



**32<sup>ND</sup> LEN EUROPEAN  
SWIMMING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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# **INFORMATION BULLETIN I ACCOMMODATION**

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# WELCOME TO BERLIN

**Andreas Statzkowski**  
Permanent Secretary for  
Sports and Administration



In August of next year, swimming will take center stage in Berlin when Europe's elite athletes gather to compete for titles and medals in swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, and open water swimming at the 2014 European Swimming Championships.

Although Berlin regularly hosts large-scale, prestigious sporting events, the European Swimming Championships are one of the highlights on the city's sports calendar in 2014. Spurred on by an audience of Berliners, known for their enthusiasm, the athletes will deliver top performances. And maybe one of the German athletes will end up setting a world record here in Berlin, the way Franziska van Almsick did in 2002. After all, being part of a championship event in one's own country is always a thrill and sometimes helps athletes to turn in the performance of a lifetime.

The competition venues in the unique Europa-Sportpark with its Swimming and Diving Cen-

ter (SSE) and Velodrom, which was modified just for this event, along with the historical regatta course in Grünau, offer ideal conditions for this kind of success. It's no coincidence that the Europa-Sportpark has hosted top-caliber events, such as the FINA Swimming World Cup, for years now, and that Grünau is a regular venue for German and international regattas.

I am confident that the 32nd LEN European Swimming Championships in 2014 will be an unforgettable experience, and I would like to wish the organizers every success with their preparations.

I would also like to take this early opportunity to welcome all the athletes and other visitors to the sports capital Berlin!

Andreas Statzkowski

Permanent Secretary for Sports  
and Administration

Great events cast their shadows before and a lot of planning, discussing, and negotiating is already underway. And a lot of dreaming, too – dreaming of fantastic European Championships 2014 in Berlin.

On the official website bln2014.de the countdown is on. Today, while this message is being written, there are 260 days to go until the first competition is about to start. This seems to be a long time but in order to offer a fantastic event to all European swimming nations, there is still a lot of work to do. This is quite a challenge for the German Swimming Federation and its partner GSMS, but a challenge, which is accepted with a lot of fun and pleasure, too.

Already in 2002, the German Swimming Federation hosted the continental competitions in Berlin and we are looking forward to a new event, which might be even more spectacular and for sure more professional. Of course we have learned from experience

and besides, requirements have increased in recent years.

We'll be glad to meet these new standards and we are really looking forward to welcoming the best European swimmers, divers, and synchronized swimmers. We hope there will be spectators and fans from all over Europe combining the competitions with a visit of our capital.

By now, I would like to thank the Senate Administration of the City of Berlin, the GSMS Team, all sponsors and supporters, and the countless helping hands.

See you in Berlin.

Best regards,

Dr. Christa Thiel

President of the German  
Swimming Federation

## LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN

In March 2011, the Ligue Européenne de Natation (LEN) awarded the 32nd LEN European Swimming Championships 2014 to the City of Berlin. After 2002, this will be the second time for Berlin to host this magnificent and superb event. We are very much looking forward to seeing Europe's aquatic elite compete here in the heart of the German capital and are therefore working hard to make these Championships unique as well as unforgettable. Now time has come to get you on board to make this event a memorable experience for everyone.

Thus, we are herewith presenting the first information bulletin, which is designed to help you get information on a very specific topic regarding your trip to Berlin: Accommodation. The Berlin Organizing Committee (BOC) is working together with a range of top-class hotels to make your stay as comfortable as possible. The bulletin will give you an overview of the official competition hotels as well as distances to the competition venues and the main ports of arrival / departure in Germany's capital.

We hope you will find this information useful and that it helps organizing your trip to one of Europe's most iconic cities. Let the journey to outstanding Championships begin!

**Dr. Christa Thiel**

President of the German  
Swimming Federation





## VENUES

### DIVING AND SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

SCHWIMM- UND SPRUNGHALLE  
IM EUROPA-SPORTPARK (SSE)



The SSE is the largest and only fully accessible indoor swimming competition venue in Berlin. Together with the Velodrom, it forms a stunning and unique sports complex, which rises only a few feet above ground. A variety of national and international swimming events have proven the SSE to be an exceptional venue. All synchronized swimming competitions will be held at the competition pool, whilst the diving competitions take place in the subsequent diving pool.

