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European Aquatics' President Message

Dear Friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome athletes, officials and partners to the third stage of the 2026 European Aquatics Open Water Cup in Tenero-Contra. This leg marks a new venue on this season's Cup circuit and underscores European Aquatics' commitment to broadening the reach of open water competition across diverse natural settings.

Tenero-Contra sits on the shores of Lake Maggiore, one of Europe's iconic freshwater environments. These waters, framed by alpine vistas and gentle lake currents, provide an outstanding competitive setting that emphasises both physical endurance and tactical prowess over the 10 km course. The beauty of this location complements the high calibre of athletes who will line up to challenge themselves and each other.

Our gratitude goes to the Swiss organising partners and local authorities whose collaborative work has ensured that this stage meets the operational and safety benchmarks expected on the European Aquatics Cup. Acknowledgment is also due to the officials, safety personnel and volunteers whose contribution is essential to the success of open water competition.

We look forward to intense racing, exemplary sportsmanship and an excellent atmosphere as the Cup continues its journey in Switzerland.

Antonio Silva
President, European Aquatics

Host Federation and Organizing Committee's Welcome Messages

Dear Friends,

Swiss Aquatics, in collaboration with Tenero-Municipality and the National Youth Sports Centre in Tenero CST, is happy to invite your national teams to participate in the 3rd leg of the 2026 European Aquatics Open Water Swimming Cup.

The event, which is being hosted in Switzerland for the first time, will take place in Tenero on 6 September 2026. It will cover a distance of 10 km. The Swiss OWS Championships will also take place alongside this EA Open Water Swimming Cup leg.

On Saturday, 5th September 2026, the Swiss OWS Championships are going to start, with the 5K and the 3K event. On Sunday, 6th the 10K will be swam alongside the EA-OWS Cup and in the afternoon the Swiss Championships will finish with the 4 x 1500 mixed relay.

EA Open Water Swimming Cup participants, who want to take part at the Swiss Championships are welcome.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN TENERO

Ewen Cameron

President, Swiss Aquatics

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome the European open water swimming community to our National Youth Sports Centre in Tenero, which is situated in a beautiful location. Not only is it our National Youth Sports Centre, it is also the National Swimming Centre and the home pool of our most successful swimmer, Noè Ponti, who is from this canton.

Open water swimming has a long history in Ticino, with Ticino swimmers playing a key role in the sport's early days at a European level. In 1991, Eliana Fieschi won gold and Samantha Cavadini won silver in the 25 km event at the second European Open Water Swimming Championships in Terracina.

This Open Water Cup event marks the start of a series of European swimming competitions in Switzerland, many of which will take place here in Tenero. In addition to our ideal location on Lake Maggiore, which is perfect for open water competitions, we are building an Olympic-sized 50-metre pool with additional diving facilities. This is due to be completed in 2027. As well as promoting aquatic sports in Switzerland, we aim to raise Tenero's profile among an international clientele as a venue for competitions, courses, and training.

The centre’s management, which is part of the Federal Office of Sports, has been incredibly supportive from the outset, as have Tenero's municipality and tourist office. I would like to thank these organisations, as well as the dedicated volunteers who are helping to make this swimming event possible.

I wish all participants, whom I hope will be numerous, every success and a wonderful experience in beautiful Ticino.

Dr. Ewen A. Cameron

President of Swiss Aquatics

WELCOME TO TENERO

Mr. Graziano Crugnola

Mayor Tenero-Contra

Dear athletes, coaches, organisers, spectators and representatives of European Aquatics!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the Swiss leg of the 2026 European Open Water Swimming Cup.

We are honoured to be hosting this event at the National Youth Sports Centre in Tenero.

Set in the beautiful surroundings of Lake Maggiore, our municipality is the training base of Noè Ponti, an exceptional aquatic athlete and Olympic medallist who has won world and European championships. To mark this special occasion, we are transforming into a European capital of open water swimming, ready to welcome the best talents in this fascinating discipline.

Tenero has always been synonymous with sport, nature, tourism and hospitality. I am certain that the combination of our lake's waters and the excellent facilities at the CST National Youth Sports Centre will provide the perfect setting for a technically demanding competition offering unforgettable thrills.

I wish all the athletes the very best of luck. May you push beyond your limits and, above all, enjoy our magnificent landscape and take home unforgettable memories.

To all the staff, volunteers, judges and spectators, I hope you fully immerse yourselves in the atmosphere of this great event.

