

ECSA Urban Trail 2017

30th April 2017

The first ECSA-run, in the course of the “Urban Trail” has been organized by a small group of people with the kind support of the customs directorate.

The ECSA needs no introduction. Just a reminder : ECSA means “European Customs Sports Association” and unites 24 European customs administrations in terms of sports. France, Germany, Belgium and Holland, as well as Italy, Lithuania, Latvia, Sweden, Poland and Malta amongst others. This year, the ECSA is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Wellknown ECSA-events which we regularly attend are for example the “20 km de Bruxelles” race and the “4 days of Nijmegen” march. But the national customs administrations organize a lot of events as well in relation with Soccer, shooting, cycling, etc.

Fränk Schweitzer from the “ECSA” team was the fastest

All our expectations have been exceeded at the ECSA Urban Trail. It was a huge success not only for the Luxembourgish customs but also for the organizing committee. Not only the organization was a success, but also the sportive performances were spectacular. Apart from the Luxembourgish custom’s running team “AS Douanes” there were runners from not less than seven different countries who followed our invitation and lined up on Sunday 30th April at the starting line of the ECSA Urban Trail. Together with about 2000 other athletes they mastered the beautiful, yet difficult trail of 13 kilometers across our beautiful city.

We ran through narrow alleys, along picturesque buildings and on top of old fortification walls. Hundreds of steps were a torture for many people and lots of cobblestones put an additional strain on muscles and ligaments. The 900 meters long tunnel from the “Pafendall” into the “Petrus valley”, exceptionally opened for the public, represented a very spectacular part of the trail. The vast majority of the runners participated for fun. The run duration as well as the overall ranking came second.

Fränk Schweitzer (ECSA) was the fastest among the elite and finished in a time of 52’58”. Only a few seconds later David Holmgren from Sweden, another member of the ECSA team, skipped the finish line. It was a double victory for the ECSA team.

Fränk failed to achieve an even better time by getting lost on the track and fell back to the 7th position. But Fränk didn’t lose his self-confidence and fought his way back to the head of the race. Let’s not forget the good performance of all the other ECSA runners, especially the one of Manuel Herren who came on 12th position in the general ranking and was the 3rd ECSA runner to skip the finish line. Peter Zsilinsky finished 17th and Paul West only missed the top 20 of the general ranking by one position.

Best woman was Michaela Dempsey and made it on top of the podium, followed by Carole Nau and Mirjam Berg.

The prize award ceremony was held at 19 o’clock in presence of Mr Alain Bellot, customs director. The evening was concluded with a formal dinner.

We shall not forget to thank our pleasant foreign guests for attending this event and thank everyone who found the way to Luxembourg. We hope everyone enjoyed it! After all it’s with your help that this ECSA event will leave a lasting memory.



ECSA Urban Trail organizing committee
Luxembourg, Mai 2017

Klassement vum ECSA-Urban Trail 2017

Général	M/F	Nom/Prénom	âge	Nation	Club	ECSA	temps
1.	M	SCHWEITZER Fränk	39	LUX	ECSA	1	0:52:58
2.	M	HOLMGREN David	39	SWE	ECSA	2	0:53:24
12.	M	HERREN Manuel	37	LUX	ECSA	3	0:56:16
17.	M	ZSILINSZKY Peter	40	HUN	ECSA	4	0:57:37
21.	M	WEST Paul	36	GBR	ECSA	5	0:58:40
71.	M	HALLAS Steve James	43	GBR	ECSA	6	1:04:42
125.	M	WAITE Jason	24	GBR	ECSA	7	1:08:08
188.	M	ÄMTÉR Ola	49	SWE	ECSA	8	1:10:38
252.	M	HILBERT Thierry	33	LUX	ECSA	9	1:12:52
307.	M	SPAUS Joseph	49	LUX	ECSA	10	1:14:07
334.	M	SIPOLS Edgars	27	LVA	ECSA	11	1:14:59
359.	M	FRANTZEN Thomas	39	LUX	ECSA	12	1:15:36
369.	M	VESTERBERG Rickard	48	SWE	ECSA	13	1:15:49
426.	M	HLINKA Jan	44	CZE	ECSA	14	1:17:28
795.	M	VANDEBUSSCHE Wim	47	BEL	ECSA	15	1:26:21
824.	M	KOENER Jean-Jacques	22	LUX	ECSA	16	1:26:42
880.	M	SUCHY Petr	37	CZE	ECSA	17	1:27:22
928.	M	LETSCH Jean-Marc	57	LUX	ECSA	18	1:28:16
983.	F	DEMPSEY Michaela Louise	51	GBR	ECSA	1	1:29:09
1381.	F	NAU Carole	46	LUX	ECSA	2	1:38:40
1466.	F	BERG Mirjam	34	NOR	ECSA	3	1:41:48
1621.	F	KIRSCH Myriam	44	LUX	ECSA	4	1:48:46
1622.	F	OFFERMANN Carole	44	LUX	ECSA	5	1:48:46
1717.	F	LARSEN Beate	52	NOR	ECSA	6	2:00:23
DNF	F	GALKINA Elina	26	LVA	ECSA	7	/



Reactions we received to our event:

Dear all

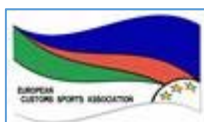
This is just to say once again that we, the ECSA, can be very proud of our ECSA sportsmen/women who all achieved great results at the 1st ECSA Urban Trail Race in Luxembourg this past weekend. It was an amazing event and special congratulations to Frank Schweitzer from the Luxembourg Customs the overall winner of the race, and to David Holmgren from Sweden Customs the overall second man of the race. Thumbs up ECSA !!!

Jan Hlinka, President of ECSA

Dear all,

On behalf of the European Customs Sports Association I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Luxemburg Customs Administration and especially its organizing team for facilitating the 1st ECSA Urban Trail Running Event. The hospitality extended toward all of the participants during our stay in the beautiful city of Luxemburg was absolutely amazing and we are very grateful for your time and energy invested into organization of the event. I am looking forward very much already to the next year of this Urban Trail run.

Best regards from Prague,
Jan Hlinka
President of ECSA



Dear Colleagues,

On the basis of the summary of the event created from the viewpoint of our national runner, Mr. Péter Zsilinszky allow me, on behalf of the management of the Customs Sports Club of Hungary, to warmly congratulate you to the professional organisation of the event, the warm hospitality extended towards the guests and also the beautiful eye-catchers and breath-taking landscape of your beautiful country and capital city. We also thank you for your flexibility which allowed us to nominate only one runner in the last moment due to the unexpected injury and operation of our second runner.

We truly hope that the first Luxembourg race will be followed by many in the coming years under the auspices of ECSA.

With our very best regards,
Barnabás SIK



Hi team,

I would just like to say a massive thank you to each and every one of you for your lovely hospitality. It was second to none! It was a fabulous event and I would love to return next year to your lovely city! These events always go so fast, but are firmly imprinted in my memory.

I hope to see you all in the Czech Republic and for those of you who are doing Brussels Good luck and have fun!

Thanks again

Kind regards

Michaela Dempsey

Greetings from Latvia!
Once again we want to thank you for such a good running events as the Urban Trail Run! Specially, the Organization Team: Nadine BACK-SCHOLTES, Manuel HERREN, Daniel Koener (ECSA representative), Jean-Marc LETSCH, Joe MAGEROTTE, Joseph SPAUS.



We hope we will meet again in Luxembourg in next ECSA-trail-running-event.

Best wishes!

Elina Galkina & Edgars Sipols

