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CODID-19 - 2020 LEN EVENTS UPDATE – EC 2020 AND WATER POLO CUPS

Dear Federation Presidents, dear LEN Family, dear friends,

Today I wish you to update you on the decisions unanimously taken by the LEN Bureau on 3 May 2020 regarding the **2020 European Aquatics Championships** and the **2020 LEN Water Polo Cups** competitions.

- **The 2020 European Aquatics Championships are now confirmed for 10-23 May 2021**

The 2020 European Aquatics Championships in Swimming, Diving, Open Water Swimming, and Artistic Synchronised Swimming, originally planned for 11-24 May 2020 in Budapest (HUN) and provisionally re-planned at first for 17-30 August 2020, **are now confirmed for 10-23 May 2021, in Budapest (HUN).**

The decision to reschedule the Championships to 10-23 May 2021 has been taken in full cooperation and agreement with the Hungarian Swimming Association, the Hungarian Government and local organizers. We believe it is realistic to hope that by May 2021 things will have returned to normal, hence allowing the organization of an exceptional event.

- **The 2020 LEN Water Polo Cups competitions are cancelled**

This means that there will be no continuation or additional games related to the 2019-2020 Water Polo Champions Leagues, the 2019-2020 Water Polo Euro League Women and the 2019-2020 Water Polo Euro Cup.

We obviously plan to re-establish the above mentioned competitions for the 2020-2021 season.

The above decisions have not been taken lightheartedly by LEN, but I am convinced that under the current circumstances it was the most appropriate decision.

LEN's priority is above all the health and safety of all athletes, coaches and of the whole LEN family. By cancelling some of the 2020 LEN competitions and postponing others to 2021, LEN is protecting its Family and, at the same time, ensuring we can restart in 2021 stronger than before, with the organization of LEN events meeting the highest standards we have all been used to.

Once again, all the best and good health to all of you and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kindest regards,



Paolo Barelli
LEN President

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