### SWIMMING

VELODROM



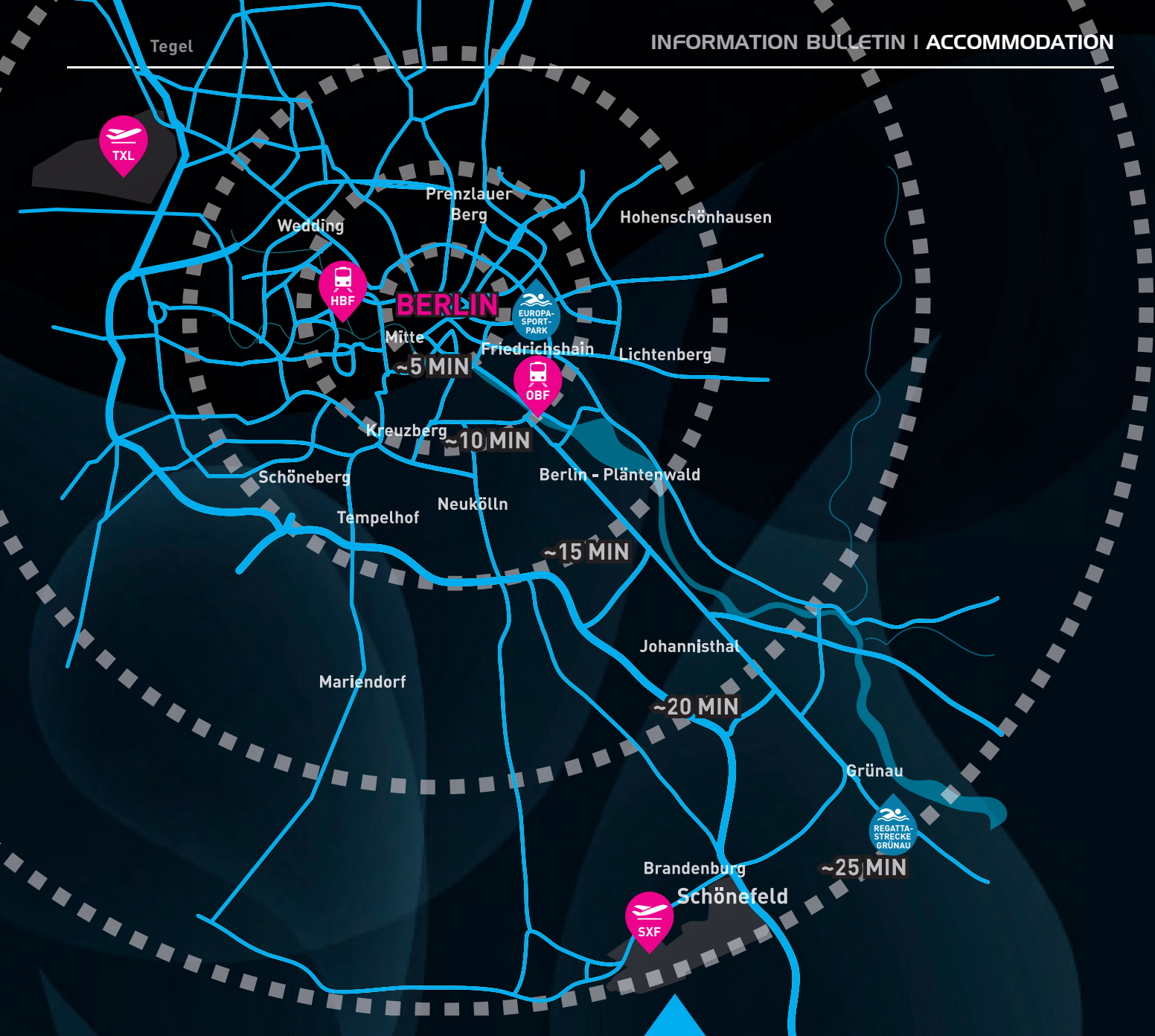
The Velodrom is one of the most impressive multipurpose arenas in Berlin and Germany. With its diameter of 142 meters, this suspended ceiling structure is unique in Europe and the largest of its kind in the world. In order to hold all swimming competitions in the Velodrom, a temporary pool will be installed. The venue has a maximum capacity of 12,000 spectators and numerous adjoining rooms for press, catering, and much more. It is directly linked to the public transportation system. Overall, the Velodrom is the perfect setting for the swimming competitions of the 32nd LEN European Swimming Championships and guarantees an unforgettable experience.

