Evolution of the Youth Participation in European Nations Championships and in European Club Crew Championships

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Competition Regulations - Edition 2016

Definitions

BL 3.6 (1.4) Dragon Boat Crews. A Dragon Boat (Long Zhou) crews' classification is determined by the age, sex, ability and nationality of the crew members (see the IDBF Competition Regulations for definitions)

Competition Regulations - Edition 2016

Racing classes

CR 2.1.1 Open Class - …There are no restrictions on crew composition, or age, except that competitors **under 12 years old must be accompanied**, in the boat, by a parent or nominated responsible adult and must wear a personal flotation device (aid). (See also Regulation 7.9.).
CR 2.1.2 Women's Class - In the Women's Racing Class crews must be all female and of any age, except for those under 12 years old to whom Reg 2.1.1. applies…
CR 2.1.3 Mixed Class - crews must contain a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of ten (10) of each gender. There are no restrictions on age, except for the 12 years old rule shown in Reg 2.1.1. For Small Boat Races this shall be 4 to 6 of either gender. (Aug16)

Competition Regulations - Edition 2016

Racing classes

CR 2.1.4 Junior Class - Races may be held for Single or Mixed gender crews or in Open Competition, as shown above, with the exception of the Steerer (Helm) the following age categories will **apply to the Junior Class from 2013 as at the 1st June, in a given year**. (Aug11)

- **Junior A.** Competitors under the age of 18 but at least 12 years old
- **Junior B.** Competitors under the age of 16 but at least 12 years old.
- **Junior C.** Competitors under the age of 14 but at least 12 years old.

NOTE: This means a competitor whose 18th; 16th or 14th birthday, falls on or after 1st June, **can compete as a 17, 15 or 13 year old**, respectively **in a World Championships that takes place after that date**..

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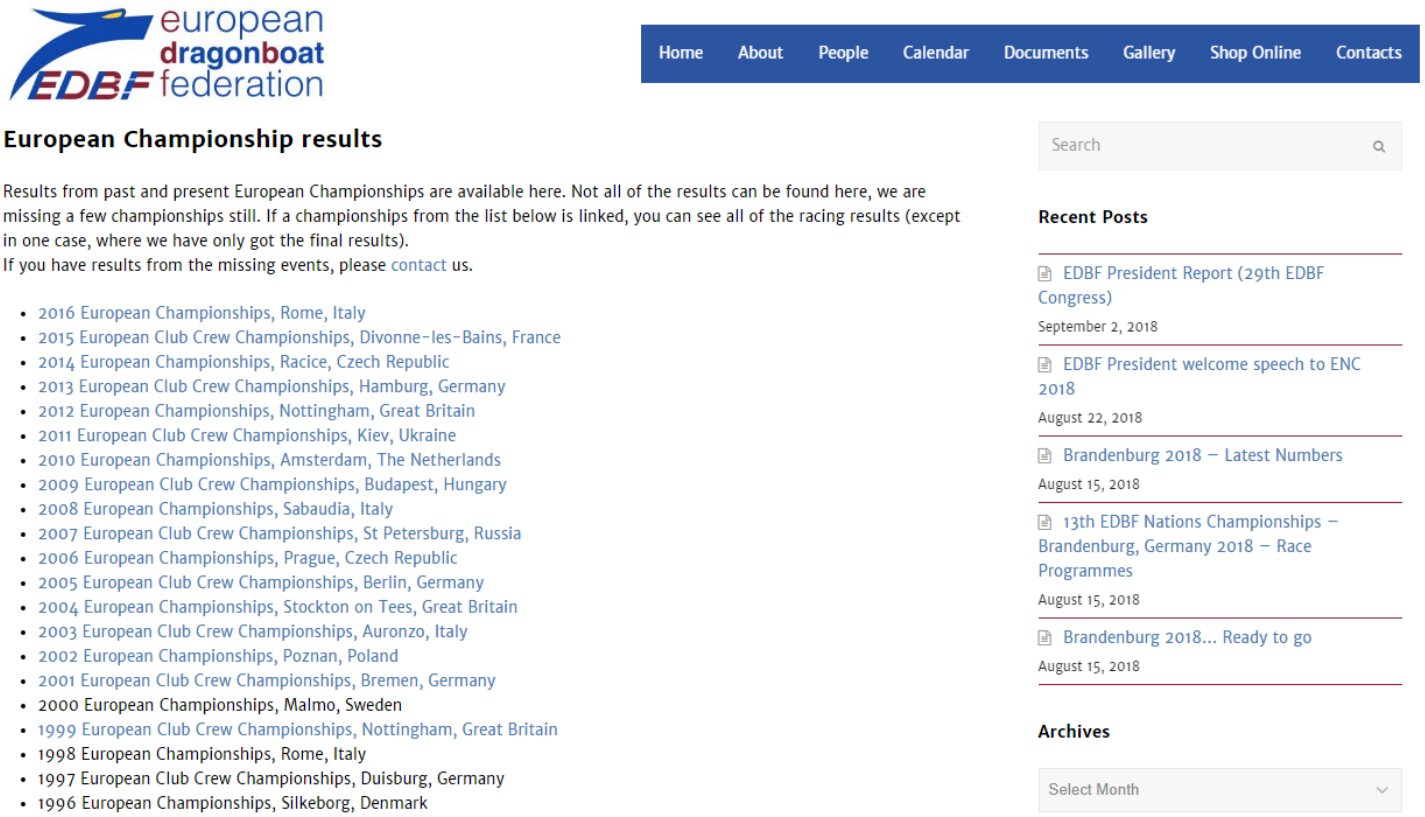
The **cut off dates** for the different age groups **was confusing** and maybe restrictive on certain age groups. The following was therefore agreed **for 2017 and beyond**:

Senior A - 40th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Senior B - 50th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Senior C - 60th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Junior A - 13th to 18th birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Junior B - 13th to 16th birthday falls in the year of the competition.
Junior C - 13th to 14th birthday falls in the year of the competition.

European Club Crew Championships

- Nº of participating countries with youth crews.



