



## MEDIA GUIDE

<b>CITY:</b>	Alicante, Spain
<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Main hall</b> - Centro de Tecnificación Deportiva, Foguerer Gilabert Davó, s.n. 03005 Alicante, Spain <b>Second hall</b> (200 metres from Hall A) - Pabellón Pitiu Rochel, Foguerer José Romeu Zarandieta, 03005 Alicante, Spain.
<b>DATE:</b>	18 - 23 September 2018
<b>TABLES:</b>	4 show tables in Hall A and 12 further tables in Hall B
<b>TABLE BRAND:</b>	Butterfly Europa 25
<b>BALL BRAND:</b>	Nittaku Premium 40+
<b>FLOOR BRAND:</b>	Enlio
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### Introduction

Welcome to the Liebherr 2018 ITTF European Championships in Alicante SPAIN.

This event is the most prestigious event in the European table tennis calendar.

This 2018 edition is an individual only event as 'Individual' editions are held on even years and 'Team' editions held on odd years.

The best players in Europe will be going head-to-head to be crowned European Champions and in doing so write their names in the history books.

There are five titles on offer: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

The European title holders from Budapest 2016 are:

- Men's Singles: Emmanuel LEBESSON (FRA)
- Women's Singles: Melek HU (TUR)
- Men's Doubles: Patrick FRANZISKA, Jonathan GROTH (GER/DEN)
- Women's Doubles: Kristin LANG, Sabine WINTER (GER)
- Mixed Doubles: Joao MONTEIRO, Daniela MONTEIRO DODEAN (POR/ROU)

Once again Liebherr, a long-term supporter of table tennis, is the title sponsor for these European Championships, an event the company has supported for many years.

This Media Guide is designed to provide key information about the Liebherr 2018 ITTF European Table Tennis Championships. Enclosed are statistics and notes that will be of assistance during the tournament. Players' biographies as well as statistical, historical and personal data can be found on ITTF.com and also event information on ETTU.org. Please make player interview requests through a member of the ITTF and Organising Committee media staff on site.



## Information Sources

- Both European Table Tennis Union and International Table Tennis Federation event webpages:
  - <https://www.ettu.org/en/events/ittf-european-individual-championships-/general-information/>
  - <https://www.ittf.com/tournament/2885/liebherr-2018-ittf-european-championships/#information>
- Local Spanish Event website:
  - <http://ettc2018.com/>
- Social Media:
  - ETTU Facebook page @ETTUofficial - <https://www.facebook.com/ETTUofficial/>
  - ETTU Official Instagram ettu\_official - [https://www.instagram.com/ettu\\_official](https://www.instagram.com/ettu_official)
  - ETTU Official Twitter @ETTU\_Ttennis - [https://twitter.com/ETTU\\_TTennis](https://twitter.com/ETTU_TTennis)
  
  - ITTF Facebook @ITTFWorld - <https://www.facebook.com/ITTFWorld>
  - ITTF Official Instagram ittfworld - <https://www.instagram.com/ittfworld/>
  - ITTF Official Twitter @ittfworld - <https://twitter.com/ittfworld>
  - ITTF Official YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/ittfchannel>
- Photos:
  - ETTU Flickr ETTU\_official - [https://www.flickr.com/photos/ettu\\_official](https://www.flickr.com/photos/ettu_official)
- Live Streaming:
  - The event will be streamed on ettu.tv (<https://www.laola1.tv/en-int/channel/ettu>)
- Live Scoring:
  - Live scoring can be followed at <https://bornanblob.blob.core.windows.net/ittf-web-results/html/TTE2885/live.html>

## Key Dates & Times (local time)

Sunday 16 Sept 2018 (17:00pm, Casino Mediterráneo Alicante)	- Qualification Draw
Tuesday 18 Sept 2018 (09:00am in Hall A + B)	- Qualification Day 1
Wednesday 19 Sept 2018 (09:00am in Hall A + B)	- Qualification Day 2
Thursday 20 Sept 2018 (09:30am in Hall A + B)	- Main Draw Day 1
Friday 21 Sept 2018 (10:00am in Hall A)	- Main Draw Day 2 (XD final)
Saturday 22 Sept 2018 (10:00am in Hall A)	- Main Draw Day 3
Sunday 23 Sept 2018 (10:30am in Hall A)	- Main Draw Day 4 (4 finals)

Tournament schedule: <https://bit.ly/2CLzQhd>



## Playing System

### ***Men's & Women's Singles:***

- Main draw round of 64
- 32 seeded players directly placed in main draw, round of 64
- All remaining players shall qualify through qualification groups and preliminary round

### ***Men's, Women's, and Mixed Doubles:***

- Main draw round of 32
- 16 seeded pairs shall be directly placed in the first round proper
- All remaining pairs shall play in a knockout qualification stage.

