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The 11th Eurogym will take place in Liège, Belgium
15-19 July 2018





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The EUROGYM comes back to Belgium. After Gent/Gand, in 2006, the European Youth Festival – EUROGYM - will be held in Liège in 2018!

The Technical Committee of Gymnastics for All (TC GfA) of UEG is very happy to invite the European gymnastics family to come to Liège for the 11th edition of the EUROGYM and for the 1st edition of the European Gym for Life Challenge (EGFL).

The historical city of Liège has the venues, the services, the beauty and the charm to host a fantastic EUROGYM and an extraordinary EGFL in 2018!

The TC GfA knows that the Local Organizing Committee, the Belgium Gymnastics Federation, the Regional Gymnastics Association, the local authorities and the local clubs are preparing an unforgettable Gymnastics week!

Dear friends,
You cannot miss this great Gymnastics Festival!
In Liège you will feel again the enthusiasm, the friendship and the emotion of being part of European Gymnastics!

Welcome to the 11th EUROGYM!
Welcome to the 1st Gym for Life Challenge!



Jacqueline
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Co-President of the Royal Belgian Gymnastics Federation

Gathering the Europe of gymnastics in Liège from 12th to 20th July 2018 for the 11th edition of the Eurogym and the 1st experience of the Gym for Life Challenge is definitely going back to the place where 136 years ago the International and European gymnastics was born and it is to pay tribute to the pioneers of 1881.

The organizing committee together with the Belgian and Walloon federations, as well as the City of Liège and the Province of Liège strives to make Eurogym 2018 a hymn to youth and the most beautiful festival of the summer. Liège invites the great family of European gymnastics to live a perfect blend of festival, friendship, exchange and joy. Say YES to 8 days devoted to the passion and talent of gymnasts, good mood and unity.

Your stay will be an opportunity for you to visit the city and its surroundings. Many activities are offered and it doesn't lack enchanting sites! Wherever you take your steps, whichever way you go, it will take you to historic places of interest. Especially let yourself be surprised by the regional gastronomic diversity and the joie de vivre of the brave Liégeois. The list of tourist attractions is as long as varied. Liège awaits you with a warm welcome, which will make your stay an unforgettable experience.



André
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Robert
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Provincial Deputy President

Provincial Deputy

Enabling everyone to flourish by practising a sporting activity is one of the challenges that the « Service des Sports de la Province de Liège » has embarked. So, through its sports policy, the Provincial College attaches particular importance to making sport accessible to every citizen, regardless of age, physical abilities or social status. It is with this in mind that was created the Academy of Sports, a formidable tool, unique in Belgium, declined for each age category. So, thanks to this Academy, children from 4 to 11 years old can discover three sports a year, for a most democratic prize. Teenagers, for their part, have access to more specific disciplines such as sailing, caving or climbing. Finally, seniors are not left behind as they will soon also be entitled to their own sports academy ! Aware that different handicaps may be a brake on the practice of sport, the Province of Liège has also set up the adapted Academy. In this spirit of « Sport for all », the Province of Liège is keen to support the Eurogym, a competition that values this discipline and allows all clubs, regardless of their level, to participate in this international competition where there will be 5000 gymnasts from the four corners of the continent. The Eurogym highlights the sports values that are dear to us, such as going beyond oneself, mutual aid or sharing. Thanks to the « Workshops » participants will have the opportunity to experience new sports, to meet and to share their experiences. The Province of Liège already has a solid experience in hosting and organizing major international events, both in sports and in other fields.

Cyclically we welcome the classic cycle races from the Ardennes « La Flèche Wallonne » and « Liège-Bastogne-Liège » and next July we will welcome for the 19th time the passage of the Tour de France in our Province. The Province of Liège has also been the scene since 2001 of several prestigious sporting encounters such as Davis Cup and Fed Cup, as well as some major international table tennis competitions. Every year, Liège also hosts an international jumping event and an international athletic meeting. Finally, from August 6 to 12, 2017, in the natural extension of a 2016 provincial year devoted to citizenship, we will organize in Liège the first « World Conference of Humanities » under the auspices of UNESCO. Beautiful sporting, human and citizen moments are to be expected, of which this 11th edition of the Eurogym that the Province of Liège is particularly proud and honored to host on its territory.



Michel
Faway

President



Willy
Demeyer

Deputy Mayor

Within the Eurogym which we welcome in July 2018, you'll be soon several thousands of young gymnasts, motivated managerial employees and parents who will discover our beautiful City of Liège.

It is a real pleasure for an urban metropolis such as ours to welcome so many young people involved in healthy sports activities and in the discovery of new horizons.

We commit ourselves to make every effort to ensure that their stay is a success and that they take the best memories of Liège with them !

