World Para Swimming

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS KOCAELİ 2026



ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

ABOUT KOCAELİ, TÜRKİYE

Located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Kocaeli is one of Türkiye's most dynamic and strategically important cities. Stretching along the northern coast of the Gulf of Kocaeli and surrounded by lush green hills, forests, and coastline, the city offers a unique blend of nature, industry, and modern urban life.

Just a short distance from Istanbul, Kocaeli combines accessibility with tranquility. Its scenic seaside promenades, expansive parks, and panoramic viewpoints provide a refreshing environment for both athletes and visitors. The region's natural beauty from the calm waters of the Marmara Sea to the peaceful highlands creates a perfect balance between competition and relaxation.

With a strong sporting culture and modern infrastructure, Kocaeli has become an ideal destination for international events. Its world-class sports facilities, comfortable accommodation options, and well-connected transportation network ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all participants.



DISCOVER THE SPIRIT OF KOCAELİ

Beyond the competition, Kocaeli invites you to explore a city rich in culture, nature, and local flavor.

Stroll along the vibrant waterfront of Sekapark, one of the largest urban transformation parks in Europe, where green spaces meet the sea. Discover charming coastal towns like Kandıra, known for its natural beaches and relaxed atmosphere, or escape into the serene highlands for fresh air and breathtaking views.

The city's culinary scene offers a taste of authentic Turkish cuisine, from fresh seafood along the coast to traditional dishes served in local restaurants. Whether enjoying a quiet coffee with a sea view or experiencing the lively city center, visitors will find something memorable at every corner.

Kocaeli is more than a host city, it is an experience shaped by hospitality, diversity and energy. During the World Para Swimming European Championships, it will welcome athletes and guests from around the world with warmth and pride.

A destination where performance meets comfort.
A city ready to inspire.
Welcome to Kocaeli.



ACCOMODATION GUIDE

Accommodation options in the Kocaeli (Gebze) region have been carefully selected to meet the operational and technical requirements of the competition. Priority has been given to accessibility for para athletes, proximity to competition and training venues, and efficient transport connectivity.

The selected hotels are distributed within the Gebze area to ensure balanced team allocation, reduced travel times, and smooth daily operations

For meeting room requests, any requirements during the stay, or any feedback, you may contact the Accommodation Manager, Yılmaz Ceyhan, at yilmaz.ceyhan@tmpk.org.tr .

Selected Hotels

- Happy Inn Gebze Hotel
- Workinn Hotel
- Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Istanbul Asia Airport
- Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Istanbul Tuzla



HAPPY INN GEBZE HOTEL

Happy Inn Gebze Hotel is a contemporary city hotel situated between Istanbul and Kocaeli, positioned to serve as a practical base for business, sports, and group accommodations. Its location provides direct connectivity to surrounding industrial and urban hubs, making it suitable for organized large-scale stays. The property is designed with a focus on functionality and accessibility, offering a straightforward and efficient environment for operational accommodation needs.

The hotel offers wheelchair-friendly accommodation suitable for athletes, with bathrooms including step-free access and accessible facilities that may vary depending on room type to accommodate different needs. Rooms also provide sufficient space to ensure ease of movement. The hotel has 2 fully accessible rooms available. All hotel facilities, including dining areas and meeting rooms, are fully accessible.

