

GAMES DESCRIPTION

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V4 WINTER GAMES EMIL OPEN

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Project name: 4th V4 Winter Games Emil Open

Organizer: Emilova sportovní, z.s.

Date of event: 21.-25. January 2026

Venue: České Budějovice and Lipno nad Vltavou

The V4 Winter Games Emil Open are an international, sporting, and social gathering of young people with disabilities. Thanks to the growing number of participants, international approach, range of sporting activities, accompanying cultural program, and European format, they are a unique event.

The project was co-financed by the governments of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia through Visegrad grants from the International Visegrad Fund, which aims to promote the ideas of sustainable regional cooperation in Central Europe.

The event is non-profit in nature, with the aim of not financially burdening participants with disabilities.

About us

Emil Family brings together 4 non-profit organizations that operate in the field of supporting children and young people with disabilities. Thanks to these organizations, Emil provides direct financial support, plays sports, educates, but also helps with production.

The Emil Foundation has supported over 8,000 individual athletes and sports clubs to date. Its basic mission is to be a symbol of effective assistance to young disabled athletes.

Emilova sportovní, z.s. is an association founded to support the development of physical activities of the public and people with disabilities, organizing sports events and establishing sports clubs.

Emilova produkční, z.s. was established with the aim of involving our disabled friends in the preparation and implementation of events. Thanks to our production activities, we obtain additional funds for athletes and thus support the collection of the Emil Foundation.

Emilova výzvadloží, z.ú. aims to expand the possibilities in the education of coaches, athletes, volunteers, and the public, but also to create educational programs and build cooperation with universities. The founder and chairwoman of the board of directors is Prof. Hana Válková.



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Main mission of the project



International
gathering



Power of
motivation



Inclusion of
movement



Sport for
everyone

Opportunity to compare skills in various sports disciplines and get to know sports at a higher level

For most participants, this will be their first contact with athletes from other countries and with competing at an international level. Thanks to the intensive sports experience, the games will support not only the sports but also the personal development of participants with disabilities. In addition to the sports competition, it will mainly be an opportunity for young people with disabilities from the V4 countries and the Western Balkans to meet in a friendly way.



To enable amateur athletes with disabilities to participate in competitions and meet role models among high-performance athletes.

The participation of 7 countries has great motivational potential. Thanks to competitions according to sports rules and in a high-quality sports environment, athletes can experience an unforgettable atmosphere of medal decoration with public recognition of their own performances.



Maximum support for the social inclusion of children and young people with disabilities, through sports activities designed for mixed teams of young people with disabilities and non-disabled youth. Another significant element supporting the social inclusion of the disabled is the active involvement of volunteers from among pupils and students of regular schools.



Bringing disabled sports closer to the general public with the aim of breaking down prejudices and barriers.

There are over one million people with disabilities in the Czech Republic. This topic is often not perceived positively by the public and not given sufficient attention. Especially in the case of post-traumatic injuries, sport and overall active rehabilitation play a significant role in the mental and physical condition of the individual.





Character: Visegrad countries + Western Balkan

Target group: youth with all types of disabilities aged between 10-26
(physical, visual, hearing, mental and combined disabilities)

Sport departments: Para-alpine skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, para-hockey, figure skating, short track

Formats:

- **Open** is open to all individuals from the target group – beginners and advanced, regardless of whether they are registered in sports clubs or not, but who currently have some training experience in various types of sports competitions and different performance levels. They compete according to modified international rules that are adapted to this level of sport. This category gives the opportunity to young people with disabilities who are just starting to play sports or play sports recreationally, to meet in the “big sport.”
- **Mixed** includes a special program designed for joint activities between disabled and able-bodied athletes. This category is one of the parts of the inclusive mission of the Games. It is recommended and welcome for an accompanying person (coach, teacher, family member...) to participate in this category of games.

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Family resort Lipno

Sports: para-alpine skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing

Adress: Skiareál Lipno, 382 78 Lipno nad Vltavou, www.lipno.info



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Pouzar Hockey Center

Sports: para-hockey, figure skating, short track

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Hotel Clarion

Accommodation for participants of the games - facilities

Activities: opening and closing ceremonies, official program for guests - a glass of wine, benefit show with Jan Kraus



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE



Wednesday 21.1

Start!

- arrivals of participants
- press conference
- glass of wine for guests
- **opening ceremony**
- beneficent show



Thursday 22.1

Sports!

- sports camps
- *sports competitions*
- *accompanying program*



Friday 23.1

Medals!

