



2013  
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Under 23 Championships



**24-28 JULY 2013**  
**LINZ-OTTENSHEIM**





# Welcome to Austria 2013



## **Greetings Austrian Rowing Federation Upper Austrian Rowing Federation**

In about eight months we will be able to welcome athletes from all FISA member countries to be our guests in the heart of Austria. The regatta course Linz-Ottensheim is ready to welcome the World Rowing family. Amidst impressive scenery, the regatta course is located at the historical river Danube, framed by the hills of the Mühl- and Traunviertel nearby Linz, the provincial capital of Upper Austria.

As the World Cup in 2007 and the World Rowing Championships for Juniors and Non-Olympic senior events in 2008 has shown, the organisation committee and the entire facilities have successfully passed the test for the 2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships. Especially the regatta course had the chance to demonstrate its strengths like calm water, fair and equal conditions in all lanes and its resistance to wind. It is now certain that we can offer our guests from around the world a very special sporting festival at the 2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships.

Since 2007, the weak points have been noted and will be resolved by the time of the World Rowing Under 23 Championships in 2013. We are firmly convinced that all participants will enjoy equal and fair conditions, to ensure that the best will be on top of the rostrum.

On behalf of the Austrian rowers I am looking forward to welcoming all athletes, team managers and officials. We will do our utmost to ensure you have a pleasant stay with us!

With sporty greetings

Helmar Hasenöhrl  
President Austrian Rowing Federation

Gerhard Wildmoser  
President Organising Committee

Horst Anselm  
Executive Director Organising Committee

## Greetings from Minister of Sport Norbert Darabos

*In recent years, Austria has been the arena for numerous international sporting events. The sporting year 2013 continues this tradition: alongside the Alpine Skiing World Championships in Schladming in February and the Table Tennis European Championships in September, numerous top-class events are again taking place in our country. A particular highlight is the U23 Rowing World Championships in Linz-Ottensheim which will be carried out from the 25th to 28th July 2013. Around 2000 participants from 70 nations are expected to take part in this tournament. Austria can look back on a long rowing tradition and, in the recent past, has celebrated important international achievements. Highlights such as Jonke/Zerbst's double sculls Olympic silver in 1992 and various world championship gold medals in lightweight double sculls and lightweight quadruple sculls are remembered by many sports fans. I hope that our young rowers are able to capitalise on these achievements. I would like to thank the uncountable number of volunteers for their commitment, whose work past and present will ensure perfect conditions for the upcoming U23 World Championships. I am convinced that the tournament in July 2013 will be a great organisational and sporting success and I look forward to these exciting world championships.*

*With sporting regards,*

Norbert Darabos  
Minister of Sport



## Greetings Governor of Upper Austria

*Welcome!*

*We Upper Austrians love sport. A fact indicated by an ever-increasing number of hobby sportsmen and women, the successes of our top athletes and the major international sporting events that take place in our federal province. The Upper Austrians also number among our nation's leading rowers and the World Rowing Under 23 Championships, which are to be held in Linz-Ottensheim in 2013, will provide our athletes with a fresh opportunity to demonstrate their prowess. We expect that more than 1,000 athletes from 70 countries and every corner of the globe will participate in the 2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships.*

*For Linz-Ottensheim, this is the fifth major event on the regatta course in the past 20 years and the „Upper Austria Performance Centre“ represents an important training facility for rowing and canoeing in Upper Austria. Furthermore, the expansion made for the 2008 World Rowing Championships have resulted in a naturalisation of the „Altarm“ branch of the Danube.*

*I am delighted that this international sports event is to be held in Upper Austria. For the World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Linz-Ottensheim should not only be seen in a sporting light, but also as a socio-cultural occasion that will contribute to the understanding among peoples. I am convinced that many of our guests making their first visit to Austria will return home with a diversity of new and positive impressions.*

