time how many people belong to each group.
- Invoices for the registration fee have been issued and you should have received them. If you have not received the invoice, let us know so we can check where the problem is. We would like to remind you that the deadline for payment is **May 8**.
- Since the Opening Ceremony is on Friday, you may want to know when a good time to arrive in Ljubljana is. Buses to the Opening Ceremony leave at 17:30 p.m. and you

will need some time to check into your rooms, so it is a good idea to arrive before 16:30. Landing at the Ljubljana airport before 15:00 should be sufficient. However, those of you arriving later can go directly to the site of the opening ceremony (it starts at 18:00). The welcome dinner will be held at the place of the opening ceremony, not at the hotel. So it is advisable to go there even if you arrive a little late. The dinner starts at 19:00 and the buses back to the hotel leave at 21:00.

- The closing ceremony (on Tuesday) will begin at 10:00 at the Culture and Congress centre (buses will depart from the hotel at 9:20) and is expected to end at 12:00. After the closing ceremony, the farewell lunch will be served at the closing ceremony venue and the buses will return to the hotel at 13:30. Those of you who leave earlier will have to take your luggage to the Closing Ceremony and will go directly from the closing ceremony venue to the airport/train station. The distance from the convention centre to the train station is 1.2 km, i.e. 20 minutes on foot or 5 minutes by cab or shuttle. The trip from the congress centre to Ljubljana airport takes less than 40 minutes, with a shuttle probably 30 minutes. To get from the hotel to Ljubljana airport, it takes less than 30 minutes by bus or shuttle.
- We will provide transportation from/to the airport and train/bus station..
- If you need a letter of invitation to apply for a visa (if you need a visa to enter Slovenia), please let us know as soon as possible your full name (as indicated in the documents), date of birth and passport number so that we can prepare the letter and send it to you.
- We expect team leaders to have their own laptops for task translation.

## Eligibility requirements

We would just like to remind you that each country can send a team of up to 5 students and a leader; observers and/or visitors are also welcome. The host country is entitled to send a second team. Contestants should not have started their university studies yet and should not be older than 20 years on June 30, 2022. Under the current definition, we consider a high school in which students have more than one-third of the lectures (on average per year) on topics in physics or mathematics to be equivalent to a university. However, if there are students on your team who come from schools that do not meet this criterion, but you feel that these students have not received university-level physics courses, please contact the head of the Academic Committee to find a fair solution.

## Hospitality and venues

We will provide meals, lodging and transportation from noon Friday, May 20, to 14:00 Tuesday, May 24. Transportation from/to the airport or train/bus station will be provided as early as Friday morning and also on Tuesday afternoon. Most of the participants will

be accommodated in the M hotel ([www.m-hotel.si/](http://www.m-hotel.si/)), where the translation of the problems will also take place. Some observers will be accommodated in a hotel nearby, about 800 m from the M hotel. The competition will be held at the Faculty of Education ([www.pef.uni-lj.si/12.html](http://www.pef.uni-lj.si/12.html))

**Important: Covid-19 note**

Although for now it looks like life in Slovenia will continue as if Covid 19 does not exist (the only restriction is the use of face masks in health facilities or pharmacies), the rules could change if the infection rate, which has been steadily falling for about a month, starts to rise again. We do not fear that the Olympiad could be jeopardised because of a possible new wave of Covid 19, but in a worst-case scenario, some restrictions could be imposed. So it is still advisable to follow the current situation of Covid 19 epidemic in Slovenia, the measures and regulations proposed by the National Institute of Public Health and implemented by the Slovenian government, etc. All this can be found (with a delay of a few days) at: [www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/](http://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/).

The situation may change and compliance with RV conditions will significantly reduce the possibility of complications when entering Slovenia or participating in planned EuPhO activities.

For more information about the Olympiad, please visit [www.eupho2022.si](http://www.eupho2022.si). We look forward to seeing you all in Ljubljana!

With best regards,



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