I hope that alongside the competition, you will have the chance to experience the scenic beauty, hospitality and culture of our region and municipality.

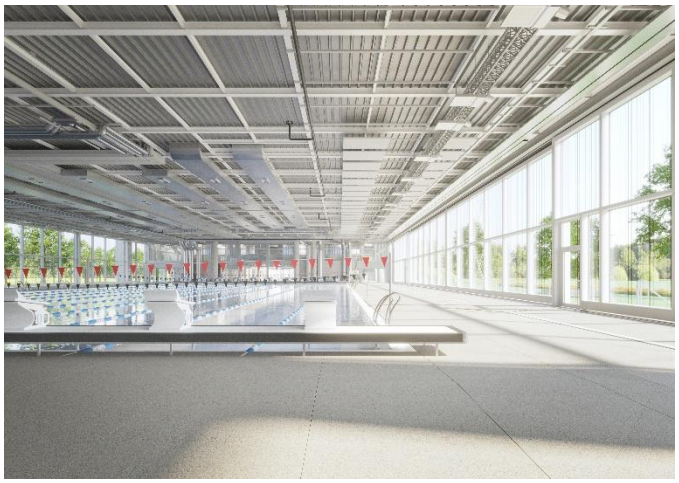
Welcome to Tenero-Contra! We hope you enjoy your stay.

NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS CENTRE IN TENERO (CST)

Dear athletes, dear coaches,

Welcome to the National Youth Sports Center in Tenero (CST) for the European Aquatics Open Water Swimming Cup. The CST is a training and development center for young athletes from across Switzerland and forms part of the Federal Office of Sport (FOSPO), whose headquarters are located in Macolin (Canton of Bern).

Swimming is very important at the CST; practically all our guests take part in it, either as their main activity or for recreation and recovery. In particular, the CST is home to the Swiss Aquatics national training center, which counts Noè Ponti among its ranks.



As a testament to the importance of swimming, the CST is building a new, highly innovative swimming center which will feature an indoor Olympic-sized pool with a depth of three meters, a diving pool meeting Olympic standards, an endless pool, a fitness room and a spa area for recovery. A new Olympic-sized pool will be built outdoors. The indoor section will be completed by winter 2027, whilst the outdoor section will be operational in 2030.

I wish you all a wonderful stay at the CST and hope you achieve your sporting goals.

Kind regards

Bixio Caprara, Deputy Director of FOSPO and Director of CST

TENERO REGION

Nestled between the sparkling waters of Lake Maggiore and the peaks of the Swiss Alps, Ascona-Locarno is one of Switzerland's most diverse and sunniest destinations. With more than 2,300 hours of sunshine each year, a mild Mediterranean climate and a unique blend of lake, mountains and valleys, the region offers an extraordinary variety of experiences within a remarkably compact area. From palm-lined promenades and lively lakeside towns to untouched alpine landscapes and traditional villages, Ascona-Locarno is a place where nature, culture and outdoor adventure come together in perfect harmony.

The region is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. More than 1,400 kilometres of hiking trails wind through picturesque valleys, chestnut forests and panoramic mountain ridges, leading to hidden waterfalls, crystal-clear rivers and breathtaking viewpoints. Cyclists and mountain bikers can explore routes that range from gentle lakeside rides to challenging alpine climbs, while trail runners will find an endless network of paths immersed in spectacular scenery. Thanks to its favourable climate, outdoor activities can be enjoyed throughout much of the year.

Water is a defining element of Ascona-Locarno. Lake Maggiore, together with the region's rivers and valleys, creates the perfect setting for sailing, stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, swimming and other water sports. Adventure seekers can experience canyoning through sculpted gorges, raft down mountain rivers or soar above the landscape while paragliding. From tranquil moments on the lake to adrenaline-filled experiences in the mountains, the region offers activities for every level of adventure.

Beyond its natural beauty, Ascona-Locarno is renowned for its vibrant cultural life.

Throughout the year, internationally acclaimed events attract visitors from around the world, including the Locarno Film Festival, JazzAscona and Moon&Stars. Historic old towns, museums, art galleries and charming piazzas create an atmosphere where Swiss quality meets Mediterranean lifestyle. Strolling through the narrow streets of Ascona or enjoying an evening on Locarno's Piazza Grande is an experience that perfectly captures the character of the region.

