

# Small States of Europe Karate Federation

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## S.S.E.K.F

In a recent meeting the Small States of Europe Karate Federation SSEKF focused on the measures implemented in the process towards the inclusion of Karate in the Games of the Small States of Europe GSSE in Andorra 2021.

Taking into consideration the gathering of the support letters from all 9 National Olympic Committees along with the visit at the San Marino and the Andorra Olympic Committees in an effort to reinforce the succession of Karate into the GSSE, we are very pleased to inform you that the SSEKF is appreciating a lot the GSSE multisport and thus wishing to joining it.

4th Edition of SSEKF Championships in Andorra 29-9/1-10-17



## WKF PRESIDENT MEETS SAN MARINO NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE HEAD GIAN PRIMO GIARDI

WKF President Antonio Espinós visited on Saturday 17/12/2016 the headquarters of the San Marino National Olympic Committee and met with the President of the sport institution of the European country, Gian Primo Giardi. The meeting was regarded as an opportunity to discuss the situation of Karate in the region, as well as the possible inclusion of the sport in the Games of the Small States of Europe.

The high-profile gathering was attended by WKF and EKF President Antonio Espinós, San Marino National Olympic Committee President Gian Primo Giardi, San Marino National Olympic Committee Secretary General Eros Bologna, San Marino Martial Arts Federation President Maurizio Mazza, San Marino Martial Arts Federation Vice-President Claudio Giuliani and Small States of Europe Karate Federation President Andreas Vasileiou.

The main point of the agenda was the procedures ahead of the inclusion of Karate in the program of the 2021 Games of the Small States of Europe. A biennial multi-sport event, the Games of the Small States of Europe feature the nine Small States of Europe (Andorra, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro and San Marino). The 2017 edition of the event will be held in the City of San Marino from May 29th to June 3rd 2017.

The Small States of Europe Karate Federation (SSEKF) is a newly formed federation set under the WKF and it has already organized international championship for the small states of Europe (those that have a population of less than one million inhabitants) for the past three years.



(Picture from left to right SSEKF President Andreas Vasileiou, WKF and EKF President Antonio Espinos, San Marino National Olympic Committee President Gian Primo Giardi, San Marino Martial Arts federation President Maurizio Mazza, San Marino Martial Arts federation Vice-President Claudio Giuliani and San Marino National Olympic Committee Secretary General Eros Bologna).

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## WKF PRESIDENT VISITS SPORT LEADERS IN ANDORRA

WKF President Antonio Espinós met on Thursday 9/2/17 with sport authorities in Andorra to discuss the inclusion of Karate in the 2021 edition of the Games of the Small States of Europe to be held in Andorra.

Accompanied by Andorran Karate Federation President Xavier Herver, Mr. Espinós met with the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports Olga Gelabert, the Secretary of State for Sport Jordi Beal and the Andorra Olympic Committee President Jaume Marti.

The WKF and EKF President analyzed with local sport leaders the creation of a roadmap for Karate's inclusion in the multi-sports event that gathers the nine European small states (Andorra, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro and San Marino). Different plans to promote the development of Karate in the region were also discussed.

“After being added to the program of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, the inclusion of Karate in the Games of the Small States of Europe is on top of our agenda. We believe that Karate can bring added value to this event, and we hope that we will be able to give the Karate family another great news for the development of our sport. I really appreciate President Herver's efforts and the cooperation and support that we have received from the sport authorities of Andorra. I would also like to thank Small States of Europe Karate Federation president, Andreas Vasiliou for his hard work and dedication on this matter,” declared Mr. Espinós.



The Games of the Small States of Europe is a biennial, multi-sport event featuring competition in nine Summer Olympic disciplines. Two more sports are proposed by the organizing committee of every new edition, and Karate's hopes are centered in being added to the 2021 Games. The decision on the new sports will be ratified by the General Assembly of the Small States of Europe to be held next May during the 2017 Games in San Marino.

## SMALL STATES OF EUROPE KARATE FEDERATION REVIEWS NEW MEASURES IN DEFINING MOMENT

The members of the Small States of Europe Karate Federation were gathered in Sofia (Bulgaria) to participate in a meeting focusing on measures implemented in the process towards the inclusion of Karate in the Games of the Small States of Europe.

The meeting took place in Sofia coinciding with the celebration in the Bulgarian city of the 2017 EKF Junior, Cadet & U21 Championships. Headed by WKF and EKF President Antonio Espinós and with the attendance of EKF General Secretary Stjepan Celan, the participants evaluated the current situation of the organization that gathers the nine small states of Europe.

Topics discussed included the outcome of the visit to the Andorra Olympic Committee which was conducted in February by WKF and EKF President Antonio Espinós together with SSEK Vice-President and Andorra Karate Federation President Xavier Herver, in order to create a roadmap for Karate's inclusion in the 2021 edition of the Games of the Small States of Europe. In this sense, SSEKF President Andreas Vasileiou briefed attendees on further steps to achieve this goal including the presentation by all nine members of the organization of a letter of support from their respective national Olympic committees.

