



European Juggling Convention Application
Extended proposal edition 2025



Dear Jugglers,

We are excited to present a pitch for hosting the European Juggling Convention in the Netherlands. As seasoned jugglers, we know that you are familiar with this event, which has been a staple in the juggling community for over 40 years. Our goal is to showcase the best of the Netherlands and provide a unique experience for jugglers from around the world.

The European Juggling Convention is the largest gathering of jugglers in Europe, attracting participants from all corners of the globe. It is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn new skills, share your passion with like-minded individuals, and showcase your talent in front of an enthusiastic audience. As the host country, the Netherlands would have the chance to highlight its vibrant culture, art, and innovation.

For us, the social aspect of the European Juggling Convention is as important as the juggling itself. It's a chance for jugglers from all over the world to hang out, share their experiences, and make lifelong friendships. The convention has tons of social events like parties, games, and group activities that are just as fun as they sound. It's not just about juggling - it's about building a community and having a blast while you're at it. The friendships and connections you make at the EJC can last a lifetime and often lead to amazing collaborations and opportunities. That's why we want to organize the European Juggling Convention yet, where to create an environment where people can come together, make new friends, and experience the joy of juggling in a supportive and welcoming community.

We believe that the Netherlands would be the perfect location to host this event, with its central location, excellent infrastructure, and friendly atmosphere. With your help and support, we can make this EJC the most memorable and enjoyable one yet, and a true celebration of the community that bring us together as jugglers.

Sincerely,
The Dutch Jugglers

Vision



WEJC

We believe the most memorable moments come from initiatives from jugglers themselves during EJC's. We strive to create an environment where jugglers have the opportunity to co-shape their own ideal EJC. Through collaboration and active participation, we aim to bring the ownership of the EJC closer to the jugglers, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility.
Together WEJC!

Basics right

Our priority is to ensure that jugglers can fully immerse themselves in the convention experience. We recognize that your time should be spent enjoying juggling, rather than worrying about basic facilities. We commit to getting the basics right, providing well-maintained facilities, including toilets and showers, that meet your needs. By taking care of the essentials, we enable you to make the most of the convention and create lasting memories.



Sustainable

As a community that values creativity and innovation, we are committed to minimizing the impact of the EJC on the planet. We embrace the open-minded nature of jugglers and encourage them to redefine what a convention can be in terms of sustainability. Our goal is to actively reduce waste, explore alternative transportation options, and leave a positive, lasting impact on the local community, culture, and juggling world. Together, we strive to make the EJC a beacon of sustainable practices.



Inspiring Discovery

At the EJC, we celebrate the power of connection and the joy of sharing skills.

We recognize that the diversity of disciplines and sub-communities within juggling is what makes our gathering special. We are dedicated to creating opportunities for lesser-known disciplines to shine, fostering an environment where the synergy between different skills can flourish. By facilitating meaningful interactions and encouraging the exploration of shared interests, we inspire new discoveries and forge lifelong connections among jugglers from across Europe and beyond.

