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Romain Buschmann, President

Message from the President

Dear friends of popular sports, dear association members,

I guess it is never too late to wish you all a good, successful and healthy 2023.

What will this new year bring to our Volkssport ? The Corona pandemic is probably "over", but we will still have to deal with the effects of this hopefully unique crisis for a long time.

A tendency to individualism is apparent, a decline in club activities, membership numbers, the frightening consequence. Throughout Europe, associations, regardless of their field of activity, are confronted with a social, ecological and technological paradigm shift that is profoundly changing the way they operate.

It is therefore up to us, our members, our popular sports walkers NOW, more than ever, to exemplify the values of the IVV, to show that the community of popular sports walkers works through a good architecture and common activities.

As IVV-European continental federation it is our ambition to show ourselves in the omnipresent net, which is used by both individualists and group people alike, to draw attention to our sport, to be "present" !

To be a motivator, a stimulator, a driving force to bring the sport of walking closer to the people of Europe, to become fit through walking, to feel good - both mentally and physically, is our motivation !

Let's anticipate future challenges and help each other now to take advantage of all the opportunities associated with social change !

Collaboration is our keystone by which we are guided.

Our vocation is to provide reliable support through a dynamic and efficient network. As IVV-Europe, we are an association with an entrepreneurial spirit, resolutely proactive and forward-looking in the service of its members of today and tomorrow.

Let's make the IVV, let's make ourselves, the "Best-Place for Walking-Wellness"



René Kieser, Vicepresident



Guy Borsenberger, Vicepresident



Georges Kintziger, Secretary



Konrad Teni, Treasurer





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The Austrian Volkssportverband (ÖVV) and IVV-Europa invite you to the



in Waidring (Austria).

The event location is in the region of Kitzbüheler Alpen - Pillersee Tal.

The 7th EuroPiade will take place from 29 May - 1 June 2024.
Guided walks with IVV ranking are planned for the days before.

IVV-Europa is pleased to announce that all 3 popular sports
(hiking, cycling, swimming) will be offered.

Österreichischer
VOLKSSPORT-VERBAND



Our partner P.T.A. Tours is already at your disposal to plan your trip and stay as pleasant as possible for you !

As of spring 2023, there will be more detailed information, which we will be very happy to share with all our members, as usual.

The signing of the event contract between the Austrian Volkssport-Verband and IVV-Europa is scheduled for the beginning of 2023 in Waidring, host location of the 7th EuroPiade.





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The freelance artist Nirgül Kantar-Dreesbeimdieke has founded a Europe-wide art project, "Europe's Artists' Trail", which will start for the first time in 2023.

It is a cooperation with, among others, the European Parliament. The aim of the project is to enable all citizens in Europe to experience art in different forms of expression. This access is barrier-free, because inclusion has an important place within the project. The idea is to move with art from city to city, from person to person and from country to country.

Europe's Artists' Trail starts on April 14, 2023, in Borgholzhausen (D) and leads in 60 days on a route of around 1,300 kilometers with 27 stations/stages, right across the Benelux countries. The destination of the first art journey is Schengen at the border triangle in Luxembourg, which is to be reached on June 14, 2023, the day of the 1985 Schengen Agreement.



The planned stations should host an exhibition of art-works, especially suitable for people with sensory and visual impairments.

Following 2023, the project will also bring together Southern, Northern and Eastern Europe by 2030.

For our associations this could become a prestigious object by guaranteeing a great publicity. The artists will be accompanied by a film team that will impressively narrate the path through Europe. The networking between transnational walkers, their clubs and associations is our wish and hope, yes, our goal.

We would be very happy if many supporters could be found who could help to realize this great project.

Accompany with your association, your club, the artist on the respective walking routes or even just on a few kilometers in their immediate surroundings and thus support this unique project of international understanding in the same time of inclusion.

It is up to the federations to award IVV validations for partial routes if necessary, which will be another incentive to participate.

IVV-Europe will provide a certificate of participation for each participant !

The dates of the different stage locations can be seen on the IVV-Europe homepage.

In case of interest we will inform you about further steps.





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As part of its IVV Motivation Programme, IVV-Europa is pleased to introduce a new Cup, the **FELIX-CUP**.

What are the characteristics of this new Cup?