All singles matches and all men's doubles and women's doubles matches shall be the best of 7 games, except that the men's doubles and women's doubles qualification stage shall be the best of 5 games.

All mixed doubles matches shall be the best of 5 games.

## Liebherr 2018 ITTF European Table Tennis Championships Top Seeded Players - Men's Singles

Seed	Players name	Association	Date of Birth	Age	Hand	Grip	Playing Style	Sept 2018 World Ranking
1	BOLL Timo	Germany	08-MAR-81	37	L	Shakehand	Attacking	4
2	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	Germany	02-SEP-88	30	R	Shakehand	Attacking	5
3	GAUZY Simon	France	25-OCT-94	23	R	Shakehand	Attacking	13
4	FREITAS Marcos	Portugal	08-APR-88	30	L	Shakehand	Attacking	15
5	FRANZISKA Patrick	Germany	11-JUN-92	26	R	Shakehand	Attacking	16
6	GROTH Jonathan	Denmark	02-NOV-92	25	L	Shakehand	Attacking	18
7	FALCK Mattias	Sweden	07-SEP-91	27	R	Shakehand	Attacking	20
8	KARLSSON Kristian	Sweden	06-AUG-91	27	L	Shakehand	Attacking	25
9	SAMSONOV Vladimir	Belarus	17-APR-76	42	R	Shakehand	Attacking	30
10	PITCHFORD Liam	England	12-JUL-93	25	R	Shakehand	Attacking	31
11	KOU Lei	Ukraine	20-NOV-87	30	R	Shakehand	Attacking	33
12	APOLONIA Tiago	Portugal	28-JUL-86	32	R	Shakehand	Attacking	36
13	HABESOHN Daniel	Austria	22-JUL-86	32	R	Shakehand	Attacking	41
14	WALTHER Ricardo	Germany	30-NOV-91	26	R	Shakehand	Attacking	42
15	LEBESSON Emmanuel	France	24-APR-88	30	L	Shakehand	Attacking	44
16	GACINA Andrej	Croatia	21-MAY-86	32	R	Shakehand	Attacking	46
17	ROBLES Alvaro	Spain	29-APR-91	27	L	Shakehand	Attacking	49
54	CANTERO Jesus	Spain	09-MAR-82	36	R	Penhold	Attacking	120
71	FRANCO Carlos	Spain	11-MAY-93	25	R	Shakehand	Attacking	193
88	CABALLERO Carlos	Spain	16-JUL-97	21	R	Shakehand	Attacking	337
89	VILCHEZ Miguel	Spain	18-APR-96	22	R	Shakehand	Attacking	338

## Liebherr 2018 ITTF European Table Tennis Championships Top Seeded Players - Women's Singles

Seed	Players name	Association	Date of Birth	Age	Hand	Grip	Playing Style	Sept 2018 World Ranking
1	POLCANOVA Sofia	Austria	03- SEP-94	24	L	Shakehand	Attacking	17
2	LI Jie	Netherlands	06-MAR-84	34	R	Shakehand	Defending	18
3	SAMARA Elizabeta	Romania	15-APR-89	29	L	Shakehand	Attacking	20
4	SZOCS Bernadette	Romania	05-MAR-95	23	R	Shakehand	Attacking	26
5	LI Qian	Poland	30-JUL-86	32	R	Shakehand	Defending	28
6	EKHOLM Matilda	Sweden	15-JUN-82	36	L	Shakehand	Attacking	29
7	YU Fu	Portugal	29-NOV-78	39	R	Penhold	Attacking	32
8	POTA Georgina	Hungary	13-JAN-85	33	R	Shakehand	Attacking	36
9	HAN Ying	Germany	29-APR-83	35	R	Shakehand	Defending	39
10	NI Xia Lian	Luxembourg	04-JUL-63	55	L	Penhold	Attacking	40
11	LIU Jia	Austria	16-FEB-82	36	L	Shakehand	Attacking	41
12	EERLAND Britt	Netherlands	22-FEB-94	24	R	Shakehand	Attacking	44
13	MIKHAILOVA Polina	Russia	31-AUG-86	32	R	Shakehand	Defending	45
14	WINTER Sabine	Germany	27-SEP-92	25	R	Shakehand	Attacking	46
15	SOLJA Petrissa	Germany	11-MAR-94	24	L	Shakehand	Attacking	49
16	MITTELHAM Nina	Germany	23-NOV-96	21	R	Shakehand	Attacking	54
19	XIAO Maria	Spain	19-MAY-94	24	L	Shakehand	Attacking	62
28	DVORAK Galia	Spain	01-APR-88	30	R	Shakehand	Attacking	83
77	RAMIREZ Sara	Spain	04-SEP-87	21	R	Shakehand	Attacking	245

