

30 Under 30 Running Leaders Coming to Porto

The 30 Under 30 Running Leaders Coming to Porto competition is now officially open.

Launched by [European Athletics](#), this initiative is designed to bring together the next generation of professionals shaping the future of running events and mass participation — including those collaborating with Race Organisers and Athletics Federations.

A Unique Opportunity

The programme offers **30 young professionals** from around the world the chance to attend the [European Running Business Conference 2026 in Porto](#), connect with industry leaders, and gain first-hand experience within the global running community.

Who Can Apply

Applications are open to individuals **aged 18–29** who are actively involved in organising races and mass participation events, **including professionals collaborating with Race Organisers and Athletics Federations.**

Whether working within an event team, supporting delivery partners, or contributing through a federation, this initiative recognises the broader network behind successful events.

How It Works

Applicants are invited to complete a short online application form, including basic personal and professional details, along with a few questions about their motivation and experience.

All entries will go through:

- an **Eligibility & Quality Review**, followed by
- a **Random Draw** to ensure a fair and transparent selection process

Key Dates

- Applications open: **23 March 2026**
- Applications close: **24 May 2026**
- Winners announced: **by 10 June 2026**

What You Can Win

30 selected participants (15 female and 15 male) will receive **Main Prize:**

- Free registration for the European Running Business Conference 2026 Porto

- Access to all sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities
- A race entry for the Porto Marathon (Marathon or 10K)
- Conference materials and resources

Additional prizes will be randomly awarded among the winners:

- **First prize: Flights + Accommodation:**
Economy class return flights within Europe to Porto + 3 nights' accommodation in twin room at Neya Porto Hotel (2 winners, 1 female + 1 male)
- **Second prize: Accommodation Only**
3 nights' accommodation in twin room at Neya Porto Hotel (2 winners, 1 female + 1 male)
- **Third prize: Free entry to the European Running Championships 2027 in Belgrade** (10 winners, 5 female + 5 male)

Apply Now

Applications are open until 24 May 2026.

Application Form:

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More Information

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Competition Rules:

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