The **FELIX-CUP** is conceived to encourage and motivate walkers to walk in their home country as well as in neighbouring countries, during holiday periods or other stays abroad. In contrast to usual cups, not only long-distance walkers and extreme walkers should be eligible to be honoured in a cup, but also "ordinary" walkers, irrespective of the distances walked and the types of events. The period of time needed to achieve the Cup should be manageable and not extend over years.

Where does the name come from ?

The name of the cup says it all! Felix is Latin and can be translated as: happy, lucky, auspicious, successful, fortunate, the lucky one. Yes, walking makes one happy, it helps against sorrow, listlessness and depression. The **FELIX-CUP** is a commitment to walking.

What could be more obvious than to represent the **FELIX-CUP** with a symbol of happiness,

the four-leaf clover, which every walker is sure to be happy about if he finds one on the side of his path.

The number of leaves indicates the number of IVV walks to be achieved as well as the IVV member countries to be visited.

The colours of the leaves are symbolically the same as can be seen in the rainbow and express the mood for peace, departure and change. It is also seen as a sign of tolerance and acceptance of diversity of life forms, of hope and longing.



Conditions of participation at the FELIX-CUP.

- Participation is encouraged in 4 IVV walks in 4 different European IVV member countries, without time limit.
- Eligible are all standard IVV walks, guided walks, any IVV permanent walking trail.
- The Cup has no kilometre or time limit and can be walked repeatedly.
- After payment of the entry fee to the account IBAN: LU04 1111 3103 3835 0000 / BIC: CCPLLULL of IVV-Europe, reference **FELIX-CUP**, if desired, a numbered scoring booklet will be sent electronically (free of charge) to the walkers e-mail address or against postage of 2,50€ to the walkers home address.

Rewards/Awards

Once the walker has stamped his **FELIX-CUP** -booklet with 4 IVV stamps from 4 different European IVV member countries, he can send it to the IVV-Europe secretary. He can either do this electronically to the address info@IVV-Europa.eu or send it to the postal address IVV-Europa B.P.56 L-9201 Diekirch.

Thus he has the right to :

- a **FELIX-CUP** Certificate of IVV-Europe
- optionally a medal or a patch
- a pin
- both awards (medal and patch) are available for an additional payment of 5 €

The awards will be granted free of charge at IVV-Europe promotion stands, or will be sent by post for a fee of 2,50 € directly.

Prize

The participation fee for the **FELIX-CUP** is only 10 €





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**4 IVV Walks each
in 4 European IVV member countries**

unlimited in time

**all traditional IVV walks,
permanent trails, guided walks count**

Price: 10 € per record book

On request, each association/
club, whether IVV-Europa
member or not, can be
provided with a contingent of
start cards for sale/gift.

The billing can be done 1x per
year.



Awards:

- ✓ a Felix-Cup certificate of the IVV-Europe
- ✓ optionally a medal or a patch
- ✓ a pin
- ✓ both awards (medal and patch) are available for an additional fee of 5 €

Registration:

by deposit of the entry fee to the account
IBAN: LU04 1111 3103 3835 0000 / BIC: CCPLULL of IVV-Europa, reference Felix-C

Teilnahme pass / Award Booklet / Cahier de pointage
 Pass no :



Name/Nom/Name :

Adresse/Address/Adresse :

Verein/Association/Club :

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When purchasing a start card, the walker also receives an accompanying letter that mentions the member countries of IVV-Europe !





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Annoucement of PARTNERSHIP



IVV-Europe is very pleased to officially announce its new two-year partnership with CIMALP, the long-established French manufacturer of hiking equipment. With CIMALP we share the same values, starting with the passion for the mountains and the desire to give as many people as possible the opportunity to discover the great expanses of the country.

Walking is an extraordinary sport above all because it takes place in an incomparable natural environment. But this environment can also prove inhospitable if you don't wear the right clothing. CIMALP has been manufacturing mountain clothing since 1964, aiming to provide as many people as possible with the most reliable products on the market, waterproof, windproof, breathable, comfortable and durable. Jackets, pants, shoes or accessories that are recognized throughout Europe for their performance and quality-price ratio. To discover on www.cimalp.com. Delivery is free from 50€ throughout Europe, exchange is also free (which is always convenient when ordering on the Internet).