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European Championship results

Results from past and present European Championships are available here. Not all of the results can be found here, we are missing a few championships still. If a championships from the list below is linked, you can see all of the racing results (except in one case, where we have only got the final results).
If you have results from the missing events, please contact us.

- 2016 European Championships, Rome, Italy
- 2015 European Club Crew Championships, Divonne-les-Bains, France
- 2014 European Championships, Racice, Czech Republic
- 2013 European Club Crew Championships, Hamburg, Germany
- 2012 European Championships, Nottingham, Great Britain
- 2011 European Club Crew Championships, Kiev, Ukraine
- 2010 European Championships, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2009 European Club Crew Championships, Budapest, Hungary
- 2008 European Championships, Sabaudia, Italy
- 2007 European Club Crew Championships, St Petersburg, Russia
- 2006 European Championships, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2005 European Club Crew Championships, Berlin, Germany
- 2004 European Championships, Stockton on Tees, Great Britain
- 2003 European Club Crew Championships, Auronzo, Italy
- 2002 European Championships, Poznan, Poland
- 2001 European Club Crew Championships, Bremen, Germany
- 2000 European Championships, Malmo, Sweden
- 1999 European Club Crew Championships, Nottingham, Great Britain
- 1998 European Championships, Rome, Italy
- 1997 European Club Crew Championships, Duisburg, Germany
- 1996 European Championships, Silkeborg, Denmark

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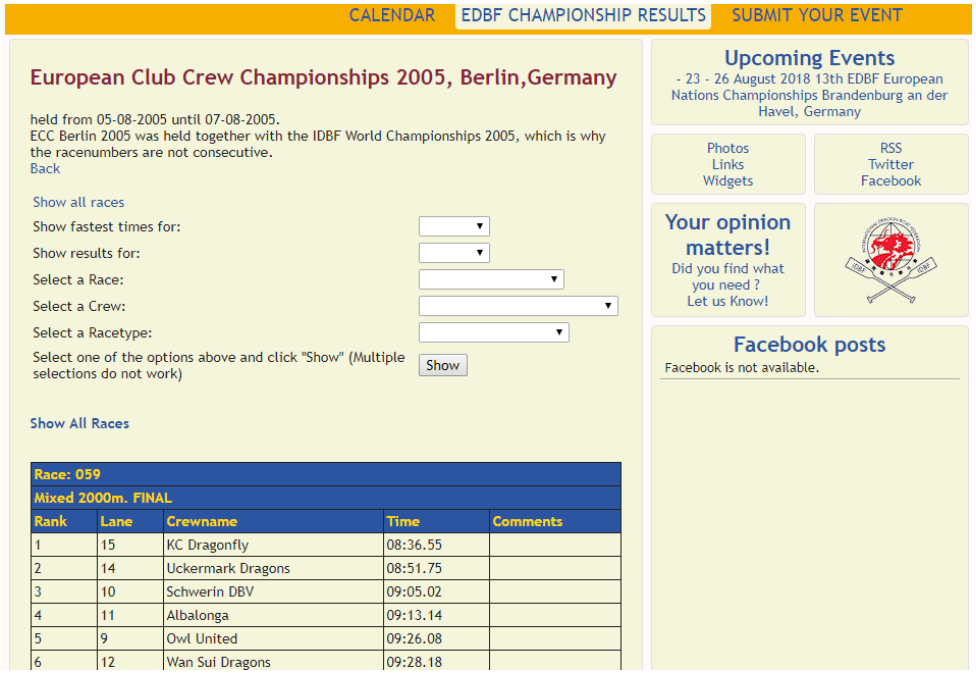

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European Club Crew Championships 2005, Berlin,Germany

held from 05-08-2005 until 07-08-2005.
ECC Berlin 2005 was held together with the IDBF World Championships 2005, which is why the racenumbers are not consecutive.
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Race: 059				
Mixed 2000m. FINAL				
Rank	Lane	Crewname	Time	Comments
1	15	KC Dragonfly	08:36.55	
2	14	Uckermark Dragons	08:51.75	
3	10	Schwerin DBV	09:05.02	
4	11	Albalonga	09:13.14	
5	9	Owl United	09:26.08	
6	12	Wan Sui Dragons	09:28.18	

Upcoming Events
- 23 - 26 August 2018 13th EDBF European Nations Championships Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany

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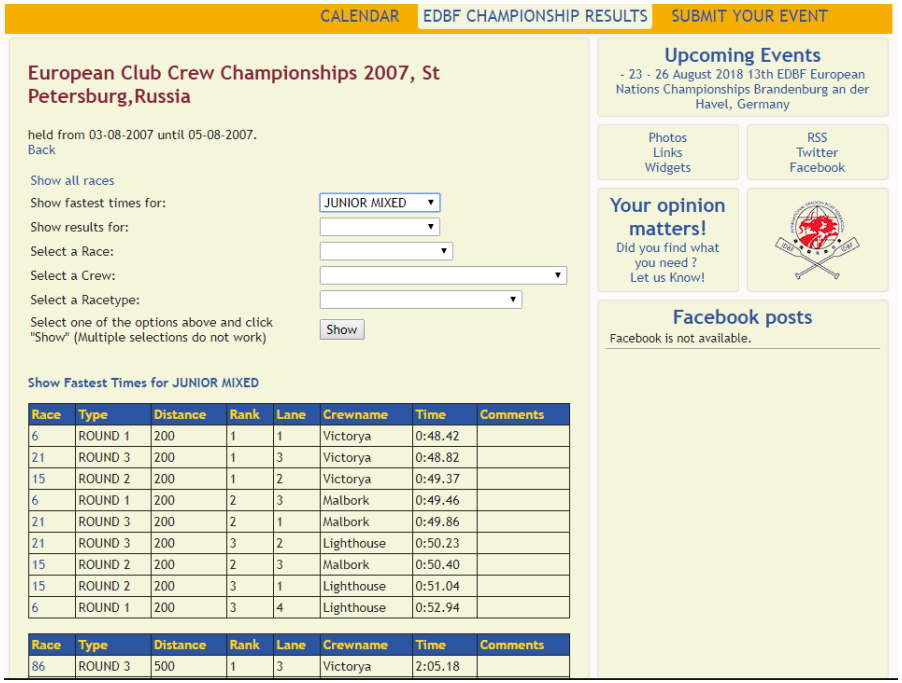