### OPEN WATER SWIMMING

REGATTASTRECKE GRÜNAU



The historic Regattastrecke Grünau is the perfect ambience for hosting open water swimming competitions during the 32nd LEN European Swimming Championships 2014. It is regarded as one of the most traditional venues in Berlin. Since the Olympic Games, the 5, 10 and 25 km routes have been regularly used for national and international events such as rowing and canoe competitions, as well as dragon boat and motorboat racing. Moreover, the natural atmosphere attracted many fans and athletes to Berlin-Grünau for the IPC Swimming European Championships in 2011.



## BERLIN MAP

This map shows the city of Berlin with airports, train stations, and the competition venues highlighted in dynamic pink, so you can get a first impression of the distances in between the locations.

The two currently operating international airports of Berlin are Berlin-Tegel (TXL) and Berlin-Schönefeld (SXF). The BOC will provide shuttle service from the airports to the official competition hotels and vice versa for all participating teams that book accommodation via the BOC.

NOTE: Please be aware that Berlin is currently constructing a new airport, which will be named "Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg International Willy Brandt" (BBI) and will be located near the Berlin-Schönefeld (SFX) airport. It is currently unclear whether the new airport will be operating during the 32nd LEN European Swimming Championships and whether the current airports will continue to operate once construction will have been finished or not. The BOC will also provide shuttle service to the new airport if applicable. For your information, the new airport's IATA code is BER.

## HOTELS

For those who wish to be accommodated close to the Europa-Sportpark featuring the Velodrom and SSE, this map shows the locations of the official competition hotels nearby. As you can see, the BOC has chosen hotels, which are within short distances to the venues. All teams, that book accommodation via the BOC, will be provided shuttle service from the hotel to the venues and vice versa, if it is not within short walking distance. Transportation will also be available for media representatives.

The Grüнау Hotel Berlin (not included in the map) will serve as official event hotel for the open water competitions and is located in striking distance to the respective venue.



Note: The Senate of Berlin is currently debating the introduction of a "City Tax" in 2014, which shall be charged additionally. However, no decision has been made at the moment. The BOC will inform you as soon as there are confirmed news and proceedings on this topic.



## OFFICIAL COMPETITION HOTELS, PRICES AND DISTANCE TO VENUES

### TEAMS AND COMPETITORS

All prices include full board and shuttle service, if booked through the BOC only.

				EUROPA SPORT- PARK <small>(MAIN VENUE)</small>		REGATTA STRECKE GRÜNAU <small>(OPEN WATER)</small>		BERLIN AIRPORT (SXF)		BERLIN AIRPORT (TXL)	
HOTELS	★	DR (P.P.)	SR (P.P.)	DISTANCE		DISTANCE		DISTANCE		DISTANCE	
				[IN KM.]	[IN MIN.]	[IN KM.]	[IN MIN.]	[IN KM.]	[IN MIN.]	[IN KM.]	[IN MIN.]
andel's Hotel Berlin	4+	181,50 €	211,00 €	<1	1	20	30	23	30	14	28
Holiday Inn Hotel Berlin City East	4	137,00 €	159,00 €	3	6	20	31	22	33	16	30
Park Plaza Prenzlauer Berg	4	157,50 €	193,00 €	<1	1	20	30	23	30	16	28
Park Inn Berlin - Alexanderplatz	4+	126,00 €	149,00 €	4	12	20	31	21	28	15	30
Grünau Hotel	4	117,00 €	139,00 €	20	34	2	5	7	15	33	33

If you wish to book a hostel, please contact the BOC directly: [teams@bln2014.de](mailto:teams@bln2014.de)

### MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

All prices include breakfast and shuttle service from the hotel to the venue and vice versa, if booked through the BOC only.