The local gastronomy reflects the region's unique identity. Traditional grotti, lakeside restaurants and award-winning dining establishments showcase the flavours of southern Switzerland, combining Alpine traditions with Mediterranean influences. Local wines, regional specialties and seasonal ingredients invite visitors to discover a culinary culture that is both authentic and refined.

Recognised as both a Family Destination and a Wellness Destination, Ascona-Locarno welcomes travellers seeking relaxation, active holidays, cultural discovery or simply a slower pace of life. Whether exploring fairytale valleys, enjoying a sunset by the lake, training for a sporting challenge or immersing yourself in the region's rich cultural calendar, Ascona-Locarno offers an unforgettable experience where Swiss excellence meets Mediterranean charm.

https://www.ascona-locarno.com/en/

European Aquatics Open Water Swimming Cup

2026 Calendar

Regulations

European Aquatics Open Water Swimming Cup will be organised under the European Aquatics Open Water Swimming Cup Rules and it's an open event for countries geographically located out of European continent.

In the interest of preserving the environment, and according to the decision taken by the European Aquatics Bureau in Malta (MLT) in March 2018 at the European Aquatics Bureau Meeting, the use of biodegradable cups will be compulsory.

Points and Prizes

Points will be awarded to the athletes as described in European Open Water Swimming Cup Point System

The best three ranked European athletes, male and female, will receive prize money as follows:

1st	**2,500 Euro**
2nd	**1,500 Euro**
3rd	**1,000 Euro**

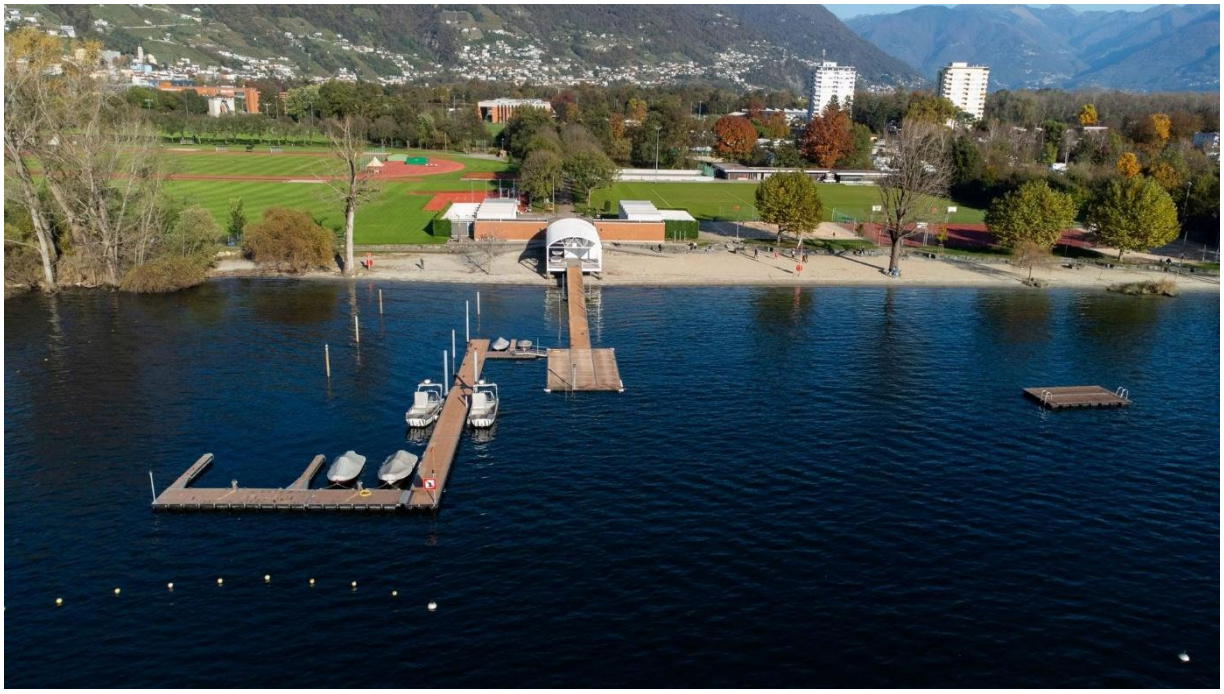
Event Info

The event will be organised by Swiss Aquatics in collaboration with the Tenero Municipality and the National Youth Sports Centre in Tenero (CST)

