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National team aspires to be crowned European Champions in Viana do Castelo “EUROJUNIOR 2010 regarded as extremely important”

There are only three days left until the EUROJUNIOR 2010 competitions begin in Praia da Arda, in Afife, Viana do Castelo. Organised by the Surf Clube de Viana in partnership with the European Surfing Federation, the Portuguese Surfing Federation and the city council of Viana do Castelo, this championship, with 153 of some of the most promising athletes of the future, is sure to be spectacular. The Portuguese national team is prepared to become the Junior European Champions for the very first time.

Some of the members of the 13 teams that will be competing in Praia da Arda have begun to arrive in Viana do Castelo. Twelve of these are European (Portugal, France, Spain, England, Ireland, Wales, Channel Islands, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Holland and Sweden) and one from Morocco.

This edition takes on great importance for all those involved, European and national teams alike.

It is an honour for Pedro Santos, president of the Surf Clube de Viana (SCV) to organise such a major event. “The leading European athletes of tomorrow in Surfing, Bodyboard and Longboard will be competing in Vianense waters. This is the first time that a club organises a European National Championship. This edition will also include the official celebration of the European Maritime Day with the presence and support of the European Commission. During the course of the week, Viana do Castelo will become the centre of attention for European surfing teams, opening the way for other teams and athletes to hopefully seek out this region in the future, due to the quality of the its beaches and the infrastructures, such as the High Performance Surfing Centre.”

José Manuel Braga, the national coach, is confident that after having won the title of vice-champions in the last edition “our team will work hard to conquer this EUROJUNIOR.... We hope to beat the French Juniors, for the first time.”

Guilherme Bastos, the president of the Portuguese Surfing Federation, also regards this edition of the EUROJUNIOR as extremely important, as “the national junior team is one of the Federation’s priorities, and as this is a European Championship, this allows the team to compete in three disciplines.”





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The official Opening Ceremony of the EUROJUNIOR takes place next Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Athletes and their respective committees will parade down the Avenida dos Combatentes da Grande Guerra (the main avenue in Viana do Castelo) until they reach Praça de Liberdade (Liberty square). João Guedes, the national surf champion and SCV athlete will be carrying the banner for the Portuguese national team in this ceremony. The presidents of the European Surfing Federation, the Portuguese Surfing Federation and the city council of Viana do Castelo and Martin Fernandez Diez-Picazo, representing the European Commission will be present. Competitions will be held between the 9th and 15th of May.

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