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13 - 24 JUNE

# **WORLD DEAF BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023**

Heraklion - Greece

**13-24  
JUNE  
2023**

**ARENA HERAKLION  
(2 AORAKIA)**

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# ORGANISING COMMITTEE

ORGANIZING, HONORARY AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES



The Hellenic Sports Federation of the Deaf is proud to organize the 2023 World Deaf Basketball Championships, 13-24 June 2023 in Heraklion, Crete, Greece. All members of the Organising Committee have a common goal. To organize a great and unforgettable basketball event that will remain indelible in the memory of all participants and that will fill the entire deaf basketball community with pride.

To accomplish that, the Greek Ministry of Sports, the Region of Crete and the Municipality of Heraklion will fully support the event, with the aim of promoting deaf sports at a local and international level.

The Committees of the 6<sup>th</sup> WDBC 2023 warmly welcomes all participants.

## HONORARY COMMITTEE



**Jaroslaw JANIEC**  
ICSD Representative



**Eleftherios Avgenakis**  
Deputy Minister of  
Culture and Sports



**Ioannis STOUFIS**  
DIBF President



**Georgios PITSOULIS**  
Deputy Region  
Governor of Crete



**Iosif STAVRAKAKIS**  
HSFD President



**Konstantinos VARDAVAS**  
Vice Mayor Heraklion  
Crete

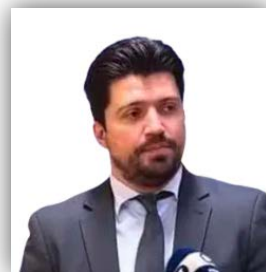
## ORGANISING COMMITTEE



**Charalampos MARKAKIS**  
OC President  
EKASK President



**Iakovos CHAROULAKIS**  
OC Vice President  
HSFD Board Member



**Konstantinos SVERKOUNOS**  
OC Secretary  
Hellenic Basketball Federation  
General Director



**Konstantinos GARGALIS**  
OC Treasurer  
HSFD General Secretary



**Eleftherios ZERVOS**  
OC Member  
EAKH President



**Aspasia XAXIRI**  
Member of O.C.  
"ASKK Minoas" President



**Panagiotis KORDONOURIS**  
OC Member  
HSFD Board Member

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



**Jürgen ENDRESS**  
DIBF Secretary General  
and DIBF Sports Director



**Yaakov KEREN**  
DIBF Technical Director



**Dario PIGNATARO**  
DIBF Technical Director



**Peter BAVADAS**  
DIBF Technical Staff



**Andreas MAGGANAS**  
FIBA Chief Referee



**Fabio SCARPA**  
DIBF Chief Referee

# GREETINGS



**Adam KOSA**



**ICSD President**

Dear athletes and sports leaders!

We are only weeks away from the second most important world event in Deaf Basketball, the World Championships!

Let all participants keep the vision of CISS founder Eugene Ruben-Alcais in mind: "Equality through Sports!"

Let's show the world, the Greek people and each other that we play and participate in games according to the rules of basketball and fair play. The losers leave the floor with their heads held high, the winners leave the floor with renewed energy and a better fight next time, because it honors the opponent they defeated earlier.

Sport unites, sport inspires great things!

Good luck to all of you!

**Eleftherios Avgenakis**



**Deputy Minister of Culture and Sports**

Dear all, Welcome to the highly anticipated World Deaf Basketball Championships 2023. A unique event that graces the annual sporting events calendar of Heraklion.

A tournament that carries excellent messages, advertises the island of Crete and greatly contributes to the development of sports culture in Greece. It is a great honor for our city to host an event that unites athletes from 18 countries with more than 480 professionals competing for the most glorious title. In addition to that, it is an opportunity for making the sport more well-known around Greece among people of all ages and backgrounds. Last but definitely not least, the tournament stands as a marvelous occasion to raise awareness about People with Disabilities.

As the Deputy Minister of Culture and Sports of Greece and as an individual, I wholeheartedly believe that sport is a vehicle for growth, progress and social welfare. Sport is our path for a better society for the generations to come. Sport is a way of life. I hope that we will be watching a strong tournament with plenty of emotions. Let the best team win!

