



## Dear friends of the Europeade

The Europeade for European folk culture aims to promote and support the unity between all peoples of Europe, in freedom and peace. Folk culture touches upon the individuality of a nation. The main aim of the Europeade is to develop fraternal relations between the peoples of Europe.

Every nation, however small, must be able to preserve its cultural individuality in a future Europe and find in its contacts with diverse European folk cultures a source of added value. It is precisely this diversity that the Europeade wishes to exude.

Now in its 54th year, this time in Turku, Finland, the Europeade will reach its climax with the participation of various national communities from democratic Europe.

## Registration

Registration will be made with the attached **registration form**, which is sent together with the “**Stage Management form – Musicians**” in full and clearly legible (please write in CAPITALS) and **short history** and a **photo** of your group by February 20<sup>th</sup>

- 1) via email to: [info@europeade.eu](mailto:info@europeade.eu)
- 2) by post to **INTERNATIONAL EUROPEADE COMMITTEE, POTTERSTRAAT 167 BUS 6, BE - 9170 SINT-PAUWELS, BELGIUM.**

**The final registration date is the February 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.** In order for your registration to be valid, must 50% of the participation fees be paid to the following account:

**IBAN BE65 4033 0607 6196**

**BIC KREDBEBB**

**of the INTERNATIONAL EUROPEADE COMMITTEE,**

**KBC bank Wijnegem, Turnhoutsebaan 297, BE – 2110 Wijnegem.**

Only payments made to this account will be accepted. Any other form of registration and payment will be refused by the International Committee. **Important! The group answers for all bank charges.**

**Always mention the name of the group with each payment.** In the past, there have been numerous difficulties as a result of payments received without any reference name. This inevitably leads to needless expense and work.

The **balance** should be received on the same account number **by the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 at the latest.** Groups that have not transferred the **full amount of the registration fee prior that date** must regrettably be **refused.**

Dance groups **with less than 10 dancers** must join another group to form a group of over ten members. Everyone pays their participants' fee via this bigger group, and not individually.

After you have registered, you will receive an official confirmation of your participation.

The maximum number of participants the town of Turku can accommodate is **5,000**. If a registered group can no longer be accepted, they will be given priority for the 55th Europeade in Viseu (Portugal), provided they register for this Europeade in the usual manner.

**All payments must have been carried out in advance.** We cannot register any additional participants in Turku on Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> and cannot accept any payment of fees. Only participants that have been registered in advance can be accepted. This is due to organisational reasons.

**It is not possible to make any refunds** for groups arriving with fewer participants than originally announced and paid for.

Groups that cancel their registration – for urgent, compelling reasons – shall be reimbursed **after** the Europeade subject to a 40 € deduction/person for administrative purposes. They can **NOT** carry over the payment of the remaining cost of participation, i.e., 80 €/person to the next year.

Groups that cancel their registration **less than 30 days before the start of the Europeade** can no longer be reimbursed, however, and their payment can also no longer be transferred to the following year. This measure is necessary due to the 1<sup>st</sup> payment that we have to make to the city organising the event.

## Participation fee

The participation fee per person:

**120 €** for adults

**120 €** for youth from 13 years to 17 years

**75 €** for children from 3 years to 12 years

**0 €** for children under 3 years (without own matras)

This amount includes meals from Wednesday evening to Monday morning, lodging in a school and programme.

This amount can be paid in two parts: the first part by February 20<sup>th</sup> and the second part by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The participant's fee must also be paid by the coach drivers if they are considered as members of the group and they'll be making use of the facilities provided for the participants.

## Travel costs

All travel costs will be paid by the participating groups themselves.

The groups are requested to arrange for their own transport also during Europeade (= coach!) themselves to ensure that journeys to the various local lodgings can take place smoothly.

