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The EUROJUNIOR committee congratulates Surf Clube de Viana

Team France crowned as European Champion in Viana do Castelo

As predicted, the final battle for the Championship was between France and Portugal, who competed neck and neck until the very end. The winning European team was only determined in the last heat and wave of the EUROJUNIOR 2010 which finished today in Praia da Arda, in Viana do Castelo. Organised by the Surf Clube de Viana in partnership with the European Surf Federation, the Portuguese Surf Federation and the City Council of Viana do Castelo, this championship was included in the European Maritime Day commemorations.

The EUROJUNIOR 2010, which was organised for the very first time by a club, gathered the European and world superstars of tomorrow, in Surfing, Bodyboard and Long board, in Viana do Castelo. All in all, 153 athletes - 13 national teams from Europe and Morocco, participated in the various events.

Despite the rough weather, the waves were spectacular and participants put on quite a show and fought until the bitter end for a place on the podium until the very end.

Among the Portuguese, we must take our hats off to Vasco Ribeiro, who secured the Under 16 European Surfing Champion title, Ana Adão, the Under 18 Female Bodyboarder who won the European title and Frederico Morais who won the Under 18 Vice-champion title.

The last wave was decisive for the French team, and evoked many mixed feelings, leaving the Portuguese team quite disappointed, as they had planned to walk away as European Champions in Viana do Castelo.

Carlos García Gomez, president of the European Surf Federation, stated that in a championship with such adverse weather conditions, including a rough sea and strong winds, the organisers had to be congratulated for their hard work, and he was especially pleased with the live coverage of the event through the club's website (www.surfingviana.com) which was a total success. There were roughly 10 thousand hits per day.

Carlos Gomez is also of the opinion that the excellent organisation of this EUROJUNIOR will serve as a model for future competitions on an organisational level.

For Pedro Santos, president of the Surf Clube de Viana, this was one of the club's most successful events with more than 21 thousand spectators. The success of the event is sure to bear future results, as many of the visiting teams plan to return for surf training, due to the exceptional surfing conditions that the region has to offer.





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