



**2017 ICF CANOE SPRINT**  
**WORLD**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**23 – 27 August | RACICE, CZE**

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## INVITATION

### Dear Sport Friends,

The Czech Canoe Union together with Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to take part in the 2017 ICF Canoe Sprint WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS held in Racice, Czech Republic on **23 – 27 August 2017**.

Organizing Committee has successfully delivered several international events – just mention 2016 ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup and 2015 European Canoe Sprint Senior Championships.

We are extremely excited to host the event of this importance and Czech Canoe Union is ready to prepare and conduct this event at the highest possible level.

National Olympic Centre Regatta Course Racice, set just 45 minutes from Prague provides ideal conditions and facilities for the athletes as well as for spectators. We are ready to welcome all national teams for the training and the competition and we are looking forward to see you in Racice.

On following pages we have summarized the most important information regarding this event as well as board & lodging and other services included in the participation fee.

You are kindly requested at this phase to register and reserve accommodation through our on-line system no later than **21 February 2017**. Entries and registration for accreditations will be done in conformity with the ICF rules through the ICF Sport Data Platform.

More information can be found on the web site **[www.canoeracice.com](http://www.canoeracice.com)**.

### Czech Canoe Union

#### Jan Boháč

Chairman of Czech Canoe Union





## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Organizers</b>	International Canoe Federation
	Czech Canoe Union
	2017 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships Organizing Committee
<b>Date</b>	23 – 27 August 2017



### Location

**The Czech Republic** is a nation state in Central Europe. The Czech Republic covers area of 78 866 square kilometres with most temperate continental climate with warm summers and chilly winters. It is a country that's known for its ornate castles, native beers, Czech glass and long history.



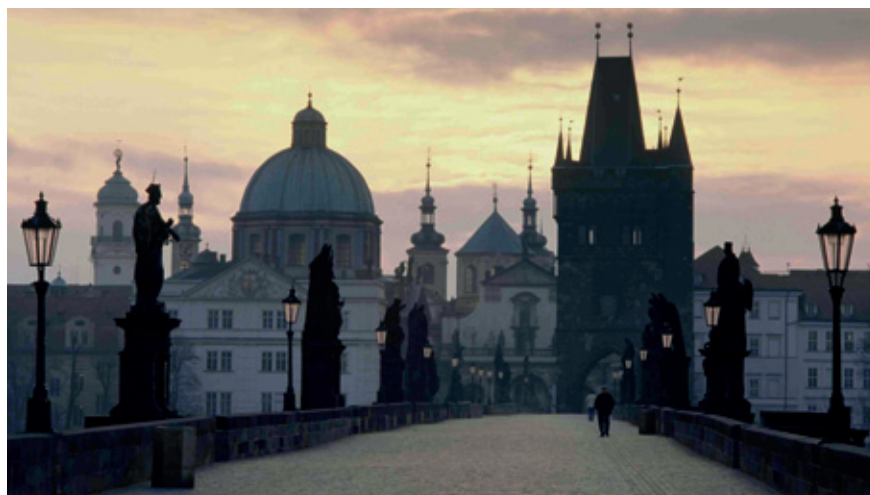


The history of the Czech Republic, in ancient times called Bohemia is fascinating. During the times of famous emperor Charles IV, Bohemia was cultural centre of Europe. In 20<sup>th</sup> century Bohemia joined with Slovakia to form Czechoslovakia. After it became independent in 1992, the Czech Republic continued to serve as a bridge between Western and Eastern Europe.

It has 10.5 million inhabitants, it is a developed country with an advanced, high income economy and high living standards. The Czech Republic joined the European Union in 2004; it is a member of the United Nations, the OECD, the OSCE, and the Council of Europe. The Czech Republic also ranks as the 6<sup>th</sup> most peaceful country, while achieving strong performance in democratic governance. It has the lowest unemployment rate in the European Union.

The capital and largest city is Prague with over 1.2 million residents. It is a home to grand 9<sup>th</sup>-century Prague Castle, a preserved medieval old town and statue-lined Charles Bridge. It is the centre of political, economic and cultural activity in Czech Republic. It is situated in the north-west of the country on the river Vltava. Prague is not a huge distance from other central European cities. Vienna is 300 km away, Bratislava 320 km, Berlin 350 km, Budapest 550 km, Warsaw 630 km and Copenhagen 750 km...

