



**LIEBHERR** 2017 ITTF  
EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS  
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**The final sprint of the preparations has been signalled...**

**On July 25th, only 50 days remain before the Team European Championships commence**

Now the wait does not last much longer: in 50 days the 2017 LIEBHERR ITTF European Table Tennis Championships begin in Luxembourg. Two hundred people will do voluntary service when the registered 42 men's and 38 ladies' teams compete for the European title in the „Coque“ in Luxembourg-Kirchberg.

Entry tickets are available via <http://www.ettc2017.lu/ticketing.html>. They also entitle spectators to free use of local public transport, so that the Park&Ride Sites Howald, Rue de Bouillon and Foire can be used to reach the „Coque“ with ease. President Andre Hartmann confirms that „pre-sales of tickets are lively, and that next to our homepage (<http://www.ettc2017.lu>). We also make extensive use of social media. Thus we constantly update information for our fans on our facebook page“ (<http://www.facebook.com/ettc.2017.lu/>).

The livestream of the group-draw on 12th July was very successful and made ticket sales soar. Indeed the draw decided which nations face each other in the group events. The Luxembourgish ladies' team will face the Rumanian, the Czech and the Dutch teams, whereas the men will sell themselves dearly against Sweden, Greece and Russia. Likewise Austria will have fight claw and tooth to defend their title against Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia. The German ladies for their part will face Hungary, Sweden and Croatia.

„After the draw match-scheduling is the next step,“ the President of the FLTT adds. The timetable will be published in the next few days by the „Competition Manager“. The procedure is already official: In the „Championship“ and „Challenge Divisions, group games will be played according to the principle everyone against everyone. Thus each team plays 3 team matches according to the best-of-five system. At the end of the group-phase, the first and second placed of the 4 groups will continue to the quarter finals and play by k.o. system for positions 1 to 8 in the Championship Division, while the third and fourth placed compete for places 9 to 16. In the „Challenge Division“ the first and second placed compete for positions 17 to 24, while the third and fourth placed vie for positions 25 to 32. In the Standard Division all games from position 33 onwards are played.

Thus an early elimination is impossible and spectators can encourage their favorites from the first to the last day of the competition

Both the players and the organising team have 50 days left to achieve fine-tuning to make the 2017 LIEBHERR ITTF European Table Tennis Championship a total success.