*I would like to thank the Upper Austrian Rowing Association I would like to wish the Upper Austrian Rowing Association good preparations and I look forward to welcoming the participants to Upper Austria in 2013 participants all the best and every success at the 2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Dr. Josef Pühringer  
Governor of Upper Austria



## Greetings Mayor of Linz

*A world class sporting event!*

*With the 2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, the city of Linz will again be in the international sporting spotlight. Rowers from some 70 nations are expected to compete in this truly world-class event.*

*I am certain that these Under 23 Championships will generate a considerable media echo. Moreover, in view of the fact that the people of Linz have always been enthusiastic followers of rowing, I am also sure that the level of public interest will be especially great.*

*I would like to thank the organisers, who through their endeavours are creating ideal conditions for this rowing festival. May I also wish the participating athletes every success and a pleasant stay in Linz.*

Franz Dobusch  
Mayor of Linz



## Greetings Mayor of Ottensheim

Dear friends of rowing,

After an intensive phase of development, we are pleased to welcome so many participating athletes from all around the world to the 2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships in our beautiful market town Ottensheim.

The Rowing World Cup, carried out for the first time in Linz-Ottensheim in June 2007, has shown that the course as well as the organisation have proved to be of great value.

After this event, the comment of FISA president Denis Oswald was the following:

„From FISA's point of view the considerable investments into the regatta course have really paid off. The course has achieved world class level. Now we have another world cup course in Europe. The central location favours Linz-Ottensheim!“

There is a long rowing tradition in Austria. Congratulations to the Austrian Rowing Federation as well as the Regatta Association Linz-Ottensheim. Only because of their enormous commitment and determination the 2013 Under 23 Championships will take place on this course. We will be able to watch the top international athletes compete for victory with power and energy.

Because of the manifold activities and the very successful athletes of the Aquatic Sports Association Ottensheim our parish has been bound up with rowing for a long time now. Of course it is due to the water of the river Danube we feel deeply attached to this element. We are very proud of our 8-lane course, which has achieved international standard by now. During construction a conscious effort was made to consider ecological concerns, granting a stable relationship between sport and nature.

We are looking forward to experiencing the highlights of the international rowing world firsthand and welcome you to our market town Ottensheim!

Uli Böker  
Mayor of Marktgemeinde Ottensheim





## Ottensheim

Located on the Danube River and the most important trade route to Bohemia, Ottensheim showed an early settlement. Archaeological discoveries prove that the region at the rivers Danube and Rodl were inhabited 4000 years ago. In the course of excavations during World War II, a burial ground of the Hallstatt Culture (about 700 BCE) was found. In 777 Duke Tassilo founded the new Benedictine monastery Kremsmünster with three vineyards, three vinegrowers and two apiarists on the banks of the Rodl. Ottensheim was first mentioned in a deed of donation by the monastery Niederaltaich as „Oteneshaim“ in 1148. The name „Ottensheim“ apparently derived from the names Otin or Otwin but is also associated with Ottini who took part at the Puchenauer Taiding in 827. In 1228 Ottensheim obtained the market rights (after Linz and Enns) from Duke Leopold VI from the house of Babenberg. This Ottensheim is the oldest market of the Mühlviertel. With the Jörgger dynasty Ottensheim was stronghold of the Protestant Revolution against emperor and church during the Protestant Reformation and the following centuries. Ottensheim was inundated (1501, 1954) and afflicted by fires several times. The biggest fire, which occurred in 1899, destroyed 130 of 168 houses. From 1945 to 1955 Ottensheim – as well as the rest of the Mühlviertel – was part of the Soviet occupation zone.

Today Ottensheim is one of the most popular recreation areas in the surroundings of Linz. Many spare time activities at the Danube – such as cycling, rowing, skating, hiking and many more – as well as an outstanding gastronomic diversity ensure a pleasant stay in this beautiful region.