**TIME ZONE:** Czech Republic is in the Central European Time Zone. Central European Standard Time (CET) is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1). Like most states in Europe, Summer (Daylight-Saving) Time is observed in Czech Republic, where the time is shifted forward by 1 hour; 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2). After the summer months the time in Czech Republic is shifted back by 1 hour to Central European Time (CET) or (GMT+1).







**CLIMATE:** average temperature is 9°C, during summer months 19°C, during winter months -0,9°C

**Electricity:** Electrical sockets (outlets) in the Czech Republic are European standard electrical sockets and they usually supply electricity 220 - 240 volts AC.

**TELEPHONES:** The international dialling code for the Czech Republic is +420 (or 00 420). When calling from abroad this must be dialled first followed by the 9-digit number. Emergency calls in Czech Republic 112 (can be called free of charge from mobiles even without a SIM card inserted).

**LANGUAGE:** The only official language in the Czech Republic is Czech, which is spoken by 96 % of the population. However, have no fear, you can make yourself understood in English relatively easily.

**Internet:** The Czech Republic enjoys good internet connections, so you will not have problems getting online by quick broadband lines or Wi-Fi networks.

**MONEY:** The currency used in the Czech Republic is the Czech crown which has the international abbreviation CZK.

**HEALTHCARE:** Private and state healthcare facilities operate in the Czech Republic. Health insurance should be concluded by everyone; however, some rules apply to those citizens who come from the European Union countries, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein, and different rules to citizens from the other countries. Whereas the citizens from the first group can receive medical care upon submitting the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), the others have to arrange the travel insurance.





## ARRIVING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

### CUSTOMS AND AIRPORTS

The Czech Republic became a member of the EU in 2004. There are different rules for citizens of other EU member countries than for tourists from other parts of the world. Everyone must carry ID at all times.

**CUSTOMS QUOTAS AND REGULATIONS:** When bringing goods into the Czech Republic there are limits set on certain commodities. If a certain amount is exceeded, duty must be paid, and the importer is required to inform customs of the amount of the commodity he or she is bringing in to the country.

**EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES:** You can access assistance in difficult situations from your country's embassy. Embassies are always located in the capital of the Czech Republic, Prague, and a complete list can be found on the Ministry for Foreign Affairs website.

**VISA AND PASSPORT INFORMATION:** The Czech Republic is a member of the European Union (EU) and of the Schengen area, therefore most tourist visitors do not require a visa to visit Prague, just a valid passport (or ID card for EU citizens). Where a visa is required, visitors will need to apply for a Schengen (short-term) visa. More information on visitors that require a visa is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - VACLAV HAVEL AIRPORT PRAGUE (PRG)

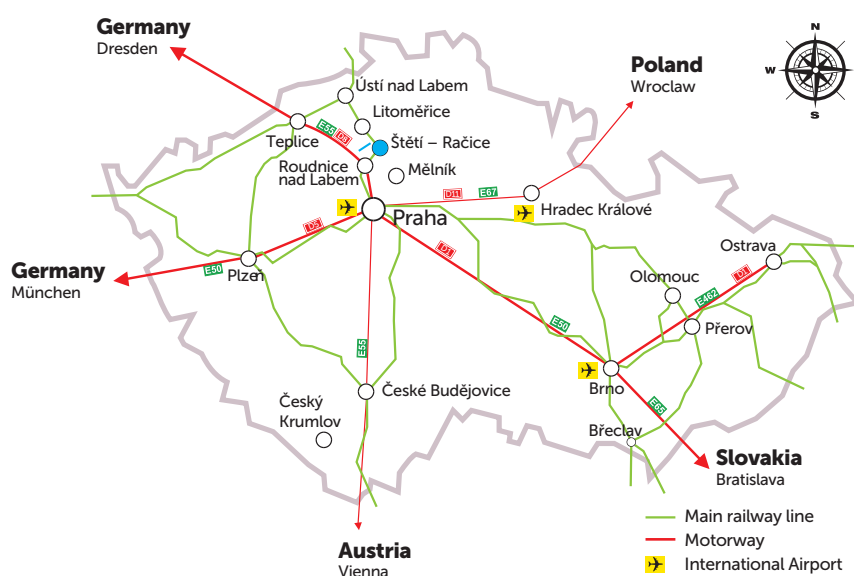
is a flight hub used by more than 60 airlines that travel to more than 140 destinations around the world. It has three passenger terminals. Terminal 1 is used for flights outside the Schengen zone, while the Terminal 2 is used for flights within the Schengen zone and Terminal 3 is for private and charter flights. You can get all the relevant information on the non-stop phone lines +420 220 111 888.







