



## EUROPEAN GAMES 2023, THE DATES ARE NOW OFFICIAL: THE PADEL TOURNAMENT FROM 21 TO 25 JUNE

The dates are now official: **from 21 to 25 June, padel will have its “Five-ring debut”** at the third edition of the **European Games**, scheduled to take place in **Cracow from June 21 to July 2**.

It will be a “premiere” in grand style, as padel will have the honour of being among the disciplines that will open the event and thanks to the level and number of participants. More than 30 countries will be competing, with the best players on the court and an agenda that confirms that padel is a sport with modern and innovative horizons.

In addition to the men's and women's tournaments, there will also be the mixed tournament: the pairs will be formed by a man and a woman, confirming the path of total harmonisation chosen by the International Padel Federation (Fip). The formalisation of the five-day competition at the European Games has then successfully completed the strategy chosen in July 2019 by Luigi Carraro, president of the International Padel Federation. Carraro decided to apply to the European Olympic Committees for the inclusion of padel in the 2023 European Games.

The growth of the discipline, the potential of the Fip contests, the constant and productive activity of information and collaboration with the COE and the two years of hard work with the Polish Federation led, in May 2021, to the formalisation of the inclusion of padel in the list of disciplines of the European Games. The official dates for the debut at the Games have now become official.

*"It is a huge emotion, for all those who love padel, for those who play it and for the athletes who have contributed to the growth of our discipline over the years. Looking at the five Olympic rings and seeing a padel racket in the background is the biggest reward for the hard, serious, unceasing work that has allowed us to be chosen by the European Olympic Committees - which I thank once again - as an independent discipline. I am sure we will be able to contribute to the success of the European Games, we look forward to play on the court and, now it is official, see you all in June 21 in Cracow", the International Padel Federation President Luigi Carraro stated.*