



International Military Sports Council
4th CISM Balkan Military Games - Mountain Running Championship
Vrdnik, Republic of Serbia, 26th – 29th May 2026



INVITATION



**IV CISM BALKAN MILITARY GAMES
MOUNTAIN RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIP**
26th - 29th May 2026 Vrdnik, Republic of Serbia

Friendship Through Sport



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To: See Distribution List

Subject: 4th CISM Balkan Military Games – Mountain running Championship

Date: 26th – 29th May 2026

Dear Chief of Delegations,

On behalf of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia, I have the honor to invite a Mission representing your CISM Member Nation to participate in the sporting event – The 4th CISM Balkan Military Games – Mountain Running Championship, from 26th to 29th May 2026 in Vrdnik.

Included within this invitation, you will find all necessary administrative details, schedules and annexes.

We look forward to seeing you in Serbia.

Sincerely yours,

CHIEF OF DELEGATION

Colonel

Nebojsa Djukovic



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1. Distribution List.

- CISM Vice-President for Europe
- CISM Secretary General
- CISM Sport Director
- President of CISM Track & Field Committee

To the Chiefs of Delegations of CISM member countries:

Balkan Peninsula Category

1. ALBANIA
2. BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
3. BULGARIA
4. CROATIA
5. GREECE
6. NORTH MACEDONIA
7. MONTENEGRO
8. ROMANIA
9. SLOVENIA
10. TURKIYE

OPEN Category

1. AUSTRIA
2. CYPRUS
3. FRANCE
4. GERMANY
5. HUNGARY
6. ITALY
7. NETHERLAND
8. POLAND
9. RUSSIAN FEDERATION
10. SWITZERLAND

Only military personnel in active duty may participate in the competitions (see CISM Regulations, art. 7.21). Organizing Committee can host up to 15 countries due to limited lodging capabilities. If there are more than 15 entries, the principle will be, that countries which send their preliminary entries earlier, will be accepted.

2. Program

Tuesday, 26th May 2026

** Arrival of the missions*

All day

Wednesday, 27th May 2026

** Technical meeting*

09.00 – 10.00

** Opening ceremony*

11.00 – 12.00

** Cultural initiative*

16.00 – 20.00

Thursday, 28th May 2026

** Competitions*

10.00 – 13.00

** Awarding ceremony*

14.00 – 15.00

** Banquet (Official Gift exchange)*

19.30 – 22.00

Friday, 29th May 2026

** Departure of the missions*

All day

3. Composition of the Mission.

1 Chief of Delegation (Mission)

1 Coach

1 Ad Libitum

3 Athletes (Men)

2 Athletes (Women)

8 Total





4. Access to the local of the Competition.

Point of Arrival and Departure:

By car: Detailed map and directions will be sent upon request.

By plane: Airport "Nikola Tesla", Belgrade.

Please provide the time of arrival, so that necessary transportation arrangements can be made. If you plan to use car with military registration numbers and tactical signs, arrangements for immigration have to be made by the official diplomatic channels.

5. Conditions of Stay.

During their stay in Serbia, the missions will be the guests of the Serbian Delegation to CISM from 26th to 29th May 2026. Full board and lodging are at the expense of the organizer. Accommodation will be provided in Vrdnik. Extra expenses, including telephone, laundry and drinks, must be paid by the consumers.

First aid for the participants will be provided by the organizer. Organizing committee is NOT responsible for: hospitalizations, surgical operations and any other special treatments, repatriation in case of decease by illness or accident, other expenses on account of illness/accident such as compensations, loss of income etc.

An administrative fine of 300 EUR will be imposed on any country that submitted the final entry but failed to participate or canceled late, in accordance with Article 7.27 of the CISM Regulations. Delegations may choose accommodations outside those provided by the host nation, pending approval by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Delegations opting for this will be fully responsible for managing all arrangements, including transportation, logistics, and associated costs. In this case LOC is not able to secure the safety of the mission.

6. Regulations of the Championship.

*Mountain running race (**Women: approx. 6 km, Men: approx. 9 km**) will be realized on the up and downhill terrain and governed by WMRA-IAAF and CISM regulations.*

*All the finishers will receive the official medal, and the military personnel will be ranked in individual and team competition (**Open and Balkan categories**). The organizer of the CISM Mountain running event will provide medals and cups for the top three finishers and the top three men, women and mixed teams (3 men and 2 women). Team time score will be calculated from the total time scores of the finishers (per team). The invited participants are not bound to have the full team composition, but they can also participate with a lower number of runners, and they will be ranked only in individual competition.*

*In addition, the **CISM Friendly Race** (approx. **1 km in combat uniform: T-shirt/Pants/Boots**) will be organized for the CISM representatives, CoD, CoM and Coaches for a powerful run of unity and pride—honoring the **Military Sport farewell of Lt Col Todorov** and celebrating his 30 years of service in sport within the Army as well as **23 years of unwavering dedication to and service in support of the CISM goals**. This race is more than a distance; it's a compliment to leadership, commitment, and the enduring spirit of military sport.*