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European Club Crew Championships 2007, St Petersburg,Russia

held from 03-08-2007 until 05-08-2007.
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Race	Type	Distance	Rank	Lane	Crewname	Time	Comments
6	ROUND 1	200	1	1	Victorya	0:48.42	
21	ROUND 3	200	1	3	Victorya	0:48.82	
15	ROUND 2	200	1	2	Victorya	0:49.37	
6	ROUND 1	200	2	3	Malbork	0:49.46	
21	ROUND 3	200	2	1	Malbork	0:49.86	
21	ROUND 3	200	3	2	Lighthouse	0:50.23	
15	ROUND 2	200	2	3	Malbork	0:50.40	
15	ROUND 2	200	3	1	Lighthouse	0:51.04	
6	ROUND 1	200	3	4	Lighthouse	0:52.94	

Race	Type	Distance	Rank	Lane	Crewname	Time	Comments
86	ROUND 3	500	1	3	Victorya	2:05.18	

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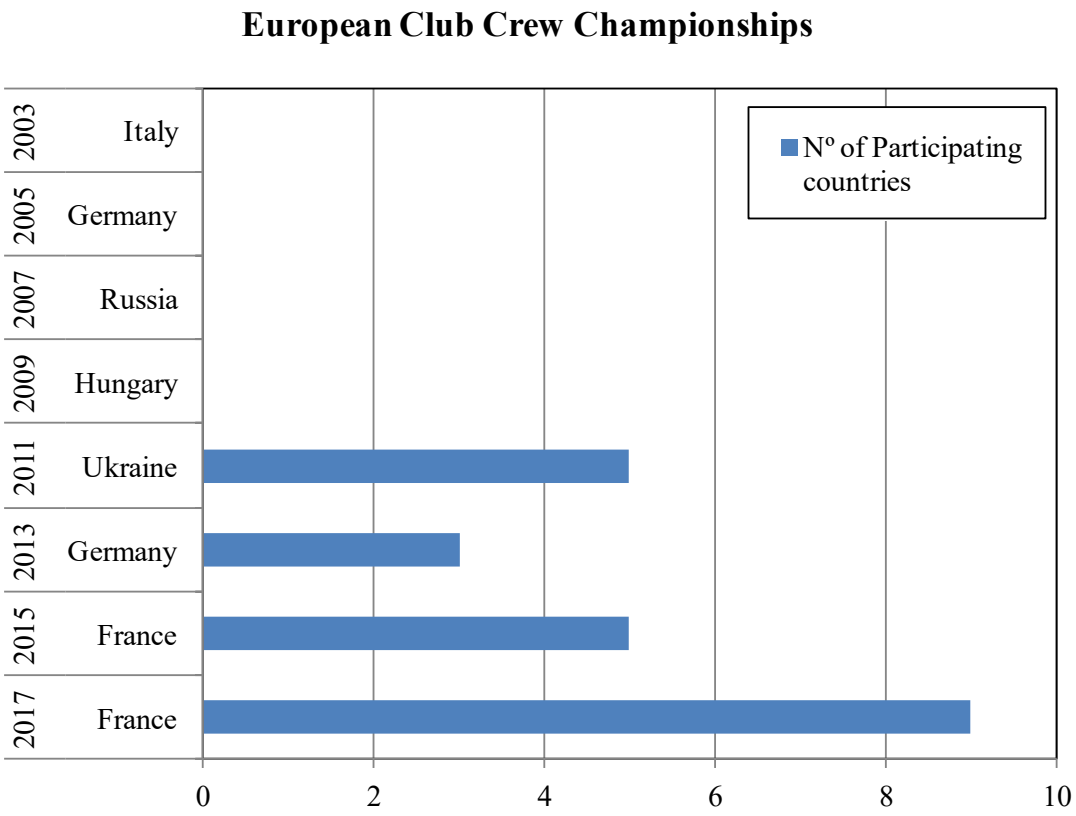


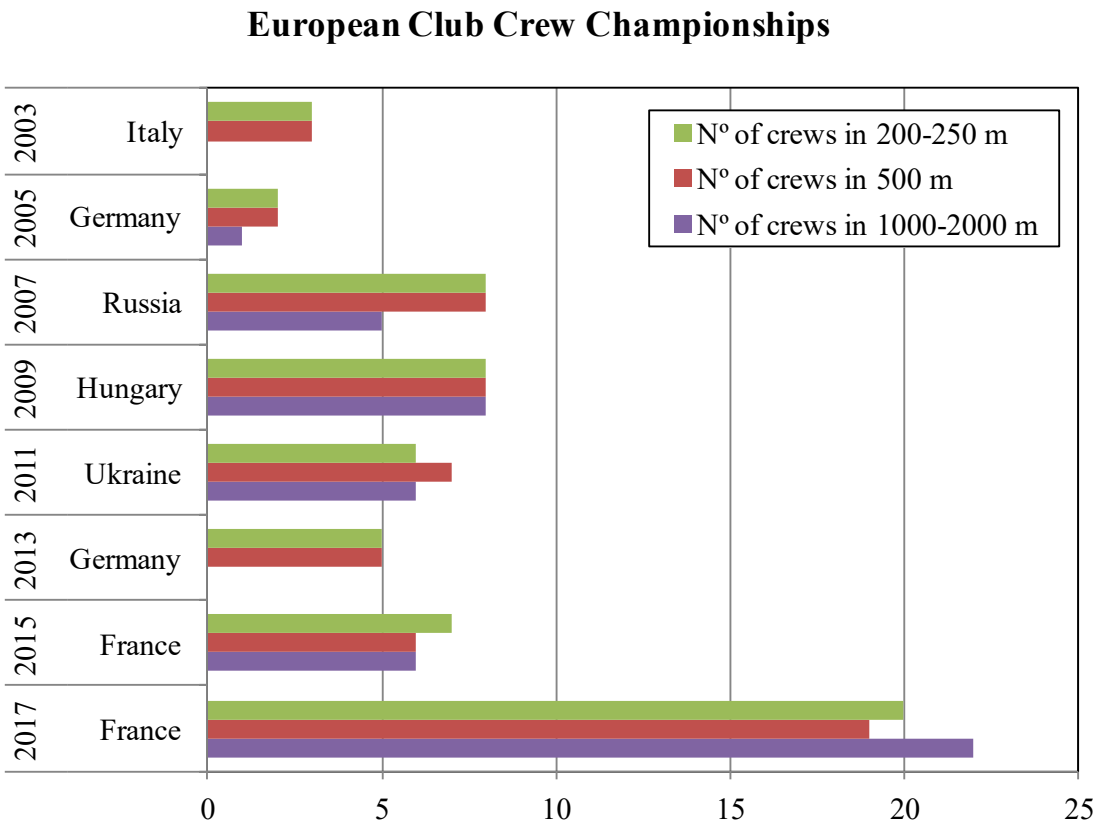
Before 2010, it is really difficult to know the data.