## European Table Tennis Championships Individual Events - Past Winners

### Men's Singles

City	Year	Winner	Runner Up
Budapest	2016	E. LEBESSON	FRA S. GAUZY
Ekaterinburg	2015	D. OVTCHAROV	GER M. FREITAS
Schwechat	2013	D. OVTCHAROV	GER V. SAMSONOV
Herning	2012	T. BOLL	GER TAN R.
Gdansk/Sopot	2011	T. BOLL	GER P. BAUM
Ostrava	2010	T. BOLL	GER P. BAUM
Stuttgart	2009	M. MAZE	DEN W. Schlager
St. Petersburg	2008	T. BOLL	GER V. SAMSONOV
Belgrade	2007	T. BOLL	GER V. SAMSONOV
Aarhus	2005	V. SAMSONOV	BLR J.M. SAIVE
Courmayeur	2003	V. SAMSONOV	BLR T. WOSIK
Zagreb	2002	T. BOLL	GER K. KREANGA
Bremen	2000	P. KARLSSON	SWE Z. PRIMORAC
Eindhoven	1998	V. SAMSONOV	BLR Z. PRIMORAC
Bratislava	1996	J.O. WALDNER	SWE J. PERSSON
Birmingham	1994	J.M. SAIVE	BEL J.O. WALDNER
Stuttgart	1992	J. ROSSKOPF	GER J.M. SAIVE
Gothenburg	1990	M. APPELGREN	SWE A. GRUBBA
Paris	1988	M. APPELGREN	SWE A. MAUNOV
Prague	1986	J. PERSSON	SWE L. KUCHARSKI
Moscow	1984	U. BENGTSSON	SWE A. GRUBBA
Budapest	1982	M. APPELGREN	SWE J.O. WALDNER
Bern	1980	J. HILTON	ENG J. DVORACEK
Duisburg	1978	G. GERGELY	HUN I. JONYER
Prague	1976	J. SECRETIN	FRA A. STROKATOV
Novi Sad	1974	M. ORLOWSKI	TCH G. GERGELY
Rotterdam	1972	S. BENGTSSON	SWE I. JONYER
Moscow	1970	H. ALSER	SWE I. KORPA
Lyon	1968	D. SURBEK	YUG J. BORZSEI
London	1966	K. JOHANSSON	SWE V. MIKO
Malmo	1964	K. JOHANSSON	SWE Z. BER CZIK
Berlin	1962	H. ALSER	SWE E. ARNDT
Zagreb	1960	Z. BER CZIK	HUN N. NEGULESCU
Budapest	1958	Z. BER CZIK	HUN E. GYETVAI

