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Concern: Principal interest in the FEI European Championships jumping, dressage, para-dressage and eventing, edition of 2027

Dear Mr. President, Dear members of the board of directors,

Flanders would hereby like to express his interest in supporting the organization of FEI European Championships jumping, dressage, para-dressage and eventing, edition of 2027.

The Flemish hippic scene is on multiple aspects in the top tier of the world. We are well-known not only for our exquisite riders, but also our horses. At the Olympics in Tokyo, 7 out of 12 medals were achieved with an in Flanders bred horse. After the bronze medal at the Olympics Jumping in 2021 and the win of the Nations Cup eventing in 2023, our four teams are ready to impress at the 2024 Olympic games in Paris. Flanders is also a magnificent setting for grand sports events: our impressive historical heritage, our rich culinary culture, our hospitality. We are professional and modern, but also proud of our rich traditions and carefully built expertise.

Flanders has rich history, but we also have a vision for the future of sportive events. We want to invest in inspiring events that surprise and overwhelm, so that spectators from home and abroad become extra enthusiastic about sports. Flanders is already well-known for the exquisite organization of mass events, ranging from festivals to sporting events such as the Antwerp 10miles and the UCI Road World Championships in 2021. We would like to bring this beautiful event to Flanders.

In cooperation with the organizers, Flanders will do everything to ensure the success of this event.

Flanders would be honored to host this wonderful sporting event.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Weyts Deputy Minister-President of the Government of Flanders, Flemish Minister for Sports