

WORLD CAPITAL OF SPORT

2019 Abu Dabi
UAE
2020.21 Guadalajara
Mexico
2022 Madrid
Spain
2023 Konya
Türkiye
2024 Sofia
Bulgaria
2025 Monaco
Principality of Monaco
2026 Baku
Azerbaijan
2027 Buenos Aires
Argentina
2028 Porto-Gaia
Portugal

Dear Mayor,

We are pleased to officially designate Cattolica as European Town of Sport for the year 2027.

Congratulations on this prestigious recognition, which your city has earned by setting a laudable example of promoting sports for all, as a means of enhancing health, fostering social integration, facilitating education, and promoting respect – all of which align with the core objectives of ACES.

Your city has also demonstrated an exemplary sports policy, boasting commendable sports facilities, well-structured programs, and a wide array of activities.

With this designation, your municipality joins the esteemed ACES family. We seek your active participation as a city member and wish to inform you that we have introduced a new accolade known as the "European Town of Sport of the Year." This signifies that the city that garners the highest recognition in 2027 will be acknowledged as a benchmark town for sports in Europe.

We express our gratitude in advance for your cooperation and and look forward to welcoming you in the awards gala, scheduled for the end of 2026 (dates not confirmed yet), to be held at the European Parliament in Brussels (Belgium).

Yours sincerely,

Gian Francesco Lupattelli
President & Founder ACES

Brussels, October 12th 2025

EUROPEAN CAPITALS OF SPORT

2001 Madrid
Spain
2002 Stockholm
Sweden
2003 Glasgow
UK
2004 Alicante
Spain
2005 Rotterdam
Netherlands
2006 Copenhagen
Denmark
2007 Stuttgart
Germany
2008 Warsaw
Poland
2009 Milan
Italy
2010 Dublin
Ireland
2011 Valencia
Spain
2012 Istanbul
Türkiye
2013 Antwerp
Belgium
2014 Cardiff
UK
2015 Torino
Italy
2016 Praha
Czech Republic
2017 Marseille
France
2018 Sofia
Bulgaria
2019 Budapest
Hungary
2020 Malaga
Spain
2021 Lisboa
Portugal
2022 Den Haag
Netherlands
2023 Glasgow
UK
2024 Genova
Italy
2025 Tallin
Estonia
2026 Napoli
Italy
2027 Zaragoza
Spain

Att. To: Mayor of Cattolica