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Report IBU Regional Events Development Department

Mission

Increase the visibility of events and athletes across the world (Target 26)

Goal

Establish a strategy for the implementation of sustainable regional IBU events, focused on developing biathlon

Goal 2020/2021

Considering the situation with COVID-19, ensuring the necessary level of biathlon competition to keep young people engaged in the biathlon

Objectives

1. Support NFs to implement good quality international competitions for young athletes.
2. Address gaps in participation pathways by supporting NFs to introduce programs based on international cooperation.
3. Create the possibility of wide participation in systemic sports competitions (popularization).
4. Support NFs to use local biathlon facilities and venues to promote biathlon nationally and regionally.
5. Increase the activity and efficiency of biathlon federations/associations and clubs in the field of promoting the sport of children and youth.
6. Gain access to additional resources and funding.

IBU-REGIONS Version 2

WEST EUROPE	EUROPE	CENTRAL-EAST EUROPE	NORTH EUROPE	SOUTH EUROPE
Alpen Cup		Central-East Europe Cup	Baltic Cup	Balkan Cup
AUT ITA GER SLO SUI LIE FRA	FRA** ESP NED BEL GBR IRL AND*	POL CZE SVK UKR HUN BLR	FIN SWE NOR DEN GRL EST LAT LTU ISL*	CRO BIH GRE BUL SRB ROU MLD TUR MKD CYP
EURO-ASIA	ASIA	NORTH AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA	OCEANIA
RUS* KAZ UZB GEO ARM KGZ MGL BLR** CHN**	CHN JPN KOR IND TPE AUS** NZL**	USA CAN	BRA CHI ARG DOM* MEX*	AUS NZL

*Provisional IBU members

**NFs that could participate in more than one regional event due to their geographic location

IBU Regional Event Calendar (Final overview)

No.		IBU REGIONAL EVENT	status	NF	DATE
		DECEMBER 2020			
		Alpen Cup 1SUI	canceled COVID	SUI	17-20.12.2020
1	1	Biathlon Tour 1 Les Tuffes, FRA	ok	FRA	16-20.12.2020
		IBU Baltic Cup 1 Otepää, EST	postponed COVID	EST	19-21.12.2020
		IBU Balkan Cup 1 Dvoriste, BiH	postponed no snow	BiH	28.12.-30.12.2020
		JANUARY 2021			
		Balkan Biathlon Cup 2 Sjenica, SRB	postponed no snow	SRB	05-10.01.2021
2	3	Alpen Cup 2 Forni Avoltri, ITA	ok	ITA	07-10.01.2021
3		IBU Baltic Cup 1 Haanja, EST	ok	EST	22-24.01.2021
		Alpen Cup 2 Arber, GER	canceled COVID	GER	28-31.01.2021
4		Biathlon Tour 2 Les Hopitaux Vieux	ok	FRA	29-31.01.2021
		FEBRUARY 2021			
		Balkan Biathlon Cup Erzurum, TUR	postponed Balkan plan changes	TUR	05-07.02.2021
5	3	IBU Balkan Cup 1 Dvoriste, BiH	ok	BiH	02.-05.02.2021
		IBU Baltic Cup 3 Madona, LAT	postponed COVID	LAT	05-07.02.2021
6		IBU Baltic Cup 2 Otepää, EST	ok	EST	05-07.02.2021
7		IBU Balkan Cup 2, Sjenica SRB	ok	SRB	10-14.02.2021
		MARCH 2021			
		Central Europe Cup 1 Duszniki-Zdrój, POL	cancelled COVID	POL	05-7.03.2021
		IBU Balkan Championship Dvoriste, BiH	cancelled COVID	BiH	11-14.03.2021
		IBU Baltic Cup 3, Aluksne/LAT	cancelled COVID	LAT	12-14.03.2021
		Central Europe Cup 2 NMNM, CZE	cancelled COVID	CZE	18-21.03.2021
8	1	Alpen Cup 4 Pokljuka, SLO	ok	SLO	18-21.03.2021
		IBU Balkan Cup 3 Erzurum, TUR	cancelled COVID	TUR	18-21.03.2021
		IBU Baltic Cup 4 Haanja, EST	cancelled COVID	LAT	26-28.03.2021
		Open Asia Cup Schuchinsk, KAZ	cancelled COVID	KAZ	20-27.03.2021

