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**To all participating National Federations
in EUROGYM and European Gym for Life Challenge**



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EUROGYM & European Gym for Life Challenge 2020 in Reykjavik (ISL)

Dear President,

It is with great sadness that after some weeks of deliberation, the Icelandic LOC and the board of the Icelandic Gymnastics has decided that Eurogym & European Gym for Life Challenge has to be cancelled in July next year. European Gymnastics respects this decision and understands the following reasons.

The uncertainty is tremendous, and there are numerous issues regarding planning and implementation that are impossible to manage when a global pandemic is part of our daily life. After a thorough analysis and looking at all possible scenarios, we want to give you a few examples of why we are cancelling the event. After thorough analysis and considering all possible scenarios, these are the main reasons for cancelling.

Government restrictions

The Icelandic Directorate of Health cannot give approval for such a big public gathering in summer 2021. Since March, the situation is changing all the time; therefore, the risk is significant and cancelling the events at a later stage will only cause difficulties for thousands of participants and their families.

COVID in Europe & possible infection at the festival

Europe's situation would significantly impact Eurogym, and we would have to follow strict rules regarding social distancing and disinfection guidelines. Governments are fighting with the virus at different times and in different ways. That causes problems regarding travel between countries and what nations get approval for travel.

If COVID infection happened during Eurogym, it would have an extensive effect on the festival. We are not willing to take on such a huge responsibility that could affect thousands of children.

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10% participation fee

As mentioned in European Gymnastics regulations for Eurogym and European Gym for Life Challenge, the 10% participation fee that was paid for this year's event is non-refundable. The LOC is working to find a solution to try and reimburse this amount to each person. This may take some time and might not be successful. We will of course keep you informed and would appreciate your cooperation and patience on this point.

We know that many sports events are on schedule worldwide and probably many will take place next summer. Eurogym is not like any other competitive sports event. It is all about meeting new people and participating in large social events. Eurogym, with restrictions, would not be a successful and an enjoyable event for our European youth.

We wish you to stay safe in this world pandemic and hope you understand our decision.
Yours sincerely,

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