

3rd TAFISA European Sport for All Games 2026





Unity in Diversity

For the first time in 2018, the province of Fryslân, the Netherlands, hosted the TAFISA European Sport for All Games. Following the model of the TAFISA World Sport for All Games, which have been organised since 1992 across continents, the European Games invite to the discovery of sports and culture by all – highlighting the significance of safeguarding and promoting Traditional Sports and Games Europe-wide while highlighting and developing new sports.

Local communities and citizens enjoy a unique opportunity to discover and try out a large variety of diverse sports and join in friendly competitions. The TAFISA Games is the number one TAFISA event; the lighthouse of the European Sport for All Movement and the meeting point of its decision-makers, experts, sportspeople, and ambassadors.



Mission and Vison

The TAFISA European Sport for All Games events are a vibrant and entertaining experience, offering a unique opportunity to demonstrate and discover the Traditional Sports and Games and new sports of cultures from around Europe. The primary aims of the Games are to:

- Promote Sport for All and physical activity participation
- Safeguard and promote Traditional Sports and Games and therefore World Intangible Heritage
- Highlight and discover New Sports and disciplines that are emerging
- Encourage cooperation between nations
- Provide experience-sharing opportunities

TAFISA European Games in Figures

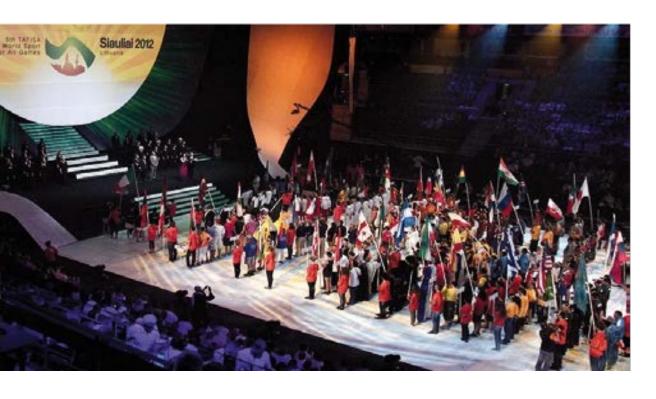


The Host will have the opportunity to work with TAFISA and adapt the event's concept to its local needs, thus positioning itself as an ambassador of important causes on the global stage.



7 Days / 6 Nights

summer/autumn season in 2026





200+ European Participants



Up to 30 Countries



50+ TSG and New Sports

> 20 Events, Shows and Festivals

PREVIOUS HOSTS



Fryslân Region, Netherlands (Sport Fryslân)



Perugia, Italy (FIGEST)

Who attends the TAFISA European Games?



Inclusive by nature, the Games is in principle open to whoever wishes to participate, including but not limited to:



Traditional Sports and Games

Basque Games, France
Pagschieten, Belgium
Scopa, Italy
Folk Dance, Denmark
Calusarii, Romania
Bavarian Gymnastics, Germany
Pierscieniowka, Poland
Ducza, Poland
Kracht, Hungary
Tamburello, Italy

Petanque, France
Parcour, Denmark
Kapela, Poland
Pelivan, Kosovo
Hornussen, Switzerland
Neugelen, Netherlands
Kiiking, Estonia
Lippa, Italy
La Calva, Spain
Pandolo, Slovenia
Pleinspelen, Hungary

Highland Games, Scotland
Sirtaki, Greece
Glima, Iceland
Rozzola, Italy
Novuss, Latvia
Fieljeppen, Netherlands
Baravasca, Spain
Tip-cat and sticks, Serbia
Schwingen, Switzerland
Shuffleboard, Germany

and New Sports

E-sports
Minigolf
Tchoukball
Teqball
Flying Disc
Airball
Aqua cricket
Arena ball
Dodgeball
Skateboarding
Surfing
Table Soccer

Floorball
Functional Fitness
Cheerleading
Pole sport
Hangung
Kettlebell
Gateball
Air Badminton
Beach Games
BMX
Inline skating
Scooter

...and many more!









Games' Opportunities

REGIONAL SPORT FOR ALL EVENT



Your organisation and country are positioned on the map as the host of a global, multi-cultural, and unique European Sport for All event.

SUSTAINABILITY



Cost-efficient and sustainable event with low environmental impact by using existing infrastructures along with open and public spaces.

SAFEGUARD TSG



Regional hub for Traditional Sports and Games, providing your citizens with an unforgettable experience. Safeguard and showcase your national cultural heritage & humanity's intangible cultural heritage

Games' Opportunities

TAILORED EVENT

PROMOTE NEW SPORTS

INCREASED SPORT FOR ALL EXPERTISE



Share your message and connect the event with issues that are important in your city and country.



Highlight new sports, presenting a dynamic and engaging approach to attract inactive individuals and promote physical activity. These sports often embody innovation and creativity in their approach to physical activity.



Towards the development and strengthening of the National Sport for All movement - building the capacity of national, regional, and grassroots organisations

Games Structure



The TAFISA Games' base program focuses on and blends together sport demonstrations, cultural events, shows, conferences, workshops and expos, while allowing for specific features of the host cities and countries.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
	Traditional Sports and Games (TSG) and New Sports Festival					
Arrival of Delegations & Accreditation	School Day	World Walking Day	European Conference	Closing Ceremony	Sightseeing Programme	Departure of Delegations
	Opening Ceremony & Gala Dinner	National Cultural Night	European TSG Show	Farewell Party		

TSG/New Sports Friendly Championships
Cultural Events – Food and Handicrafts Festivals – Workshops and Meetings – Sports Fair

Bidding Process



3 May – 30 June | Opening of the Bid & Expression of Interest

Opening of bidding process by TAFISA on 3 May. Parties thinking of hosting the 3rd TAFISA European Sport for All Games send TAFISA an expression of interest letter by 30 June. Upon receipt of the letter, TAFISA will share the Games' Guidelines. A first online meeting with the interested party's leadership will be scheduled.

Until 30 September | Submission of Host Application

Deadline for interested parties to submit their host application form is 30 September. Upon request of the interested parties, online meetings and onsite visits with and by TAFISA representatives can be organised at any time until then for support in the building of the application.

October | Review of application & Signing of Pre-Contract

Upon receipt of the application, TAFISA reviews the dossier submitted by the candidate and may request a meeting to discuss any open questions. Once the application is vetted by the TAFISA Office, a pre-contract (which will only become valid if the candidate is selected officially) is signed with the candidate. The candidate is then given the title of "Official Bidder".

November | Selection of the host of the 3rd TAFISA European Sport for All Games 2026

TAFISA Board of Directors selects the host of the 3rd TAFISA European Sport for All Games.



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