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Kocaeli: **"A destination where performance meets comfort".**

Dear Families and Friends,
On behalf of the National Paralympic Committee of Türkiye, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the beautiful city of Kocaeli for the World Para Swimming European Championships.
This Swimming Championships are not only a celebration of excellence in the pool, but also a gathering of a vibrant and supportive community. As families and friends, your encouragement and presence mean the world to our athletes. Your unwavering support inspires them to push their limits, achieve their goals, and reminds them that they are never alone on their journey.

We are honoured to host you in a city rich with history, culture, and hospitality. Our team has worked with great care to ensure that your experience in Kocaeli is comfortable, accessible, and memorable. We hope you will enjoy exploring the city, connecting with other families, and sharing in the excitement of these Championships.
the World Para Swimming European Championships. are a unique opportunity to witness the determination, talent, and spirit of the next generation. As you cheer from the stands and celebrate every achievement, you are an essential part of this inspiring event.

We look forward to welcoming you with warm hearts. May your time in Kocaeli be filled with joy, pride, and unforgettable memories.
With our best wishes,

Local Organization Committee

## About Kocaeli

Welcome to Kocaeli: **A destination where performance meets comfort.**
Dear Participants and Athletes,
We are delighted to welcome you to Kocaeli, the proud host city of the World Para Swimming European Championships. Located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Kocaeli offers the perfect blend of modern infrastructure, natural beauty, and warm Turkish hospitality. We wish you an unforgettable championship and an enjoyable stay.

## About Kocaeli

Located in the Marmara Region, Kocaeli is one of Türkiye's most important metropolitan cities, with a population of over 2 million people. Positioned at the gateway between Europe and Asia, it plays a vital role in the country's economy, transportation, and international trade. The city is home to one of Türkiye's busiest industrial zones and ports while also offering rich natural landscapes, making it a destination where innovation and nature coexist.

## History & Heritage

For thousands of years, Kocaeli has been home to many civilizations, including the Romans, Byzantines, and Ottomans. The city, once known as Nicomedia, served as the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire before Constantinople. Today, visitors can discover this rich heritage through historic landmarks, museums, traditional architecture, and cultural sites that reflect the region's remarkable past.

## Sport, Inclusion and Excellence

Hosting the World Para Swimming European Championships reflects Kocaeli's commitment to excellence in sport and to creating inclusive opportunities for athletes of all abilities. Through accessible venues, experienced event organization, and strong collaboration with national and international sports organizations, the city is proud to provide an outstanding championship environment where performance, determination, and friendship come together.

## Experience More Than Competition

Beyond the championship, Kocaeli offers visitors a chance to experience authentic Turkish hospitality, vibrant local culture, and memorable landscapes. From relaxing by the Marmara Sea and exploring picturesque villages to enjoying regional cuisine and lively public spaces, every visit offers a unique opportunity to discover the spirit of the city. During your stay, we hope Kocaeli becomes not only the host of your competition but also a place of lasting memories.
A destination where performance meets comfort.
A city ready to inspire.
Welcome to Kocaeli.

## Accommodation & Logistics

For the World Para Swimming European Championships, accommodation will be provided primarily at the 5-star Radisson Blu Hotel, ensuring comfort, accessibility, and convenience for all participants and their families.
Accommodation will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, depending on hotel availability. If a hotel is fully booked, an alternative hotel will be offered.
Please note that athletes and family members may stay in different hotels.

## Official Hotel - Radisson Blu Hotel

Distance to Gebze Olympic Swimming Pool: 20-25km / 30 min
Distance to Istanbul Airport: 65-75 km / 70 min
Distance to Sabiha Gökçen Airport: 5-7Km / 8 min



## Package Includes

• Hotel accommodation
• Airport transfers (arrival & departure)
• Daily transport between hotel and venue (if needed)
• Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
• Accreditation card



## Accreditation

The official accreditation card includes:
• Entry to the competition venue
• Access to all competition sessions
• Access to opening and closing ceremonies
• Access to official event areas



# HOSPITALITY FEE

## Radisson Blu Hotel

**The single room hospitality fee** is €290 per person per day. This fee includes accommodation in a 5-star hotel, half-board meals (breakfast and dinner), access to all competitions and ceremonies, airport transfers from both Istanbul Airport and Sabiha Gökçen Airport to the hotel, and daily transportation between the hotel and the sports venues.

The **double room hospitality fee** is 215 € per person per day. This fee includes accommodation in a 5-star hotel, half-board meals (breakfast and dinner), access to all competitions and ceremonies, airport transfers from both Istanbul Airport and Sabiha Gökçen Airport to the hotel, and daily transportation between the hotel and the sports venues.

# IMPORTANT DATES:

3rd August 2026
Reservation
28th August 2026
Full payment deadline
Payment terms: 7 days after the date of invoice.
The LOC must receive the invoiced amounts in full. This means that all bank fees are the responsibility of the payer.

**World Para Swimming European Championships 2026 Schedule**

3 September: Arrivals
4-6 September: Training and Classification
7 September: Opening Ceremony
7 - 12 September: Championships Dates
12 September: Closing Ceremony
13 September: Departures

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# THANK YOU