- sports camps
- sports competitions
- medal ceremonies
- closing ceremony



Saturday 24.1

Accompanying program!

- We enjoy the South Bohemian region!



Sunday 25.1

Departures

- We say goodbye and look forward to next year!



• Visegrad Fund

Game financing

The event is non-profit in nature, with the aim of not financially burdening disabled participants.
The organizer pays for accommodation and meals for athletes and necessary companions.
The project is financed by a grant from the Visegrad Fund.



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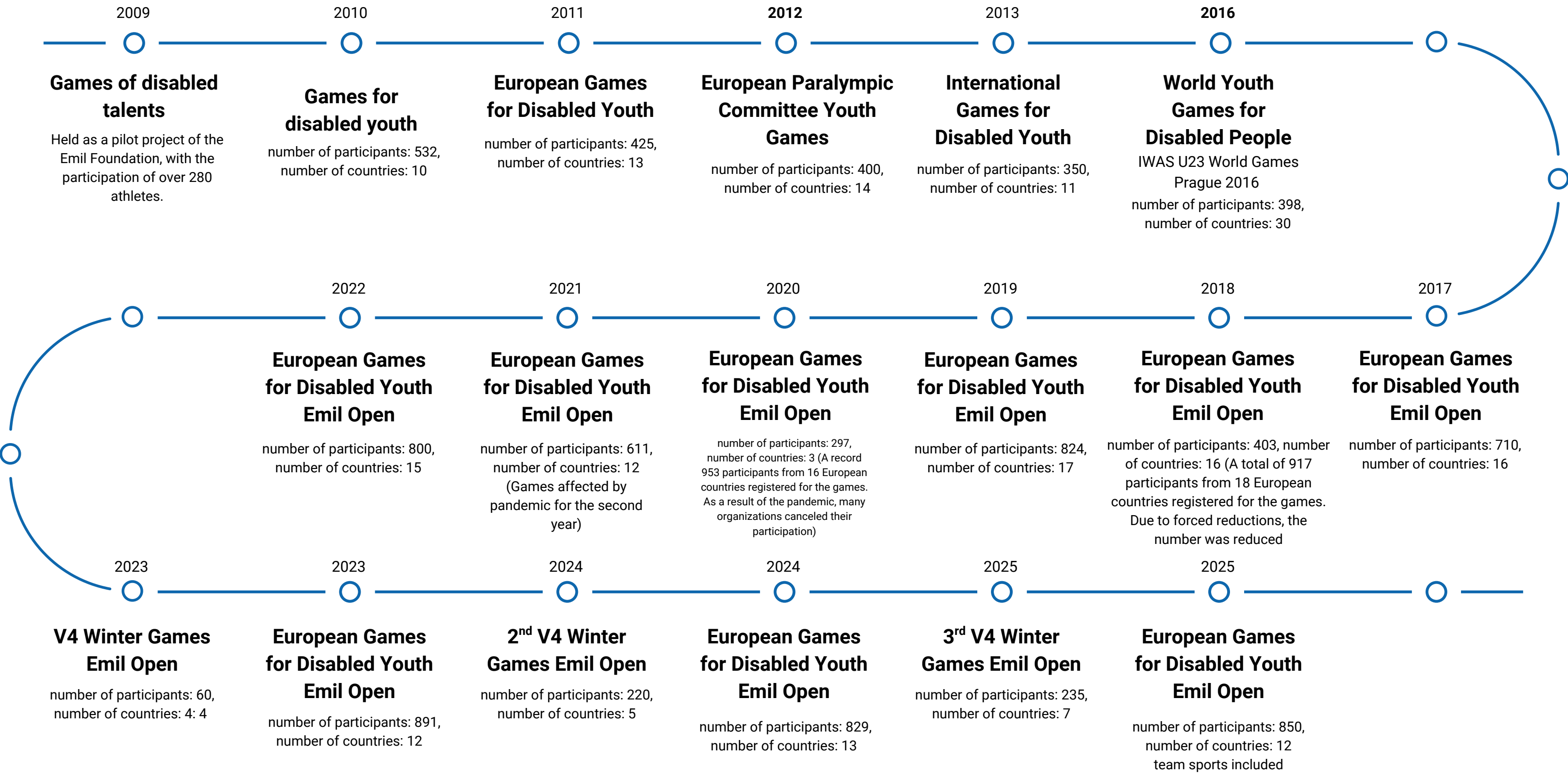
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