Event Contacts

HOST Federation	Swiss Aquatics Lindenpark Lindenhofstrasse 1 CH-3048 Worblaufen E-mail: renata,coda@swiss-aquatics.ch
LOC Contact	Renata Coda E-mail: renata.coda@swiss-aquatics.ch
European Aquatics Contact	E-mail: openwater@europeanaquatics.org

Location



National Youth Sports Centre in Tenero (CST)

Key Dates

27/07/2026	Preliminary Entry and Accommodation Form
27/07/2026	50% prepayment for official booking
12/08/2026	Final hotel booking and Travel Form
12/08/2026	Final hotel payment
12/08/2026	Pool Training Requests
12/08/2026	Rooming List
27/08/2026	Final Entries deadline (via EMS)

Registrations and Accreditation

Final Sports entries and accreditation of team members will be done through 2 European Aquatics systems: EMS and Event Works by WIZ.

All team members will receive their accreditations upon arrival to the official hotel. They are mandatory for access to the competition venue and the hotels.

Event Schedule*

04.09.2026	**Arrivals**	
	15:00-16:30	Training at competition venue
	16:00-18:00	Training at pool 5 lanes
05.09.2026	08:00-10:00	Training at pool 5 lanes
	11:00-12:30	Training at competition venue
	15:00-17:00	Training at pool 5 lanes
	15:00-16:00	Team Leaders' Meeting
	16:30-18:00	Training at competition venue
	18:00-19:00	Technical Officials Meeting
	20:00	Standing Apero

** Training schedule subject to updates, according to Pool Training Request form*

** For the swimming pool training sessions, the buses will depart from the hotels outside tha National Youth Training Center 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the session and depart from the swimming pool 30 minutes after the end of the session.*

Competition Programme

SUNDAY 06/09/2026	**06:45**	Technical Officials' Meeting
	07:15-08:15	Registration
	07:30-08:00	Warm-up
	08:30	Last briefing
	08:50	Swimmer's presentation
	09:00	Start 10K Men
	09:05	Start 10K Women
	12:30h	Awards Ceremony

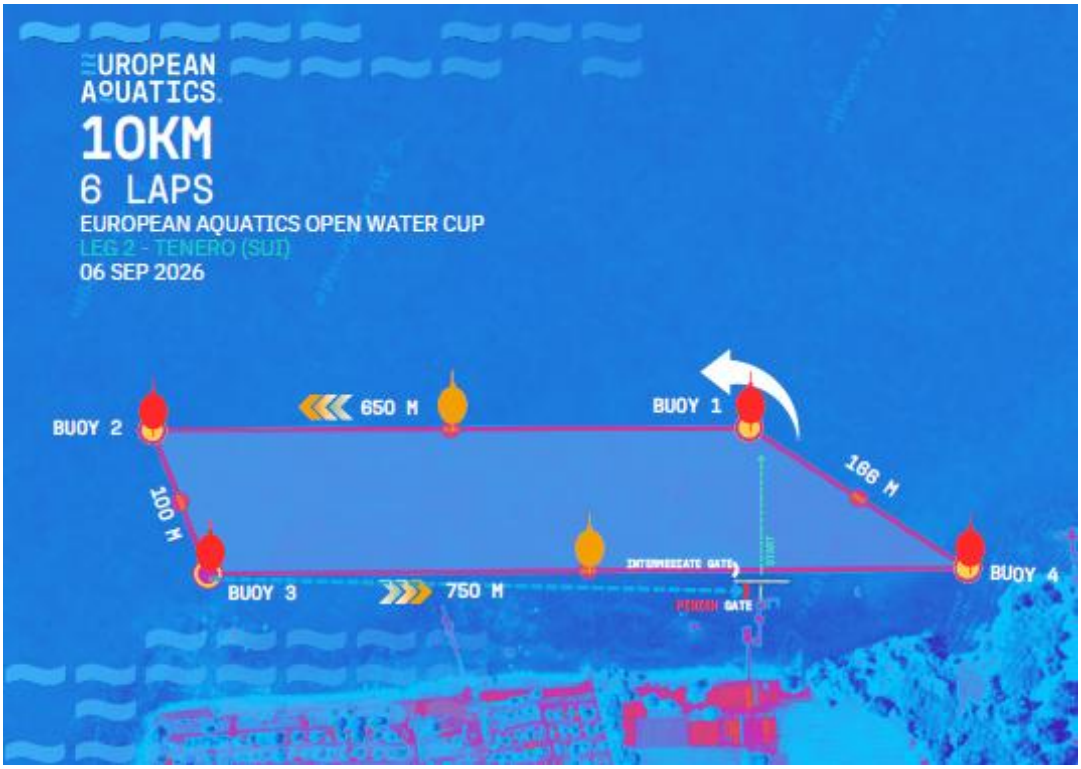
*According to Preliminary Entries Women and Men competition shall be scheduled / organised separately, and OWS Cup competition schedule shall be re-scheduled.

