EUROPEAN AQUATICS®

CLINIC
OPEN WATER SWIMMING



OFFICIALS - LEVEL 3
01-02 AUGUST 2026
PARIS, FRANCE

EUROPEAN AQUATICS' PRESIDENT MESSAGE



As President of European Aquatics, I'd like to welcome you all to the Open Water Swimming Clinic for Officials – Level 3.

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

President of European Aquatics

CLINICS INFORMATION

PARTICIPANTS

Federations affiliated with European Aquatics are hereby invited to participate in the Open Water Swimming Clinic for Officials – Level 3.

European Aquatics stipulates that participation in this clinic will be a prerequisite for officiating as Chief Referee or Safety Officer at European Aquatics Open Water Swimming events from the 2026 season onwards.

REQUIREMENTS

- **Fluent Business English Skills** confirmed by their national federation.
- **Age Range**: between 18 and 73 years old (born in 1953).
- **Experience**: Applicants must have experience as an official in Open Water Swimming at both national and international levels. National experience must include at least the Safety Officer or Chief Referee. Candidates should provide statistics of their officiating experience over the past four years (2022 – 2025).
- **Certification**: Participants must be currently certified as Open Water Swimming Official by European Aquatics at Level 2.
- **Application**: Candidates must be nominated by the Member Federations in which they are registered as Open Water Swimming Officials.
- **Certification Validity**: The certification will be valid until December 31st, 2028.

Note: European Aquatics reserves the right to reject any application if the requirements are not fulfilled or if the number of applicants exceeds the capacity of 30 participants.

DATES

1st part – Theoretical Module:

- Date: August 1st – August 2nd, 2026
- Location: Paris (France)

2nd part – Practical Module:

- Participants who successfully complete the Theoretical Module (Part I) shall be formally invited to serve in the capacity of Referee or Assistant Safety Officer during the EA Event 2026 and onwards. Such appointments will be carried out under the direct supervision and guidance of a designated TOWSC member.
- Dates for the practical module will be selected by European Aquatics based on the availabilities of candidates provided during the application process.
- Specific dates will be communicated shortly after the completion of the theoretical module.
- All costs related to travel and accommodation for both the Theoretical Module and the Practical Module shall be the sole responsibility of the participants or their respective federation.

REGISTRATION

Registration shall be completed by following the steps outlined below.

1. Application Form must be duly completed, signed, and stamped by the respective Federation. The forms should then be submitted via email to education@europeanaquatics.org and volkanunutmaz@gmail.com no later than 25th May 2026.

2. All applications will be reviewed by TOWSC to ensure compliance with the established requirements.

3. Candidates whose applications are approved will finalize their registrations and payments through the EA Education Platform: https://www.eaacademy.eu/lms/courses/open-water-swimming-clinic-for-officials-level-3

THE PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is **200 Euros** to be paid during registration.

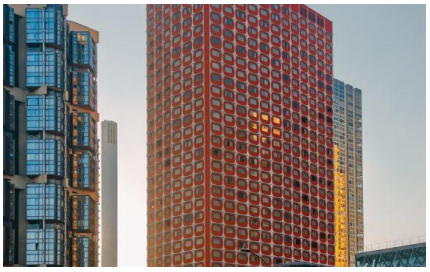
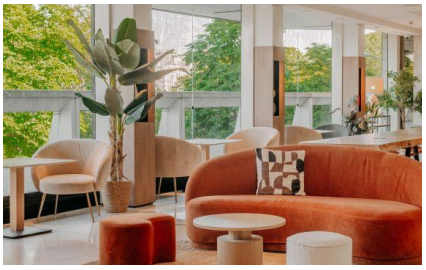
If a participant does not book the official accommodation, the registration fee is **350 Euros**.

VENUE OF THE CLINIC

Novotel Paris Centre Tour Eiffel ★★★★

61 Quai de Grenelle, 75015 Paris, France - Location

Located near the Eiffel Tower, the hotel welcomes you in Paris city centre. The hotel is facing the Seine River and is located in a modern and lively area: Paris-Beaugrenelle. The Eiffel Tower, Radio France and many restaurants are within walking distance.


ACCOMMODATION PRICES

- Single Room: 395 Euros (full board included)
- Twin / Double Room: 260 Euros (full board included)

  Prices per person and per night. These packages include full board accommodation as well as the transfers to and from the airport.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS	
Check in Date:	Check out Date:

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from Paris Orly (ORY) or Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) will be provided by LOC. Please note that this service is only available for those who book their accommodation at Clinic's Hotel, through LOC. The cost for this is included in Accommodation Price.

During the registration process, please add the information related to your flight, including the airport details.

FLIGHT DETAILS			
Arrival at	☐ Paris Orly (ORY)	☐ Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)	
Arrival date		From	
Flight Nr		Arrival time	

Departure from	☐ Paris Orly (ORY)	☐ Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)	
Departure date		To	
Flight Nr		Departure Time	

LECTURERS

- Andrea Prayer, Chairman of Technical Open Water Swimming Committee
- Prof. Dr. Bastian Esefeld, Member of Technical Open Water Swimming Committee, Education Sub-Commission Officials

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

All times are local time (CET)

DAY 1 – August 1st	
08:30	Start of the clinic
08:30 – 09:00	Welcome and presentation of participants
09:00 – 10:00	Rule Changes World Aquatics
10:00 – 11:30	Chief Referee – Session 1
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:00	Chief Referee – Session 2
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00	Chief Referee – Session 3
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 19:00	Safety Aspects
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner

DAY 2 – August 2nd	
09:00	Start of Day 2
09:00 – 10:00	Exam
10:00 – 10:30	Conclusion of the Clinic

Application Form

FEDERATION: _____

Personal details of the candidate:

Given-First Name:	Family Name:	
Gender: Female ☐ Male ☐	Date of Birth Day: Month: Year:	
Place/Country of birth:	Nationality:	
Passport Number:	Valid till:	Issued by:

Contact details of the candidate:

Address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Country:	
Mobile phone Number:	
Email address:	

Competition statistics:

Date	**Type of competition** (local, national, international, EA, WA)	**Position / role**

Availability for EA Events 2026:

Date	**Event**	**Availability**
4-8 Aug	European Aquatics Championships - Paris (FRA)	☐ YES ☐ NO
5 Sep	Open Water Swimming Cup - Tenero (SUI)	☐ YES ☐ NO
26 Sep	Open Water Swimming Cup - Razanac (CRO)	☐ YES ☐ NO
3 Oct	Open Water Swimming Cup - Barcelona (ESP)	☐ YES ☐ NO

By sending the Application Form the National Federation confirms the correctness of the statistics and the English skills and the acceptance of additional costs for the practical part.

European Aquatics reserve the right to reject any application.

Application Form must be sent back to:

education@europeanaquatics.org and **volkanunutmaz@gmail.com**

within 25th May 2026

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Date: Federation Stamp and signature of President/Secretary General of Federation