## European Table Tennis Championships Individual Events - *Past Winners*

### Women's Singles

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>		<b>Runner Up</b>	
Budapest	2016	HU M.	TUR	YU F.	POR
Ekaterinburg	2015	E. SAMARA	ROU	LI J.	NED
Schwechat	2013	LI F.	SWE	SHAN X.	GER
Herning	2012	V. PAVLOVICH	BLR	XIANG Y.F.	FRA
Gdansk/Sopot	2011	LI J.	NED	I. IVANCAN	GER
Ostrava	2010	V. PAVLOVICH	BLR	LIU J.	AUT
Stuttgart	2009	WU J.	GER	M. PESOTSKA	UKR
St. Petersburg	2008	R. PASKAUSKIENE	LTU	LIU J.	AUT
Belgrade	2007	LI J.	NED	NI X.	LUX
Aarhus	2005	LIU J.	AUT	M. STEFF	ROU
Courmayeur	2003	O. BADESCU	ROU	W. TAN-MONFARINI	ITA
Zagreb	2002	NI X.	LUX	K. TOTH	HUN
Bremen	2000	Q. GOTSCH	GER	M. STEFF	ROU
Eindhoven	1998	NI X.	LUX	T. BOROS	CRO
Bratislava	1996	N. STRUSE	GER	K. TOTH	HUN
Birmingham	1994	M. SVENSSON	SWE	G. KEEN	NED
Stuttgart	1992	B. VRIESEKOOOP	NED	L. LOMAS	ENG
Gothenburg	1990	D. GUERGUELTCHEVA	BLR	TU Y.	SUI
Paris	1988	F. BULTOVA	URS	O. BADESCU	ROU
Prague	1986	C. BATORFI	HUN	F. BULATOVA	URS
Moscow	1984	V. POPOVA	URS	F. BULATOVA	URS
Budapest	1982	B. VRIESEKOOOP	NED	J. HEMMERSLEY	ENG
Bern	1980	V. POPOVA	URS	G. PERKUCIN	YUG
Duisburg	1978	J. MARGOS	HUN	J. HEMMERSLEY	ENG
Prague	1976	J. HEMMERSLEY	ENG	M. ALEXNDRU	ROM
Novi Sad	1974	J. MARGOS	HUN	A.C. HELLMAN	SWE
Rotterdam	1972	Z. RUDNOVA	URS	B. KISHAZI	HUN
Moscow	1970	Z. RUDNOVA	URS	I. VOSTOVA	TCH
Lyon	1968	I. VOSTOVA	TCH	Z. RUDNOVA	URS
London	1966	M. ALEXNDRU	ROM	S. GRINBERG	URS
Malmo	1964	E. FOLDY	HUN	E. JURIK	HUN
Berlin	1962	A. SIMON	FRG	D. ROWE	ENG
Zagreb	1960	E. KOCZIAN	HUN	I. KEREKES	HUN
Budapest	1958	E. KOCZIAN	HUN	A. HAYDON	ENG

## European Table Tennis Championships Individual Events - *Past Winners*

### *Men's Doubles*

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Winning Pair</b>	
Budapest	2016	P. FRANZISKA (GER)	J. GROTH (DEN)
Ekaterinburg	2015	S. FEGERL (AUT)	J. MONTEIRO (POR)
Schwechat	2013	TAN R. (CRO)	WANG Z.Y. (POL)
Herning	2012	D. HABESOHN (AUT)	R. GARDOS (AUT)
Gdansk/Sopot	2011	M. FRIETAS (POR)	A. GACINA (HRV)
Ostrava	2010	T. BOLL (GER)	C. SUESS (GER)
Stuttgart	2009	T. BOLL (GER)	C. SUESS (GER)
St. Petersburg	2008	T. BOLL (GER)	C. SUESS (GER)
Belgrade	2007	T. BOLL (GER)	C. SUESS (GER)
Aarhus	2005	W. SCHLAGER (AUT)	K. JINDRAK (AUT)
Courmayeur	2003	CHEN W. (AUT)	E. CHTCHETININE (LR)
Zagreb	2002	Z. FEJER-KONNERTH (GER)	T. BOLL (GER)
Bremen	2000	P. CHILA (FRA)	P. GAITIEN (FRA)
Eindhoven	1998	V. SAMSONOV (BLR)	J. ROSSKOPF (GER)
Bratislava	1996	J.O. WALDNER (SWE)	J. PERSSON (SWE)
Birmingham	1994	K. KRENGA (GRE)	Z. KALINIC (IFP)
Stuttgart	1992	J. PERSSON (SWE)	E. LINDH (SWE)
Gothenburg	1990	I. LUPULESKU (YUG)	Z. PRIMORAC (YUG)
Paris	1988	M. APPELGREN (SWE)	J.O. WALDNER (SWE)
Prague	1986	E. LINDH (SWE)	J.O. WALDNER (SWE)
Moscow	1984	Z. KALINIC (YUG)	D. SURBEK (YUG)
Budapest	1982	Z. KALINIC (YUG)	D. SURBEK (YUG)
Bern	1980	J. SECRETIN (FRA)	P. BIROCHEAU (FRA)
Duisburg	1978	M. ORLOWSKI (TCH)	G. GERGELY (HUN)
Prague	1976	S. BENGTSSON (SWE)	K. JOHANSSON (SWE)
Novi Sad	1974	I. JONYER (HUN)	T. KLAMPAR (HUN)
Rotterdam	1972	I. JONYER (HUN)	R. ROZSAS (HUN)
Moscow	1970	D. SURBEK (YUG)	A. STIPANCIC (YUG)
Lyon	1968	A. STIPANCIC (YUG)	E. VECKO (YUG)
London	1966	A. ALSER (SWE)	K. JOHANSSON (SWE)
Malmo	1964	J. STANEK (TCH)	V. MIKO (TCH)
Berlin	1962	V. MARKOVIC (YUG)	J. TERAN (YUG)
Zagreb	1960	Z. BER CZIK (HUN)	F. SIDO (HUN)
Budapest	1958	L. STIPEK (TCH)	L. VYHNANOVSKY (TCH)