Final cost overview

IBU REGIONAL EVENT	NF	DATE	EB decision	Amount transferred	Participation *number of NFs and athletes	travel contribution 100 EUR per youth and junior athlete
DECEMBER 2020						
Biathlon Tour 1 Les Tuffes	FRA	16-20.12.2020	8.600,00	8.190,00	4 NFs, 113	3.600,00
JANUARY 2021						
Alpen Cup 2 Forni Avoltri, ITA	ITA	07-10.01.2021	5.500,00	5.080,00	4 NFs, 75	6.400,00
IBU Baltic Cup 2 Haanja, EST	EST	22-24.01.2021	10.500,00	10.500,00	3 NFs, 102	5.600,00
Biathlon Tour 2 Les Hopitaux Vieux	FRA	29-31.01.2021	5.500,00	5.500,00	3 NFs, 169	3.300,00
FEBRUARY 2021						
IBU Balkan Cup 1 Dvoriste, BiH	BiH	02.-05.02.2021	13.300,00	13.300,00	6 NFs, 48	4.300,00
IBU Baltic Cup 2 Otepää, EST	EST	05-07.02.2021	10.500,00	10.500,00	3 NFs, 109	5.800,00
IBU Balkan Cup 2, Sjenica SRB	SRB	10-14.02.2021	14.500,00	14.500,00	6 NFs, 45	4.500,00
MARCH 2021						
Alpen Cup 4 Pokljuka, SLO	SLO	18-21.03.2021	18.000,00	20.000,00	6 NFs, 156	8.500,00
TOTAL			86.400,00	87.570,00		42.000,00

Successfully organized events in the season 2020/21

Biathlon Tour 1 Les Tuffes, FRA

Date: 16. – 20.12.2020

Competitions: Sprint, Individual, Pursuit

Classes: Youth, Junior, Senior

Total number of Athletes: 113

Number of participating NFs: 4 (FRA, BEL, AND, GBR)

IBU financial support: 8.190€ (410€ less than planned)

Travel contributions paid: 3.600€



Alpencup 2 Forni Avoltri, ITA

Date: 09. – 10.01.2021

Competitions: Sprint, Individual

Classes: Youth, Junior, Senior

Total number of Athletes: 75

Number of participating NFs: 4 (ITA, SLO, SUI, GER)

IBU financial support: 5.080€ (420€ less than planned)

Travel contributions paid: 6.400€



IBU Baltic Cup 1 Haanja, EST

Date: 22. – 24.01.2021

Competitions: Sprint, Massstart

Classes: Girls/Boys, Youth, Junior

Total number of Athletes: 102

Number of participating NFs: 3 (EST, LAT, LTU)

IBU financial support: 10.500€ (as planned)

Travel contributions paid: 5.600€



Biathlon Tour 2 Les Hopitaux Vieux, FRA

Date: 29. – 31.01.2021

Competitions: Sprint, Pursuit

Classes: Youth, Junior, Senior

Total number of Athletes: 152

Number of different NFs: 3 (FRA, AND, BEL)

IBU financial support: 5.500€

Travel contributions paid: 3.300€



IBU Balkan Cup 1 Dvoriste, BIH

Date: 02. – 05.02.2021

Competitions: Sprint, Pursuit

Classes: Youth, Junior, Senior

Total number of Athletes: 48

Number of different NFs: 6 (BIH, CRO, SRB, GRE, ROU, MKD)

IBU financial support: 13.300€

Travel contributions paid: 4.300€



IBU Baltic Cup 2 Otepää, EST

Date: 05. – 07.02.2021

Competitions: Sprint, Individual

Classes: Girls/Boys, Youth, Junior

Total number of Athletes: 109

Number of different NFs: 3 (EST, LAT, LTU)

IBU financial support: 10.500€

Travel contributions paid: 5.800€



IBU Balkan Cup 2 Sjenica, SRB

Date: 12. – 14.02.2021

Competitions: Sprint, Sprint

Classes: Youth, Junior

Total number of Athletes: 45

Number of different NFs: 6 (BIH, CRO, SRB, GRE, ROU, MKD)

IBU financial support: 14.500€

Travel contributions paid: 4.500€



Alpen Cup 4 Pokljuka, SLO

Date: 18. – 21.03.2021

Competitions: Sprint, Pursuit, Short Individual

Classes: Youth, Junior

Total number of Athletes: 138

Number of different NFs: 6 (AUT, GER, SUI, SLO, CRO, MEX)

IBU financial support: 20.000€

Travel contributions paid: 8.500€



Summary

- 8 out of 17 Regional events could be organized as planned
- Several events had to be postponed during the season due to a lack of snow or changes with COVID-19 regulations
- **Alpencup:** Two out of five events could be organized as planned, the rest had to be cancelled
- **Biathlon Tour:** Two events could be organized, no cancellations or postponements
- **Balkan Cup:** Two events could be organized, 2 had to be cancelled, several postponements
- **Baltic Cup:** Two events could be organized, 3 had to be cancelled, several postponements
- **Central Europe Cup:** no event organized
- **Open Asia Cup:** no event organized

Conclusions

- Difficult season with constantly changing COVID-19 regulations and partly a lack of snow
- Some regions require very much support and advice, people tend to not read the projects principles and fill in requested documents wrong or incomplete
- Project needs better communication within the Region
- Reports were mostly sent in time (within 2 weeks after event has finished)
- Pictures sent are mostly not in a very high quality
- At some events it could have been more visible that it's a IBU Regional Event or at least supported by IBU
- Someone from IBU should at least attend some of the events during the season to check conditions and organizing quality on spot / advice organizers if needed
- Urgent need for an online application tool! Too much effort to do everything via Email and PDF Documents