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## **Facts & Figures**

The ISU European Figure Skating Championships are held in Espoo, Finland, for the first time in history. Finland has hosted the ISU European Figure Skating Championships in Helsinki in 2009, 1993 and 1977 as well as the ISU World Figure Skating Championships in 1914, 1983, 1999 and 2017. Espoo has hosted the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event Grand Prix Espoo in 2022.

A total of 131 Skaters from 35 ISU members have been entered for this 115<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Championships: 29 Men, 30 Women, 13 Pair Skating couples and 23 Ice Dance couples.

- ✓ 35-year-old Valtter VIRTANEN (FIN) is the oldest Skater competing in the Championships (dob Jun 4, 1987)
- The oldest female Skater is ice dancer Charlene GUIGNARD (ITA) at age 33 (dob Aug 12, 1989)
- ✓ The youngest competitor is 15-year-old Pair Skater Violetta SIEROVA (UKR), born on Feb 24, 2007
- ✓ The youngest male Skater competing is Adam HAGARA (SVK) age 16 (dob Apr 26, 2006)

One Skater celebrates her birthday during the Championships:

✓ Ice Dancer Paulina RAMANAUSKAITE (LTU) will turn 20 on Friday, Jan 27, the day of the Rhythm Dance

There are three pairs of siblings competing at the Championships:

- ✓ Natalie TASCHLEROVA/Filip TASCHLER (CZE), competing in the Ice Dance event
- ✓ Twins Mariia NOSOVITSKAYA/Mikhail NOSOVITSKIY (ISR) in the Ice Dance
- ✓ Twins Greta CRAFOORD/John CRAFOORD (SWE), competing in the Pairs event

There is one husband-and-wife team competing:

✓ Camille KOVALEV/Pavel KOVALEV (FRA) in the Pairs event

Moldova (MDA) is represented for the first time at an ISU European Figure Skating Championship by Anastasia GRACHEVA.





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