Thanks to our partnership, all members of IVV-Europe benefit from an additional 10% discount (which can be combined with already existing discounts!) this by applying the code : IVV10 when ordering.

We are pleased and proud that you can benefit from this partnership.

IVV-EUROPA thanks CIMALP for taking over the sponsorship of the



Are you already Felix, or are you still walking ?





DIGITAL WALK

In the previous Newsflash, IVV-Europe has pointed out the possibility, even the necessity, of additional digitization of our trails, trail records, awards, etc. As IVV we have to take this step in order not to be simply not accepted by the new, young clientele.

In order to make progress, to set goals, achievable goals, IVV-Europe has proposed to start with the additional possibility to walk Permanent Trails digitally. This is certainly not to deny the current method. Nothing can replace the conviviality, the atmosphere on the occasion of the start card sale, the stamp, etc. inside a restaurant, for example, and must be maintained as such.

The digitization of the permanent trails is to be understood as an additional possibility.

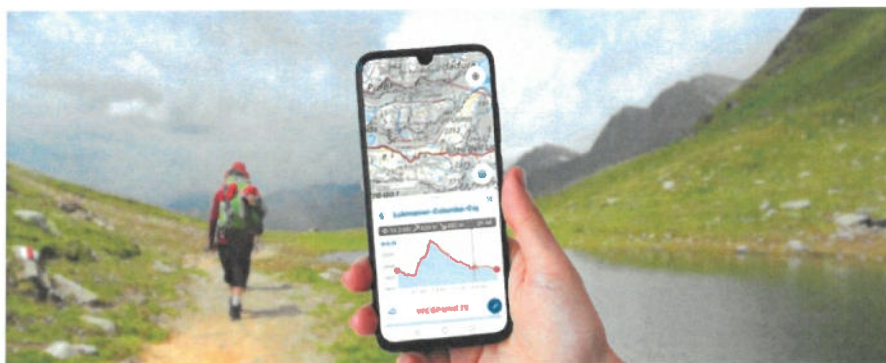


Let's all join in, let's offer our Permanent Trails for additional Digital Walking ! Let's allow, encourage, approve the digital recording of Permanent Trails ! Let's start TODAY, let's inform each other, let's encourage each other, let's share our experiences, both negative and positive, let's discuss our needs ...

Let's inform our members, us, each other regularly in this place, of the progress of this project. Let's give our walkers the opportunity to experience the Permanent Digital Trails ! In France, a "test series" is currently starting with selected trails. The experiences made will be exchanged here at this place.

A "survey" in this sense will be sent to you in the first days, with the following questions:

- Do you offer permanent trails in your association ?
- How many trails, how many kilometers of trails ?
- How are the quarterly rules applied ?
- Where are the ticket sales points - stamping points ?
- How many trails are already digitally walkable ?
- Do you plan an additional digital offer ?
- etc..



We thank you for your valuable participation and will publish the results in the next Newsflash !





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On July 3, 2019, Directive 2019/904/EU on reducing the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (Single-Use Plastics Directive) became effective.

The aim of this directive is to prevent and reduce the impact of certain plastic products on the environment, in particular the marine environment, and human health, and to promote the transition to a circular economy with innovative and sustainable business models, articles and materials, thus also contributing to the smooth functioning of the

internal market.

The directive specifies numerous measures to reduce the consumption of certain single-use plastic products, limit the careless discarding of these products into the environment and better manage the plastic resource.

The EU Directive was to be transposed into national law by July 3, 2021.

Please inform yourself in your respective countries by which legislative projects it has been implemented in the meantime.

This meanwhile national legislation concerns many things of the use with IVV walks, as there as examples:

Cups - Bowls - Plates - Cutlery - Straws - Cups - Bottles etc. all of which may no longer be offered in plastic products.

In this sense, we would like to call for an exchange of experiences.

How is the avoidance of plastic handled in your associations, your clubs ? Have you as an association or club developed your own cups or do you offer them for sale ?

Would there be an interest in a common concept, to a common cheaper purchase / production ?

We thank you in advance for any feedback to the address : info@ivv-Europa.eu





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As announced and especially after the international success of the Challenge Cup 2022, there will also be an edition 2023 (2,023 km walking in 2023).

Information about the Challenge Cup can be found on the homepage of IVV-Europa as well as on the attached flyer.

