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14th ERF European Championships 2007 in Italy

The European Racquetball Federation (ERF) has granted the 2007 European Championships to Italy. It is the first time that European Racquetball's premier competition will be held there.

The site for this event will be the Centro Sportivo in Brembate, a little village close to Milan and Bergamo. The date for the 'EURO 2007' has been provisionally set for July 28th – August 4th 2007.

After visiting Brembate last week, ERF Vice President Mike Mesecke stated: "Our decision to grant the Europeans to 'Racquetball Italia' will give our fine sport another boost in that country and will attract even more players to start playing racquetball and possibly see other courts built in Italy".

Possibly 70 players from 10 nations are expected to compete in Brembate next year. The EURO 2007 consists of three major competitions: With the Open Individual/National Team Competition for Men and Women and the Senior Competitions in various divisions (30-85 years) as well as the Junior Championships (12-18 years), the two courts in Brembate will be filled with many matches in just one week.

A free day right in the middle of action will make sure that all players and delegates enjoy the great Italian hospitality with trips to Bergamo, Milan or even Verona and Venice.

Marco Arnoldi, chairman of the local organising committee, was delighted about the ERF's decision for Italy: "We are very happy about this decision and very committed to make sure that these European Championships 2007 will be one of the best in the history of European Racquetball".

Before the EURO 2007, the Italian Open next year will be a great test for those players and countries who have never played in Brembate before. The date for the 2007 Italian Open has not been announced yet but it is expected that many players will make plans to attend next year. Check www.racquetball.it for further information in the future.