In synergy with our partners of the gymnastic world, the « Fédération Royale belge de Gymnastique » and the « Fédération francophone de Gymnastique », and with our friends of the Province of Liège, we already welcome you.

ALL ROUTES LEAD TO LIEGE



- Liège is situated on the East Side of Belgium
- There are 2 main airports in Belgium : Brussels South Charleroi airport and Brussels Airport
- Airports of Maastricht and Weeze (Dusseldorf) are also possibilities to come to Liège
- From Brussels South Charleroi airport to Liège : 1,5 hours with the train
- From Brussels airport to Liège : 1 hour with the train
- From Maastricht (NLD) to Liège : 0,5 hours with the train
- From Weeze (Dusseldorf) to Liège : 2 hours with the train



WELCOME TO LIEGE



Liège is a thousand-year-old city that conceals countless of treasures to discover.

The river Meuse, which go through the city from South to North, the steep and wooded hills who are surrounding it, its sharp relief which increases the original lights as well as the typical areas are giving to the city surprising charms.-

A very present folklore kept alive by a cheerful population always ready to feast, lively areas and a large number of restaurants do achieve to make of it a must-visit stopping place of Belgium, not counting an intense cultural and artistic life and a significant architectural patrimony.

For the shopping addicts, all kind of shops are grouped together in the city center and the pedestrian streets: renowned fashion designer, young milliners, department stores, designers, delicatessen...

There you will find everything you are looking for, and no doubt everything you are not looking for. The « Marché de la Batte » is the biggest and the oldest market of Belgium, a veritable institution



The colored market stands propose fruit and vegetables, cheese, cloths, flowers, books ... under the calls of the stallholders who praise the price and the freshness of their products in Walloon.

Liège and Sport, it's a long story! A decade ago, Liège has received three Euro 2000 matches. 12, 18 and 21 June are still very present in the football fans memories. The Town also was twice the starting point of the Tour de France: in 2004 and in 2012, and each year, she is receiving a staging point.



Liège counts so many good eating places that the most difficult remains the choice where to go. From the small cheap tasty dish to the « de luxe » dinner, from the local specialties to the most exotic of dishes, you will always find food suitable to your wishes.

Architecturally the Town of Liège isn't outdone. It owns one of the most beautiful archaeological collection of the world as well as collections of weapons, religious art, decorative arts and art of glass making. The art galleries from Liège conceal discoveries such as, for example, the Aquarium-Museum of the University of Liège, center of excellence of the animal biodiversity, or the Grand Curtius proposing exhibitions throughout the year to highlight one or another aspect of the museum collections from Liège.



LET'S DREAM TOGETHER

Behind our slogan is the desire to gather and federate around the EUROGYM all the people present by creating meetings, exchanges and sharing among participants from all walks of life.

In order to further strengthen this sense of solidarity and give meaning to our slogan, we also want to set up a collaboration with reception centers in the region. Our goal will be to involving a group of stateless young people in EUROGYM to «**dream together**» and make the 11th edition of this event a memorable one for all !

OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONY



COUNTRY HALL

The hall can be used for various national and international sports events ranging from basketball to tennis, gymnastics, or boxing.

Since the inauguration in 2005, the Country Hall hosted the first class basketball championship, the European and Belgian basketball cup, the Fed Cup (twice), the world championship boxing and a gymnastics event, but there were also table tennis and other sports disciplines.

The UEG TC GfA will launch a new format for the Gala, more information about this will be revealed soon!

When?

Wednesday evening

PLACE SAINT-LAMBERT

The Place Saint-Lambert is a square in the centre of Liège. Until 1794, it was the site of St. Lambert's Cathedral. Remains of the foundations of the cathedral have been conserved, and are on display at the Archéoforum museum, under the square.

When?

Sunday & Thursday evening

UEG GALA



WORKSHOPS



Planned in treed places, in sports hall, in swimming pools, on water ... some of the sites that are favourable to discover a new sport.

- Water Sports (e.g. kayak, rowing)
- Expression workshops with music (e.g. fitness, dance, parkour)
- General sports (e.g. volleyball, football, tennis, handball)
- And many more ...

When?

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in the morning

EDUCATIONAL FORUM



Taking place within the University, in an appropriate place, presentations regarding health of sportsmen, theoretical and practical subjects about sports in general, about the individual well-being of sportsmen.

The themes will be presented in Bulletin no 2.

When?

Monday & Tuesday morning

City performances will take place at different venues in the heart of the city, in public squares, in a park, at the place where the inhabitants of Liège are used to walk. The groups should present their performance at least twice during the week.

When?

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoon

Stage performances cannot be longer than 6 minutes (including equipment preparation/removal)

The groups must consist of a minimum of 6 gymnasts

CITY PERFORMANCES



Parc de la Boverie



Place St Etienne



Place St Lambert

GYM ZONE

An especially created area for evening activities will be reserved for participants.