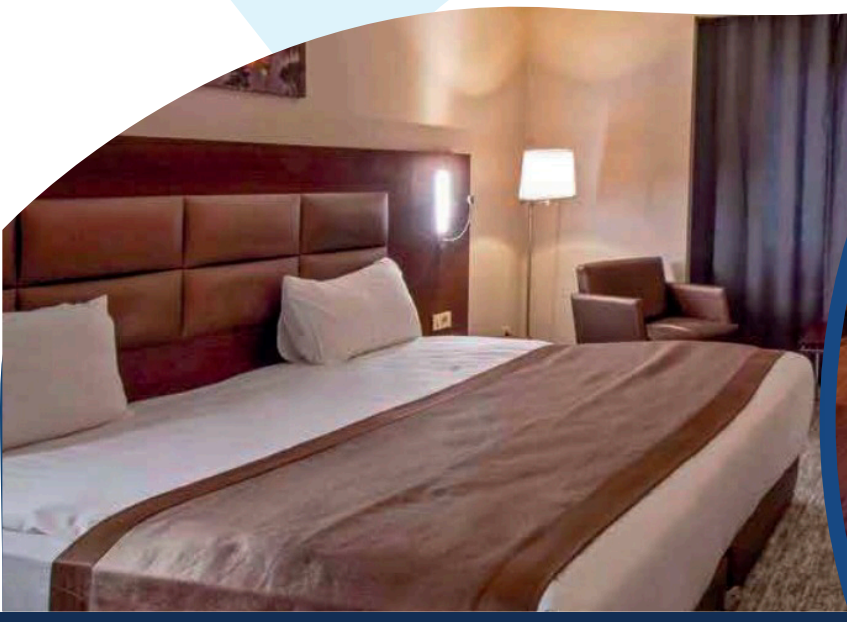


Hotel Features

- 4★ City Hotel
- Air-conditioned rooms
- Flat-screen TV
- Work desk
- Free high-speed Wi-Fi
- Minibar
- Private bathroom
- 24/7 reception service
- Room service
- Restaurant & breakfast area
- Fitness facilities
- Meeting rooms

Location Advantage

- Sabiha Gökçen Airport: ~20–25 km
- Istanbul Airport:
- ~80–90 km
- Close to Gebze Bus Terminal
- Easy access to transportation networks





WORKINN HOTEL

Workinn Hotel is a modern business-focused property located within the Gebze Organized Industrial Zone, designed with a smart-building approach and a strong emphasis on efficiency. Serving as a hub for corporate events, conferences, and structured group accommodation, the hotel is shaped around productivity and sustainability, offering a controlled and well-integrated environment within one of the region's key industrial and commercial areas.

The property provides wheelchair-friendly accommodation for athletes, with well-planned room layouts that ensure sufficient circulation space for comfortable and independent movement, along with barrier-free bathroom access and adapted facilities that may vary depending on room configuration. The hotel has 2 fully accessible rooms available. All key hotel areas, including dining facilities and meeting rooms, are also designed to be fully accessible.



Hotel Features

- 4★ Business & Eco Hotel
- Smart building system
- Free high-speed Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioned rooms
- Flat-screen TV
- Work desk
- Minibar
- Private bathroom
- Soundproof rooms
- 24/7 reception service
- Room service
- Restaurant & café
- Spa & wellness facilities
- Fitness center
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Meeting & conference rooms

Location Advantage

- Sabiha Gökçen Airport:
- ~12–16 km
- Istanbul Airport:
- ~70–90 km (approx.)
- Located in Gebze Organized Industrial Zone
- Close to TEM & D-100 highways
- Easy access to industrial and business areas



Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Istanbul Asia Airport

Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Istanbul Asia Airport is a modern hotel strategically positioned between Istanbul and Kocaeli, offering easy access to major transport links and surrounding industrial zones. The property is designed to accommodate both business and transit guests, with a strong focus on efficiency, capacity, and convenience for group stays, while also providing a calm and well-balanced environment that supports quality rest after travel or competition days.

The hotel provides wheelchair-friendly accommodation for athletes, ensuring ease of movement and practical usability. Bathrooms include step-free access and adapted facilities depending on room type. The hotel has 1 fully accessible room available. All key hotel areas such as dining spaces, meeting rooms, and common areas are fully accessible.



Hotel Features

- 5★ Airport Hotel
- Free high-speed Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioned rooms
- Flat-screen TV
- Work desk
- Minibar
- Private bathroom
- Soundproof rooms
- 24-hour front desk
- Room service
- Restaurant
- Bar / Café
- Fitness centre
- Spa & wellness facilities
- Indoor swimming pool
- Meeting & conference rooms
- Parking facilities

Location Advantage

- Sabiha Gökçen Airport:
- ~10–15 km
- Istanbul Airport:
- ~70–80 km (approx.)
- Located between Istanbul and Kocaeli corridor
- Close to TEM and E-80 highway connections
- Easy access to Tuzla, Gebze and industrial zones
- Well connected to business and logistics areas



Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa
Istanbul Tuzla

Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Istanbul Tuzla is a contemporary five-star property located on the Asian side of Istanbul, strategically positioned between Istanbul and Kocaeli with convenient access to major transport routes, industrial zones, and Sabiha Gökçen International Airport. The hotel offers a comfortable and well-balanced environment for business travellers, sports teams, and group accommodations, combining modern facilities with extensive leisure and wellness amenities.

