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EG2023, Spyros Capralos (EOC) “Padel is growing in Europe, in Krakow a big show”

Spyros Capralos, president of the **European Olympic Committees (EOC)** and former waterpolo player for the Greek national team with two Olympics behind him, even when wearing a suit and tie never stops being an athlete. And as such he “feels” when things are changing even at a very early stage, both in a competition and in the architecture of world sport.

And on padel, he gets straight to the point: *"We are seeing the growth of padel all over Europe, it is improving in so many way - says **Capralos**, who explains the basis from which the 'short racket' was considered for the **European Games in Krakow** -. We thought that bringing padel here was a great opportunity for those who love the sport and are enjoying this beautiful discipline live. I am thinking for example of the tournament finals that will take place in the beautiful main square in Krakow, the highlight of a beautiful event with which padel will show how exciting and appealing it is".*

The number one of the Continental Olympic Committee looks at the European chessboard and the many signs of growth of padel: *"I know that in Southern Europe, in my country but also in countries far away from our continent, this sport is continuing to grow very fast. Padel has a bright future and we have given it the opportunity at the European Games to showcase itself".*

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