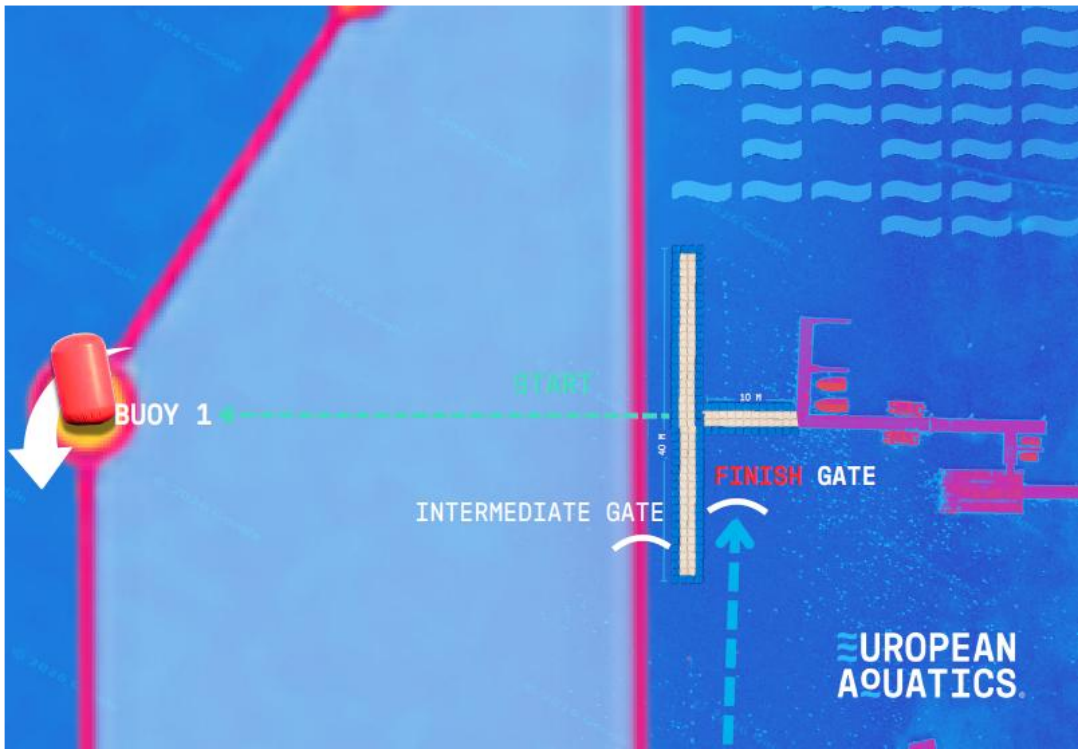
Pool Training Info

The National Youth Sports Centre in Tenero (CST) outdoor swimming pool 50m (5 lanes) will be available for training as per schedule above.

If the number of participants exceeds the number of rooms available at the CST following completion of the preliminary entry and accommodation form, additional rooms will be provided at other local hotels. A shuttle bus will be available for the transportation free of charge – approximately 30 minutes' drive from the hotels located outside the National Youth Training Center and depart from the swimming pool 30 min after the end of the session.

Venue and Course Info





Location : Lido di Tenero at CST, [National Youth Sports Centre Tenero CST]

Accommodation and Booking

“Dono Nazionale” inside the National Youth Sports Centre

FULL BOARD / SINGLE ROOM / PER NIGHT / PERSON €195.00
FULL BOARD / TWIN ROOM / PER NIGHT / PERSON €110.00
FULL BOARD / TRIPLE ROOM / PER NIGHT PERSON € 100.00
FULL BOARD /QUADRUPLE ROOM/ PER NIGHT € 100.00

The rooms will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis.

The “Dono Nazionale” is not available for direct booking.

For Federations booking their accommodation outside of the indicated hotel network, they may be subject to a daily fee per person, which will be allocated to cover various event operational costs and venue facilities usage.