Few participating countries.

There is no clear trend.

European Club Crew Championships

- Nº of crews per distance.



The participation of Youth categories started in 2003.

Low participation (around the half of National Championships) until 2017.

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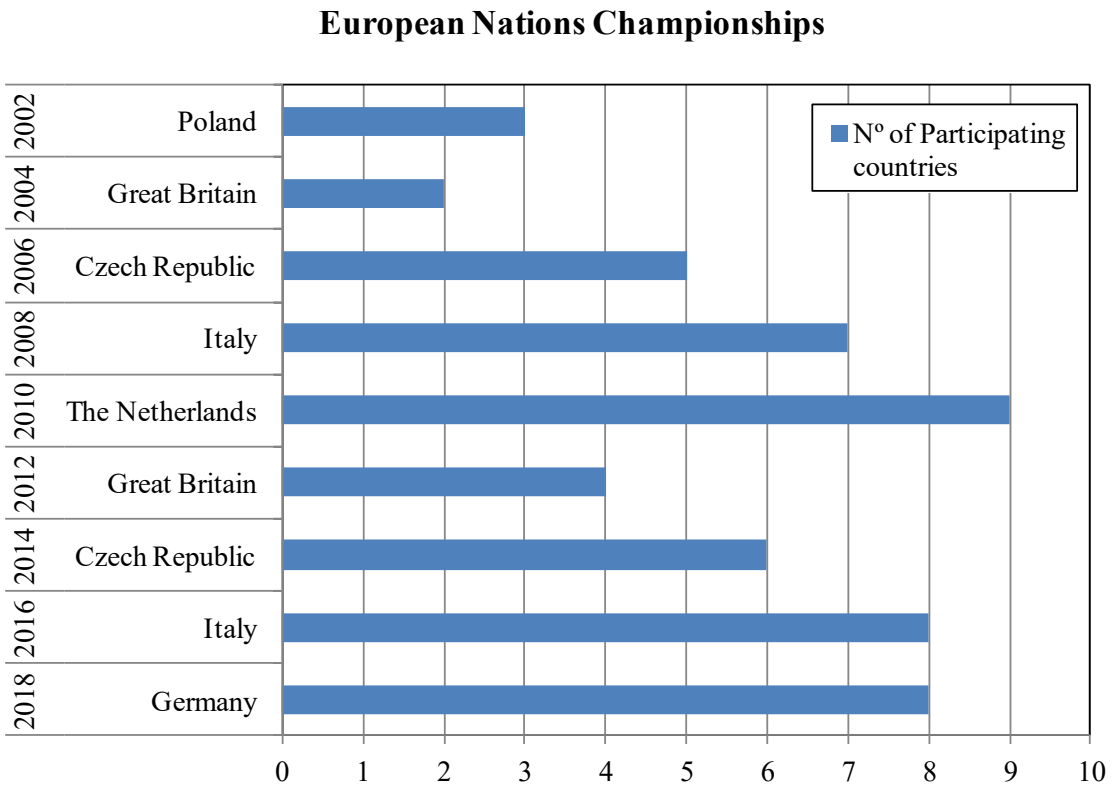

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Maximum of participating countries in 2010

Similar values in 2016 and 2018

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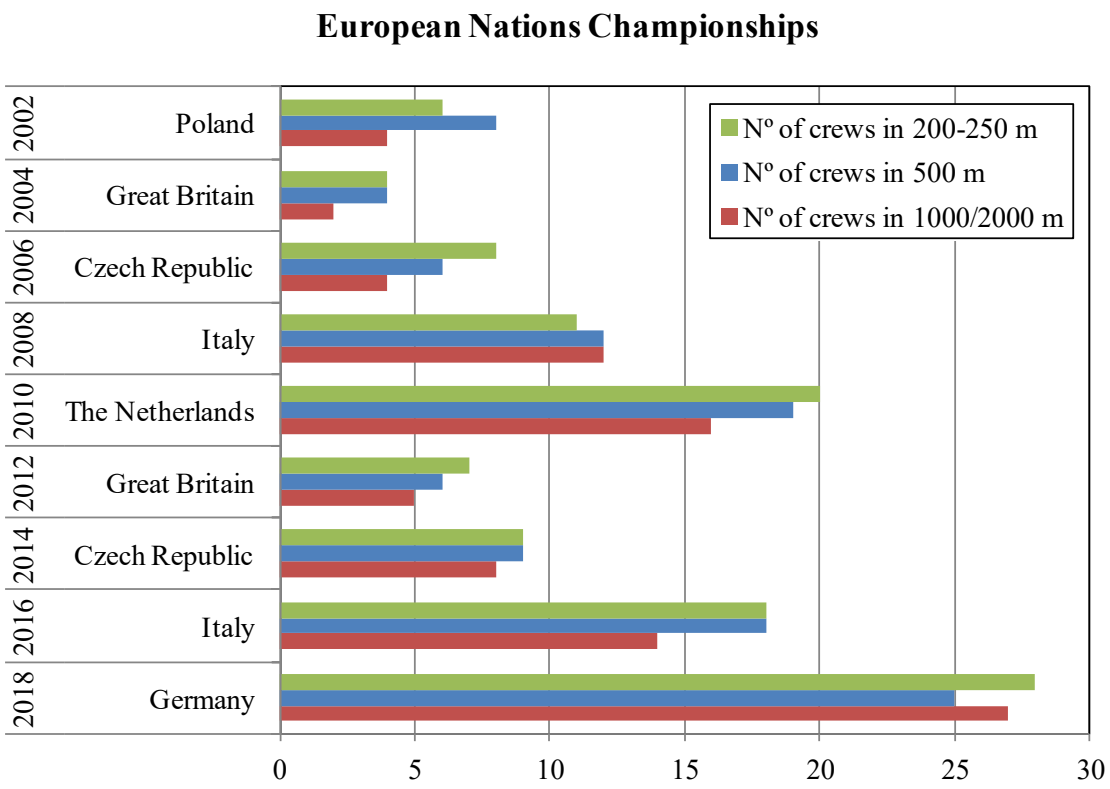

