

## **Media release**

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### **Change your travel plans this Wednesday** **Public reminded of road closures for Cycling Time Trial events on** **Wednesday 8 August 2018.**

With just 48 hours until one of the busiest and most exciting days of the Glasgow 2018 European Championships, spectators and the travelling public are being reminded to plan ahead and consider their travel options on the day.

Europe's elite cyclists will take part in the Men's and Women's Cycling Time Trial events on Wednesday 8 August. Thousands of spectators are expected across both the Men's and Women's routes, which will take in a number of Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire's most famous sights on its northbound route towards Stirling.

There will be significant road closures in place along the route, including closures around junction 15 of the M8 from early morning until late at night. Heavy congestion is expected in the city centre and surrounding areas, particularly around the start and finish at Riverside Museum and Glasgow Green.

With Celtic also hosting their Champions League tie against AEK Athens in the evening, spectators, businesses, and local residents are being encouraged to plan ahead for the day of the event.

Championships Director Colin Hartley said:

"In order to deliver this exciting event, we're asking the travelling public to play their part and help us to deliver this amazing event by planning their journeys in advance and encouraging employers to allow staff to work flexibly, where possible.

"Public transport or active travel are the best options, whether you're going to watch the day's sporting events or commuting to and from work. The local road network and motorways will all be very busy, so avoid using the car if you can.

"If you need to use your car, please think about sharing vehicles with friends or colleagues and avoiding the peak periods throughout the day."

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity Michael Matheson said:

"The Cycling Time Trial will likely be the biggest test for the Glasgow 2018 transport plan, and the support of the travelling public will be crucial in its success.

"I'd urge people to visit <http://getreadyglasgow.com> where there is a raft of advice and links to resources to plan their journey in advance and encourage businesses and major employers to take a more flexible approach to working, if possible. Football supporters headed to Celtic Park should also follow this travel advice.

"The Get Ready Glasgow website and Traffic Scotland mobile site have travel information and advice, tailored for Wednesday 8 August."

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

**GLASGOW 2018 BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- 1.** The 2018 European Championships will be staged by the European Federations and the Host Cities of Glasgow and Berlin. Further information is available at <https://www.europeanchampionships.com>.
- 2.** The Glasgow 2018 event will be held between 2nd and 12th August and the European Athletics Championships will be between 7th and 12th August in Berlin. Further information is available at <http://www.glasgow2018.com>
- 3.** The European Broadcasting Union (EBU), the umbrella body for Europe free-to-air channels, will be the broadcast partner for the Championships, with a potential television audience of around 1.03 billion.
- 4.** More than 3,000 athletes will travel to Scotland as part of a total delegation of around 8,500 including officials, media and others. A further 1,500 athletes will compete in Berlin.
- 5.** Glasgow and Scotland will host 12 sports – Diving, Open Water Swimming, Swimming, Synchronised Swimming, Road Cycling, Track Cycling, BMX, Mountain Biking, Golf Team Championships, Gymnastics, Rowing and Triathlon – across 12 venues in partnership with the city of Berlin which will host the Athletics.
- 6.** Festival 2018 is the world-class arts and culture programme that will complement the 11 days of sporting events in Glasgow and Scotland with a host of free activities for the whole family to enjoy. Further information is available at <http://www.glasgow2018.com/festival>
- 7.** Glasgow 2018's official partner level sponsors are Glasgow City Council, Scottish Government, Strathmore and SPAR International. For more information on Glasgow 2018's full sponsor family, please visit <http://www.glasgow2018.com/championships/about-european-championships/official-sponsors>
- 8.** Glasgow 2018 will celebrate the Scottish Government's Year of Young People (YOYP) 2018 - inspiring Scotland through its young people aged 8 to 26 by celebrating their achievements, valuing their contributions to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally: [yoyp2018.scot](http://yoyp2018.scot)