## Linz – History in brief

Linz is steeped in history. From the beginning of the 4th millennium BCE Linz has had continuous settlement. In the first century a fort named Lentia was built by the Romans. The name Linz is first mentioned in a deed in 799 in combination with the Martin Church. In 1490 emperor Friedrich III made Linz the capital of Upper Austria and made Linz his city of residence from 1489 to 1493. From Linz he reigned over the Holy Roman Empire. In 1672 Austria's first textile factory was built by Christian Sint in Linz. Until the 20th century Linz remained a provincial city dominated by small and medium-sized enterprises. Strong impulses came from the salt trade as well as the textile industry which flourished in the 18th century.

After 1945, politicians set about creating a modern, democratic, industrial and cultural city. Today Linz is Austria's second largest economic centre. Enterprises of international reputation as well as cultural events like Ars Electronica or Brucknerfest attract worldwide attention. With the Ars Electronica Center (1996), the Museum of Arts Lentos (2003) and, last but not least, the nomination as European Capital of Culture 2009, Linz attracts a great deal of attention.



## Information about the conditions to be expected

Albanosystem:	8 Lanes x 13,5 m
Altitude above sealevel:	259 m
Average wind speed:	July 2,07 m/sec; wind direction: west
Average humidity:	July 71 %
Average temperatures:	July 16,9° C (07:00 am); 24,4° C (02:00 pm); 19,1° C (09:00 pm)



## Arrival

... **by airplane** – LINZ-HÖRSCHING  
 International Airport approx. 20 km to the hotels

... **by train** – MAIN STATION LINZ  
 in the centre of Linz approx. 3-5 km to the hotels

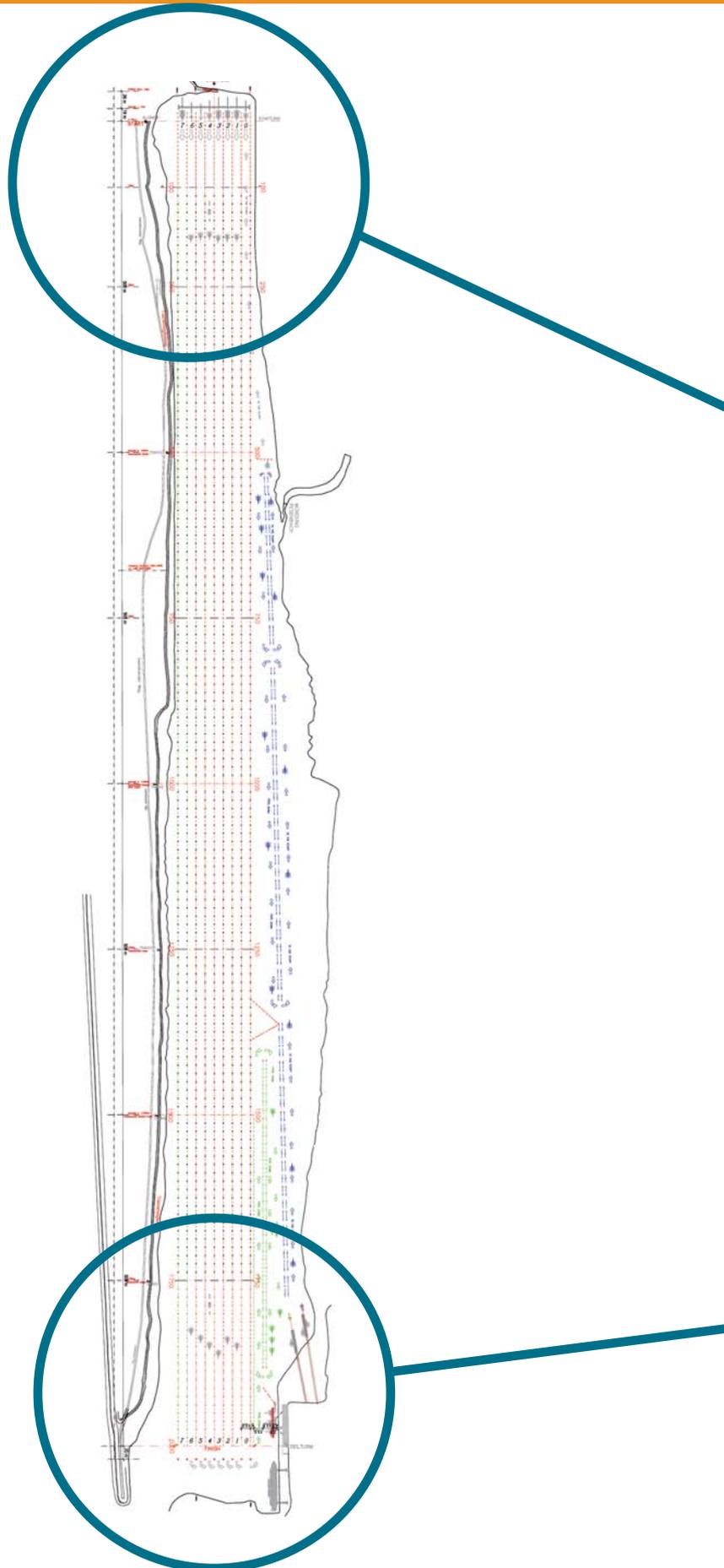
... **by car** – A1 WESTAUTOBAHN (motorway)  
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 westward direction Ottensheim