The number of crews follows the trend of the nº of participating numbers.

Almost the same nº of crews participating in 200-250 m races and in 500 m races.

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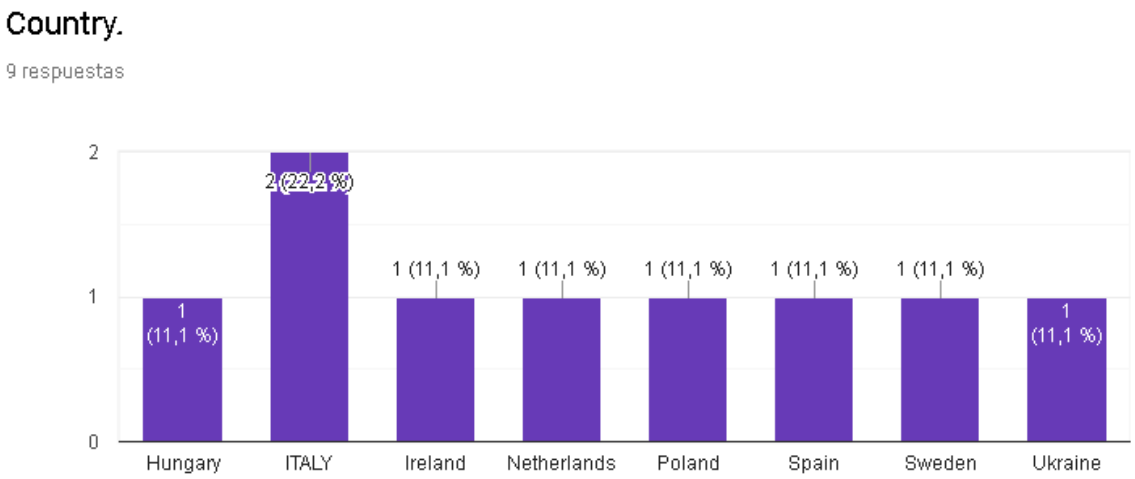

8 federation answered the survey.

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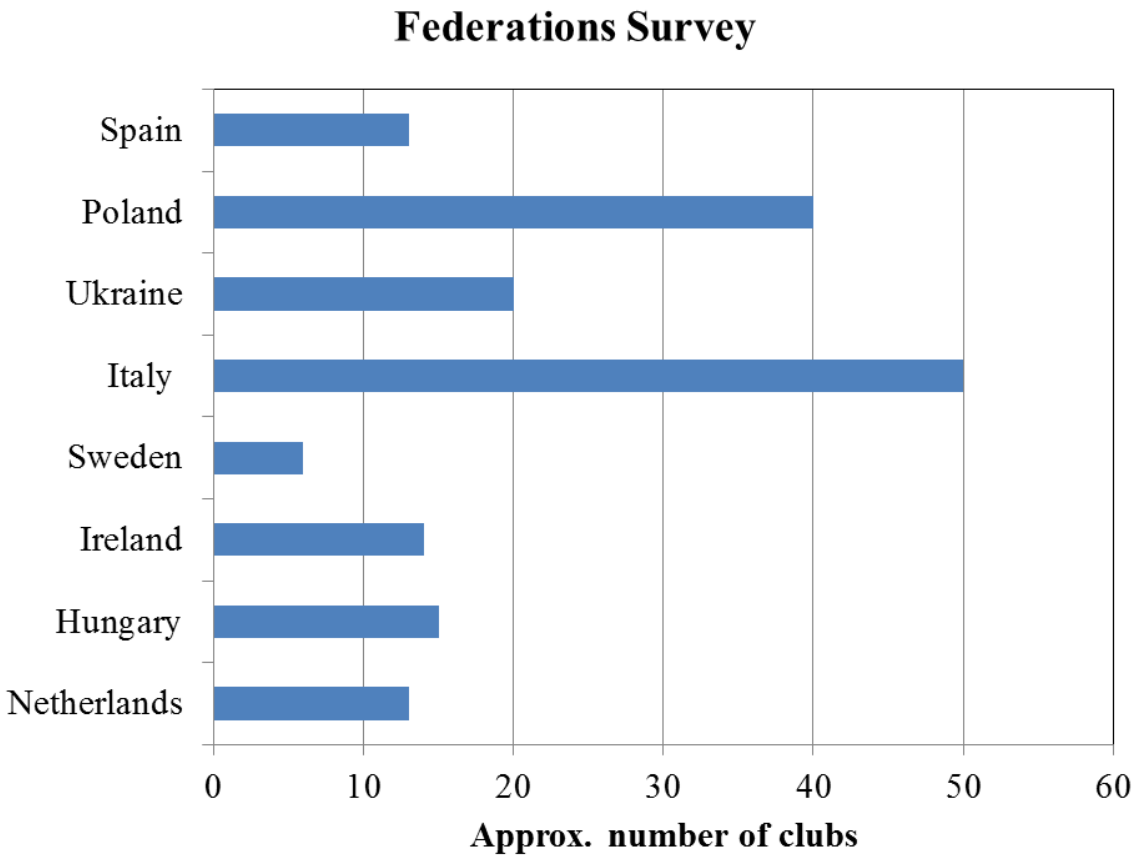