„I often recall how athletes from different armed forces and of varying competitive capacities would compete fiercely and with utmost exertion during the day, not only to win but to ensure that the contest was fair and exemplary. Later, they would sit side by side, exchange military insignia, become acquainted, laugh at original jokes and speak to one another in the finest terms about their countries, thereby nobly enhancing national prestige and building a peaceful and security-oriented public perception of the military. At these gatherings showcasing the highest levels of training, courage and readiness for combat on a sporting field rather than a battlefield, we found one another highly interesting, primarily because of different patterns, colors and insignia on our uniforms but also because of customs as well as shared affinities in manners of conduct, codes of behavior, lifestyles and the goals that bind us together – a better, safer, healthier and more cultured humanity". - LTC D. TODOROV -



8. Uniforms.

Uniform - at the opening/awarding/closing ceremony

Training clothes- during the competitions

Leisure - during free time

9. Customs and Visa procedures.

For information on passports and visas for entry into Serbia, please contact the Serbian Embassy in your country.

10. Weather Conditions.

The average temperatures in Vrdnik – Fruska Gora at this time are between 12 (night) and 25 degrees Celsius (day).

12. Registration Forms Deadlines.

Before 30th April 2026 – Preliminary agreement, Annex 1

Before 18th May 2026 – Final entry, Annex 2

– Composition of the mission, Annex 3

– Commitment by the Chief of Mission, Annex 4

14. Eligibility.

Competitors must be military personnel on active duty in their respective countries, with valid military identity cards, in accordance with CISM Regulations art. 7.21.

15. Traveling Expenses.

The cost of travel to and from the point of arrival/departure will be the responsibility of the participating nation. Local transportations during the championship will be at the expense of the organizer.

16. National Anthems and Flags.

We kindly ask all the participants to bring with them a tape or CD with their national anthem and national flags in size: 1 x 1.5 m, 2 x 1.5 m.

13. Correspondence.

All official mail concerning the championship should be sent to:

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Chief of Serbian Delegation to CISM
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
33 Veljka Lukica Kurjaka street
11000 Belgrade
Tel: +381 11 3603 082
E-mail: serbia.cism@mod.gov.rs
Contact: Lt Col Dragan Todorov*



FINAL ENTRY – COMMITMENT BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION

NATION:

The undersigned, Chief of Mission declare that he has read the CISM Regulation and moreover understood the following prescriptions:

A. Chief of Mission

1. Chiefs of Mission shall be familiar with CISM regulations.
2. Missions must not only participate or be present at sports events, they are also required to participate in information conferences on CISM, study days, commemorative and cultural events and ceremonies organized by the host nation.

B. Conduct of a mission

1. The Chief of Mission is responsible for the behavior of his team in sports and general discipline. He shall ensure that members of his mission respect the rules and directives prescribed by CISM and organizers of the championship. The respect of schedules is particularly important as they form the basis for the effective conduct of competitions and ceremonies. Instances of indiscipline or poor sportsmanship will be handled by Championship officials and may result in the disqualification of individual athletes or teams.
2. The Chief of Mission shall also enforce the rules concerning behavior and dress during the ceremonies. He plays an important role in promoting the CISM spirit among his mission, a spirit represented by friendly attitude towards other missions, courtesy towards organizers and fair-play in competition. The mission, who does not wear military uniforms during the opening ceremony of a Championship, will not be authorised to take part in the Championship.
3. In conformity with the Statutes and traditions of CISM, any political or religious action during a CISM event, in particular the dissemination of propaganda documents, pictures, brochures, reviews, etc, is strictly forbidden. Any contravention shall result in the exclusion of the mission from further competition.

DATE: _____

: _____
 SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF MISSION

RANK/NAME: _____



PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

To be returned before **30th April 2026**

NATION

To:
 Republic of Serbia
 Ministry of Defence
 5 Bircaninova street
 11000 Belgrade
 Tel: +381 11 3000 307
 Fax: +381 11 3000 307

PARTICIPATION

YES

NO

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

MEN

WOMEN

NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

MEN

WOMEN

CONTACT ADDRESS
 (Name, tel., fax.)

DATE: _____

 SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: _____



FINAL ENTRY

To be returned before 18th May 2026

NATION

*To:
Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Defence
5 Bircaninova street
11000 Belgrade
Tel: +381 11 3000 307
Fax: +381 11 3000 307*

Date and time of arrival

Place of arrival

Means of transport

Date and time of departure

DATE: _____

: _____
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: _____



COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION

To be returned before 18th May 2026

NATION

<i>Function</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Gender</i>
<i>Chief of Mission</i>				
<i>Trainer</i>				
<i>Ad Libitum</i>				
<i>Athletes:</i>				
1.				<i>Male</i>
2.				<i>Male</i>
3.				<i>Male</i>
1.				<i>Female</i>
2.				<i>Female</i>

In strict compliance with applicable CISM Regulations (Chapter VII, art: 7.22), I, the undersigned Chief of Delegation, hereby officially confirm that all athletes representing my nation in the CISM event are on active duty in my nation's Armed Forces. I understand that sanctions may be imposed against my nation, my mission, my team, individual athletes, or myself for violation of this provision (CISM Regulations Chapter I, Art: 1.12).

DATE: _____

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SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OF DELEGATION

RANK/NAME: _____