**Ioannis STOUFIS**



**DIBF President**

On behalf of the International Deaf Basketball Federation (DIBF), I would like to extend a warm welcome to all those coming to Heraklion, Greece to take part in the 6th World Deaf Basketball Championships for Men and Women.

It is the second time that it has been held in Greece, after almost 20 years with the first historic Championships in Athens in 2002, where it has truly become a growing international organisation with the support of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (formerly CISS according to ICSD) and with the absolute support of FIBA, which has quickly been embraced by basketball fans. It is very important to acknowledge the maximum effort of the Organising Committee who, in a very short time and at this moment, have registered 16 men's and 8 women's teams.

We should not forget the great support of the Region of Crete and the Municipality of Heraklion in making this great sporting event possible and I wish all the deaf players who will participate in the Championship "Sports happy moments and finally have a great time and thank you in Crete".

## **Stavros Arnaoutakis**



**Region Governor  
of Crete**

Crete is preparing to host another international sports event. The World Deaf Basketball Championship, which will take place in Heraklion, is a top sporting event, the fame of which goes beyond the borders of the country.

It is a particular pleasure for the Region of Crete to welcome 24 teams from 18 countries, a fact that will convey the timeless values of sports to the whole world during the games.

The World Deaf Basketball Championships will be a real-life lesson for all fans and spectators, as the strength of the participating athletes and their commendable perseverance to overcome obstacles and difficulties deserve our respect and congratulations.

We wish the best of luck and success to all those involved in the preparation of the Championship, as well as to all participants.

## **Vasileios Lamprinos**



**Heraklion Mayor**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The World Deaf Basketball Championship which will be hosted in our city this June comes to confirm the continuity and consistency of Heraklion in undertaking and successfully holding sports events of international level.

This fact in turn confirms that Heraklion has established itself as the sports capital of the Greek Region but also as an important sports center in the Eastern Mediterranean.

This is a development that did not happen by luck - we have proven time after time that we have the facilities, the know-how and most of all the human resources to achieve this goal.

Heraklion is consistently chosen as a base for important events, matches and events thanks to the methodical work of all sports people, both in the Municipality of Heraklion and in our city as a whole, as well as the good cooperation with the Deputy Ministry of Sports, the Region of Crete and the competent bodies

Especially with the Hellenic Deaf Sports Federation we have successfully cooperated in other events in the past and I am sure that the same will happen now. I want to thank everyone who worked hard to bring the Deaf Men's - Women's World Basketball Championship to Heraklion as well as those who are already working on this event.

I wish to all the delegations of the countries participating, a pleasant stay in Crete and the best of luck- a little more to the Greek Men's and Women's National Teams.

# GREETINGS

**Iosif STAVRAKAKIS**



**HSFD President**

As President of the Hellenic Sports Federation of the Deaf (HSFD), I am proud that once again Greece is the host country of such a great sporting event.

The World Deaf Basketball Championship for men and women will be held in Heraklion, Crete, which is not only a tourist destination, but also a destination for major international sporting events.

Greece proves once again that it can be at the center of sporting events. After the difficult years that we went through due to the pandemic, with restrictions on participation and adherence to health protocols, next summer we will be able to create the "sporting atmosphere" in Crete that befits a World Basketball Championship.

With respect to the athlete, but also to the public who will be in the stands with the observance of all safety measures, we are waiting for YOU on the beautiful and welcoming island of Crete. We thank all those who are our helpers and supporters and we wish all sportsmen and women the best of luck!

**Charalampos Markakis**



**OC President**

I consider it a great honor to be the president of the Organizing Committee of the World Deaf Basketball Championship. I have been part of the sport of Basketball for many years as the president of the Union of Clubs of Crete and I know that we Cretans have a special feature, our HOSPITALITY.

Those of you who find yourself in Heraklion, for the great date of the summer, you will experience exactly our love for basketball and you will enjoy the Cretan hospitality.

The success of hosting the Deaf Basketball Men's-Women's World Championship is another challenge and we have proven that we like challenges.



