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# 2026 Paddle Europe Marathon Championships MASTERS, PARACANOE AND ELITE

Bulletin 1



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**Mr. Ioan BIRLADEANU**  
**President of**  
**the Romanian Canoe Federation**

***Dear Friends in Sport,***

*The Romanian Canoe Federation, together with the National Agency of Sports, the Municipality of Pitești, the Local Council of Bascov, and the Bascov Sports Complex, is proud to invite all National Federations to participate in the 2026 Paddle Europe Marathon Championships, taking place at the Bascov–Budeasa Regatta Course, Romania, from 21 to 28 June 2026.*

*After hosting multiple successful international competitions, Bascov–Pitești once again opens its waters to Europe's best canoe marathon athletes. Our goal is to provide a world-class experience in both organization and hospitality, reflecting Romania's growing reputation in canoe sports.*

*Together with the Paddle Europe we are committed to ensuring fair play, safety, and excellence for all participants. We look forward to welcoming you to Romania — where sport and friendship meet.*

We are looking forward to seeing you in Bascov,

**Ioan BIRLADEANU**

President of the Romanian Canoe Federation

## II. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. CITY INTRODUCTION

Located in Argeș County, in the historical region of Muntenia, the twin communities of PITESTI and Bascov form one of Romania's most important centers for canoeing and water sports. Just 110 km northwest of Bucharest, the area combines the tranquillity of the Argeș River Valley with the convenience of modern infrastructure and hospitality.

PITESTI, known as the "City of Flowers," is surrounded by rolling hills, green parks, and the calm waters of the Argeș River, providing the perfect setting for outdoor activities. The city is also a vibrant cultural centre, offering visitors an authentic taste of Romanian traditions, gastronomy, and warm hospitality.

Just outside the city lies Bascov, home to the Budeasa Regatta Course, one of the best-equipped canoeing venues in Eastern Europe. The complex regularly hosts national and international canoe sprint, marathon, and dragon boat competitions, and has become a landmark for European paddlers.

### 2. Local Attractions

During rest days or after the competition, participants can explore:

- Curtea de Argeș Monastery, a masterpiece of Romanian architecture
- Poienari Fortress, the historic castle of Vlad the Impaler



- Transfăgărășan Road, one of Europe's most scenic mountain routes
- Local cuisine, famous for traditional dishes like "sarmale" and "mămăligă"

The region enjoys a mild continental climate in June, with average daytime temperatures between 24–28°C, making it comfortable for athletes and visitors alike.

With its blend of tradition, nature, and sporting excellence, Bascov–PITESTI offers the ideal setting for the 2026 Paddle Europe Marathon Championships — where the spirit of European canoeing continues to grow.

### 3. Venue Overview

The Bascov–Budeasa Regatta Course offers:

Calm and protected water ideal for marathon distances

A large finish tower and control centre

Modern athlete facilities and secure boat storage areas

Ample parking and public viewing zones

Medical, media, and hospitality areas within the venue perimeter

The course is surrounded by natural scenery — forests, farmlands, and gentle hills — giving athletes a quiet, focused environment for competition.

#### 4. GETTING TO PITESTI

The delegation's access to the venue will be by plane, car or train.

##### By Plane - nearest airports are

- Official Airport: Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport (OTP), 125 km from PITESTI (~1h30 via A1 Motorway).
- Alternative Airport: Sibiu International Airport (SBZ), 165 km (~2h30 by car).

##### By Car

- Western Border (Hungary / Szedeg) – 480 km
- South Border (Bulgaria / Ruse) – 156 km
- East Border (Moldavia) – 350 km