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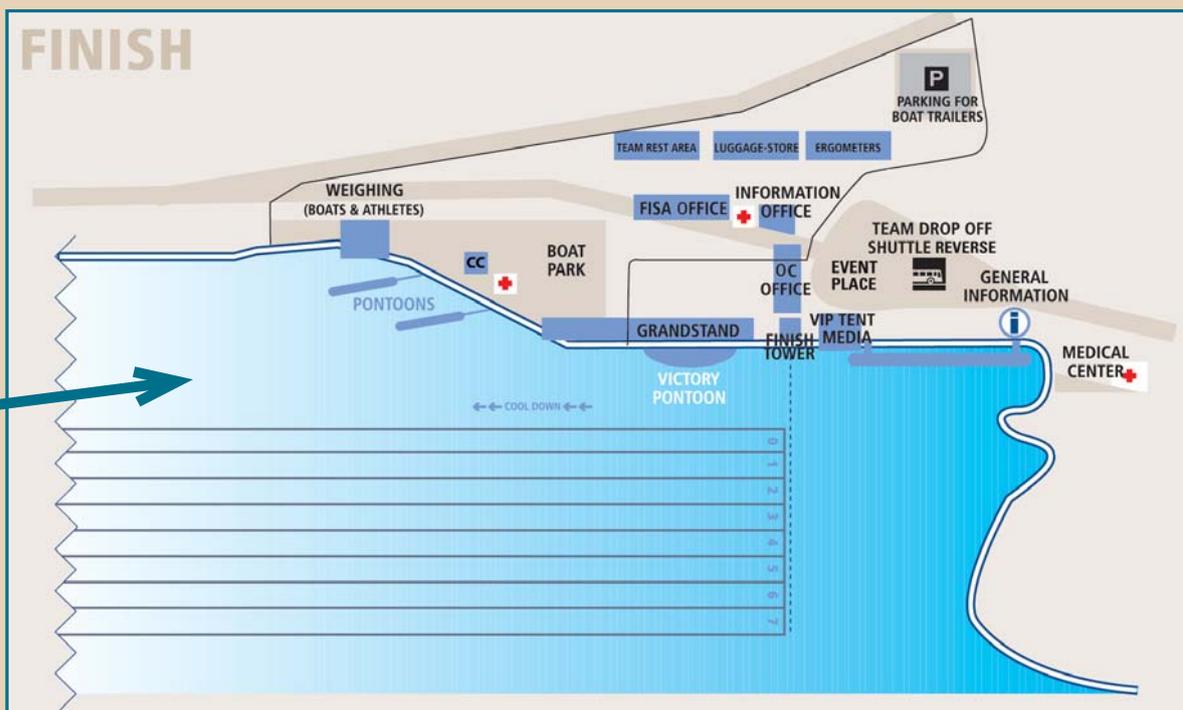
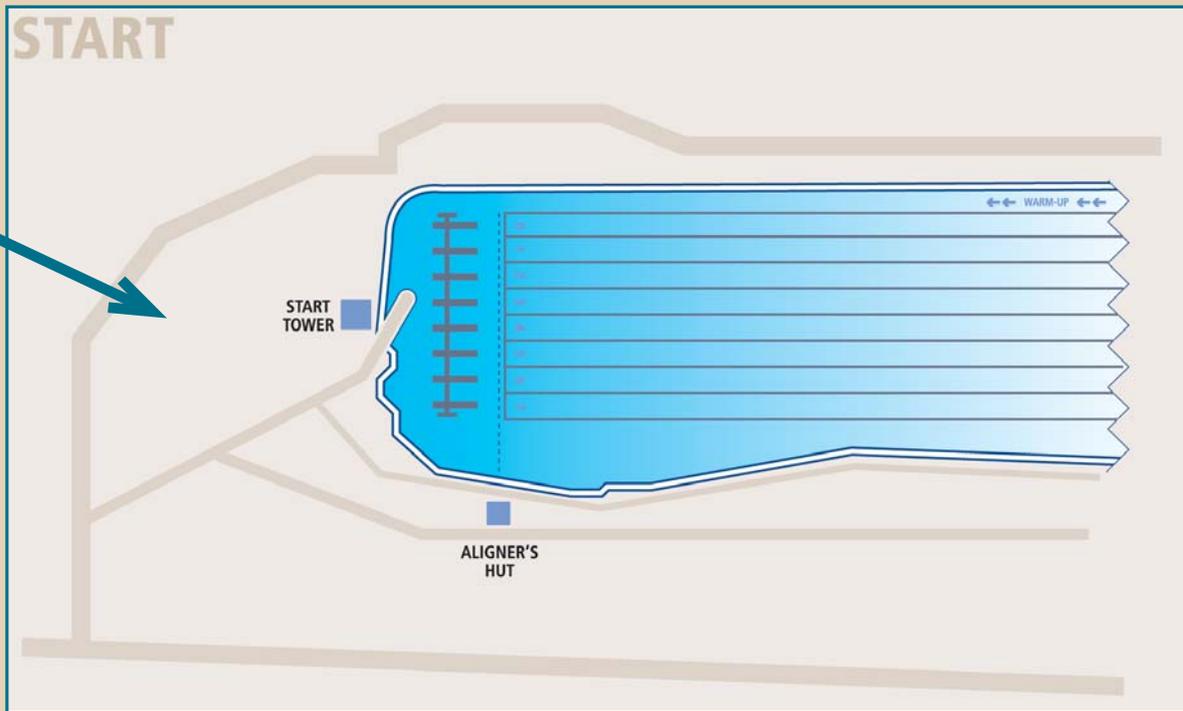