Number of clubs

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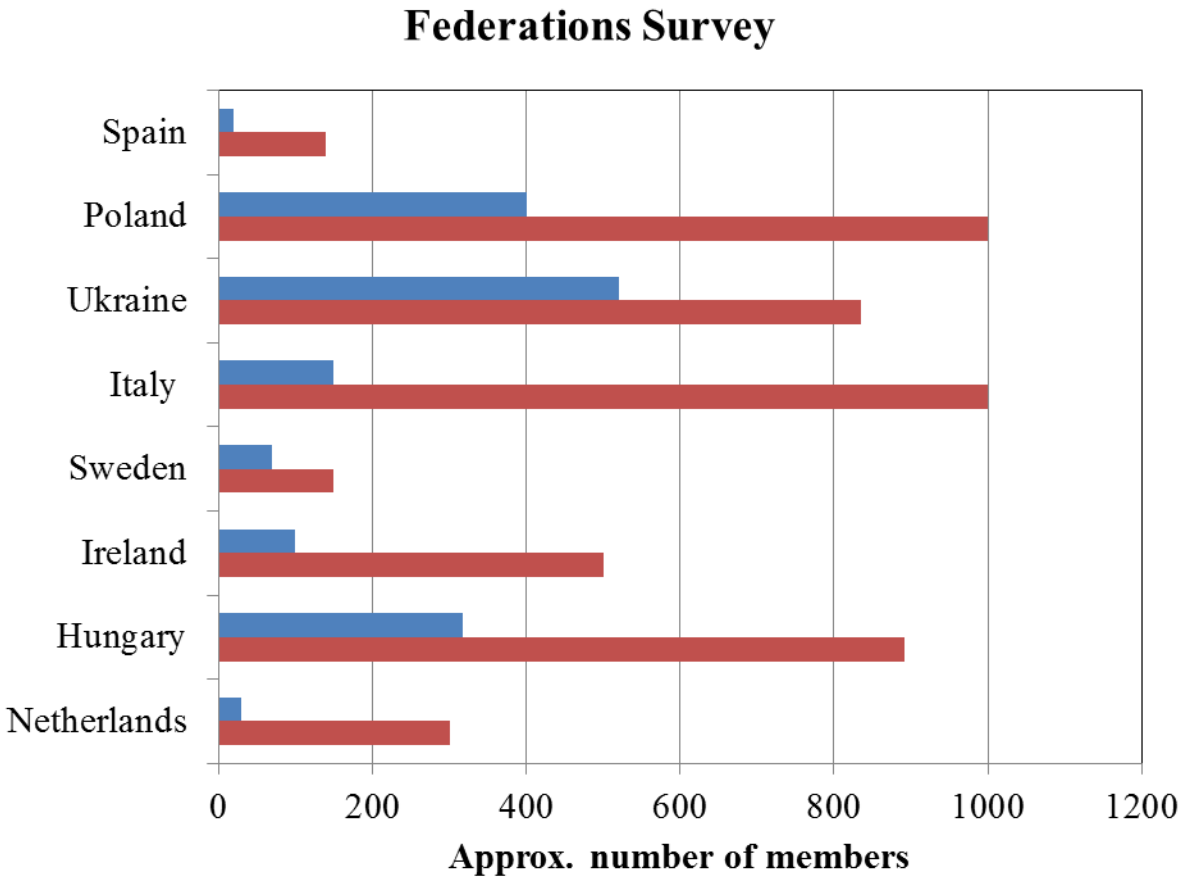

