



**Report on the Activity of the European Council of UWW 2025**

**I. European championships 2025**

In all three styles (FS, GR, WW) a total of 2.589 (2024 = 2.599) athletes participated.

**Analysis European Championship Seniors 2025**

A total of 443 athletes participated. (2024 = 519 / 2023 = 463 / 2022 = 385 / 2021 = 428 / 2020 = 498 / 2019 = 515)

The distribution of participants by style:

FS 150 (2024 = 185 / 2023 = 158 / 2022 = 133 / 2021 = 155 / 2020 = 181)  
 GR 172 (2024 = 196 / 2023 = 183 / 2022 = 158 / 2021 = 168 / 2020 = 190)  
 WW 121 (2024 = 138 / 2023 = 122 / 2022 = 94 / 2021 = 105 / 2020 = 127)

The participations, results and analysis of the EC U23, U20, U17 and U15 can be found in the summaries (Bulletin) of the respective championship deposited on the UWW website.

**Wrestling**

2025		FS		GR		WW		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U15	Caorle / ITA	26	218	24	235	27	193	646
U17	Skopje / MKD	30	186	31	204	31	168	558
U20	Caorle / ITA	29	179	32	196	28	144	519
U23	Tirana / ALB	27	156	29	159	20	108	423
Seniors	Bratislava / SVK	26	150	33	172	24	121	443
			889		966		734	2.589

In September 2025, the European Council discussed changes to the EM U15. Due to the high number of participants, the competition in 2025 took too long. The European Council has therefore decided on the following changes from 2026 onwards:

- Only one wrestler per weight class will be allowed.
- The schedule will be extended by one day.



### Beach Wrestling

In all three age groups (U15, U17, U20) a total of 163 (2024 = 184) athletes participated.

2025		Men		Women		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U15	Porec / CRO	6	34	8	33	67
U17	Porec / CRO	9	42	8	19	61
U20	Porec / CRO	4	17	5	18	35
			93		70	163

### Grappling

Only World Championships took place in the 2025 calendar year.

The tables only includes European participants in the World Championships.

### Grappling Gi

In all age groups (U15, U17, U20, seniors) a total of 397 (2024 = 366) athletes participated.

2025		Men		Women		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U15	Loutraki / GRE	8	58	6	26	84
U17	Loutraki / GRE	9	65	8	40	105
U20	Loutraki / GRE	9	58	6	19	77
Seniors	Novi Sad / SRB	16	97	8	34	131
			278		119	397

### Grappling no GI European Open

In all three age groups (U15, U17, U20, seniors) a total of 433 (2024 = 409) athletes participated.

2025		Men		Women		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U15	Loutraki / GRE	8	61	7	25	86
U17	Loutraki / GRE	9	65	8	39	104
U20	Loutraki / GRE	9	65	6	20	85
Seniors	Novi Sad / SRB	19	120	11	38	158
			311		122	433



## II. International Tournaments 2025

More than 70 international tournaments in different styles and age groups could be organized in Europe in the calendar year 2025.

Thanks to all National Federations who organized international tournaments.

## III. International transfer of wrestlers 2025

In 2025 we had 179 transfers (2024 = 181 / 2023 = 232 / 2022 = 297 / 2021 = 265 / 2020 = 79 / 2019 = 241). Foreign wrestlers had permission to compete for clubs in Austria (15), France (5) and Germany (159).

In the list of transfers there are wrestlers from 32 countries (2024 = 35 / 2023 = 35 / 2022 = 32 / 2021 = 34 / 2020 = 23). Their distribution was as follows:

	2025	2024	2023		2025	2024	2023
GEO	23	8	20	ALB	1	3	2
MDA	19	19	31	BRN	1	1	0
POL	13	12	11	ESP	1	1	2
TUR	13	6	23	EST	1	0	1
UKR	13	11	10	GRE	1	1	1
HUN	11	11	21	ITA	1	1	5
FRA	10	9	11	MKD	1	1	3
AZE	9	7	7	NED	1	1	2
BUL	9	10	22	UZB	1	3	0
ARM	8	3	4				
JPN	7	4	0				
RUS	7	7	3				
KAZ	5	7	4				
ROU	4	4	17				
KGZ	3	1	0				
LTU	3	5	5				
BLR	2	3	1				
CRO	2	2	4				
CZE	2	2	4				
DEN	2	4	3				
FIN	2	0	1				
LAT	2	2	3				
SRB	2	2	1				

Countries without any transfer in 2025:

BEL	0	1	1
CUB	0	2	1
IRI	0	1	2
NOR	0	1	1
SWE	0	0	3
TJK	0	2	1

The number of transfers may be reduced further, as there are now only 20 clubs in the German Bundesliga and further restrictions on the use of foreign players have been introduced.



#### IV. UWW Europe projects

##### Women Wrestling Program

In calendar year 2023, we launched our promotion program for female wrestling in Europe.

We received positive feedback from all the courses. We would also like to thank all the trainers who supported us during the course. We are also always looking for female trainers to carry out the projects. Please contact me for further information.

Due to the positive response, the project was continued in 2024 and 2025.

A total of 11 nations were selected for promotion in 2025.

AUT	CRO	ESP	EST	FIN	KOS
LAT	LTU	MKD	SUI	SWE	

The postponed project from 2024 for GBR was implemented in 2025.

As in the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025, we would like to continue our support program for women's wrestling for the calendar year 2026.

In February 2026 we sent our presentation to all European countries. The deadline for the application is March 31, 2026.

In April 2026, the European Council will then decide which projects can be funded in 2026.

##### Best coach / wrestler of the year

Since the 2023 calendar year, UWW Europe has been selecting the best wrestler/coach of the year in all styles.

The process for 2025 has been completed and the awards will be presented during the 2026 European Championships in Tirana/ALB.

##### Social Media

UWW Europe has developed its own website to achieve better visibility on social media. The name of the new website is:

<https://uww-europe.eu/>

(available since March 2025)





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The Executive Committee of UWW-Europe, on behalf of its members, the 48 national federations, thanks its UWW President and IOC member Nenad Lalovic, the members of the UWW Office and the UWW staff for their support and assistance in the activities of our Continental Council.

This annual report will be supplemented at the General Assembly by the President with some current information. This will include the President's activities over the past year and plans for the future. Among other things, we will also present some new proposals for our work.

Dortmund, 02.03.2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Karl-Martin Dittmann  
UWW Europe President