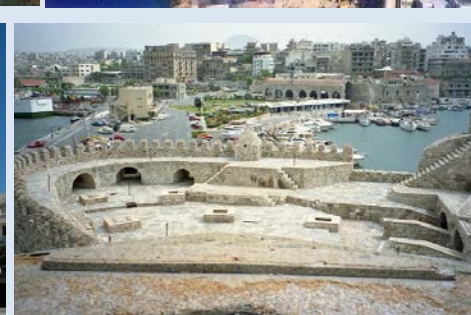
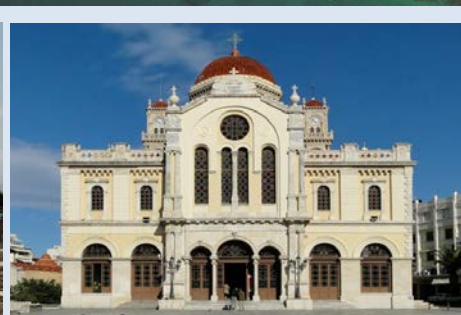
# THE CITY OF HERAKLION



Heraklion is the largest city and the administrative capital of the island of Crete and capital of Heraklion regional unit. It is the fourth largest city in Greece with a population of 211.370 (Urban Area) according to the 2011 census.



Heraklion was Europe's fastest growing tourism destination for 2017, according to Euromonitor, with an 11.2% growth in international arrivals. According to the ranking, Heraklion was ranked as the 20th most visited region in Europe, as the 66th area on the planet and as the 2nd in Greece for the year 2017, with 3.2 million visitors and the 19th in Europe for 2018, with 3.4 million visitors. Heraklion is one of the most popular athletic destinations in Greece and many International Championships are organized every year.





## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF KNOSSOS

The centre of Minoan civilization and capital of Minoan Crete lay 5km south of Heraklion.

Knossos flourished for approximately two thousand years. It had large palace buildings, extensive workshop installations and luxurious rock-cut cave and tholos tombs. As a major centre of trade and the economy, Knossos maintained ties with the majority of cities in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Wealth accumulation and the advancement of an urban lifestyle were the hallmarks of this zenith, which began circa 2000 BC and was typified by magnificent monumental buildings and a complex social structure.

The Minoan palace is the main site of interest at Knossos, an important city in antiquity, which was inhabited continuously from the Neolithic period until the 5th c. AD. The palace was built on the Kephala hill and had easy access to the sea and the Cretan interior. According to tradition, it was the seat of the wise king Minos. The Palace of Knossos is connected with thrilling legends, such as the myth of the Labyrinth, with the Minotaur, and the story of Daidalos and Ikaros.



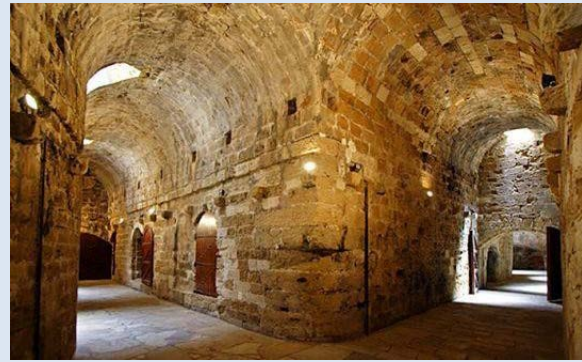
Around the palace extended the Minoan settlement, with the cemeteries on the hills. Important buildings from this same period include: the South House, the House of the Chancel Screen, the Small Palace, the Caravanserai, the Royal Villa and the Temple-Tomb. The Villa Dionysos with its floor mosaics (2nd c. AD) is an important building of the Roman period.

The numerous finds from the palace, all of exceptionally high quality art, pottery, vessels, figurines, the archive of Linear B tablets, and the original wall-paintings, are all housed in Heraklion Museum.