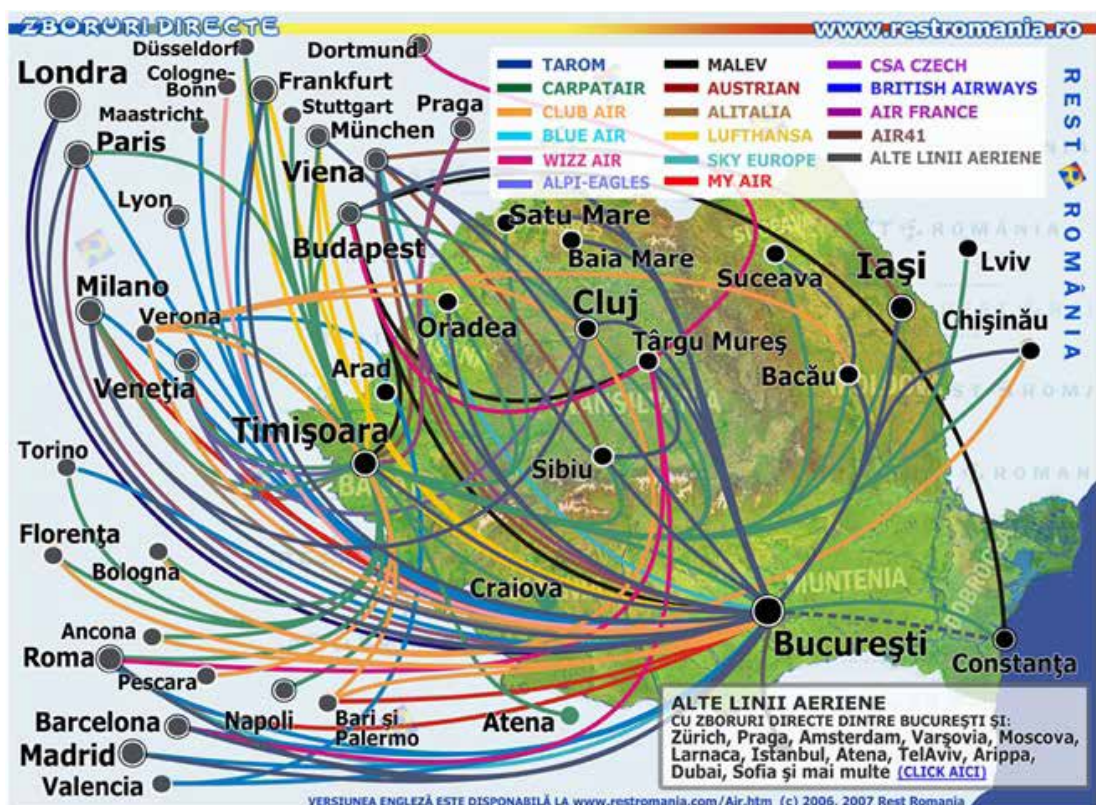
##### By Train

- direct access to the venue or via Bucharest (110 km)

The HOC will organize upon request the transport to/from the airports and Pitesti railways station.

During the competition transport between official hotels and venue will be organized by HOC with dedicated companies for competitors and officials.

Local transportation will be also available for supporters; taxis are available as well.



### III. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

#### 1. ROMANIAN CANOE FEDERATION - STRUCTURE

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|-----------------|--|
| IOAN BIRLADEANU | – President of Romanian Canoe Federation |
| GABRIEL AFTENIE | – Vice President                         |
| GHEORGHE NITU   | – General Secretary                      |
| MARIANA BLIDARU | – Chief Accountant                       |

#### 2. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- |                               |                                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Chairman of OC                | Ioan BIRLADEANU                    |
| Technical Organizer           | Gabriel AFTEMIE & Andrei FRUSINOIU |
| Project & Transport Manager   | Alina DUMITRESCU                   |
| Technical & Logistics Manager | Gabriel OLTEIU                     |
| Finance                       | Mariana BLIDARU                    |
| Accommodation                 | Monica BUJOREANU                   |
| Accreditation                 | Dalis RADU                         |
|                               | Cristina Radu                      |
|                               | Gabriela BUJOREANU                 |
| Protocol                      | Diana ENE                          |
| Media & Press                 | Dana IORDACHESCU                   |
| Medical Services              | Florin CRAUCIUC                    |
| Anti-Doping                   | Diana ENE                          |
| Security Manager              | Gabriel AFTEMIE & Justin PORCARASU |
| IT                            | Ionut ZUIVART                      |
| Audio/CCTV                    | Alexandru SELU                     |