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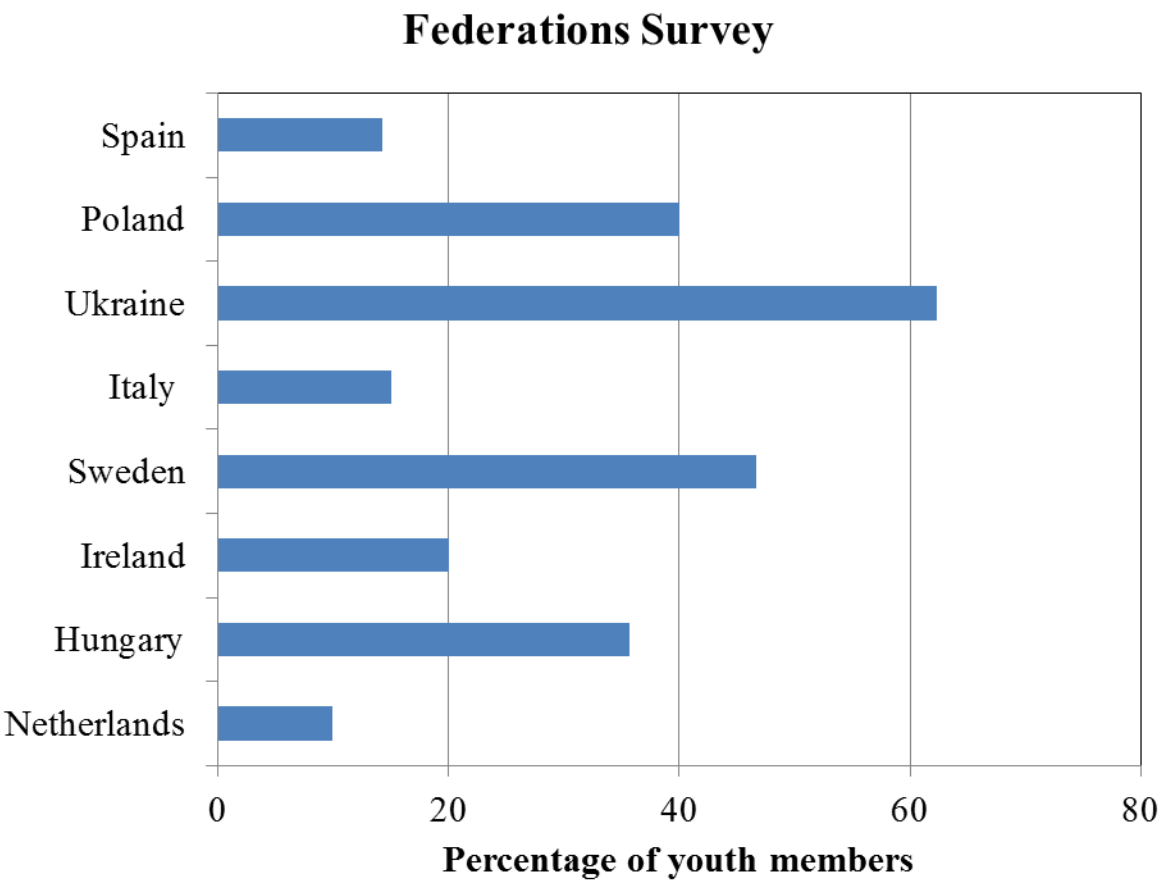
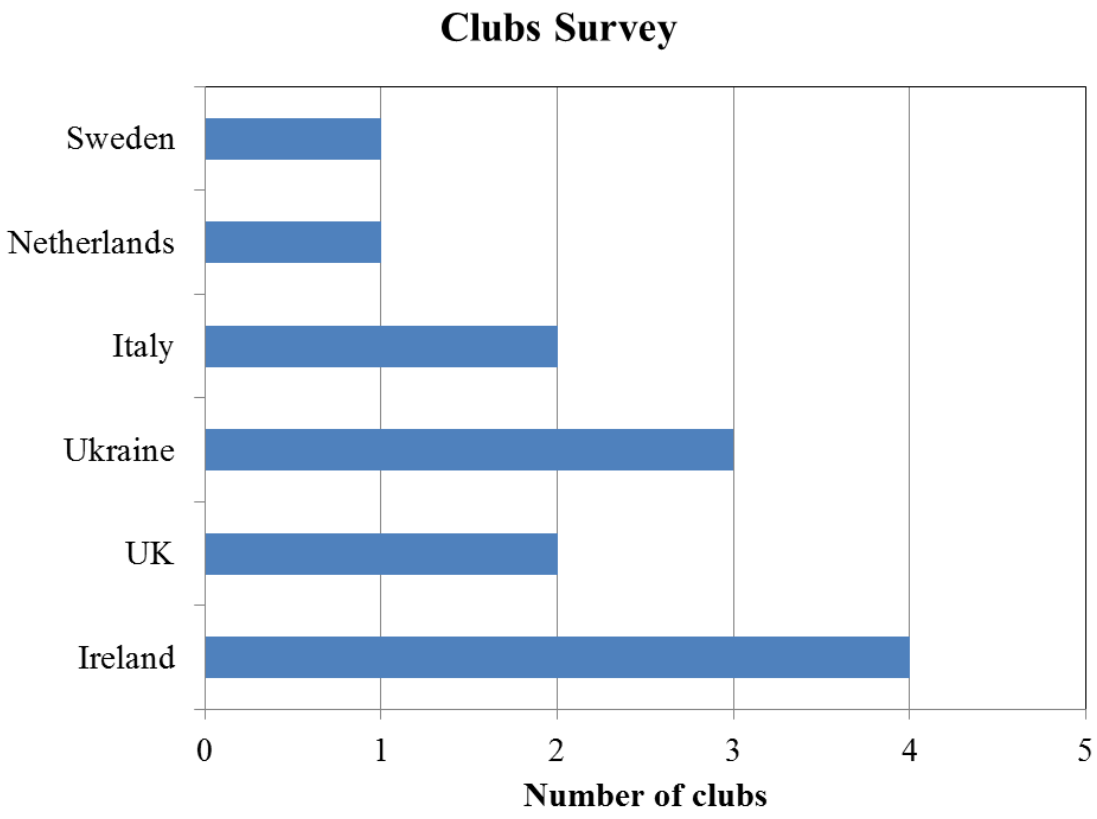


Percentage of youth members (U18 and U24).

Clubs Survey



13 clubs from 6 federation answered the survey.

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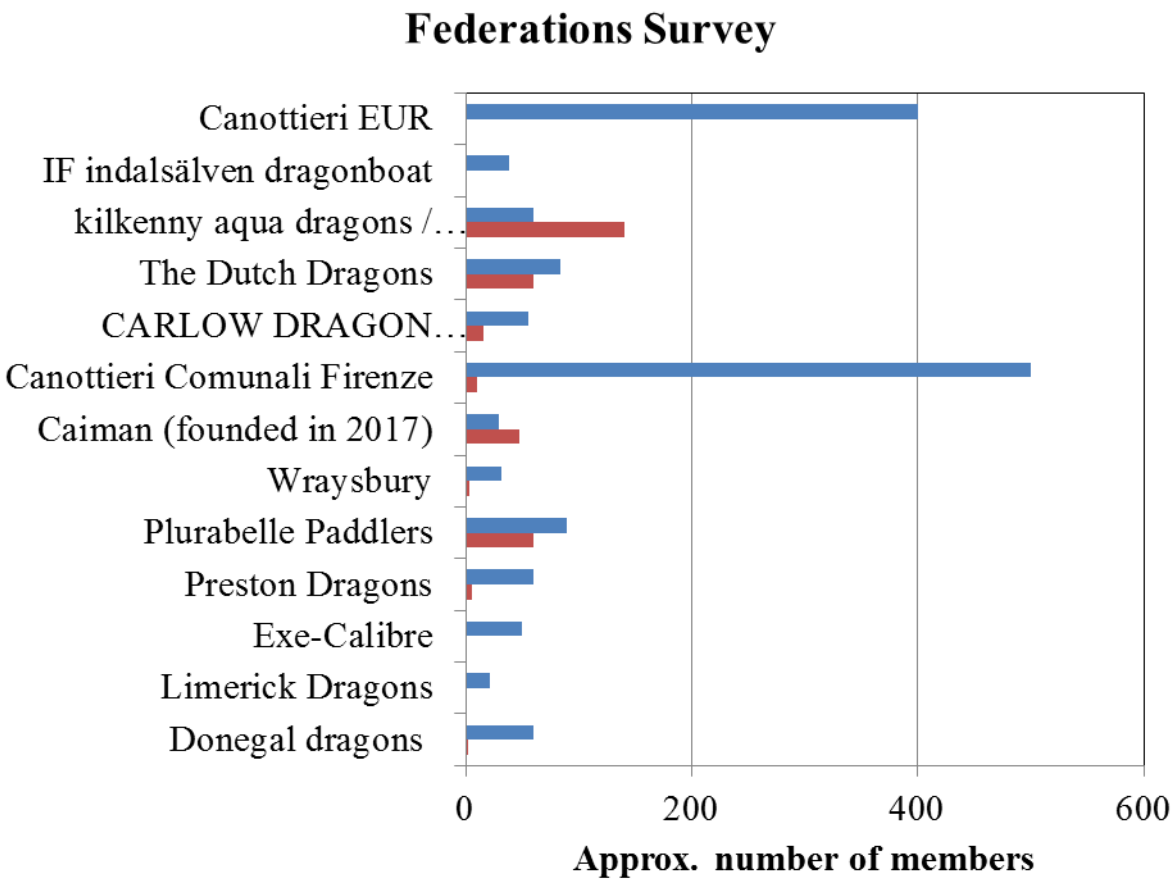

