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# With medals in mind

Most nations have already announced their shortlists for the Longines FEI Eventing European Championships. Now with the closing date of the definite entries it's official – a good reason to talk to some of the Chef d'Equipes.

28. August - 1. September

### Germany: Prof. Dr. Jens Adolphsen

"I think we made the most of our opportunity to nominate some young riders as well as the established ones. Our experienced riders are doing such a terrific job that it was hard for the next generation to gain championship experience. That's why it's brilliant to be able to involve so many young talented riders now. From my point of view, in a good team the individual results add up to an excellent one. The atmosphere within the team membership plays an important, inspiring role too. We have tried to nominate in such a way that winning the Championship is possible."

### Great Britain: Major Richard Waygood MBE



"We are very excited about our squad for the Championships. This year we have a range of experienced and not so experienced horses who all have great potential to excel at this Championships and future Championships. Our riders who partner these horses all have Championships credentials and understand about working in a Team environment as "One Team".

Each rider and member of staff are there to support each other through thick and thin. Our aspirations are of course to win Team Gold and all the individual medals. There is no point in coming otherwise." (photo: Chris Bartle, Major Richard Waygood MBE, photo credit: Thomas Ix)











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## **France: Thierry Touzaint**

"The French eventing team is getting ready for the championship. As always, we organised a final training that takes place in Normandy. They can ride on the beach every day and let their horses walk in the sea water. To me this time we spend gathered together is very important for both horses and riders. I think that we have a good team, some horses are quite young but the riders are very experienced. We will do our best to bring home a team medal. I don't know its colour yet, but I definitely think that we can get one with this team."

### Italy: Giacomo Della Chiesa

"The European Championships are always beautiful competitions – because we have sport on the highest level with brilliant horses and riders taking part. This year is very important for us because of the chance qualify our team for Tokyo 2020. I think it's a great team because we have some experienced riders who have already done World Championships and Olympic Games and some younger riders, who are very competitive. Two of them are based in Great Britain, one is based in France, one in Belgium, and the rest are based in Italy. We competed in all the Nations Cups 2019 and the horses look really fit. We will all try our best!"

### Sweden: Fredrik Bergendorff



"The Swedish team is put together with experience and consistent results in mind. Our number 1 goal is to get Olympic qualification, having said that if we preform to the level we can it would be great to bring back a medal. We have championship experience in our team mixed in with two riders who get the chance to ride in a senior championship for the first time. I think it's a good mix of getting the result we like and still developing for the future. We are all looking forward to a week of good sport."

(Photo: Fredrik Bergendorff, photo credit: Thomas Ix)











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### **TV / Livestream:**

Luhmühlen will be streamed by FEI TV.

## **General Information**

Luhmühlen has been holding three-day events for the past 60 years. In this time, there have been five European Championships 1975, 1979, 1987, 1999 and 2011 as well as World Equestrian games in 1982. Again, the FEI chose Luhmühlen to host the European Championships in 2019. This means Luhmühlen has become one of the venues to host the most Championships worldwide. As the hosting nation, Germany is able to nominate twelve German competitors for the Championships.

Title partner for the Championships is Longines Watch Co. Francillion Ltd., St. Imier (Switzerland). Main partners are the Ostfriesische Tee Gesellschaft GmbH & Co. KG (Seevetal) Meßmer, COMFG Ltd., Wrexham (GBR) Charles Owen and LVM Versicherung, Münster,

The patronage for this event has been taken over by the president of the German Sports Federation Alfons Hoermann. Judges will be Martin Plewa (president), Anne-Mette Binder (DEN) und Peter Shaw (AUS). FEI Technical Delegate will be Gert Naber (NED).

Course designer cross-country is Mike Etherington-Smith (GBR) und course designer show jumping is Marco Behrens.

The prize money is EUR 100.000,00 (EUR 70.000,00 for winning individually and EUR 30.000,00 for teams placed first to third).



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#### **Ticket Pre-sale**

- www.ticketmaster.de
- Search: Luhmühlen
- Day tickets, season tickets and tickets for the additional grandstand are still available.

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