EUROPEAN AQUATICS®

ANNUAL CLINIC
ARTISTIC SWIMMING

6-8 NOVEMBER 2026
X-BIONIC SPHERE | ŠAMORÍN (SVK)

INFO BULLETIN #2

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM ANTONIO SILVA, EUROPEAN AQUATICS' PRESIDENT

As President of European Aquatics, I'd like to welcome you all to the EUROPEAN AQUATICS ARTISTIC SWIMMING CLINIC 2026. Education is at the heart of everything we do, and it plays a huge role in the European Aquatics Strategic Plan 2024-2030.

Whether you're an athlete, coach, official, or referee, continuous learning helps us all improve, stay sharp, and keep our sport moving forward. These courses and clinics are more than just training sessions - they're opportunities to grow, connect with experts, and be part of a community dedicated to excellence. By investing in education, we ensure that our sport remains fair, innovative, and always evolving.

So, dive in, learn as much as you can, and let's build the future of European Aquatics together!

ANTONIO SILVA
European Aquatics President

1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

Please note that the registration deadline has been extended.
New registration deadline: **20 September 2026**

HOW TO REGISTER?

➔ **STEP 1 (NEW):** Please complete the following form. (*If you have already been registered by your federation, please complete the form as well)*
Click HERE to complete Step 1 (Registration Form)

➔ **STEP 2:** Complete the payment and final confirmation through the EA Academy platform:
Click HERE to complete Step 2 (Payment and Final Confirmation)

Once both steps are completed, you are all set! ✅

KEY DATES

Registration Deadline (Step 1 and Step 2)	20 September 2026
Clinic Dates	6-8 November 2026
Arrival Day	6th November 2026 (morning)
Departure Day	8 November 2026 (afternoon)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS CLINIC

This clinic is open to all members of the Artistic Swimming community, including officials, coaches, athletes, managers and other individuals interested in the sport.

There will be a **referee test at the end of the clinic**. This test is required for officials who wish to be included on the European Aquatics referee list.

- **It is mandatory to take the test at least once every four years.**
- **Please note that for officials who wish to officiate at any European Aquatics Championships in 2027, participation in this clinic is mandatory.**

Officials who do not attend may not be eligible for appointment to European Aquatics Artistic Swimming events in 2027.

All officials wishing to officiate at European competitions in 2026 must have completed European Aquatics educational training. The 2026 Clinic in Šamorín will count toward this requirement.
At this stage, no alternative options are confirmed.

If someone is unable to attend the clinic in person but still wishes to officiate at European Aquatics competitions in 2027, they must contact the European Aquatics office and the EA Academy, complete an activity report for 2026, and submit it by 1 December 2026. European Aquatics will later determine whether additional training requirements can be fulfilled.

**Officials include judges and technical controllers (TCs).*

2. FEES & OFFCIAL ACCOMMODATION

The official accommodation for the European Aquatics Artistic Swimming Clinic 2026 will be provided at X-BIONIC® SPHERE, allowing participants to stay on-site throughout the event.

As X-BIONIC® SPHERE is a self-contained sports resort located outside the main urban area, staying at the official accommodation is highly recommended. This will allow participants to stay at the same location as the Clinic and have easy access to all activities and facilities throughout the event.

OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION – PACKAGE PRICES

Room Type	Package Price
Single room	€490 per person
Double room	€390 per person
Triple room (*NEW)	€350 per person
Quadruple room (*NEW)	€330 per person

**Participants who have already completed their registration and wish to change their room type to a triple or quadruple room are kindly requested to contact artistic@europeanaquatics.org. Please indicate your name, federation and preferred room type so that European Aquatics can proceed with the change, subject to availability.*

The package includes:

- Accommodation for 2 nights (6–8 November)
- Breakfast (open buffet): Saturday and Sunday
- Lunch at the hotel (open buffet): Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Coffee breaks
- Dinner at the hotel (open buffet): Friday and Saturday
- Clinic participation fee
- Access to the gym

Participation without Official Accommodation

Participants who do not require official accommodation may attend the Clinic in person without accommodation.

In-person participation without official accommodation: €	€195 per person

This fee includes access to the Clinic sessions and coffee breaks.

Special Accommodation Requests

Participants with special accommodation requirements are kindly asked to contact: artistic@europeanaquatics.org as soon as possible.

This includes:

- Extra nights before and/or after the Clinic
- Accessible / PMR rooms
- Other specific accommodation requirements

All requests are subject to availability and will be confirmed individually by European Aquatics.

3. TRANSPORTATION

European Aquatics can facilitate transportation between the main arrival points and X-BIONIC® SPHERE in Šamorín. Participants wishing to use the additional transportation service should indicate it in the AS CLINIC FORM (Step 1).

Transfers can be organised from:

- **AIRPORTS**
  Vienna International Airport (VIE)
  Bratislava Airport (BTS)

- **TRAIN STATIONS**
  Transportation can also be arranged from the relevant train stations in Vienna, Bratislava and Samorin.

Transportation Rates
The following rates apply per vehicle:

Vehicle	Vienna Airport	Vienna Train Station	Bratislava Airport	Bratislava Train Station	Šamorín Train Station
Bus (20–23 persons)	€10–20	€12–22	€6–10	€6–10	€6–10
Van (7–8 persons)	€115	€145	€75	€75	€75
Car (3–4 persons)	€80	€110	€65	€65	€65

Please note that transportation costs are **additional to the Camp package.*

If you are interested in a **van or private car,** please indicate this in the **Transportation Form,** including a contact person. European Aquatics will contact you directly to arrange the transfer and suitable timing.* ***Van and private car prices are fixed per vehicle.

