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The championships have been organised annually since 2001, and since 2012 they are organised on a biannual basis, with European Universities Games (EUG) being organised in even years as a multi-sport events, and the individual championships being organised in odd years. "I am happy to greet you at the 8th European Universities Karate Championship in Coimbra, Portugal!

On behalf of the whole EUSA community, I would like to express my gratitude for inviting European student-athletes here. It's a wonderful occasion to be together and experience the beauty of sport. I am pleased to see so many sport lovers, who share values of fair play, equal opportunities and education, promoted by EUSA.

European Universities Championships 2017 organized in 19 sports make it possible for student-athletes to get to know each other and challenge their skills in a friendly atmosphere. During such events we do more than just sport – we broaden our horizons, get to know other cultures, we promote healthy mind in a healthy body.

Being an organizer of such an event is challenging but rewarding. I know it's a hard task, and I want to express my appreciation to the Organizing Committee and its partners for the great job they have done. And of course, my gratitude to the authorities for their auspices of this event.

I believe that this Championship will bring the participants positive experiences and good results. I am sure that the athletes will compete in a fair play manner, respecting the rules and their opponents and please the spectators with their performance.

I hope you will enjoy your stay, your achievements and your time spent in Coimbra!

Good luck! "

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EUSA President

EUSA Institute is a non-profit non-governmental entity, created by EUSA for the purposes of developing university sports, organizing sports events, carrying out sports activities and projects and providing education in sports at the university level. The main aim of EUSA Institute is to support development of university sport in Slovenia and Europe. It carries out professional, technical and organizational tasks aimed at providing education in sports at university level, partnering with European University Sports Association (EUSA) and other organisations.

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To that end, the Institute will also hold various seminars, workshops and other educational events and activities in relation to sports and education for which its members will be appropriately trained. In pursuit of its purpose, the Institute will collaborate with individuals, interest groups, civil society, non-governmental organizations, natural persons and legal entities at the local, national and international levels.

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