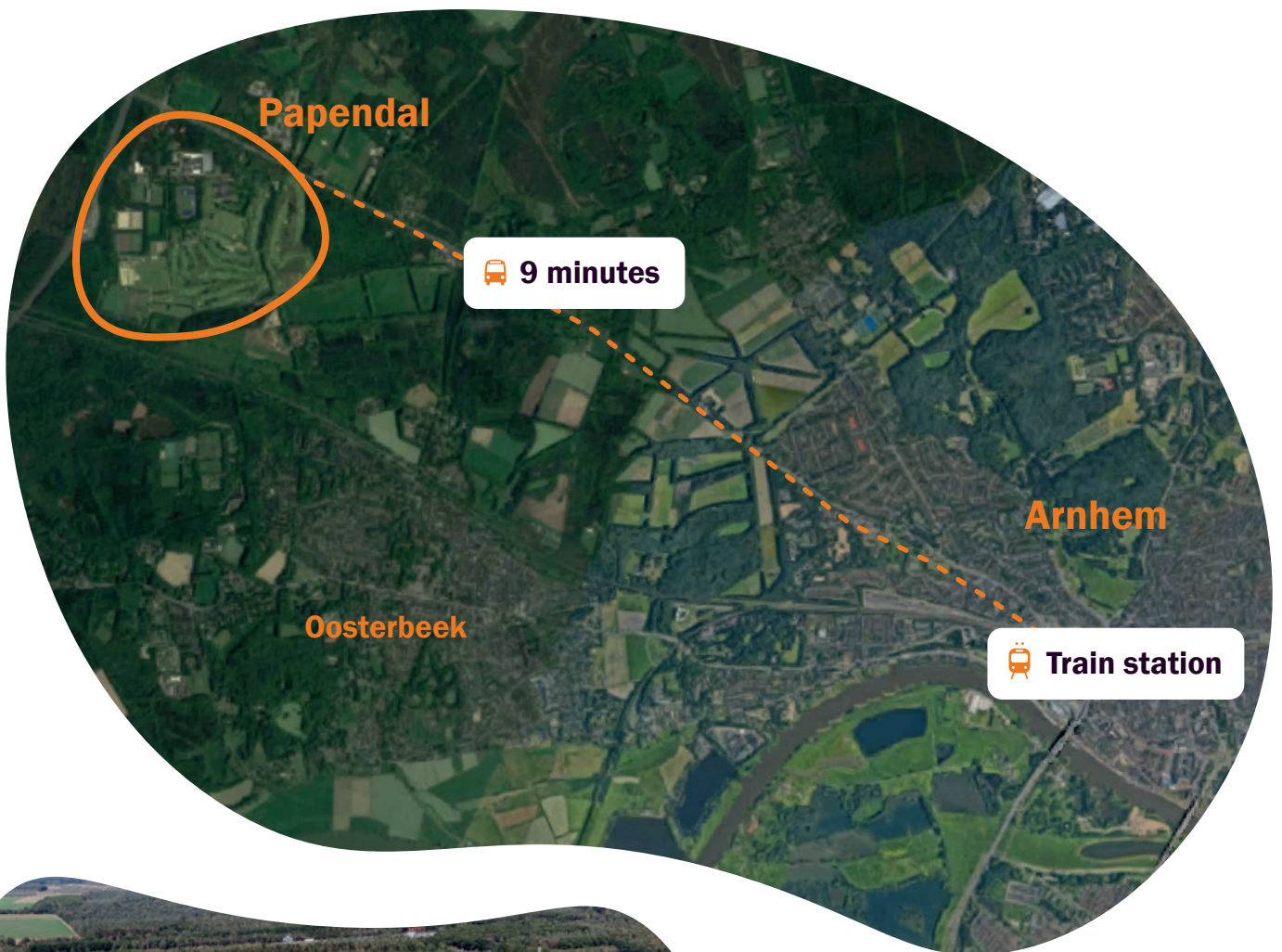


Location



Arnhem, in the Netherlands, is a city that draws visitors from all over the world for its rich history, stunning natural beauty, and vibrant culture. It boasts impressive museums and architecture, a thriving food and drink scene, and excellent shopping. Outdoor enthusiasts can explore numerous parks and nature reserves, including the Hoge Veluwe National Park. The city can be reached by a 10 minute bus ride from the convention site.

Papendal is a world-renowned Olympic training center located in the Netherlands. The facility covers a vast area of over 100 hectares and boasts state-of-the-art sporting facilities surrounded by beautiful nature. The complex is home to various sports centers, including an athletics track, an indoor sports hall, a BMX track, a football fields, and numerous outdoor fields for various sports.



Papendal has hosted several high-profile sports events, including the 1980 Summer Paralympics, 2021 BMX World Championships, 2022 World Championships Volleball and continues to attract athletes and sports teams from all over the world.

