

## **Roma 2024, a moment of collective celebration for athletics in Europe**

*Rome, February 19, 2024* - “We look forward to Roma 2024 as a moment of collective celebration for athletics in Europe,” hailed European Athletics President **Dobromir Karamarinov** at today’s (19) official press conference for the **Roma 2024 European Athletics Championships**, which will take place 7-12 June.

Speaking to Italian media at event hosted by the Mayor of Rome **Roberto Gualtieri** at the city’s iconic Aula Giulio Cesare in the Campidoglio, he added: “We all look forward to the return of our main event to one of the most iconic venues of sport, the Olympic Stadium.

“Together with the Olympic Games in Paris and the European Football Championship, it will be an incredible year for all of European sport.”

### **Italian stars set to shine**

He was joined by dignitaries included Mayor Roberto Gualtieri, the president of FIDAL and the Foundation EuroRoma 2024 **Stefano Mei**, the Head of the Department for Sport of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers **Flavio Siniscalchi**, the president of CONI **Giovanni Malagò**, the president of the Italian Paralympic Committee **Luca Pancalli**, the president of Sport and Salute **Marco Mezzaroma**, the Councillor of Roma Capitale for Major Events, Sport, Tourism and Fashion **Alessandro Onorato** and Lazio Region Councillor for the Environment, Sport, Climate Change, Energy Transition, Sustainability **Elena Palazzo**.

Athletes in attendance included Olympic 20k race walk gold medallists **Antonella Palmisano** and **Massimo Stano**, European U20 long jump gold medallist **Mattia Furlani**, European 4x100m bronze medallist **Zaynab Dosso** and European U23 110m hurdles silver medallist **Lorenzo Simonelli**.

Roma 2024 marks exactly fifty years since the last edition hosted in the Italian capital in 1974, and will precede the start of the athletics competitions at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games by fifty days.

Europe’s premier athletics competition will consist of **6** consecutive days, **11** competition sessions, across **24** different disciplines with **141** medals up for grabs among an estimated entry of **1,600** athletes from **47** European federations.

### **Another memorable page of sport**

"Fifty years after Pietro Mennea's extraordinary victory at the Olympic Stadium in 1974 edition, the city is ready to relive those emotions and write another memorable page of sport together with the rest of the country."

"It will be six exciting days for a great international event to which Rome will be the stage," said the Mayor of Rome **Roberto Gualtieri**, recalling the exploits of the Italian sprint icon, who went on to win Olympic gold and break the world record in the men's 200m.

### **Record breaking athletes**

And the current generation of Italian athletes are building towards Roma 2024 in excellent shape, according to the **Stefano Mei**, President of the Italian Federation, FIDAL and the EuroRoma 2024 Foundation.

"From **Gianmarco Tamberi** to **Marcell Jacobs** all the best Italian athletes will be present," he said. "Athletics is experiencing an extraordinary moment, confirmed by recent results, with a total of 17 Italian records in 9 different specialities in the last three weeks.

"The European Championships in Rome 2024 will be the occasion to show the growth of our movement and the springboard towards the Olympics in Paris."

Councillor of Roma Capitale **Alessandro Onorato** said that the refurbished stadia will present the perfect stage. "It will be the most beautiful European Championships in recent years," he said.

"The competitions will take place not only in a renovated Olympic Stadium and in the magnificent Stadio restored to its former glory, but also in the most iconic places of the city in the shadow of the most evocative monuments."

### **Tickets start at €5**

Organisers have also confirmed that during the event, a Fan Village will be set up in the Foro Italico Park for interaction between partner companies and the public. Tickets and season tickets to follow the Roma 2024 European Athletics Championships are on sale on the **Vivaticket platform**, with prices starting from €5 plus presale fees and service fees for the morning sessions.

The **EuroRoma 2024 Foundation** is preparing a series of special promotions, some of which are already active, dedicated to Italian athletics clubs affiliated to **FIDAL** and **European Athletics** clubs, schools, sponsors and partners of the event.



In addition to tickets for individual competition sessions, subscriptions are available for the first three competition days (7-9 June), the last three (10-12 June) and the complete package to follow the entire event (7-12 June).

Premium tickets are also on sale in **Monte Mario Grandstand**, Arrival and Departure Sides for a close up view of all the action. Plus, to encourage families to visit, children up to 6 years of age will be admitted free of charge.

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