#### 3. CONTACT DETAILS:

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## IV. COMPETITION INFORMATION

### 1. PROVISIONAL DATES & PROGRAM

#### Provisional schedule

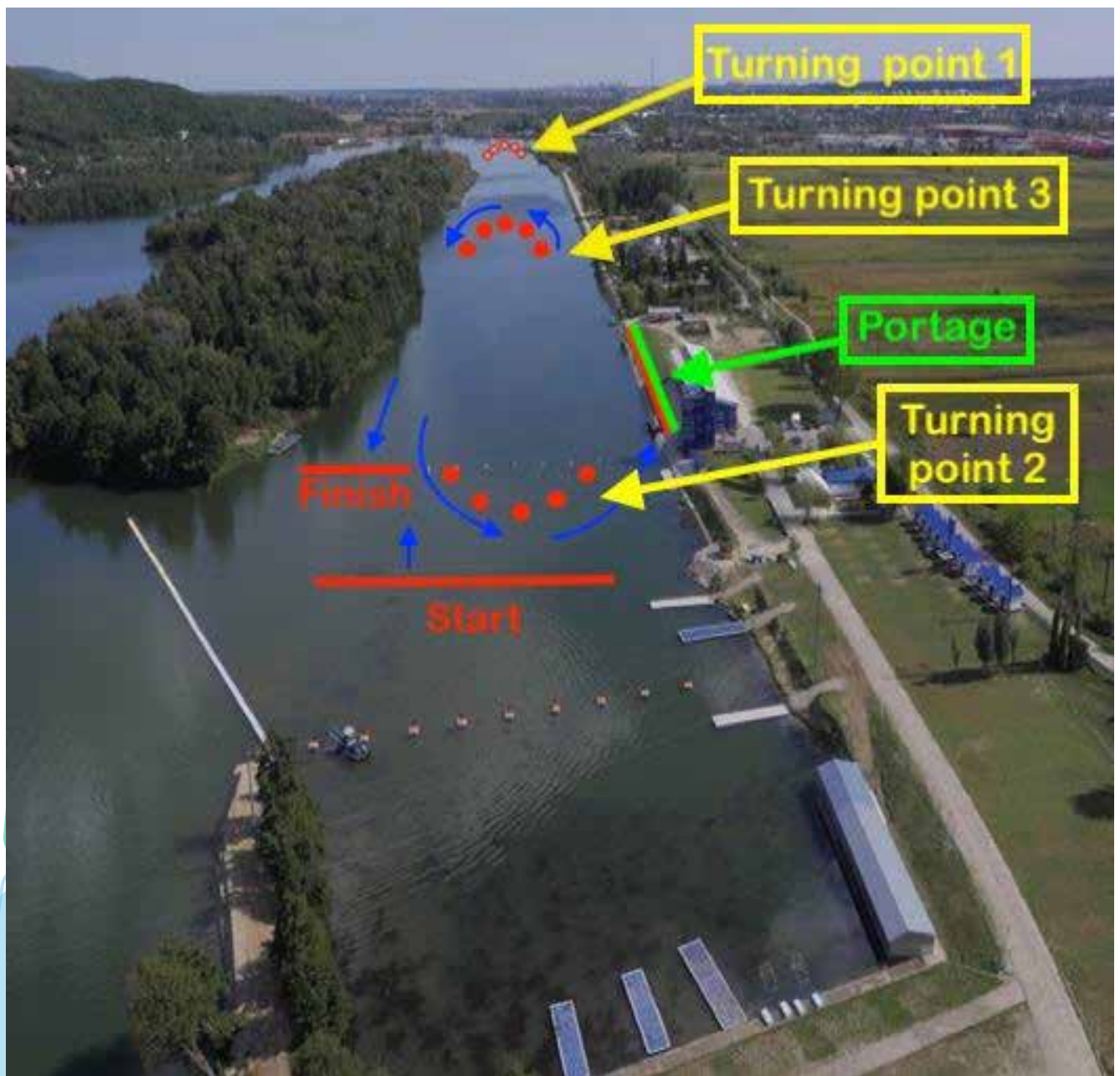
Day	Date	Activity
<b>Saturday</b>	Jun-20	Opening of Accreditation
<b>Sunday</b>	Jun-21	Accreditation Masters Championships – Day 1
<b>Monday</b>	Jun-22	Masters Championships – Day 2
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jun-23	Masters Championships – Day 3
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jun-24	Official Training, Team Leaders' Meeting, Opening Ceremony at the VENUE Paracanoe races
<b>Thursday</b>	Jun-25	Competition Day 1
<b>Friday</b>	Jun-26	Competition Day 2/Paracanoe races
<b>Saturday</b>	Jun-27	Competition Day 3,
<b>Sunday</b>	Jun-28	Competition Day 4, Medal & Closing Ceremonies
<b>Monday</b>	Jun-29	Departure of Teams