## European Table Tennis Championships Individual Events - *Past Winners*

### *Women's Doubles*

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Winning Pair</b>	
Budapest	2016	K. SILBEREISEN (GER)	S. WINTER (GER)
Ekaterinburg	2015	M. HU (TUR)	SHEN Y. (ESP)
Schwechat	2013	P. SOLJA (GER)	S. WINTER (GER)
Herning	2012	D. DODEAN (ROM)	E. SAMARA (ROM)
Gdansk/Sopot	2011	R. PASKAUSKIENE (LTU)	O. FADEYEVA (RUS)
Ostrava	2010	R. PASKAUSKIENE (LTU)	O. FADEYEVA (RUS)
Stuttgart	2009	D. DOEAN (ROM)	E. SAMARA (ROM)
St. Petersburg	2008	K. TOTH (HUN)	G. POTA (HUN)
Belgrade	2007	V. PAVLOVICH (BLR)	S. GANINA (RUS)
Aarhus	2005	T. BOROS (HRV)	M. STEFF (ROU)
Courmayeur	2003	T. BOROS (HRV)	M. STEFF (ROU)
Zagreb	2002	T. BOROS (HRV)	M. STEFF (ROU)
Bremen	2000	C. BATORFI (HUN)	K. TOTH (HUN)
Eindhoven	1998	N. STRUSE (GER)	E. SCHALL (GER)
Bratislava	1996	N. STRUSE (GER)	E. SCHALL (GER)
Birmingham	1994	C. BATORFI (HUN)	K. TOTH (HUN)
Stuttgart	1992	J. FAZLIC (YUG)	G. PERKUCIN (YUG)
Gothenburg	1990	C. BATORFI (HUN)	G. WIRTH (HUN)
Paris	1988	C. BATORFI (HUN)	E. URBAN (HUN)
Prague	1986	F. BULATOVA (URS)	E. KOVTUN (URS)
Moscow	1984	N. ANTONIAN (URS)	V. POPOVA (URS)
Budapest	1982	F. BULATOVA (URS)	I. KOVALENKO (URS)
Bern	1980	V. POPOVA (URS)	S. ANTONIAN (URS)
Duisburg	1978	M. ALEXANDRU (ROM)	S. MIHUT (ROM)
Prague	1976	J. HAMMERSLEY (ENG)	L. HOWARD (ENG)
Novi Sad	1974	J. MAGOS (HUN)	H. LOTALLER (HUN)
Rotterdam	1972	J. MAGOS (HUN)	H. LOTALLER (HUN)
Moscow	1970	W. RUDNOVA (URS)	S. GRINBERG (URS)
Lyon	1968	M. LUZOVA (TCH)	J. KARLIKOVA (TCH)
London	1966	E. KOCZIAN (HUN)	E. JURIK (HUN)
Malmo	1964	M. SHANNON (ENG)	D. ROWE (ENG)
Berlin	1962	M. SHANNON (ENG)	D. ROWE (ENG)
Zagreb	1960	A. ROZEANU (ROM)	M. ALEXANDRU (ROM)
Budapest	1958	A. ROZEANU (ROM)	E. ZELLER (ROM)