**OTHER EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS:** Germany (Frankfurt am Main – 570 km, München – 440 km, Dresden – 116 km), Austria (Vienna – 380 km) or Slovakia (Bratislava – 380 km) are the nearest. Train: The closest railway station Hněvice is only couple minutes from the venue. Express trains from Prague and Usti nad Labem stop here. International train station in Prague - Wilson (Main Station) is 50 min away, important international node Usti nad Labem is 40 min.



**CAR:** Račice venue is easy to reach by car. Although you need to plan your trip carefully because the parking at the venue will be very limited.



## COMPETITION VENUE

### Racice Regatta Course

is a unique sport area with parameters that meet the requirements for the top canoeing and rowing events and training camps.

The total length of 2350 m allows to organize all canoeing events from 200 m up to 1 000 m, or 2000 m for rowing. Apart of the main channel, the venue features also a return channel. It is connected with the main channel approximately in the middle of total length and enables a better and more fluent traffic on the venue.

The area is equipped with a five floor finish tower, a boathouse, changing rooms for athletes, showers, hotel, large parking space, administrative buildings, modern conference room, restaurant and a grandstand for up to 4 000 spectators. The venue is surrounded by 5 km long asphalt road.

### TECHNICAL PARAMETERS

total length	2 350 m
total width of the main channel	130 m
total width of the return channel	30 m
depth	3,5 - 4 m
number of line	8 lines of 9 m
system	Albano
equipment of the start	Polaritas system
total expanse of the area	73 ha
constant water level kept by water filling if necessary	







## Participation Fee

Every participant (athletes, support teams, official) will be charged a participation fee 25 EUR per person and day. The participation fee applies for the period of 18 - 28 August 2017. If you arrive earlier or leave later please contact the organizers.

### THE PARTICIPATION FEE INCLUDES

- shuttle bus services connecting the regatta course and the official hotels on competition and training days according to the timetable
- accreditation
- fees for the use of the regatta course and its facilities
- medical care at the course
- security service at the course
- access pass and parking for one trailer and one accredited vehicle
- internet- Wifi
- drinking water during the competition days

#### Note

Price **does not include** airport transfer to/from the official hotels. A fee of **20 EUR** will apply for the transport to/from the accommodation outside of Prague. Same fee will apply for the transportation to/from the Racice venue to the airport.



## ACCOMMODATION

Reservations of the official hotels can be made only through the Organizing Committee.

You are kindly requested to book your accommodation using the online system at [www.canoeracice.com/forms/](http://www.canoeracice.com/forms/). This needs to be done no later than 21 February 2017. Changes regarding the accommodations will be accepted only if made by the online system.

**All federations received the registration code to the online system by email by the end of January 2017. In case you need to resend the registration code contact Lucie Makovickova – [makovickova@canoeracice.com](mailto:makovickova@canoeracice.com).**

### Note

*In case accommodation is not booked through the Organization Committee, the participation fee (25 EUR per person per day) will be charged.*

The availability of the lodging places in the various categories is limited, therefore the confirmation of the reservation is sent on the first comes -first served basis.

PRICE LIST	Type of rooms	Price (per person/night)
EXCLUSIVE ++	SINGLE	€ 140
	TWIN	€ 125
EXCLUSIVE	SINGLE	€ 125
	TWIN	€ 110
ECONOMY +	SINGLE	€ 108
	TWIN	€ 98
	TRIPLE	€ 93
ECONOMY	TWIN	€ 89
	TRIPLE	€ 84
	4-BEDS	€ 79

- Price includes**
- accommodation
  - full board (three meals per day)
  - shuttle bus service connecting the regatta course and the official hotels during access period, according to the timetable
  - participation fee € 25

### Note

*Upon arrival the hotels may request a deposit according to large of teams directly from the individual as guarantee for any eventual damage caused or any extra service. The hotel will refund the deposit on departure deducting minus the actual cost incurred.*





### Cancellation policy

notification before 15 May, 2017	no cancellation fee
notification from 15 May till 5 June, 2017	50% refund
notification after 5 June, 2017	no refund

#### Note

- The OC reserves itself the right to charge the responsible person from each NF that books a place at the world championships which is not used.
- The Organization Committee does not take any responsibility for any extra services of the hotels, like mini bar, telephone, parking, laundry etc. These costs are directly collected by the hotel.

### Payment conditions

A deposit of 40% of total amount should be paid no later than 28 February 2017, 40% no later than 30 April and the remaining amount no later than 31 July 2017.