\* Time schedule Elite (juniors/under 23 and seniors) and Para will be published in bulletin 2

\*\* Masters detailed timetable (by age groups) will be published after the deadline of the entries.

## 2. COURSE

The race will take place at the Bascov – Budeasa Regatta Course, featuring calm waters, adjustable lanes, and full technical support for both marathon and paracanoe events. The course meets Paddle Europe and ICF standards



## V. DEADLINES, ENTRIES & REGISTRATION

### 1. Entry and registration Elite and PARA

Entries Para and Elite can only be submitted by the National Federation through the online entries system SDP <https://icf.mev.atos.net/icf/icf.jsp>

Anyone having issues accessing the system please contact Paddle Europe Event Manager at [jstanojevic@canoe-eca.eu](mailto:jstanojevic@canoe-eca.eu). The preliminary registrations, travel and accommodation requests from each NF team must be done at <https://memosoft.app/>

Please open the NFS app. It's the newly developed platform by Memosoft, Paddle Europe official technology partner for National Federations participation management.

Any NF that never used the system will need to register and standby for the approval. After approval you may log in and fill in your data. If you have any issues or questions, please contact [marcos@memosoft.pt](mailto:marcos@memosoft.pt). If you register for other championships in 2026 already you can use the same login.

Preliminary registration is important, so please submit the predicted number of participants and other important information, for example, date of arrival and departure. This will help OC determinate the size of the overall competition and the integration of your team inside the venue and organization.

In the same platform you will be able to select you accommodation needs as well as submit your travelling information and request airport pickup. All processes will be dealt with inside the platform, including pro forma invoicing and confirmation of accommodation and transportation.

## 2. Entry and registration Masters

Held on **June 21–23**, using the same course and structure as the main events.

Before registering, please read carefully **MASTERS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS GUIDELINES** that can be found at the competition website: **2026 Paddle Europe Marathon Championships**.

- No entry limits per nation
- Paddle Europe offers system for individual entries via official service provider.

For **MASTERS** registration and entries, you should use the same platform at <https://memosoft.app/> but enter the IES (individual entry system) platform where you will need to register, if you never did, and then submit your entries, accommodation and transportation request. If you have any issues or questions, please contact [marcos@memosoft.pt](mailto:marcos@memosoft.pt)

### 3. DEADLINES

- Numerical entries: **May 10, 2026**
  - Nominal entries elite and para: **June 15, 2026**
  - Nominal entries masters: **June 11, 2026**
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- Late nominal entry fee for masters, para and elite € 50 - see CAM rules 1.6.1.f

#### Deadlines Late entry:

##### Elite and Paracanoe:

Tuesday June 23, 2026 18:00h

##### Masters:

- Saturday June 20, 2026 K1 & C1 18:00h
- Sunday June 21, 2026 K2 & C2 18:00h

For any questions about entries, please contact the Paddle Europe **Technical delegate:**  
[rheijselaar@canoe-eca.eu](mailto:rheijselaar@canoe-eca.eu)

#### General info:

[romanian.canoe@gmail.com](mailto:romanian.canoe@gmail.com)

