

Outcomes and Conclusions

European Rowing Presidents' Meeting 2023

Copenhagen
1-2 April



Current challenges for MFs:

- Inflation, budgets and financing
- Governance and gender equality [and broader inclusion] requirements for funding
- Lack of female rowers at elite levels and female umpires wishing to progress to international level
- Insufficient/aging coaches across the membership
- Attracting and retaining youth rowers
- overseas scholarships taking talent overseas
- Implementing safeguarding practices
- Technology, transgender discussions

Opportunities:

- Indoor rowing – fastest growing area
- Digitisation, virtual platforms and new initiatives in indoor
- School indoor, women targeted programmes
- Coastal rowing and competitions
- Beach sprints, cheap and simple field of play
- European Games discipline

European Rowing Events: key considerations

- Funding and costs are key to participation
- Need to define principles for events: complex
- Consider return to core events: OLY and PLY
- Retain Gender Equality principle
- Lightweight rowing: European Club Championships/League?
- Attracting host federations for European Rowing events [esp. indoor]
- European Championships very positive profile for rowing

Opportunities with events

- Create heroes from our athletes
- Facilitate doubling up especially in women's events for a period
- Sport presentation and marketing of European Rowing events
- Improve 'European Rowing' visibility, branding
- Consider combining ERU23CH and ERU19CH
- Test innovative disciplines: mixed crews, relays
- Indoor events – attract broadest range rowers