

The 2026 Paddle Europe Freestyle Kayaking Championships will be held in Finland on June 10–13, in just 10 days! The competition takes place in Neitikoski rapids in the city of Lieksa, in Eastern Finland. This is the first time ever that Finland has been given the honour to organize an international freestyle kayaking competition, and the whole community is working to provide the best experience for everyone.

The entries for the competition have now closed, and we are expecting just over 100 athletes from 12 different countries, including all the countries traditionally participating in Europeans. The largest teams are coming from Germany, the UK, and Ireland. The official trainings start on June 8th, but many competitors have already arrived at the venue, and more are coming on the following days.

Find more information, updates, and pictures on the event's website <https://canoefreestyle-lieksa.fi/>

The event's Instagram account is also updated regularly  
[https://www.instagram.com/canoefreestyle\\_lieksa](https://www.instagram.com/canoefreestyle_lieksa)

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