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# The Championship

The European Karate Championships are organised by the European Karate Federation each year.

Events from 1966 to 1996 were organized by the European Karate Union. In 1961, Jacques Delcourt was appointed President of French Karate, which was at that stage, an associated member of the Judo Federation. In 1963, he invited six other known European federations (Italy, Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Spain) to come to France for the first-ever international karate event. Great Britain and Belgium accepted the invitation.

By 1965, the European Karate Union was created with Jacques Delcourt voted in as President. The following year the first European Karate Championships were held in Paris.

Turkey will host the European Karate Championships for the second time after the edition of 2000. Celebrating the 50th year, the event will be held in Sinan Erdem Dome, İstanbul between 19-23 February 2015. Ranked karatekas will be awarded special design medals by Turkish Karate Federation.

**50th European Karate Championships will be made in the following categories:**

### **Kata**

- best woman
- best man
- best female team
- best male team

### **Kumite**

- best woman (in weight classes up to 50 / 55 / 61 / 68 and over 68 kg)
- best man (in weight classes up to 60 / 67 / 75 / 84 and over 84 kg)
- best female team
- best male team

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