## European Championships 2018 — tickets on sale now

Around 250,000 tickets for the Glasgow 2018 European Championships have gone on sale. And the new multi sport event is not confined to Glasgow. The diving will take place in Edinburgh at the Royal Commonwealth Pool.

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Commonwealth and European champion Ross Murdoch is the first sporting ambassador and he joined in a carnival in Buchanan Street in Glasgow to celebrate the announcement of the games next year.

This event which is the biggest since the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games will feature aquatics, cycling, gymnastics, rowing and triathlon with a new golf team championship.

Ross Murdoch said: "I've got such great memories of competing in Glasgow — the fans really are something else and that really brings out the best in athletes. You always want to perform in front of passionate fans in packed venues and that is what you get when you compete in Glasgow. It is an unbelievable place to perform in.

"And that is what will make the Glasgow 2018 European Championships so special. The fans really get behind you and take you to the next level. I have no doubt that will be the case next year and that Glasgow 2018 will be one of the best sporting events ever staged in this country."

Minister for Sport Aileen Campbell said: "We know the passion and support shown by fans in Scotland helped to make both the 2014 Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup a huge success and we want that replicated across the country next year.

"We are expecting a quarter of a million people to turn out and cheer on some of the world's top sporting talent at events across Scotland and I encourage anyone who wants to be there and experience that famous Scottish welcome to get their tickets.

"2018 will be a hugely special year for Scotland, as it is also the year we celebrate the Year of Young People, and it doesn't matter whether it's one of your favourite sports or not — it's all about getting involved, seeing what other sports are out there and being part of an event which will showcase Scotland to the world."

Edinburgh is hosting the diving element of the Championships in Edinburgh Leisure's Royal Commonwealth Pool.

Edinburgh's Lord Provost, Frank Ross, said: "Edinburgh is proud to be part of this brand new multi-sport event. Once again, the Capital will play host to an international diving competition at the Royal Commonwealth Pool, which just last week welcomed competitors from all over the country for the British Diving Championships.

"The 'Commie' is one of Edinburgh's world-class sports venues, much-used and much-loved by the Edinburgh public and professionals from all over the world. It is the ideal Scottish venue for the European Championships in 2018."

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