At [www.europeade2017.fi](http://www.europeade2017.fi) you'll find information about travelling to Turku. There is also a list of bus companies to rent a coach from the airport of Helsinki to Turku and back and within Turku. Please mention in your booking that you will participate at the 54th Europeade in Turku for a special rate. The cost of the bus rental is paid by the group.

Please keep in mind that the coach can/will drive extra mileage because not all groups can be accommodated in the city center.

*Please put my e-mail address ([hilda.ryssaert@europeade.eu](mailto:hilda.ryssaert@europeade.eu)) in the cc field.*

Groups travelling without own bus will be staying in schools within walking distance from venues.

Public transportation will not be free of charge.

There will be nonstop bus transfer to Gatorade center for the Opening and Closing without any cost for participants without own bus.

## Accommodation

Participants' accommodation is in schools in Turku. The children's groups will sleep in a separate school/schools.

All participants will be given a mattress, a clothes hanger and a chair, and are required to **bring their own sleeping bag of sheets and a blanket**. A limited number of beds are available for the over 60 year-olds.

**Groups travelling together in the same coach will be lodged at the same location.** This must be mentioned on the registration form.

### IMPORTANT!!

**If your driver requires a separate hotel room, it is up to the group to arrange for this. The group stands for the costs.** Addresses of possible hotels / motels for drivers in Turku can be found at [www.europeade2017.fi](http://www.europeade2017.fi).

The groups can arrive 1-2 days earlier and/or leave 1-2 days later. The local organizing committee of Turku will accommodate the groups at schools. An additional overnight stay in the school building costs **15 €/person/day** for the accommodation, this does not include catering. Please indicate the following reference with your payment: 'Europeade - additional overnight + name of the group + number of persons'. Payments are due before **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**, and must be transferred directly to the IEC account. Please forward a copy of your payment statement to the secretariat in Sint-Pauwels as evidence of your payment.

All groups who want to arrive earlier or leave later are required to contact the secretariat in Sint-Pauwels [info@europeade.eu](mailto:info@europeade.eu).

## Meals

Meals will be provided for the participants as follows:

5 x breakfast: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

4 x lunch: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

5 x dinner: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Please mention on a separate registration form the number of people of your group that have special dietary requirements (dairy-free, lactose-free, low lactose, gluten-free, vegetarian, no fish, no nuts, vegan, other). You can provide this information, including names, up to 14 days before the Europeade opens.

If you are planning not to attend one or more meals because you are on a trip, or for any other reason, kindly inform the secretariat ([info@europeade.eu](mailto:info@europeade.eu)) in advance.

## Stage management (production)

Every group will have the opportunity to perform during at least one of the Europeade events; Opening, Choir concert, Children's and youth groups concert, Closing. The production

management determines where the performance will take place, and its duration. You will be informed of the exact location, which is binding and undisputable, in due course.

In extra to that all the groups are asked to perform at street performances. Music groups can perform at Europeade Ball and Europeade by Night –session.

Please specify on the registration form in which of these activities your group wishes to take part.

The musicians who require amplification for their instruments will be able to rely on limited amplification, subject to advance and due notification on the “Stage Management form – Musicians” which you will find enclosed.

The production management undertakes to:

- Distribute the performances in a fair and honest way in accordance with the possibilities that are offered,
- Inform you of the registration of other groups in your region or national community to enable you to prepare a joint presentation,
- Inform you in advance of the programme of the event in which you will perform.
- Provide you with a complete documentation folder in advance per email. This information contains maps, directions and the programmes of all Europeade events

The Europeade is an event where all aspects of European popular culture, be it dance, song, music, flag-waving, national costume, etc., are equally promoted. For this reason, we expect all groups to be **present at all events, in traditional costume**, in the spirit of the objectives of the Europeade, as a sign of respect towards others.

All the stages have a possibility to use cd/mp3 and sound amplification.