## VI. ENTRY FEE

### 1. PARTICIPATION FEE ELITE AND PARA

Each accredited person must pay a participation fee of **30 EUR** per day, covering:

- medical and security service at the venue
- access to the course
- insurance
- free WIFI at the competition venue
- accreditation services
- info desk
- usage of the course/athletes' area during opening hours
- security on the course/athletes' area
- qualified lifeguard on the course during opening hours
- ambulance and/or doctor at the course during opening hours
- drinking water
- toilets & Showers
- electricity
- boats storage facilities
- boat measurements and control facilities
- car and trailer parking
- transport to the hotels, which are booked through organization
- venue access and training

Already included in official accommodation packages.

### 2. PARTICIPATION FEE MASTERS

- 1 entry: 80 EUR
- 2 entries: 95 EUR
- 3 entries: 110 EUR

Part of the fee will be returned to Paddle Europe for covering ITO's costs and Individual entry system.

Includes accreditation, medical care, and venue services.

***There will be No Access to the competitors' area and competition area for the masters and helpers after 24.06.2026, 18:00***

## VII. ACCOMMODATION & LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

### 1. Accommodation Elite and Para

Official accommodation is available in PITESTI, Bascov, and Curtea de Argeș, all within 30 minutes of the venue.

Category	Room Type	Price (EUR / person / day)
1	Single	175
1	Twin	155
2	Single	155
2	Twin	135
3	Single	125
3	Twin	115

#### All packages include:

- Full board (3 meals/day)
- Shuttle from hotel -venue- hotel, during accreditation period
- Participation fee
- Taxes included
  - » All fees in connection with bank transfer to be paid by the sender.
  - » Please make payments for the fee incurred by the whole team during their entire stay.
  - » Your reservation will be successful when we receive the advance payment.

Accommodation package fee is to be paid for the length of the team's stay during the access period which starts on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Considering different categories accommodation package fees are as follows:

All above prices are on per person per day basis, full board (three meals per day).

Lunch will be served at the Venue.

Please keep in mind that because of limited availability of hotel rooms in various categories reservations will be accepted on a 'first-come, first-served' basis which means your team will be redirected to a different category than initially requested if there is not enough space left in the required category. Keep in mind that there a limited number of rooms.

Also, your reservation is only confirmed with the 1st payment being done.

## 2. Recommendations regarding the accommodation for PARACANOE

- Coordinate with the HOC: Inform the Host Organizing Committee about the number of athletes requiring accessible accommodations. They can assist in coordinating with hotels and arranging necessary services.
- Early Booking: Given the limited number of accessible rooms, it's advisable to book accommodations as early as possible to ensure availability.

Some of the provided hotel options include dinner or at the venue or in a close by restaurant.

The Organizing Committee does not take responsibility for any extra service of the hotel, like mini-bar, telephone, parking, etc., these costs are to be paid directly to the hotel.

In case your team would cause any damage to the rooms you are to pay for it at the hotel before the checkout.

Prices include 3 meals per day and the participating fee.

## 3. Accomodation for MASTERS

All registered masters may request for accommodation pack from Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information check the accommodation information in this bulletin.

Prices are the same as for national federations, with a €30/day reduction (participation fee). Requests may be submitted together with the individual entry during registration. In case of any doubt please contact [accommodationmarathon2026@gmail.com](mailto:accommodationmarathon2026@gmail.com)

The Accommodation packages include lodging and full board for this period.

Accommodation outside these dates is not guaranteed.

If you plan to bring your caravan and stay inside the Organization complex during your stay, please contact [accommodationmarathon2026@gmail.com](mailto:accommodationmarathon2026@gmail.com) in advance and wait for confirmation.

#### 4. Payment & deadlines:

The accommodation and participation fees are to be paid as below:

**Accommodation: Opens in February until April 20<sup>th</sup> 2026.** Once the HOC confirms your booking, the invoice will be sent. Kindly note that the booking shall be provisional until the payment of the invoice has arrived to our bank account, hence the HOC reserves the right to alter or cancel the reservation until that time.

