



Annual Report on the Development of European Veterans Fencing 2024-2025



- Veteran fencing in Europe is growing steadily.
- More seniors are active because of better healthcare.
- Societal demand for healthy aging
- Many seniors have the means to travel and stay fit.
- Fencing offers both physical and mental benefits.
- Growth is supported by EVF's structured development work.



- EVF makes fencing more accessible for veteran athletes.
- Development strategies are coordinated across Europe.
- Participation reflects both societal trends and EVF efforts.



Competitive Development: EVF Circuit competitions

- EVF offers structured competitions for all veteran age groups.
 - Fencers compete at a high level across Europe.
- **Goal: More national federations to recognize EVF events.**
 - Recognition improves quality and prestige of competitions.



Social and Cultural Expansion

- Fencing is more than winning, it's about joy and connection.
 - Historic venues add beauty and meaning to events.
 - Fencing reflects European cultural heritage.
- Successfully organized events in Italy, France, and Hungary
- **Goal: To encourage member organizations to organize similar events**



GRAND ÉVÉNEMENT MULTI-SITES Duels à la Conciergerie

Découvrez l'escrime et initiez-vous sous les voûtes de l'ancien palais des rois de France !



Future Directions: Enriched Event Experiences

- EVF will add social elements to tournaments.
- Planned activities: parties, tours, and cultural events.
- New idea: combined fencing and skiing weekends.
- First event: After Munich EVC 2025 in Zillertal.



Inclusion of 80+ Veterans

- More fencers aged 80+ are attending EVC events.
- They often can't compete in the 70+ category.
- **New idea: “Honorary Round-Robin” for 80+ fencers.**
- These events will honor lifelong commitment.
- Organizers will be contacted to include this format.



Further growing the community – fundraising

- We could further expand the community if we could offer some sponsored slots at our events
- Setting up a fundraising cluster to tackle the creation of the necessary budget to host veterans in need for financial support

Stream 1: Corporate sponsors, who are willing to support the programme as part of their CSR activities

Stream 2: EU grants and tenders, such as Erasmus+ and others



We invite you to attend the presentation of the the results of the women's veteran fencers' survey by author Varpu Wiens on Friday May 30 after the medals ceremony.



2024 Veteran Women's Survey Results

*Presented by Varpu Wiens
Friday, May 30, 2025
Following medals ceremony
Room*



- Veteran fencing has a bright future in Europe.
- More seniors want sport, healthy activities, and social gatherings.
 - EVF leads with vision and care.
 - Together, we build an inspiring community.
 - **Fencing is a lifestyle, not just a sport.**





Thank you for your attention
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Outdoor fencing
gathering and
competition was
held in
Visegrád citadel
Hungary, on the
9th of June
2024.

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