## Description of the regatta course

The regatta course of Linz-Ottensheim was constructed on an arm of the Danube in early 1972 before a lock and hydro-electric station was built. The extension to eight lanes was completed in 2006. Since 1972 international rowing regattas as well as the Austrian Rowing Championships have taken place regularly. The venue has hosted the World Rowing Junior Championships in 1998, the Rowing World Cup in 2007, the World Rowing Junior & Non-Olympic Senior Championships in 2008, as well as the Nation's Cup in 1990 and 2001.



## Map of the regatta venue in Linz–Ottensheim





## Organising Committee

2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships

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**from 1 March 2013 please contact:**

World rowing office at the venue Linz-Ottensheim

**Opening times:**

March-April from 09:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

May-July from 09.00 am - 12.00 am and from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Telephone:** +43-7234-84030

President OC: Dr. Gerhard Wildmoser

Members: Helmar Hasenöhr, President Austrian Rowing Federation

Horst Anselm, President Upper Austrian Rowing Federation

Josef Heizinger, Honorary Member Upper Austrian Rowing Federation

## Executive Committee

Executive Director:

Horst Anselm

Finances:

Gernot Hofer

Logistical Aspects:

Andreas Kropf

Marketing, Promotion, Publication:

Stefan Karkulik

Race Organisation:

Thomas Gebetsberger

Wolfgang Pawlinetz

Venue Facilities & Operations:

Florian Gollner

Technology / IT:

Gerhard Hemmelmair

## Spectators

Please visit our homepage [www.wru23ch2013.com](http://www.wru23ch2013.com)

## Food – Teams

All meals will be served at the accommodation (full board), however only on race days (from Wednesday until Sunday) teams will have the option of taking their lunches at the course at no extra charge, provided that this is requested 24 hours in advance. Spectators - lunch will be available for purchase at the venue.

## Medical

From the official opening of the venue a full medical service will be provided at the course for both athletes and spectators during the opening hours of the course. The nearest hospital is AKH Linz.

## Accommodation/Booking Information

Each team's accommodation must be booked via the Organising Committee. The booking services for teams will be available from April 1, 2012 via internet ([www.touristik.at](http://www.touristik.at)).

Payment conditions:

100% of charges are due 1 month before arrival (June 17, 2013).

For short term bookings: payment due 14 days after receipt of invoice.

In case payment is not received in due time, we reserve the right to cancel the respective booking and reallocate the rooms. For all bookings a booking fee of € 5.-/person applies.

Cancellation:

32. – 21. days before arrival: 50%

20. – 01. days before arrival: 80%

At arrival day or No Show: 90%

The shuttles from International Airport Linz-Hörsching to the hotels and between the hotels and the regatta course are included in the below prices and will start operating on the official opening of course on Sunday, 21st July 2013.

### Team Accommodation (full board)

Category	beds	Distance to venue	driving time to venue	Type of room	Price per person/night
**** S	200	15 km	30 min	double room/fb	125 euro
****	300	15 km	30 min	single room/fb double room/fb	145 euro 115 euro
***	650	20 km	40 min	single room/fb double room/fb	125 euro 105 euro
Hostel	200	20 km	40 min	double room/fb triple room/fb	105 euro 100 euro
Hostel	200	20 km	40 min	double room/fb triple room/fb	80 euro 80 euro

### FISA/Jury/Press/National Delegates Accommodation (bed & breakfast)

Category	beds	Distance to venue	Driving time to venue	Type of room	Price per person/night
****	280	12 km	30 min	single room/bb double room/bb	145 euro 110 euro

## Transport & Parking

Transport between the hotels and the venue will be arranged through the organising committee. There will be a shuttle service for each hotel. The buses will take the shortest route with no stops. It will not be possible to access the venue with private/non official cars or buses. Teams with their own buses will use the special reserved area near the venue. Parking areas for private cars will be available in walking distance to the venue (approx. 5 min)



## Time schedule

Tuesday 23rd July Team Manager's Meeting and Draw, Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 24th July Heats

Thursday 25th July Heats and Reps

Friday 26th July Reps and Semifinals

Saturday 27th July Semifinals and Finals

Sunday 28th July Finals and Closing Ceremony

## Entry Deadline

The deadline for entries is Monday, 15 July 2013.

Entries can be submitted online via the FISA

Extranet. Please contact Daniela Oronova at [daniela.oronova@fisa.org](mailto:daniela.oronova@fisa.org) to obtain instructions and your password.

## Opening time of the venue

Official opening of the course for training - Sunday, 21 July 2013.

The venue will be open from 06:30 hrs to 20:30 hrs.

The course will be open for training from 07:00 hrs to 20:00 hrs.

## Other aspects

The official test event will take place from 22nd to 23rd June 2013 with the

### **EUROW – THE INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA**

For invitations (5 athletes of a national team are free of costs for accommodation)

please contact: [horst.anselm@riskgroup.info](mailto:horst.anselm@riskgroup.info)