Thank you for your cooperation.

on behalf of the production team, Roland Decorte

## **D.1 Main events**

### **Opening and Closing events**

Opening and Closing ceremonies will be organised at the Gatorade center (Artukaistentie 8), the ice hockey arena 15 minutes away from the city center. There are seats for more than 8000 spectators and lots of restaurants and pubs. Opening on Thursday at 19:00-22:00 and Closing on Sunday at 15:00-18:00.

During the opening and closing ceremonies the dance groups will perform as representatives of their region or national community. Due to the continuously growing number of participating groups (250 groups participated in 2015), it has become impossible to grant individual performance time to every dance group at these events. For this reason, we must insist that **dance groups from the same region or from the same national community prepare a joint performance**. The production management will contact these dance groups in question in due time. All agreements must be made in advance; it will not be possible to accept or introduce any changes on site.

All performances at the opening and closing ceremonies must be performed with live music. Duration of the performance is **maximum 3 minutes** (due to the large number of groups taking part).

### **Choir performance**

Choir concert is held at the Turku Concert hall (Aninkaistenkatu 9) with 1002 seats on Friday at 19:00-22:00. This acoustic concert consists of vocal groups performances.

The duration of the performance depends on the number of groups taking part.

## **D.2 Individual group performances**

### **Children & youth performances**

Children's and youth groups perform at the Europeade Village at Varvintori –square (Linnankatu 60) on Friday at 14:00-16:30.

The duration of the performance depends on the number of groups taking part.

### **Musical performance**

The music groups are given a possibility to perform at the Europeade Village main stage. The duration of the performance depends on the number of groups taking part.

### **Street performances**

There will be 13 stages in the city centre for street performances, 2 only for music groups and 11 for all groups.

Duration of one performance is 25 minutes.

We hope all the groups to be part of the individual performances during the scheduled street performances, which will take place from Thursday to Saturday.

Our aim is to ensure maximum participation of the participating groups in the street performances. For this reason, we ask each group to put on at least 2 street performances. Please indicate on the registration form on what day(s) you prefer to put on your show.

All the stages have a possibility to use cd/mp3 and sound amplification.

### **Europeade Village (Forum) performances**

Europeade Village is the heart of the Europeade in Turku. It is located on the river Aura at the city centre. You find there the main stage, Forum (information desks of the previous and coming Europeade cities), handicraft workshops, workshops for children, folklore market, photo exhibition, restaurants and cafés. All evening events are also organised at the Europeade Village.

The main stage is equipped with sound amplification.

### **Europeade by night performance**

On Thursday and Friday evening there will be a dance music party at the Europeade Village. Music groups are asked to play dance music at the Europeade Village “by Night” party.

### **D.3 Parade**

The parade moves along the riverside from the Cathedral to Europeade Village on Saturday at 15:00-18:00.

Participation in the parade is mandatory. It is vital that the groups keep moving forwards all the time. Please bring your own flags as well as the EU flag. The groups are given a sign with their name that is to be carried in front of the group.

### **D.4 Europeade ball**

Europeade ball starts with dance music and programme for children after the parade at the Europeade Village on Saturday.

At 20:00 we will make a world record attempt in dancing the Finnish “humppa” with the people from Turku. A video of the humppa will be shared through internet in January.

The evening will continue with dance music.

## D.5 Worship service/mass

On Sunday morning at 10:00, our Europeade choirs and music groups will perform at the mass in the cathedral in Turku (Tuomiokirkonkatu 1).

## E. Workshop – jam session

### Regional dance workshop

As in Helsingborg and Namur, we want to give groups the opportunity to attend a **workshop** where other groups and their regional groups can teach the other groups and the Finnish public one of their own typical local regional dances. Please indicate clearly on the registration form whether your group will just take part or whether your group is prepared to teach a dance from your region to others (possibly with other groups from your region).

Dance workshops are organised at the main stage in the Europeade Village.

### Musical jam session

The “Europeade by night” event will be staged at the Europeade Village and in pubs around city centre. We will organise a **jam session** for any interested musicians, during which the musicians from various regions and groups share and play their music and at the same time socialise musically. You will be asked to state on the registration form whether your musicians will come along to join in or whether your group, with several other groups, are also prepared to lead the jam session.