# SIGHTSEEING OF HERAKLION

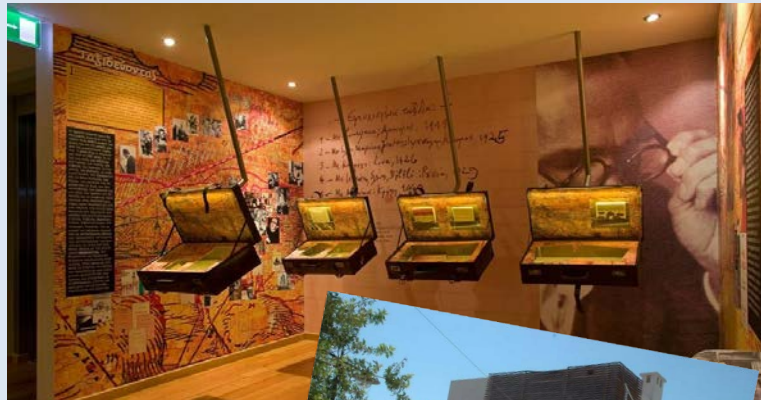
## KOULE CASTLE

At the entrance of the port of Heraklion don't miss, Koule Castle. During the Venetian domination it was known as Rocca a Mare or Castello a Mare or Castello that is a fortress at sea. It finally prevailed to be called "Koules", a name derived from the Turkish name Su Kulesi. It was built on the site of an older fortress that had suffered severe earthquake damage in 1303.



## KAZANTZAKIS MUSEUM

The Kazantzakis Museum pays tribute to the important intellectual, author, thinker, philosopher, politician and traveler Nikos Kazantzakis. The Museum is made up of a cluster of buildings in the central square of the historical village of Varvari, now known as Myrtia. The Museum Exhibition is housed on a site formerly occupied by the home of the Anemoyannis family, which was related to Nikos Kazantzakis'



The Museum was founded in 1983 by set and costume designer Yiorgos Anemoyannis, a pioneering figure in Greek theatre. His fundamental aim was to preserve the author's memory and promote his work and thought.



## CRETAQUARIUM

Aquaworld - Crete's first aquarium - is in Hersonissos, Greece. Displays local sea life and reptiles from everywhere. Hands-on interaction with many of the animals is encouraged. Most of the animals are rescued or were injured animals which now have a loving home at Aquaworld.