**After April 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 10% will be added to the package's prices.**

With the arrival of the payment, it shall be a confirmed reservation. An updated proforma invoice will be sent by the HOC verifying the arrival of your transfer to our bank account. Participation fee (for those who booked their accommodation on their own and not through the HOC) has to be paid upon the proforma invoice sent by the HOC.

Please, keep the deadline of submitting the nominal entry **June 11 (Masters) June 15, 2026 (Elite and Para)**

**30% of the total cost of the reservation** must be paid after receiving of the proforma invoice to secure reservation.

**70% of the total cost of the reservation must be paid April 20<sup>th</sup> 2026.**

**100% of the total cost of the reservation must be paid until May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026.**

#### 5. Cancellation terms:

In case of cancellation the booking, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by the Organizing Committee:

The amount of any cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the accommodation package fee according to the following period of notice given:

Until March 15<sup>th</sup> - Refund 100%

Until April 20<sup>th</sup> - Refund 50%

Until May 1<sup>st</sup> - Refund 25%

After May 21<sup>st</sup> – **NO REFUND**

## 6. Catering at the Venue

Lunch will be available at the venue – extra charge 20 euro/person/day for those who are not accommodated in the official hotels booked through HOC.

## 7. Transport Service

Shuttle bus service connecting regatta course to the official hotels and back from 21<sup>th</sup> of June before start the competitions and to the end of the competition, according to timetable which will be published in the Guidebook for the masters;

### Transfer from “Henry Coanda” Airport to the official hotels ONE WAY – FOR ELITE AND PARACANOE

- 1 - 3 persons – 55 Euro/ person /way
- 4 - 8 persons – 45 Euro/ person /way
- 9 - 16 persons – 40 Euro/ person/way
- 17 & more persons – 35 Euro/ person/way

### Transfer from “Henry Coanda” Airport to the official hotels ONE WAY – FOR MASTERS.

The HOC will operate three to four scheduled shuttle services on each arrival/ departure day, according to the travel information submitted by participants.  
Fee: 40 Euro /person/ one way.

**Travel info: Open in February 2026 and must be sent at least until May 31<sup>th</sup>**

**After May 31<sup>th</sup> 2026 10% fee will be added to the prices.**

### Bank Transfer Details

Beneficiary: Romanian Canoe Federation  
Address: Vasile Conta 16 Street, District 2, Bucharest  
The Organizing Committee’s Bank Account:  
IBAN: RO41RNCB0090000508410021  
Currency: *EUR*

All payments must be made in Euros. Bank charges borne by the sender.

## VIII. OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. Insurance and Medical Care

All athletes must have valid health insurance. Medical services available at venue; emergencies at PITESTI County Hospital.

### 2. Anti-Doping and ADEL Certification

All participants must complete the WADA ADEL online course (<https://www.canoeicf.com/anti-doping-education>).

Doping controls follow ICF regulations.

### 3. Boat rental

Organizing Committee is not responsible for boat rental. Please contact boat manufactures directly if you need to rent a boat. (Nelo, PeiSheng and Plastex)

### 4. Car rental

Car rental will be available at "Henry Coanda" Airport in Bucharest or at specialized agencies in Pitesti.

### 5. Contact Information

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<b>Alina Dumitrescu – Travel Info</b>	<a href="mailto:travelmarathon2026@gmail.com">travelmarathon2026@gmail.com</a>
<b>Evelin Bratu - Accommodation Info</b>	<a href="mailto:accommodationmarathon2026@gmail.com">accommodationmarathon2026@gmail.com</a>

Payment upon arrival in Cash/Card. Currency for payment – EURO.

All bank fees for the bank transfer will be paid by the sender.

You are kindly requested to send a copy of the bank confirmation after remittance to the following e-mail: [romanian.canoe@gmail.com](mailto:romanian.canoe@gmail.com)

See you in Bascov – PITESTI, Romania!

Join us 21–28 June for the

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Updated information at the website [Paddle Europe](https://www.paddle-europe.com)



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