

August 2017

1. Intro

Here we are again! It's been a while now since we had the honour to welcome you all at the 21st European Company Sport Games in Ghent, time flies! Hopefully everybody got home safe and sound, ready to look forward to your next sports adventure. With this last newsletter we want to give you some numbers, share the latest news and finally end with a gratitude.

Ready, set, GO!

2. Numbers, numbers & NUMBERS

Besides pictures and videos, numbers are the next best thing to sketch an image of this event. Therefore we present you some numbers! Don't worry, we already did the math for you.

- **5.113 individuals** signed up for the 21st European Company Sport Games in Ghent, of which 4.851 athletes and 262 accompanying persons. Compare this to the Olympic Games of 1920, hosted by Belgium, with "only" 2.669 athletes. Yes, I have done my research carefully only to tell you that you were part of quite a big event here in Belgium!
- These Games had to honour to welcome participants from **22 different countries!** Nice to see how sports can bring together different cultures don't you think?
- Participants competed in **23 different sports disciplines.**
- In total **958 individuals/teams** won a golden, silver and/or bronze **medal**, that's 1/5th of all participants!

Last but not least we want to thank the volunteers who made all of this possible! **MORE THAN 400 INDIVIDUALS** gave their all to make sure these Games would be unforgettable. Their effort was superhuman!

3. Results

Let's start with an important resignation; thank you all for the Fairplay during the sports competitions, we appreciate it enormously. Sports and Fairplay go hand in hand and it's nice to see that everyone of you shares this same thought. Something we can all be very proud of!

We are very aware that the results, published during the Games, weren't always flawless and we're very sorry for that. In this event of misunderstanding, some people didn't receive a medal (or they received a wrong medal) during the Games. To all those people: CONGRATULATIONS! We hope you all received the medals we send you.

All the results online are updated and if not: we're still working on it. We appreciate your patience very much.

Besides the sports results, we hope you have already checked out the **top 10 countries and companies**. Outstanding results! But let's not forget that every participant is a winner after all. Your commitment and enthusiasm were extraordinary, every one of you has contributed to the incredible atmosphere of the event. This deserves a deafening applause if you ask me!

Also, congratulations Sweden with the **Diversity Award**! Equality is an important theme, especially in sports. May your commitment be an example for other countries.

4. Photos and aftermovie

We're very proud to present you the #ECSG2017 official aftermovie. Hopefully you like it as much as we do (to be clear: we LOVE it). Haven't you seen it yet? You don't know what you are missing! Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bkkPGjXaRw&t=12s>. EyeToEye has done an outstanding job!

A selection of photos is already posted on our website and Facebook. Besides this small selection, we offer you an overview of all pictures taken during the games. Look into our photo overview by following link: <http://ecsgghent2017.be/more-pictures/>. Would you like us to add your photos at our gallery? Send them to bente.peeters@fros.be. ATTENTION: the photos must meet the minimum quality and photos with a watermark will not be accepted.

5. Next events

We're sure the following dates are already in your agenda, but we would like to point them out again.

23rd to 27th of May 2018 - World Company Sport Games La Baule 2018

Ranked as one of the most beautiful bays in the World, La Baule in France will be the host for the second World Company Sport Games.

Registrations are already opened, so don't hesitate any longer.

More information: <http://www.ffse.fr/>





26th to 30th of June 2019 – European Company Sport Games Salzburg 2019

The successor to Ghent is Salzburg, a cultural gem with a worldwide reputation. It's the second time the European Company Sport Games will take place in Salzburg.

Sign up for the newsletter if you want to stay updated about the activities.

More information: <https://www.ecsgsalzburg2019.at/>

Hopefully we'll meet again, not as coordinators this time but as participants!

6. From the bottom of our heart: THANK YOU!

We want to end this newsletter by thanking anyone who made this possible.

An event as big as this one can't be organized by one person or one organisation. So, first off all we would like to thank the Organising Partners: the European Federation for Company Sport (EFCS), the Flemish Federation for Company Sport (VLB), FROS Multisport Vlaanderen, the City of Ghent and Sport Vlaanderen. Thank you for the trust and support in a variety of different ways. We're very grateful for the opportunity given us to organize this event.

Secondly, we would like to thank the Supporting Partners. An event without Supporting Partners is like an airplane without wings, incomplete. You need a dynamic team, a team with expertise different from your own. That's the key to success. Thank you very much for all the good advice and help where and when we needed it.

The Official Suppliers have provided us with services and products we needed to take this event to a higher level. Thank you very much for your support, we can not imagine better suppliers who were as fit for the job as you.

We can not thank the following partners enough: the Cooperating Sports Clubs. Without these people, there wouldn't have been a sports competition. They worked day and night to put together a tournament that met everyone's expectations and even exceeded them. The passion and time they have invested in the event is admirable. These people deserve more recognition than I can ever express in words.

I've mentioned them once before but we can't thank our more than 400 volunteers enough! It's very simple: without volunteers, even the best events will collapse. We're very grateful for this incredible team. May I ask for a deafening applause please, they deserve it!

I'll end the final newsletter by thanking all the participants, you were AMAZING! Your passion, your commitment, your sense of humour (the pictures tell it all!), your kindness,... I could go on for hours! Thank you for everything, you made these 21st European Company Sport Games an unforgettable experience for the Organising Partners, Supporting Partners, Official Suppliers, Cooperating Sports Clubs, volunteers and all the other 5112 participants. Thank you for everything, you were truly FANTASTIC!

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