# VENUES – GAMES COURTS

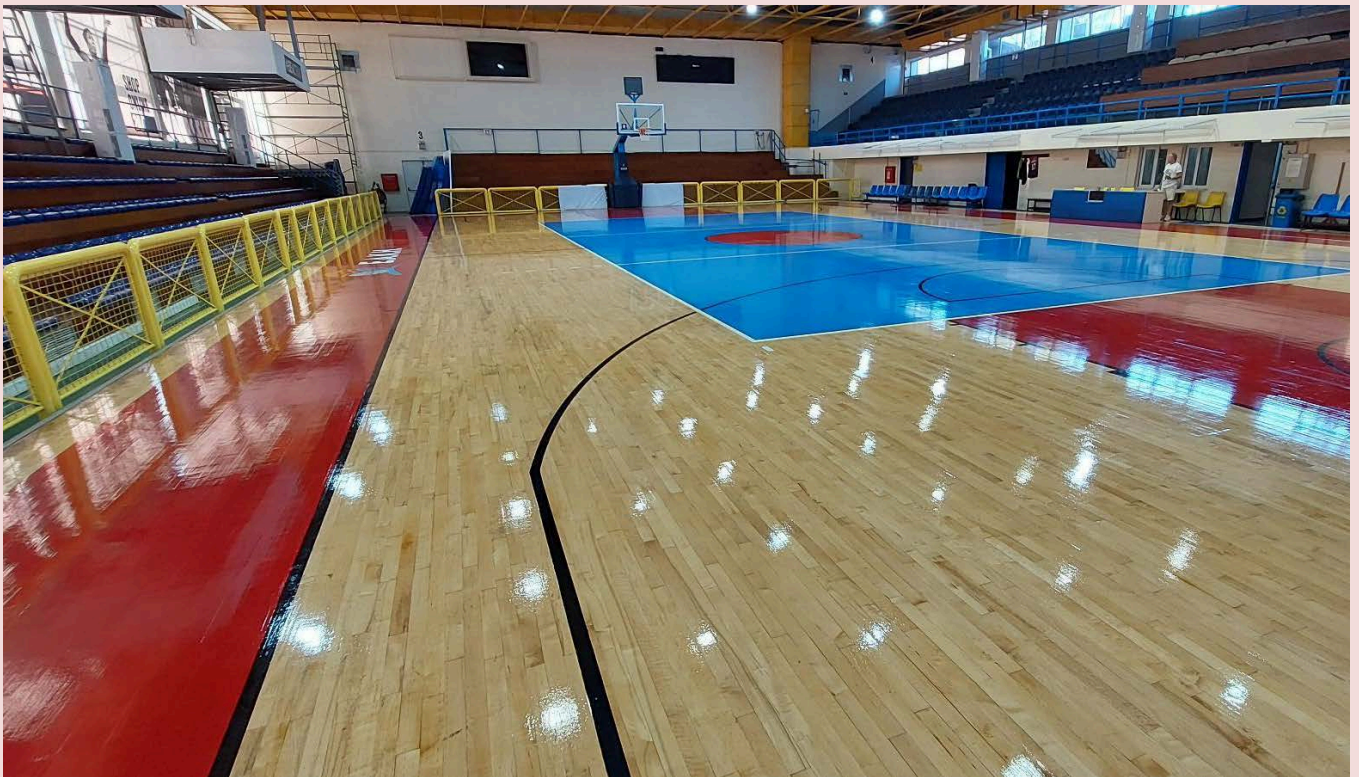


## HALL 1: HERAKLION ARENA



# VENUES – GAMES COURTS

## HALL 2: LIDO SPORTS HALL



## HERAKLION ARENA – TRAINING HALLS



**HALL 3: HERAKLION ARENA  
TRAINING COURT A**



**HALL 4: HERAKLION ARENA  
TRAINING COURT B**



# OFFICIAL DRAW RESULTS



## DRAW MEN

# World Deaf Basketball Championships 2023

13-24 June 2023, Heraklion, Crete, Greece

## Draw Men

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
VEN	ISR	ARG	KEN
AUS	HKG	LTU	DOM
CHN	SLO	LBN	POL
GRE	USA	ESP	UKR

## MEN GAME SCHEDULE

Group A			
13/6/23	17:00	HALL 2	AUS -  CHN
13/6/23	20:30	HALL 1	VEN -  GRE
14/6/23	19:30	HALL 2	CHN -  VEN
14/6/23	19:30	HALL 1	GRE -  AUS
16/6/23	17:00	HALL 1	VEN -  AUS
16/6/23	19:30	HALL 1	CHN -  GRE

Group B			
14/6/23	12:00	HALL 2	ISR -  USA
14/6/23	14:30	HALL 2	HKG -  SLO
15/6/23	17:00	HALL 1	SLO -  ISR
15/6/23	19:30	HALL 1	USA -  HKG
17/6/23	12:00	HALL 2	ISR -  HKG
17/6/23	14:30	HALL 2	SLO -  USA

Group C			
13/6/23	14:30	HALL 1	ARG -  ESP
13/6/23	17:00	HALL 1	LTU -  LBN
15/6/23	12:00	HALL 2	LBN -  ARG
15/6/23	14:30	HALL 2	ESP -  LTU
16/6/23	14:30	HALL 2	ARG -  LTU
16/6/23	19:30	HALL 2	LBN -  ESP

Group D			
14/6/23	12:00	HALL 1	KEN -  UKR
14/6/23	14:30	HALL 1	DOM -  POL
15/6/23	17:00	HALL 2	POL -  KEN
15/6/23	19:30	HALL 2	UKR -  DOM
17/6/23	12:00	HALL 1	KEN -  DOM
17/6/23	14:30	HALL 1	POL -  UKR

# OFFICIAL DRAW RESULTS



## DRAW WOMEN

### World Deaf Basketball Championships 2023

13-24 June 2023, Heraklion, Crete, Greece

#### Draw Women

Group A		Group B	
 TUR		 POL	
 LTU		 UKR	
 KEN		 GRE	
 ITA		 USA	

## WOMEN GAME SCHEDULE

Group A					Group B				
13/6/23	12:00	HALL 2	 TUR - ITA 		14/6/23	17:00	HALL 2	 POL - USA 	
13/6/23	14:30	HALL 2	 LTU - KEN 		14/6/23	17:00	HALL 1	 UKR - GRE 	
15/6/23	12:00	HALL 1	 KEN - TUR 		16/6/23	14:30	HALL 1	 USA - UKR 	
15/6/23	14:30	HALL 1	 ITA - LTU 		16/6/23	17:00	HALL 2	 GRE - POL 	
17/6/23	17:00	HALL 2	 TUR - LTU 		17/6/23	17:00	HALL 1	 POL - UKR 	
17/6/23	19:30	HALL 2	 KEN - ITA 		17/6/23	19:30	HALL 1	 GRE - USA 	