IVV-Europe would be pleased if you would share this information with your members, clubs, and create a corresponding link on your homepage.

As a reminder, the first edition of the Challenge 2022 was attended by walkers from the following IVV countries : Austria - Belgium - Czech Republic - Denmark - France - Germany - Great Britain - Italy - Luxembourg - Netherlands - Norway - Switzerland !

IVV-Europe thanks for the cooperation !



CHALLENGE
Hiking in **2023** kilometres

All IVV-stamps worldwide will be considered, from **1.1.2023** until **31.12.2023**

Alone, in a team or as an association Price: **23 €**



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As a single or in a team

Honours:

- Personalised and numbered „Challenge 2023“ certificate, issued on the date of reaching the 2023 km at least.
- Attractive, specially designed IVV European Challenge 2023 **medal** and **patch** and **pin**
- Inclusion in the „Hall of Fame“ of the IVV-Europa-Portal

Registration: Price **23 €**

At the respective national association or at <https://www.ivv-europa.eu>
Information: info@ivv-Europe.eu
If the number of kilometres is not reached, there is no provision for reimbursement.





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NOTE FROM THE IVV :

The IVV Presidium would like to comment on item 10 of the Newsflash 4/2022 as follows :

"Item 10 of the NEWSFLASH : Choice of the venue for the IVV Delegates Meeting 2024 From the report it appears that the proposal to host in Canberra/Australia was unanimously accepted. Considering the fact that the participation is required by the statutes, but this will be connected with a very large financial expenditure, the topic will be discussed on the part of IVV-Europe how the participation via video could be possible both technically and legally until then. Furthermore, it will be suggested whether national associations can be "represented" by their continental association at this meeting. If necessary, the statutes would have to be adapted for this, an application in this regard would have to be made."

ANSWER of the IVV :

According to the IVV Statutes, online participation in IVV Congresses of Delegates is not possible. Also the statutes do not foresee that countries can be represented by their continental federations. In order to change the Statutes, this would have to be submitted as a motion to the next Congress of Delegates in 2024. At the earliest, a change could occur at the next but one Congress after reviewing the legal situation.

We ask that this be corrected in the next Newsflash so as not to give countries the wrong prospect of participation.

With kind regards

In this sense, the IVV-Europe has informed.

Should an interest be expressed in this regard, on the occasion of the Assembly of Delegates in October 2023, IVV-Europe will submit the corresponding applications accordingly in due time.

Communication :

With regret IVV-Europe has to inform that the DVV, Deutscher Volkssportverband e.V., has informed IVV-Europe in due time and by registered letter to leave the community of the European IVV-members as of 1.1.2023.

Also in accordance with the rules of procedure this withdrawal was not justified by the DVV.





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Europe Day on May 9

The IVV-Europe Presidium invites all affiliated national associations to a

EUROPEAN DAY OF POPULAR SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

As for the first time in 2022, this day should be offered regularly throughout Europe and honor all our volunteers.

On this day, the association should invite to a social gathering, offer a day of meeting in the association, do together some activity, offer a social, cultural or culinary activity for the members of the association. The community created in this way serves as a mindfulness and creates incentives to join an association.

This day should be celebrated, for the sake of community, on Europe Day, 9. May.

We kindly ask you to forward this information to your respective member associations.

Each participating association will receive a corresponding certificate issued in the name of the association in one of the three official languages of IVV-Europe (sample attached).

Orders can be placed at info@ivv-europe.eu.

The certificates signed by the Presidium of IVV-Europe will be sent in digital form to be **printed on the spot and when needed.**



We are also happy to share photos of your event on our homepage www.ivv-europa.eu.





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IVV-Europe wishes its IVV-Americas friends all the best for the 18th Olympiad in San Antonio, Texas.

We also wish all walkers, who will come together from all over the world, beautiful walking days, many experiences, new acquaintances, conversations and impressions. Enjoy the extensive offer of walking routes as well as the rich cultural selection.

We will be happy to publish your photos on our pages, photos that can be shared from the certainly impressive Olympics walks.



Conclusion .. Do you have any ideas ?

- how we can improve the Newsflash ?
- what other information we can provide through the Newsflash ?
 - how we can make WALKING in our community even more attractive
- how we can promote the COMMUNITY WORK ?

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We listen to you and we are here for you !!!
The IVV Europe Presidium