Disco parties, entertainments, rivalry, ... will be organized there, so many opportunities to create encounters between participants from all the countries.

When?

Monday & Tuesday evening



GYM FOR LIFE CHALLENGE

European Gym for Life Challenge is a contest for group performances which will take place for the first time on July 14th 2018 in connection with the 11th EUROGYM 2018 in Liège, Belgium.

Detailed information will be provided separately in connection with this Bulletin.



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE GYM FOR LIFE CHALLENGE

- Groups arrival: Thursday 12th or Friday 13th
- Event: Saturday 14th

Detailed information will be provided separately in connection with this Bulletin.

11th EUROGYM

11th Eurogym: Sunday 15th till Thursday 19th

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning						
Groups arrival	Groups arrival	Workshops Forum	Workshops Forum	Workshops	Workshops	Groups departure
Afternoon						
Groups arrival	Parade	Stage performance	Stage performance	Stage performance	Closing ceremony rehearsals	Groups departure
				Gala rehearsals		
Evening						
Groups arrival & fireworks	Opening ceremony	Party or concert	Party or concert	UEG Gala	Closing ceremony & Farewell party	Groups departure

IN THE LIEGE AREA

Extra city performances will be eventually foreseen in nearby cities such as Huy, Verviers, Wanremmes, etc. These performances will make part of a paying excursion : Visit to another town, representation on a podium installed in the city center, free time.

Excursions at a charge will also be organized during the day off :

Visit of a coal mining with a descent into the mine with a lift-cage of coal miners.

A day at the Wégimont castle: castle, the castle grounds, swimming pool, mini-golf, canoeing, ...

More information will be available in Bulletin 2.

TRANSPORT

BY AIR - BY TRAIN - BY BUS

By air

Optional shuttles from/to the airport:

- Brussels National Airport (90 kms),
- Brussels South Charleroi Airport (85 kms),
- Maastricht Airport (40 kms),
- Köln Airport (130 kms),
- Düsseldorf Airport (130 kms)

By Train

It is easy to travel to Liège by train. There are frequent connections, both international and domestic.

By Bus

With your own bus or car it is easy to travel to Liège from all over Europe.

IN LIEGE

Most facilities within the city are at walking distance. If not, busses will be provided. Our intention is also that all participants will be able to use the local busses with their attendance cards.

Special shuttles will also be available when needed (to/from the workshops, gala, back to the school at night, etc).



ACCOMMODATION - CATERING

Accommodation in schools is provided for all participants and is included in the participation fee. Liège has many schools in the city centre.

Through our volunteers and a safety/security agency there will be 24-hour service at all schools and security will be provided at all times. All schools are inspected by the fire authorities and approved for overnight accommodations.

All participants must bring their own sleeping (inflatable) mattress and sleeping bag.

Breakfast is served at each schools or at the main venue if it is not possible to serve a breakfast in a school. Lunch and dinner are served at the main venue (Palais des Congrès).

WHO CAN REGISTER AS A PARTICIPANT

Who can register as a participant:

- Gymnasts from the year they turn 12 throughout the year they are 18 (born in 2006 to 2000)
- 10% of the gymnasts in a group can be 10 and 11 years old (born in 2007 and 2008)
- 10% of the gymnasts in a group can be 19 and 20 years old (born in 1999 and 1998)

All gymnasts who register must send a copy of their passport or other valid id which includes a photo and the date of birth, to the LOC

Only participants are allowed in workshops, gala performances and at the stages for city performance - accreditations will be checked. Coaches may enter the stage for safety support when using equipment that requires this, like a trampette or tumbling/air track.

WHO CAN HAVE AN ACCREDITATION

Who can have an accreditation:

- participants according to the definition above
- coaches
- group/team leaders
- head of delegation

Coaches may not take part on a performance as gymnasts.

Accompanying persons are not allowed in the schools and will not get an accreditation.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST REGISTRATION

Preliminary registration with 10% of the participation card : 15th of November 2017 (this is not refundable).

Final registration : until 28th of February 2018

Balance of the payment : until 13th of April 2018

The official opening dates for the final bookings will be published in bulletin no 2.

Participation card «EUROGYM 2018»

Fees : 275€

Included:

- School accommodation and breakfast
- Meals (lunch and dinner)
- Transport in Liège during the Eurogym 2018
- Entry to all ceremonies (opening - closing - gala)
- Participation in 2-4 workshops
- 2 performances
- Parties

Participation card «Gym For Life Challenge»

Fees:

- If you take part in Eurogym : 50€ in addition to 275€

Included:

- School accommodation for one night (Friday)
- Meals on Saturday (breakfast - lunch - dinner)
- Participation in Gym For Life Challenge

- If you don't take part in Eurogym : 90 €

Included:

- School accommodation for two nights (From Friday to Sunday)
- Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, dinner on Friday or lunch on Sunday
- Participation in Gym For Life Challenge

A meeting of the delegations from the 12th of the 14th of May 2017 will be the occasion to present the whole structure of the organization of 2018.