Halls

We will use multiple halls and can easily expand or downsize based on the amount of attendants. We aim to use all of the following:

Main hall (Multihal)	1920 m ²
Sporthal West	1520 m ²
Track hall	1000 m ²
Judo hall (Acro)	756 m ²
Table tennis hall	576 m ²
Hotel Athene hall	1650 m ² (5 meters high)
Hotel Sydney hall	1350 m ² (3,3 meter high)

Total hall surface: 8.773 m²

Cost ranges from 100.000 to 150.000 depending on the amount of halls we take including the 75.000m² event site for camping.

Legal

The venue has permission to host events, therefore no separate permissions are needed from the municipality and we can directly work with the venue itself. The only permission we will need to serve alcohol past 01:30 at night. Depending on the collaboration with the city, we need permission to host the parade and openingshow in the center.

Advantages of choosing Papendal Olympic Training Centre in Arnhem:

1. **Enthusiastic Facility Management with Strong City Connections:** The dedicated team at Papendal is highly motivated and maintains excellent relationships with the local municipality. Their support and collaboration are invaluable in ensuring a seamless event organization process.

2. **Well-Equipped Event Infrastructure:** The event site at Papendal is already equipped with essential facilities, including proper drainage and electrical connections. This eliminates the need for additional infrastructure installations and significantly reduces costs and logistical complexities.

3. **Comprehensive Event Permit:** Papendal holds a comprehensive event permit, which covers various aspects, including compliance with environmental regulations such as monitoring nitrogen emissions. This ensures that the event can be organized within the stipulated legal frameworks.

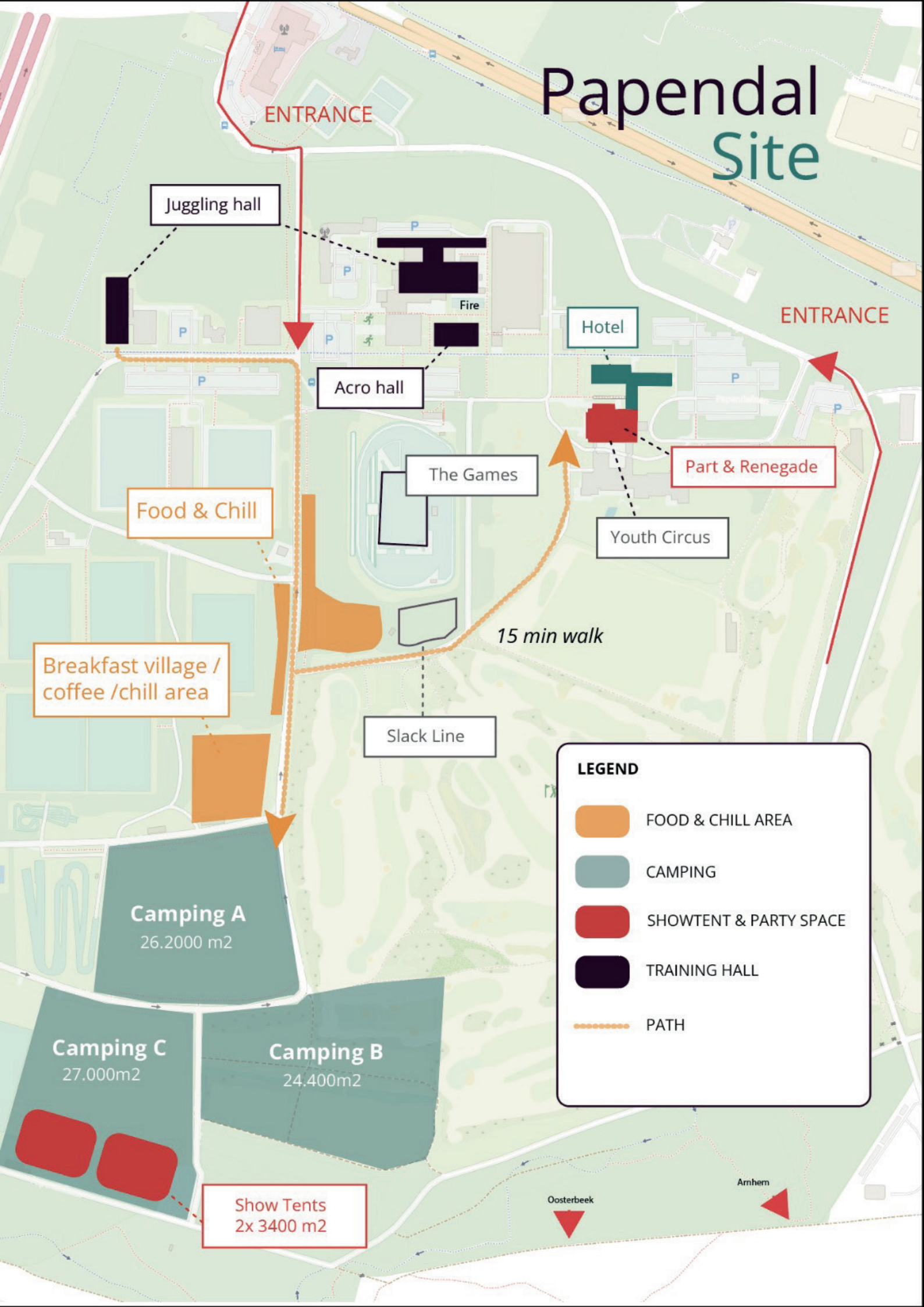
4. **Located in a Unique Natural Setting:** Nestled in a picturesque natural area, Papendal offers a captivating backdrop for participants, enhancing the overall experience of the event. The surrounding natural beauty adds an extra dimension to the ambiance and atmosphere.