## F. Extra 7 to be added

## Registration in Turku

Group registration is taking place at Gatorade Center, Artukaisentie 8, Turku. In addition to all practical information, they will also receive a badge and a programme brochure for every member of the group, and one production brochure for their group.

Groups arriving with their own bus drive directly to Gatorade Center.

Groups arriving to Turku without bus will be taken from Turku airport / Turku harbour / Turku railway station directly to their lodging on behalf of the city. Their group leaders will then be taken from the school to the registration.

Registration at the Gatorade Center is open only during Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Groups arriving on Thursday or Friday are asked to register at the Europeade office in Europeade Village, Linnakatu 54, Turku.

## Insurance

Upon arrival in Turku, you need to submit proof of insurance at the registration. Each participant of the European Union has to bring his own card of the individual health insurance. This is required from all participants. Participants from outside the European Union must have an extra travel insurance.

Usually this card offers the following guarantees:

- repatriation for medical reasons
- emergency medical costs in the European countries.

The rules are not the same for each country of the EU, therefore please find out in beforehand, what your country's health insurance policy is.

In the event of an accident or if you need urgent medical care, the Local Organisation Committee will help you, but all medical and other expenses must be paid by the participant himself or by the participant's insurance.

It is recommended to take out insurance to cover any theft of luggage, instruments and clothing.

## Journalists

Wherever possible, groups are requested to invite a journalist to accompany them. Please see more information at [www.europeade.eu](http://www.europeade.eu).

## Finnish extras

Local organising committee has prepared some extra programme for the participants during the Europeade.

**Welcome evening – “The River” dance performance** on Wednesday at 20:00 at the Europeade Village. Almost 300 dancers, singers and musicians tell you a story of two girls in Turku. During the show you learn to know about Finnish traditions from 17<sup>th</sup> Century to these days.

**Church boat rowing** on a big boat for 16 persons on the river Aura. One trip takes 30 minutes. Free of charge, pre-booking needed.

**Tango workshop and dance session** at Uittamo open air dance pavilion, <http://uittamo.fi> Duration 3 hours. Free of charge, pre-booking needed.

**Finish Sauna evening with dinner** at Herrankukkaro fisherman's homestead, <http://herrankukkaro.fi/en>, 40 minutes away from the city. Duration 2,5 hours/person. Cost 38 €/person includes sauna and bathing in the world's largest smoke sauna and outdoor heated baths, dinner and special Finnish programme.

Reservations and payments to all above: from February 1<sup>st</sup> until July 1<sup>st</sup> via <https://www.turku.fi/europeade2017>

Please ask for pre and post tours around Turku and Finland from <http://www.visitturku.fi/en>

## Miscellaneous

All registered groups will receive the final practical directives two weeks before the start of the Europeade.

In consultation with the local authorities, the IEC reserves the right to modify or to cancel the Europeade programme, as a whole or partially, for security reasons.

The IEC is not responsible for any damage sustained to the participants or their belongings.

The groups are invited to **bring along both the flag of their own region and the European flag** (with the 12 golden stars on a blue field) to be used during the Parade, etc.

## Schedule

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>      send Registration form  
                  send Stage Management form - Musicians  
                  send short history of your group and a photo



May 1 <sup>st</sup>	pay 50% of the registration fee pay rest of the registration fee pay fee for extra night in Turku (if needed)
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	the programme will be sent to the groups
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	send notifications about the programme
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	book extras (sauna evening, tango workshop, church boat rowing)
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	last date for cancellation
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	inform about special diets final information is sent to the groups

We look forward to receive your registration soon, and extend our warmest Europeade wishes to you.

Armand De Winter  
Chairman  
International Europeade Committee

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LOC = Local Organising Committee from Turku  
secretariat = the office of the IEC in Sint-Niklaas in Belgium