# OFFICIAL DRAW RESULTS



**YOU CAN WATCH DRAW CEREMONY  
ON YOUTUBE:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmCrUkwVc8&t=989s>





# OFFICIAL PROGRAM



DAY	DATE	PROGRAM
SUNDAY	11.6.2023	DELEGATION ARRIVAL TRAINING
MONDAY	12.6.2023	DELEGATION ARRIVAL TRAINING <b>20:00 TECHNICAL MEETING (IBIS HOTEL)</b>
TUESDAY	13.6.2023	COMPETITION TRAINING <b>19:30 OPENING CEREMONY (HERAKLION ARENA)</b>
WEDNESDAY	14.6.2023	COMPETITION TRAINING
THURSDAY	15.6.2023	COMPETITION TRAINING
FRIDAY	16.6.2023	COMPETITION TRAINING
SATURDAY	17.6.2023	COMPETITION TRAINING
SUNDAY	18.6.2023	<b>09:00 DIBF CONGRESS</b> COMPETITION TRAINING
MONDAY	19.6.2023	COMPETITION (QUARTERFINAL) TRAINING
TUESDAY	20.6.2023	COMPETITION TRAINING
WEDNESDAY	21.6.2023	COMPETITION (SEMIFINAL) TRAINING
THURSDAY	22.6.2023	COMPETITION TRAINING <b>10:00 TECHNICAL MEETING (IBIS HOTEL)</b>
FRIDAY	23.6.2023	COMPETITION (FINAL WOMEN) <b>21:00 MEDAL CEREMONY (WOMEN)</b> TRAINING
SATURDAY	24.6.2023	COMPETITION (FINAL MEN) <b>21:00 MEDAL CEREMONY (MEN)</b> <b>21:30 CLOSING CEREMONY (HERAKLION ARENA)</b>
SUNDAY	25.6.2023	DELEGATION DEPARTURE

## REGISTRATION

<b>12 JUNE 2022</b>	FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION	Form #2
<b>12 MARCH 2023</b>	PRELIMINARY NAME REGISTRATION (24 athletes)	Form #3
<b>12 JUNE 2023</b>	FINAL NAME REGISTRATION (12 athletes)	Form #4

E-mail: [secretary.general@dibf.org](mailto:secretary.general@dibf.org)

## REGISTRATION FEE

ICSD:	<b>30 USD</b> per athlete/official
Organizing Committee:	<b>50 EUROS</b> per athlete/official
DIBF Participation Fee:	<b>600 USD</b> per team (including 12 players and 3 officials)
	<b>40 USD</b> additional per official
Audiogram Control:	<b>30 EUROS</b> per athlete
Media Accreditation Fee:	<b>250 USD</b> per media team from a company/federation

## TRANSPORTATION

- 2023 WDBC OC, is responsible to provide to each team the following transportation:
1. HERAKLION AIRPORT “NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS” – HOTEL - HERAKLION AIRPORT “NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS” or
  2. HERAKLION (FERRY) PORT – HOTEL - HERAKLION (FERRY) PORT
  3. HOTEL – VENUES – HOTEL

## TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM

See attached [2023 WDBC - Annex 3 Travel Information Form](#)

Please send this form by e-mail to [2023wdbcrete@gmail.com](mailto:2023wdbcrete@gmail.com) no later than **20 May 2023**

## ACCREDITATION

See attached [2023 WDBC - Annex 4 Accreditation Form](#) for Men and for Women

Please send this form by e-mail to [2023wdbcrete@gmail.com](mailto:2023wdbcrete@gmail.com) no later than **20 May 2023**

## VISA INFORMATION

See attached [2023 WDBC - Annex 5 Visa Form](#)

Please send this form by e-mail to [2023wdbcrete@gmail.com](mailto:2023wdbcrete@gmail.com) no later than **15 May 2023**

## LAUNDRY SERVICES (optional)

Organizing Committee has made agreement with dry cleaning company to pick up daily from the hotel each teams laundry and return next day with the following fee (optional):

**30 EUROS per day per team for 60 clothes.**

Clothes per athlete = 5 (1 x games shirt, 1 x games shorts, 1 x warm-up shirt, 1 x pair of socks, 1 x underwear)

Clothes per team: 5 clothes x 12 athletes = 60 clothes per team (price 30€)





# HERAKLION FULL WDBC 2023 MAP