## European Table Tennis Championships Individual Events - *Past Winners*

### *Mixed Doubles*

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Winning Pair</b>	
Budapest	2016	J. MONTEIRO (POR)	D. MONTEIRO DODEAN (ROM)
Belgrade	2007	A. KARAKASEVIC (SRB)	R. PASKAUSKIENE (LTU)
Aarhus	2005	A. KARAKASEVIC (SRB)	R. GARKAUSKAITE (LTU)
Courmayeur	2003	W. SCHLAGER (AUT)	K. TOTH (HUN)
Zagreb	2002	L. BLASZCZYK (POL)	NI X.L. (LUX)
Bremen	2000	A. KARAKASEVIC (SRB)	R. GARKAUSKAITE-BUDIENE (LTU)
Eindhoven	1998	I. LUPULESCU (YUG)	O. BADESCU (YUG)
Bratislava	1996	V. SAMSONOV (BLR)	K. TOTH (HUN)
Birmingham	1994	Z. PRIMORAC (CRO)	C. BATORFI (HUN)
Stuttgart	1992	K. KREAGA (GRE)	O. BADESCU (YUG)
Gothenburg	1990	J.P. GAITIEN (FRA)	WANG X. (FRA)
Paris	1988	I. LUPULESCU (YUG)	J. FAZLIC (YUG)
Prague	1986	J. PANSKY (TCH)	M. HRACHOVA (TCH)
Moscow	1984	J. SECRETIN (FRA)	V. POPOVA (URS)
Budapest	1982	A. GRUBBA (POL)	B. VRIESEKOOP (HOL)
Bern	1980	M. ORLOWSKI (TCH)	I. UHLIKOVA (TCH)
Duisburg	1978	W. LIECK (FRG)	W. HENDRIKSEN (FRG)
Prague	1976	A. STIPANCIC (YUG)	E. PALATINUS (YUG)
Novi Sad	1974	S. GOMOZKOV (URS)	Z. RUDNOVA (URS)
Rotterdam	1972	S. GOMOZKOV (URS)	Z. RUDNOVA (URS)
Moscow	1970	S. GOMOZKOV (URS)	Z. RUDNOVA (URS)
Lyon	1968	S. GOMOZKOV (URS)	Z. RUDNOVA (URS)
London	1966	V. MIKO (TCH)	M. LUZOVA (TCH)
Malmo	1964	P. ROZSAS (HUN)	S. LUKACS (HUN)
Berlin	1962	H. ALSER (SWE)	I. HARST (FRG)
Zagreb	1960	G. COBIRZAN (ROM)	M. ALEXANDRU (ROM)
Budapest	1958	Z. BER CZIK (HUN)	G. LANTOS (HUN)

## Most Successful Player at the European Championships

Timo BOLL (GER) has the most individual titles to his name with 11 (6 Men's Singles titles, 5 Men's Doubles Titles).

**Men's singles:** Timo BOLL (GER) – 6  
Vladimir SAMSONOV (BLR) & Mikael APPELGREN (SWE) – 3

**Women's singles:** 8 Women have won the title 2 times – Viktoria PAVLOVICH (BLR), LI Jiao (NED), NI Xialian (LUX), Bettine VRIESEKOOOP (NED), Valentina POPOVA (URS), Judit MAGOS (HUN), Zoja RUDNOVA (URS), Eva KOCZIAN (HUN)

**Men's doubles:** Timo BOLL & Christian SUESS (GER) - 4

**Women's doubles:** Tamara BOROS (HRV) & Mihaela STEFF (ROM) – 3

**Mixed doubles:** KARAKASEVIC Aleksandar (SRB) & PASKAUSKIENE Ruta (LTU) - 4

## European Championship Facts

- It is the first time that Spain has hosted a European Championships and the third occasion when only the five individual events – Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles – will be staged; 2012 in Herning, and 2016 in Budapest.
- It is now six decades since the inaugural tournament was staged in Budapest in 1958, a tournament which witnessed success for the host nation with Zoltan Berczik winning the Men's Singles title, the counterpart Women's Singles crown being claimed by Eva Koczian.
- Two decades ago in 1998 in Eindhoven, for the first time in their illustrious careers they won the respective Men's Singles and Women's Singles titles at the European Championships; now two decades later, the names of Vladimir Samsonov of Belarus and Luxembourg's Ni Xialian appear on the entry list.
- Also in 1998, we saw the debut in the European Senior Championships for one of the world's most popular players, Timo Boll, as a 17 year old – we all remember the match he played against the legend Jan-Ove Waldner, at the time World Champion in 1997 in Manchester, when Timo came back from 20-15 in the final game facing the Waldner serve, to eventually take victory.

## Further information

More event information and up-to-date news can be found on ITTF and ETTU websites:

<https://www.ettu.org/en/events/itf-european-individual-championships-/general-information/>

<https://www.ittf.com/tournament/2885/liebherr-2018-itf-european-championships/#information>