For hotel reservations please return the “Preliminary Entry and Accommodation Form” by **27th July 2026.**

The reservations will be confirmed officially only after receiving the duly signed and stamped form, and payment of the 50% deposit of the total amount due.

Reservations will be finalized upon receipt of the balance due and “Final hotel booking and Travel Form” by **12th August 2026.**

Payments

Please submit payments to the following account:

Name:	SWISS AQUATICS
Bank:	Postfinance AG, Bern, Switzerland
IBAN:	CH34 0900 0000 3000 5196 2
SWIFT BIC:	POFICHBEXXX
Subject:	LEG 2 - OPEN WATER 2026

Cancellation and Refunding Rules

Cancellations made prior to **12th August 2026** will not be penalized.

Cancellation requests between **12th and 27th August 2026**, will have 50% penalty of the total booking cost.

There will be no refunds for cancellations made after **27th August 2026**.

Official Airport and Transfers

Milan Linate Airport (LIN) is located 121 km from the Tenero National Center, about 1 and a half hour ‘s drive
Milan Bergamo Airport (BGY) is located 150 km from the Tenero, about 1 hour and 45 minutes’ drive.

The Organizing Committee will provide free of charge transfer to and from Milan Linate and Milan Bergamo airports to hotels, transfer to the training pool and the competition venue from hotels, for those who book accommodation through Swiss Aquatics

Appendixes

PRELIMINARY ENTRY AND ACCOMMODATION FORM

Please fill and return this form not later than the 27th July 2026
by email to renata.coda@swiss-aquatics.ch & openwater@europeanaquatics.org

CONTACT DETAILS (please fill in with capital letters in English)

Federation name		CODE	
Contact person			
Address			
Phone Number			
E-mail			

TEAM DELEGATIONS

Female Swimmers	Male Swimmers	Female Support Staff	Male Support Staff	Total

HOTEL RESERVATION

DONO NAZIONALE

Check-in Date	Check-out Date	Nr. Single	Nr. Double	Nr. Triple	Nr. Quadr.

(50% prepayment for official booking must be paid until 27/7/2026)

National Federation:

President or General Secretary of Federation:

Date: Signature and Stamp:

FINAL HOTEL BOOKING AND TRAVEL FORM

Please fill and return this form not later than the **12th August 2026**
by email to renata.coda@swiss-aquatics.ch **&** openwater@europeanaquatics.org

CONTACT DETAILS (please fill in with capital letters in English)

Federation name		CODE	
Contact person			
Address			
Phone Number			
E-mail			

TEAM DELEGATIONS

Female Swimmers	Male Swimmers	Female Support Staff	Male Support Staff	Total

FLIGHTS SCHEDULE

	Pax	Date	Airport From	Airport To	Flight No	Time
Arrival						
Departure						

ACCOMMODATION - DONO NAZIONALE

Check-in Date	Check-out Date	Nr. Single	Nr. Double	Nr. Triple	Nr. Quadr.

(**Final payment for official booking must be paid until 06/08/2026**)

National Federation:

President or General Secretary of Federation:

Date: Signature and Stamp:

POOL TRAINING REQUEST FORM

by email to renata.coda@swiss-aquatics.ch & openwater@europeanaquatics.org

by 12th August 2026

All information should be typed, or printed legibly, not handwritten

FED		Country Code			

National Federation	
Email Address	
Contact Person	
Phone No.	

Please mark YES or NO on the session(s) below you'd like to request and write down the number of athletes from your team that will attend per session.

Day	**Request**	**Session Morning** number of athletes	Session **Afternoon** number of athletes
04 Sept	**NO ☐ YES ☐**	**NO**	
05 Sept	**NO ☐ YES ☐**		

Date:

Signature and Stamp:

EUROPEAN AQUATICS
OPEN WATER SWIMMING CUP – LEG 3
TENERO – SWITZERLAND (6th September 2026)

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ROOMING LIST

Please fill and return this form not later than the 12th August 2026
by email to renata.coda@swiss-aquatics.ch & openwater@europeanaquatics.org

FEDERATION NAME:		CODE :	

ROOM TYPE SINGLE/ DOUBLE/ TRIPLE/ QUADR.	CHECK IN DATE	CHECK OUT DATE	PERSON 1		PERSON 2		PERSON 3		PERSON 4	
			SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	SURNAME	FIRST NAME

DATE : **SIGNATURE:** **FEDERATION STAMP**