Record number of 41 nations registered to attend the EUBC European U22 Boxing Championships

## Description

The next major competition, the EUBC U22 European Boxing Championships will be held in Roseto degli Abruzzi, Italy, between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 edition, boxers who were born in 1998 are also eligible to attend the tournament. Following this decision, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 born athletes are able to participate in the event.

Roseto degli Abruzzi hosted the 2018 EUBC European Youth Boxing Championships, which was a qualification event for the AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships in Budapest. After three years of break, the continental event returns to the city which is located in the Umbria region of Italy.

A record number of 41 nations registered to take part in the upcoming championships. Altogether 96 women and 205 men boxers sent their registrations to compete in Roseto degli Abruzzi. Russia and Ukraine are the two countries that are planning of sending a maximum number of 20 boxers to Roseto.

## History of the EUBC European U22 Boxing Championships

The first EUBC U22 European Boxing Championships was held in the Russian city of Kaliningrad in December 2012, following the idea of the event that has been approved by the EUBC leadership. Six out of the ten competing Russian boxers achieved the top of the podium at the U22 tournament in Kaliningrad where Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ireland, and Ukraine also claimed a gold medal.

After a five-year break, the next edition of the EUBC European U22 Boxing Championships was held in Braila, Romania in March 2017. England and Romania both won two gold medals; Bulgaria, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, France, and Germany each took one title. Altogether 18 countries claimed at least one medal and 12 nations were represented in the finals. Boxers who were born between 1995 and 1998 were eligible to compete in Braila.

Targu Jiu was the host of the 2018 competition and for the very first time in the history of

the event, the ladies could also attend. The top boxing nations of the continent as Russia, Ukraine, England, Azerbaijan, France, Germany, Italy, and Armenia participated with strong squads. Boxers who were born between 1996 and 1999 were eligible to take part in the competition. Twelve countries claimed at least one gold medal which broke the record in the history of the continental event.

Boxers who were born between 1997 and 2000 took part in the latest 2019 edition of the EUBC U22 European Boxing Championships. Russia was the most successful country in Vladikavkaz ahead of Turkey, Ukraine, Italy, Armenia, France, Bulgaria, Ireland, Azerbaijan, and England. Twenty-three nations claimed medals in the event and among them, nine countries also won titles in Vladikavkaz, which showed the potential of the European continent. Such stars as Italy's Irma Testa, Ireland's Amy Broadhurst, Turkey's Busenaz Surmeneli and Bulgaria's Daniel Asenov, were the winners who defended their U22 thrones.

## Participating nations in the 2021 EUBC U22 European Boxing Championships

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and Wales.

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