The hotel provides wheelchair-friendly accommodation suitable for athletes, with room layouts designed to support comfortable movement and practical usability. Bathrooms include step-free access and accessible facilities that may vary depending on room type. The hotel has 4 fully accessible rooms available. All key hotel facilities, including restaurants, meeting rooms, common areas, and wellness facilities, are fully accessible.



Hotel Features

- 5★ Hotel & Spa
- • Modern guest rooms and suites
- • Free high-speed Wi-Fi
- • Flat-screen TV
- • Work desk
- • Tea & coffee making facilities
- • Restaurants & bars
- • 4,000 m^2 spa and wellness centre
- • Indoor & outdoor swimming pools
- • Fitness centre
- • Turkish bath, sauna & steam rooms
- • Meeting & event facilities
- • 24/7 reception service
- • Room service

Location Advantage

- Sabiha Gökçen Airport: ~5 km
- • Istanbul Airport: ~85 km
- • Quick access to Gebze Organized Industrial Zone (GOSB)
- • Easy access to major highways and transportation networks
- • Close to Viaport Marina, ViaSea Aquarium and shopping areas
- • Convenient location between Istanbul and Kocaeli



HOTEL SERVİCES AND CHARGES

HOTEL	TWIN	SINGLE
Happy Inn Gebze	200	275
Workinn Hotel	200	275
Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Istanbul Asia Airport	210	285
Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Istanbul Tuzla	215	290

The LOC will provide dedicated support across all selected hotels, including on-site Sports Information Desks to assist teams throughout their stay, and all accommodation arrangements, including room allocations and meal requirements, will be centrally coordinated to ensure a smooth and efficient experience for all participants during the event. Please note that the twin room rates indicated in the table above are per person and not per room. The meal package is included in the accommodation costs and no additional charges will be incurred to the NPCs, with the package including breakfast, a buffet lunch, and dinner served in the hotels.