****Individual participants requiring transportation should also indicate this in the form (STEP 1: AS CLINIC Form). We will try to group participants with similar arrival/departure times and provide the most suitable and cost-effective solution.*

Final arrangements may vary depending on participants' schedules and the possibility of grouping transfers. Alternatively, participants may use public transportation to Šamorín Train Station.
For any questions or specific needs, please contact artistic@europeanaquatics.org.

4. PROGRAMME & FACILITATORS

The European Aquatics Artistic Swimming Clinic 2026 will bring together European Aquatics experts and internationally recognised guest speakers for three days of education, exchange and professional development.
The programme will combine presentations, practical sessions, panel discussions and interactive workshops, covering key topics relevant to the development of Artistic Swimming, as well as the 2026-2027 European Aquatics referee test for participants who wish to take part.

	Day 1 (6th Nov)	Lecturers	Day 2 (7th Nov)	Lecturers	Day 3 (8th Nov)	Lecturers
08h30 10h30			New TREs Coaching New TREs Judging	Andrea Fuentes Iva Gricar	New Tc Rules	Ana Montero
10h30 11h00			**COFFEE BREAK**		**COFFEE BREAK**	
11h00 12h30			New TREs Tc Approach	Ana Montero	Artistic Impression - Male Solo	Marie Kavaklioglu
12h30 14h30	**LUNCH**		**LUNCH**		**LUNCH**	
14h30 16h00	Welcome Introduction General Rule Changes	LOC Ulla Lucenius Marie Kavaklioglu	Pool Session Or Practical Exercices	TBC	Referee Test	Ulla Lucenius Marie Kavaklioglu
16h00 16h30	**COFFEE BREAK**		**COFFEE BREAK**			
16h30 18h30	New Figures Coaching - New Figures Judging	Andrea Fuentes Iva Gricar	New Acro Judging New Pair Acro Judging	Marie Kavaklioglu		

FACILITATORS

ANA MONTERO

- WA and EA TASC member
- WA Gold Technical Controller and Lecture
- Member of the Innovation group that worked to change the Sport of Artistic Swimming in 2022 and member of EA Innovation Hub
- Passionate and Investor on Artistic Swimming Worldwide Growth

ANDREA FUENTES

- Olympic medals as an athlete representing Spain
- 1 Olympic medal as Head Coach of Team USA (USA Artistic Swimming)
- Current Head Coach of Team Spain (RFEN)
- Chair of the Coaches Committee at World Aquatics
- 32 World and European Championship medals as an athlete (16 World and 16 European)
- 13 World Championship medals as a coach
- 20 European Championship medals as a coach

IVA GRICAR

- World Aquatics gold judge
- World Aquatics gold technical controller
- EA TASC and lecture
- Olympic judge in Paris 2024
- Judge at 3 World Championships (Budapest, Fukuoka and Singapore) and technical controller at 1 World Championships (Doha)
- Judge at Olympic Qualification for Tokyo

MARIE KAVAKLIOGLU

- World Aquatics Instructor
- World Aquatics Evaluator
- WA TASC Member since 2022
- EA TASC Secretary and member since 1998
- Olympic Games Paris 2024 Assistant Referee

ULLA LUCENIUS

- EA TASC since 1990, chair 2012 onwards,
- Fina TSSc 1982-2009, last 4 years chair, wa-TASC 2021 onwards,
- WA-A judge till 2020
- FINA evaluator till 2017
- Constantly educating coaching, judging, refereeing etc

5. REFEREE TEST

As announced in Information Bulletin #1, a Referee Test will take place at the end of the Clinic on Sunday, 8 November.
The test is required for officials wishing to be included on the European Aquatics Referee List and must be taken at least once every four years.

Participation in the 2026 Clinic is mandatory for officials wishing to officiate at European Aquatics Championships in 2027, unless an alternative arrangement is approved by European Aquatics.

Further information regarding the format and practical arrangements of the test will be communicated to registered officials.

Please indicate in the (Step 1- AS CLINIC FORM) if you are planning to do the referee test.

6. CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Participants who attend the Clinic will receive a European Aquatics Certificate of Participation.

7 . WHY ATTEND?

The Clinic is designed to create opportunities for formal and informal exchange throughout the entire stay. Coffee breaks, shared lunches and dinners, practical sessions and informal discussions will provide participants with plenty of opportunities to connect with colleagues, exchange experiences and develop new collaborations.

We encourage all participants to take advantage of these moments to meet new colleagues, reconnect with friends from the Artistic Swimming community and help strengthen the European Artistic Swimming family.

LEARN
Gain insights from European Aquatics experts and internationally recognised professionals.

EXCHANGE
Share experiences, challenges and best practices with colleagues from across Europe and beyond.

CONNECT
Meet coaches, judges, referees and other Artistic Swimming professionals and build new professional connections.

DEVELOP
Explore the latest developments in rules, judging, coaching and the technical aspects of Artistic Swimming.

BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY
Contribute to the development of Artistic Swimming and help strengthen our European Artistic Swimming family.

8. CONTACT

- artistic@europeanaquatics.org
- education@europeanaquatics.org