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| **A blue and white logo  Description automatically generated** | **CMAS 13th European Championship  Underwater Rugby Junior Open**  **8th to 10th of November 2024.**  **Athens (Greece)** | A blue and white drawing of a person holding a trident and a fish  Description automatically generated |

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**The city of Athens**

Athens is the capital of Greece. The municipality of Athens has a population of around 600.000 inhabitants, but the so-called Greater Athens along with Piraeus has around 3 million inhabitants. Athens was also at the heart of Ancient Greece, a powerful civilization. The city is best known for Acropolis, a hilltop citadel topped with ancient buildings like the colonnaded Parthenon temple and is a world center of archaeological research. Piraeus is the largest container transport port in the Mediterranean, and the largest passenger port in Europe. Athens has an underground railway system (Athens Metro), several tram lines and a wide network of bus lines.

**The municipal swimming pool of Grava**

Gravas municipal swimming pool of Athens is located at the broader center of Athens, at an area called “Kato Patissia”. It is a 25m swimming pool with 5 lanes. The deep part of the pool is 12mx12m (the width will be narrower for the games) and has 4.9m depth. The swimming pool can accommodate around 400 spectators.

Gravas Municipal Swimming pool has already hosted underwater rugby games. Specifically in October 2023 the second leg of “Underwater Rubgy Open League” was successfully held there. 11 teams and around 130 athletes participated. The swimming pool is also one of the two swimming pools where the local underwater rugby club “Fysalis” trains.

*You may find more photos of the pool (taken during the 2nd leg of Open League, Season 2023) at the end of this document.*

**Transportation**

Athens has an international airport (Athens International Airport “Eleftherios Venizelos”), which is located near the city of Spata. It is around 45 min away from the city center (Syntagma square) with the public transportation and 33 min by car.

**Accomodation**

Athens is a very popular destination for vacation and holidays and has numerous accommodation possibilities. Depending on whether a team prefers to reside near the touristic city center or near the pool there are the following suggestions\*:

**Accommodation possibilities near the swimming pool:**

1. **Xenophon Hotel**

Address: Acharnon 340, 11145 Athens

Stars: 4

Distance from the pool: 17 min on foot, 8 min by car

Contact: +302102020310, [info@xenophon-hotel.com](mailto:info@xenophon-hotel.com), https://www.booking.com/ hotel/gr/xenophon-athens.el.html

Price: around 30-40€/person/night

1. **WSD Glory I Hotel Apartment**

Address: 9 Kourtiou str., Athens 11146

Stars: 3

Distance from the pool: 8 min on foot, 3 min by car

Contact: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/gr/wsd-wanlong-i-apartmen-39-t.el.html>

Price: around 25-35€/person/night

1. **Athens City Hotel**

Address: 232 Patision str. (“28October”), 11256 Athens

Stars: 3

Distance from the pool: 21 min on foot, 6 min by car

Contact: +30-2108629115, https://www.athenscityhotel.gr/

Price: around 30-40€/person/night

**Accommodation possibilities near the touristic city center:**

1. **Crown Plaza Athens City Center**

Address: 50 Michalakopoulou str., 11528 Athens

Stars: 5

Distance from the pool: 20 min by car (depending on traffic)

Contact: +30-2107278000, www.cpathens.com

Price: around 90-110€/person/night

1. **Athenian Foss**

Address: Evaggelistrias 9 & Ermou, 10563 Athens

Stars: N/A

Distance from the pool: 25 min by car (depending on traffic)

Contact: +30-2103216300, [info@athenianfoss.gr](mailto:info@athenianfoss.gr), <http://athenianfoss.gr>

Price: around 45-55€/person/night

1. **Klepsydra Urban Suites**

Address: 1 Aristidou str., 10559 Athens

Stars: N/A

Distance from the pool: 25 min by car (depending on traffic)

Contact: +30+30-2107001724, https://klepsydrasuites.com

Price: around 45-55€/person/night

**Hostels**

1. **Pella Inn Hostel**

Address: 104 Karaiskaki str., 10554 Athens

Distance from the pool: 20 min by car (depending on traffic)

Contact: +30-2103250598, https://www.pellainn.com/

Price: around 15-20€/person/night

1. **Athens Hub Hostel**

Address: 7 Agias Eleousis str., 10554 Athens

Distance from the pool: 20 min by car (depending on traffic)

Contact: +30-2103254754, https://athenshubhostel.com

Price: around 30€/person/night

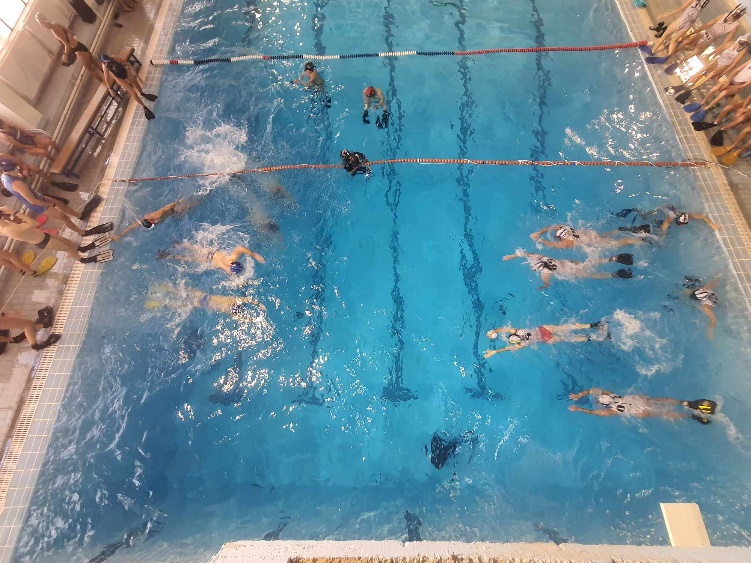
\* The prices are indicative and the organizer bears no responsibility for the correctness of the information as well as for possible differences from the actual prices. Please keep also in mind that we are still under negotiations for better prices with some of the above-mentioned hotels.

**Broadcasting of the games and live results**

Details about the broadcasting of the games and the live transmission of the results will be announced soon.

*[Photos following on the next page]*

**Additional photos from the last leg of “Open League” held in Gravas municipal swimming pool**



A swimming pool with people in it

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