



European Cup  
Race Walking  
**Metz2009**

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# 8<sup>th</sup> European Cup Race Walking Metz 24 May 2009



# Metz, a perfect location

Metz is located in north-eastern France. It is the capital of the Moselle department and Prefecture town of the Lorraine region. It has a population of 127,000 and its residents are known as 'Messins'. Metz is situated at the confluence of the Moselle and Seille rivers. Its climate is temperate, with an average temperature of 9.9°C varying from 1.5°C in January to 18.4°C in July. The main towns in the surrounding area are Nancy, 48 kilometres to the south, Luxembourg, 55 kilometres to the north, and Sarrebruck, 60 kilometres to the east. Metz lies about half-way between Strasbourg (130 km) and Reims (155 km). Paris is 360 km away, and Frankfurt am Main is 230 km away.



The organisation of this event will be under the responsibility of the French Athletic Federation with the local support of :

- Ligue Régionale de Lorraine
- Comité Départemental de la Moselle
- Athletic clubs of Metz

All local institutions will be supporting the European Cup Race Walking :

- Ville de Metz
- Conseil Général de la Moselle
- Conseil Régional de Lorraine



## Pascal Chirat, National Coach of Walking and Road races

“ The European Cup Race Walking will help us to promote walking in

France. At the moment we also have a star athlete who gives our sport a big boost: Yohann Diniz. The spotlight will really be on race walking. I am optimistic about the prospect of attracting new participants to this discipline thanks to this competition. Preparations are going very well at the moment and everything is on schedule.”

## Yohann Diniz, Silver Medallist at the 2007 World Championships

“ The European Cup Race Walking could be the publicity showcase we

have been waiting for. It will introduce the general public to our sport. There has not been an international race walking event in France since 1999, so this will be my first competition at this level at home. Two years ago I won the last European Cup for the 20 km walk, so this is also a way of defending my title. The European Cup Race Walking is definitely marked in my diary for 2009!”





# Transportation & Accommodation

## Welcome & transportation

- Luxembourg airport will be the official airport.
- Cars will be used for VIP's transportation to/from Luxembourg, Airport, to/from the course.
- Buses will be used for National Teams transportation to/from, Luxembourg Airport, to/from the course.
- Buses will also be used for Receptions transportation for all guests.

## Teams accommodation

### Hôtel Novotel \*\*\*

Centre Saint-Jacques  
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Tel. +33 3 8737 3839  
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### Hôtel Mercure \*\*\*

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### Hôtel Holiday Inn \*\*\*

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## VIP accommodation

### Hôtel La Citadelle \*\*\*\*

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## Global Map

