

## 17<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN COMPANY SPORT GAMES 2009

**On June 17-21, 2009 the Croatian Sport for All Federation, the Town of Rovinj and Maistra will host the 17<sup>th</sup> European Company Sport Games.**

The European Federation for Company Sports has voted by secret ballot and elected Rovinj the host city and the Croatian Sport for All Federation the organizer of the 17<sup>th</sup> European Company Sport Games 2009.

For over 30 years EFCS has been organizing the European Company Games, gathering thousands of amateur athletes from all over Europe. The event takes place in a different country every year; the summer games on odd-numbered years and the winter games on even-numbered years. The event took place for the first time in Vienna, 30 years ago, and since then it has developed into the greatest sporting event in Europe.

EFCS member states submit their candidatures and the Assembly of the EFCS votes by secret ballot and chooses a country and a city which it finds the most suitable hosts for the event.

The competition, cities like Hamburg, Prague and Lahti, was fierce but Rovinj became the host city and the Croatian Sport for All Federation the organizer of the 17<sup>th</sup> European Company Sport Games 2009, which is a great recognition, not only to the Croatian Sport for All Federation, but to Rovinj, which hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Eurosportfestival in 1989 (today's European Company Games), as well.

It is expected that the 17<sup>th</sup> Company Games will attract more than 5000 athletes from 25 European countries who will have a chance to show their skills in 21 disciplines:

Athletics	Beach volleyball
Badminton	Orienteering
Bocce	Darts
Golf	Swimming
Basketball	Handball
Bowling	Table tennis
Miniature golf	Squash
Football	Chess
Foot tennis	Tennis
Archery	Bridge
Volleyball	

Rovinj is a town of sports and recreation offering a variety of sporting clubs. The town hosted many international gatherings of kinesiologists and important sporting events, two of which were sponsored by the International Olympic Committee on which occasion the Olympic flag was raised.

Excellent connections, high-end accommodation, extensive and diversified gastronomic offer and many sports venues, sporting grounds and recreational facilities, many of which will be renovated and some are yet to be built, are a sufficient guarantee that Rovinj will be a successful host city for the 17<sup>th</sup> European Company Games in 2009.