



On behalf of the Portuguese Modern Pentathlon Federation and the Local Organizing Committee – Ludens Clube do Machico, I would like to welcome all the participants of the Biathle & Triathle European Championships that will take place from June 28th until 30th in Machico (Madeira).

Portugal has been hosting major international events for the past fifteen years in different formats from European to World Championships of different age-groups.

This means that the best worldwide athletes, from early stages to the elite of the modern pentathlon have Portugal as a competitive gateway in their careers.

Madeira is a new challenge and will surprise our guests for the natural beauty of the Island but also for its exceptional conditions for aquatic sports in sea environment.

Machico Bay is the perfect spot for this kind of competition, athletes from 8 until 70 years old will feel safety and joy while competing in such atmosphere. Gastronomy, tourism and beautiful weather are also ingredients and we have here and now the formula for a wonderful event.

I would like to thank national and local authorities in particular Machico City Hall and his president Ricardo Franco for all the hospitality and sympathy demonstrated in the support for this event.

The Biathle & Triathle international season stages an important moment concerning the conquest of goals for these athletes, but nothing better than doing it in the spirit of healthy competition, raising the values of respect, friendship and fraternity.

A final word of thanks must go also to the foreign delegations that visit us; our votes of the best athletic successes and we certainly know that the lovely Island of Madeira and this Championships will remain on their memories.

Enjoy Machico and have a great Biathle & Triathle Championships!!!

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