## Summary of available accommodation in 2017

Details of each accommodation, as well as the actual availability can be found on our website [www.canoeracice.com/en/teams/accommodation](http://www.canoeracice.com/en/teams/accommodation).

### Accommodation dedicated for PARACANOE

	Hotel	Town
<b>EXCLUSIVE</b>	HOTEL HEJTMANSKÝ DVŮR	SLANÝ
<b>ECONOMY</b>	HOTEL REGATTA - RACICE	RACICE

Please note - These hotels are suitable for the wheelchair.  
The capacity is limited.

## Catering

The menu will be approved by the Organizing Committee and a nutritionist.

- Breakfasts will be served at the hotels.
- Lunch will be provided at the venue and will offer a choice of two main courses.
- Dinner will be provided at the hotels



## PAYMENT DETAILS

### Beneficiary

Narodni olympijske centrum vodnich sportu, z.s.  
Zatopkova 100/2  
169 00 Praha 6  
Czech Republic

### Method of Payment

#### Bank Transfer in EURO only (preferred method)

Bank Name	Česka spořitelna a.s.
Bank Address	Štefanikova 17/247, 150 31 Praha 5, Czech Republic
Bank Account No.	000000-1921667293/0800
BIC Swift Code	GIBACZPX
IBAN Number	CZ07 0800 0000 0019 2166 7293
Bank phone	+ 420 956 723 143
E-mail	ZChmelova@csas.cz

All fees in connection with bank transfer to be paid by the sender. You are kindly requested to send a copy of the bank confirmation after the remittance to [makovickova@canoeracice.com](mailto:makovickova@canoeracice.com).

#### Payment at the Accreditation Centre

Payment is possible also at the Accreditation Centre upon your arrival either in cash – EURO or by the credit card (VISA, VISA ELECTRON, MASTERCARD, MAESTRO). All VISA and Master Card payments will charged an extra cost of 3 % of the total sum.





## BOATS

### Boat transport

Please contact your Chamber of Commerce or Customs Office to obtain the precise information regarding the documents necessary for boat transportation.

### Boats rental

There is an agreement with major boats manufacturers (Nelo, Plastex, Vajda) that the requested rental will be provided by them during the event. If you are interested please contact these manufactures directly. The rental fee depends on price list of each boat manufacturer.

<b>Nelo</b>	E-mail	nelo@nelo.eu
	Phone	+351 229 272 608 or +351 229 280 924
	Web	www.nelo.eu
<b>Vajda</b>	E-mail	canoe@vajdagroup.com
	Phone	+421 243 712 308
	Web	www.vajdagroup.com
<b>Plastex</b>	E-mail	plastex@plastex-composite.com
	Phone	+48 228 116 458
	Web	www.plastex-composite.com

## ENTRIES

Entries for the World Championships can only be made through the National Federation and will only be accepted from members of ICF.

Each National Federation is required to use the online entry system - ICF Sport Data Platform (SDP). It can be reached at [icf.msl.es](http://icf.msl.es).

Numerical entries have to be submitted at least 45 days before the first day of the competition, nominal entries at least 8 days before the first day of the competition.

Numerical entries	8 July 2017
Nominal entries	14 August 2017



## DOPING CONTROL

There will be mandatory doping control in accordance with the WADA and the ICF rules. If you have any question regarding doping control, please contact the ICF headquarter at the following e-mail address:  
**hengameh.ahadpour@canoeicf.com.**

## TRAINING

Official training during the access period will be advised later with provisional schedule.

Training during the year prior to the World Championship is possible at your own cost. To arrange your training at the venue in Racice, please contact Simona Hanousková at **hanouskova@canoeracice.com.**

## PRESS AND MEDIA INFORMATION

### Information regarding

Press and Media will be available on the [www.canoeracice.com](http://www.canoeracice.com) website in the Media section. Deadline for the media accreditation is 31 July 2017. Email contact for media will **media@canoeracice.com.**

## SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

Please observe the following deadlines upon submitting forms and entries.

Preliminary entry (on-line system)	21 February 2017
Accommodation Reservation (on-line system)	21 February 2017
Deposit 40% of accommodation payment deadline	28 February 2017
Deposit 40% of accommodation payment deadline	30 April 2017
Numerical entry (ICF Sport Data Platform)	8 July 2017
Remaining Amount payment deadline	31 July 2017
Final travel information (by email)	31 July 2017
Media accreditation requests ( <a href="http://www.canoeracice.com">www.canoeracice.com</a> )	31 July 2017
Nominal entry by (ICF Sport Data Platform)	14 August 2017