HOTELS	★	DR (P.R.)	SR (P.R.)	DISTANCE		DISTANCE		DISTANCE		DISTANCE	
				[IN KM.]	[IN MIN.]	[IN KM.]	[IN MIN.]	[IN KM.]	[IN MIN.]	[IN KM.]	[IN MIN.]
NH Hotel Alexanderplatz	4	189,00 €	149,00 €	2	5	20	30	22	30	16	30

### LEN

Hilton Hotel Berlin	5	LEN BUREAU	5	11	21	32	22	27	13	20
Victor's Residenz Hotel	4	LEN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES	2	4	21	30	22	29	14	25

## BOOKING DETAILS

Please note, that all bookings must be processed through the BOC. In order to make a booking, please contact the BOC directly:

E-Mail	Participating Teams	<a href="mailto:teams@bln2014.de">teams@bln2014.de</a>
	All Other Stakeholders	<a href="mailto:accommodation@bln2014.de">accommodation@bln2014.de</a>
Tel.	+49 (0) 30 / 887 150 690	

\* Please note, there is no shuttle service operating between the Europa-Sportpark (Velodrom and SSE) and the following hotels, which are located within walking distance to the venue: andel's Hotel Berlin and Park Plaza Hotel Prenzlauer Berg.

## OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR TEAMS / DELEGATIONS



### ANDEL'S HOTEL BERLIN

Category: 4 Stars Superior

If you love modern design, you'll feel right at home at the Berlin design hotel, which is located within a four minute walk of the Velodrom and SSE. All rooms and suites feature a modern retro look as well as a wide range of conveniences that leave nothing to be desired. The floor heating and top quality bathroom fittings round out the list of superior amenities available to all guests of the andel's Hotel Berlin.



### HOLIDAY INN HOTEL BERLIN CITY EAST

Category: 4 Stars

The modern 4-star hotel is just a few kilometers away from Alexanderplatz in Berlin-Mitte with the "Fernsehturm" (TV Tower). Teams appreciate the hotel's proximity to the Velodrom and SSE. The hotel provides spacious and light hotel rooms with air conditioning, all of them newly decorated in a fresh and clear design.



### PARK PLAZA PRENZLAUER BERG

Category: 4 Stars

Located near the Velodrom and SSE, Park Plaza Hotel Berlin Prenzlauer Berg offers the modern amenities and convenient location expected of premier 4-star hotels. Berlin attractions, including the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag are minutes away. To ensure that all guests enjoy a pleasant stay, the hotel features complimentary WiFi, a business Center, and a range of other services.





### PARK INN BY RADISSON HOTEL BERLIN ALEXANDERPLATZ

Category: 4 Stars

This 4-star hotel is located in the heart of Berlin's Mitte district, right on the legendary Alexanderplatz. With its 1012 rooms on 37 floors, the Park Inn is Berlin's largest city hotel, distinguished by its exclusive ambience and services. High above Berlin's rooftop, a panoramic terrace awaits with a fabulous view and an open-air lounge. The spa area provides recreation and relaxation at the Park Inn Berlin-Alexanderplatz.

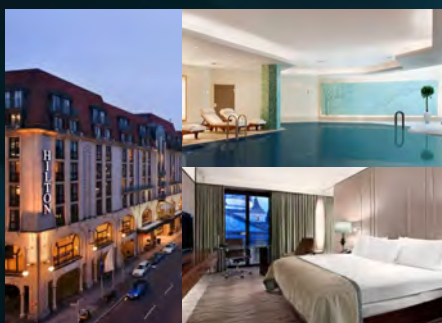


### GRÜNAU HOTEL

Category: 4 Stars

The Grünau Hotel is located in the wooded south of Berlin, very close to the Regattastrecke Grünau (Open Water Competitions). The 4-star hotel offers a peculiar charm with a remarkable atmosphere. Relax your mind on Scottish patterns including a beautiful view of the countryside. Generous, comfortable, modern, cozy, and colorful arranged rooms will make you feel right at home. The necessary recreation can be found in the spa area.

## OFFICIAL HOTELS FOR LEN BUREAU AND LEN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



### HILTON BERLIN HOTEL

Category: 5 Stars

Set in Berlin's Gendarmenmarkt location, Hilton Berlin places you at the center of Berlin's attractions, only a short drive from the airports. Relax in a warm guest room and stay connected at the desk with WiFi. Enjoy a variety of bars and restaurants. Keep active at the 24-hour fitness center at Hilton Health Club and feel pampered with in-house massage therapists, hairdressers, and beauty consultants.