SOME KEY FACES OF THE LOC



Arlette Radu
Head of Logistics



Adolphe Gaillard
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Anne Adam
Head of Catering



Yannick Dequirez
Head of Communication & Marketing



Gérard Georges
Relations with the public authorities



André Sumkay
Head of the Technical program



Didier Lefebvre
Head of Gym For Life Challenge & UEG Gala



Roger Cloux
Head of transport

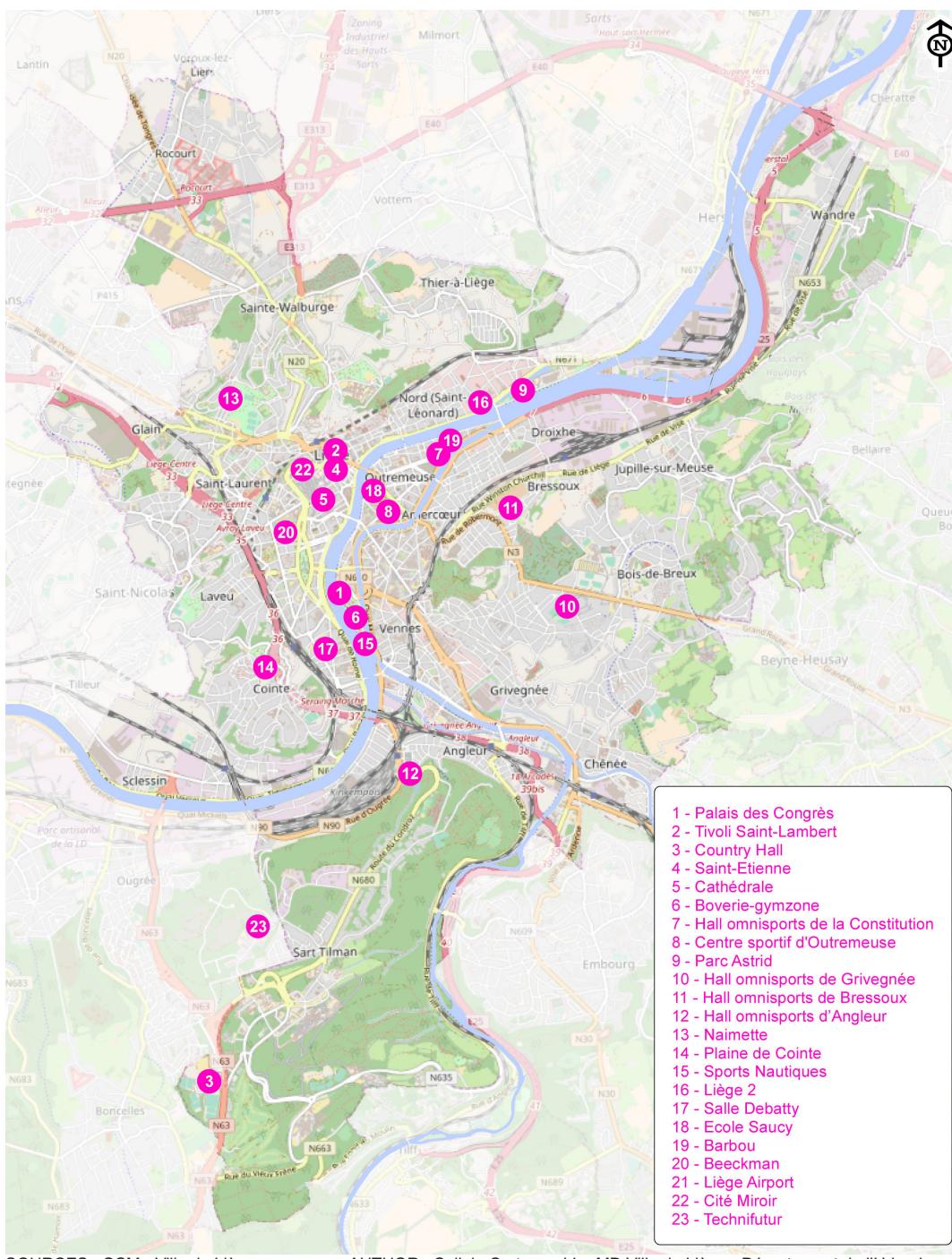


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MAIN VENUES



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Main venue

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Opening - Closing

2

UEG Gala

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City performance

2 - 4 - 5 - 6

Workshops

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