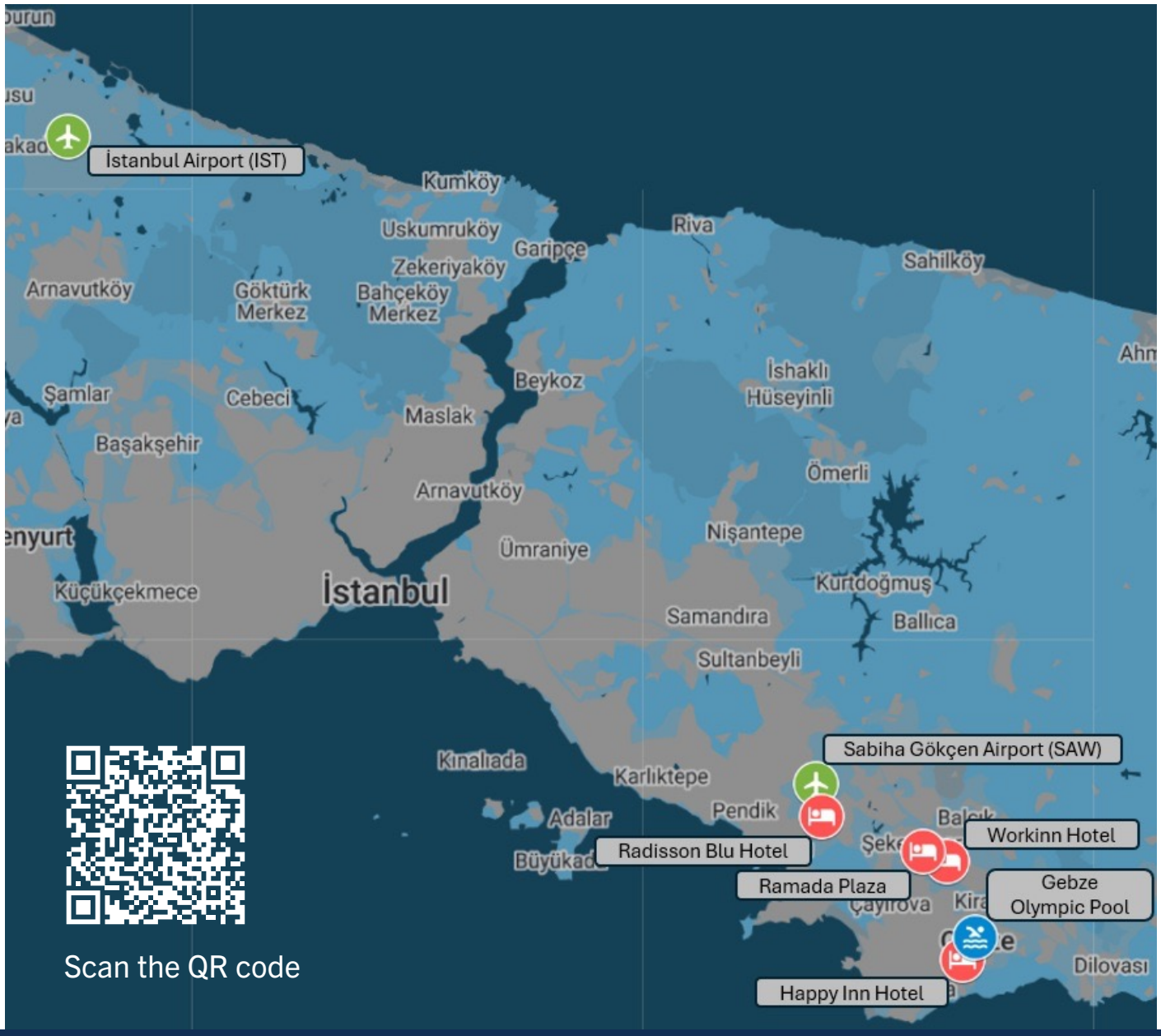
TRANSPORTATION

Meet & greet services will be provided at the officially designated airports (Istanbul Airport(IST) and Sabiha Gokcen Airport (SAW)). Transportation between the airport and the hotel will be arranged. Transportation will be provided from the hotel to the competition venues. Routes will be shared closer to the event. These services will be operated regularly, taking into account the training and competition schedule of the Championship.

HOTEL DISTANCES

HOTEL	Gebze Olimypic Pool	Sabiha Gökçen Airport	İstanbul Airport
Happy Inn	2,5 km (7 min)	20-25 km (25 min)	80-90 km (90 min)
Workinn Hotel	8-9 km (14 min)	12-16 km (14 min)	70-90 km (80 min)
Ramada Plaza	10-14 km (18 min)	10-15 km (20 min)	70-80 km (85 min)
Radisson Blu	20-25 km (30 min)	5-7 km (8 min)	65-75 km (70 min)

MAPPING



BOOKING POLICY

Preliminary booking will open on May 18th, 2026 and close on June 26th, 2026, at which point a 50% deposit payment will be required.

The final accommodation booking deadline (Room lists) must be sent until July 20th, 2026 and 25 % payment.

The remaining 25% of the fee (bringing the total to 100%) must be paid by August 3rd, 2026. This means that the payer is responsible for all bank fees, if applicable.

Scan the QR code to access the booking form

https://www.paralympic.org/file/wpsc26accommodation-booking-form-kocaeli-xlsx

CANCELLATION POLICY

All teams must finalise their accommodation bookings by July 20th, 2026. WPS European Championships Kocaeli 2026 LOC allows teams to make changes to up to 10% of their reservations (number of rooms) between 26 June 2026 and 20 July 2026. After this no cancellation or reimbursement will be possible. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please let us know and contact us, by email: yilmaz.ceyhan@tmpk.org.tr



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