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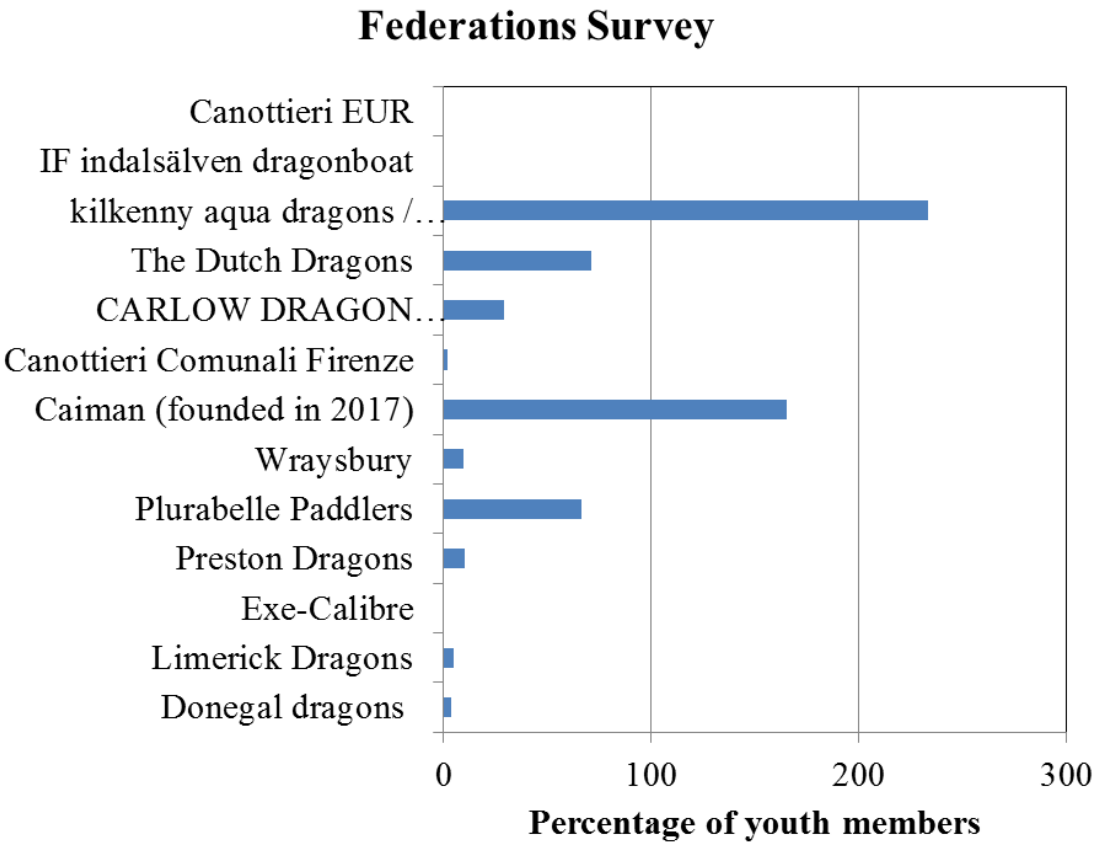

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Federation feedback

National events:

- Relatively new sport / unknown sport.
- Size of the clubs to support junior teams.
- Lack of motivation (TV, media, computer games, other kinds of sports).
- Lack of resources (boats, equipment, expert coaches).
- Seasonal problems during the winter.

Federation feedback

International events:

- National federation problems.
- Rules of racing and regulation problems – open restrictions.
- Lack of clubs with youth members.
- Travel expenses.
- Create events dedicated to the youth category.
- Low entry level = some countries does not want to send a team.
- Look for organizational and logistical facilities.

Clubs feedback

National events:

- Some clubs does not allow under 18 years / youth members are not their target.
- Built relations with schools and local universities.
- Encourage parents to participate with their children.
- Legislation, insurance risk, under 18 allowance…
- To raise the prestige of the sport: sport facilities, materials, boats, etc.
- To increase the quality of the sport/ high performance athletes Vs canoeing/rowing.
- Low level of knowledge / unknown sport.

Clubs feedback

International events:

- Expenses and travel. Entries free of charge for youth paddlers.
- Too few youth members at the moment.
- Do not publicity of the EDBF/IDBF in the media.
- Unknown sport.
- Low entries level.
- Low availability of youth people during their holidays.
- Concentrating junior races at the weekend (reduce costs).

Summary

- All federations/clubs want to improve the youth paddlers participation.
- Their participation is increasing during the years.
- Similar comments from federations and clubs.
- Challenges:
  - Unknown sport for the society.
  - Financial support of the youth members.
  - Supervision, child care legislation, insurance risk.
  - Improve the entries and the quality of the races.

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