### VICTOR'S RESIDENZ HOTEL

Category: 4 Stars

Victor's Residenz-Hotel Berlin is situated in a quiet but central location, adjacent to the boroughs of Berlin Mitte, Prenzlauer Berg, and Friedrichshain. Volkspark Friedrichshain can be accessed just across the street from the hotel. The 133 rooms and suites are tastefully furnished with the greatest attention to detail and give you plenty of space to reside and relax in style. International calls to all landlines and mobile phones, anywhere in the world, are free from your room phone.

## OFFICIAL HOTEL FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES



### NH BERLIN ALEXANDERPLATZ

Category: 4 Stars

Striking a balance between quiet, restful retreat and a vibrant business destination, the NH Berlin Alexanderplatz hotel features 225 newly re-decorated guest rooms directly in the center of Berlin. With just a few minutes' walk, guests can access major transportation centers, the gateways to all of the sights and attractions of Berlin. Alexanderplatz boasts Berlin's famous television tower and the upscale shopping of Alexa. The beautiful urban oasis Volkspark Friedrichshain can be found just across the street, with green paths that tempt joggers and sightseers alike.

## KEY DATES, PAYMENTS, BOOKING POLICIES

Please respect the following deadlines:

TEAMS	03 February 2014	Preliminary Hotel Reservation + 30% deposit (non-refundable)
	23 June 2014	Final Hotel Reservation + 100% deposit (non-refundable)
MEDIA	10 May 2014	Preliminary Hotel Reservation + 30% deposit (non-refundable)
	23 June 2014	Final Hotel Reservation + 100% deposit (non-refundable)

#### PAYMENTS

Payments must be made via bank transfer according to the deadlines above. You will receive the necessary information after placing your booking with the BOC.

#### BOOKING POLICIES

Please obey to the booking and payment deadlines mentioned above. The BOC can offer guaranteed accommodation until 03 February for participating teams and until 10 May 2014 for media representatives respectively. All bookings placed thereafter are subject to availability. Accommodation must be fully prepaid according to the deadlines in order to guarantee your reservation. Bookings will be released after the respective deadline if no deposit has been received by the BOC. Please note, that all deposits are non-refundable.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

EU nationals do not require a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany. All other foreigners may require a visa for staying in Germany. Please contact the German Embassy in your country or check the Federal Foreign Office's website at [www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN) to find out whether you require a visa and to find all relevant information on application procedures and requirements as well as application forms for different types of visa.

For all athletes, coaches, and accompanying persons, who require a letter of invitation to obtain a visa, please contact the BOC directly.

## COMPETITION SCHEDULE

	DAY 1 – 13.08.	DAY 2 – 14.08.	DAY 3 – 15.08.	DAY 4 – 16.08.	DAY 5 – 17.08.	DAY 6 – 18.08.	DAY 7 – 19.08.	DAY 8 – 20.08.	DAY 9 – 21.08.	DAY 10 – 22.08.	DAY 11 – 23.08.	DAY 12 – 24.08.
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SYNCHRO	FINALS & PRELIMINARIES											
	9:00 hrs Solo Technical Routine 15:00 hrs Duet Technical Routine 19:00 hrs Team Technical Routine	10:00 hrs Duet Free Routine Preliminary 18:00 hrs Team Free Routine Preliminary	10:00 hrs Solo Free Routine Preliminary 18:00 hrs Free Combination Preliminary	10:00 hrs Duet Free Routine Final 18:00 hrs Team Free Routine Final	10:00 hrs Solo Free Routine Final 18:00 hrs Free Combination Final							
OPEN WATER	FINALS											
	10:00 hrs 10 km W 13:30 hrs 5 km M	10:00 hrs 10 km M 13:30 hrs 5 km W	Free Day	10:00 hrs 5 km Team Event	09:00 hrs 25 km M 25 km W	Training: Training venues and facilities will be available for all competitors starting three days before the respective competition. Please contact the BOC, if your team needs training opportunities prior to the given date.						





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