6. **Enhanced Safety and Security:** The secluded location of Papendal, surrounded by the forest, contributes to a secure and tranquil camping environment. Participants can enjoy peace of mind, knowing that the site offers a safe and protected setting for their stay.

7. **On-Site Hotel:** To further enhance convenience and accommodation options, Papendal features an on-site 4-star hotel. We aim to fully rent the hotel and make rooms available for jugglers as part of their ticket.

8. **Sustainable site:** for sustainability is one of their core values and with over 3500 solar panels, a thermal energy storage system and ways to generate energy from waste, already a large part of the emission is compensated.

Papendal Site



ENTRANCE

Juggling hall

Fire

Hotel

ENTRANCE

Acro hall

Part & Renegade

The Games

Youth Circus

Food & Chill

15 min walk

Breakfast village /
coffee /chill area

Slack Line

LEGEND

-  FOOD & CHILL AREA
-  CAMPING
-  SHOWTENT & PARTY SPACE
-  TRAINING HALL
-  PATH

Camping A

26.2000 m²

Camping C

27.000m²

Camping B

24.400m²

Show Tents
2x 3400 m²

Oosterbeek

Arnhem



Main hall



West hall



Track hall



Judo hall

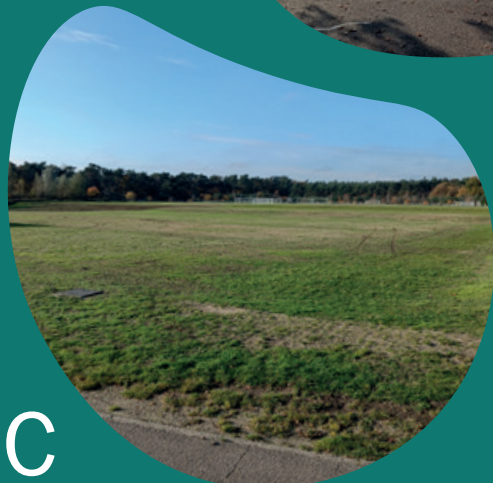


Athene hall

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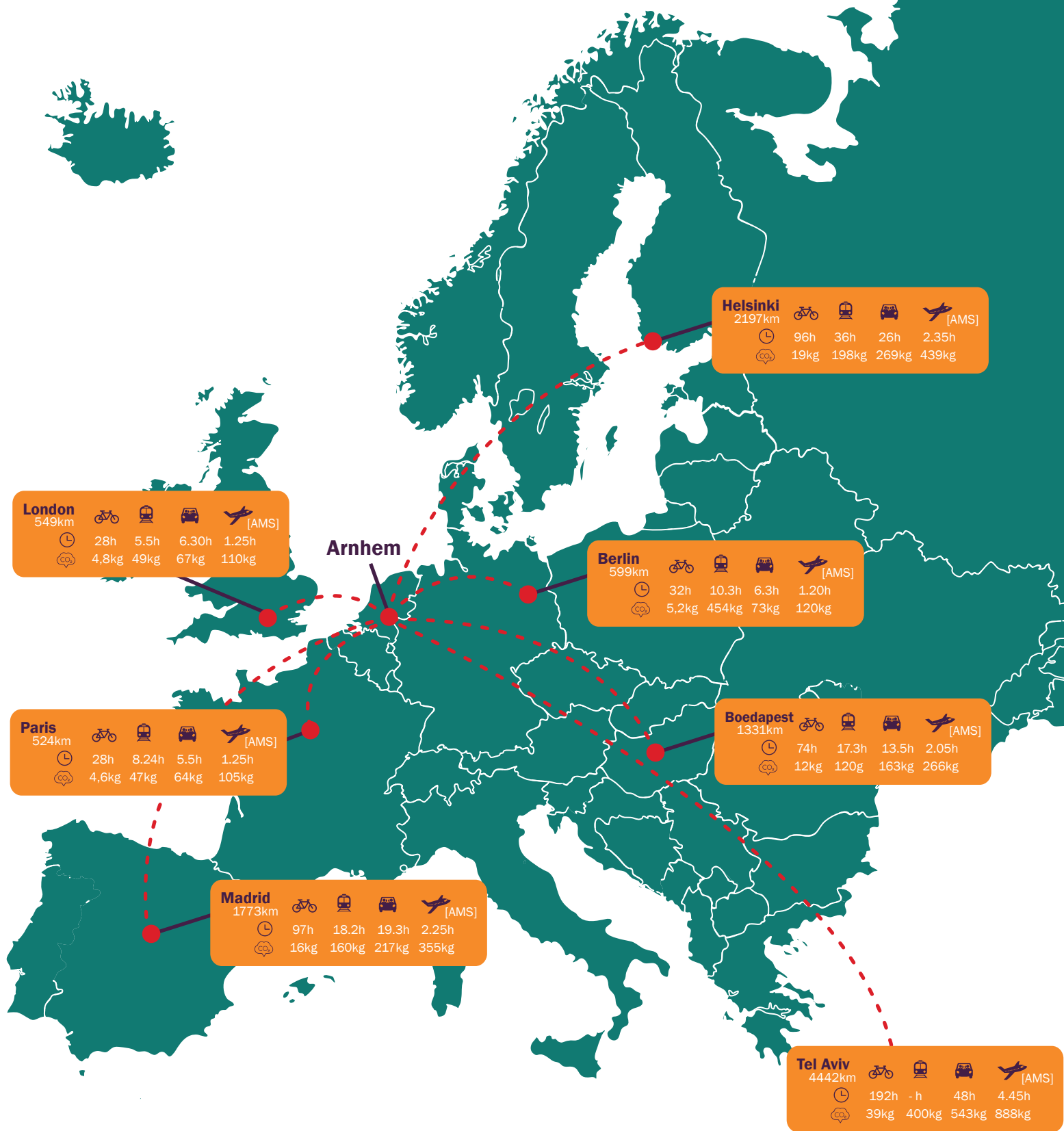
Camping



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Travel

Arnhem's central location in Europe makes it easily reachable for travelers coming from various parts of the continent. Situated in the eastern part of the Netherlands, Arnhem benefits from excellent transportation connections. It is conveniently located near major highways, has direct train connections to major European cities, and is within reach of several international airports, making it an accessible and convenient destination for visitors from all over Europe.

Travel

By bike:

Arnhem is a prominent stop along several main bike routes that connect Europe. The EuroVelo 15, also known as the Rhine Cycle Route, passes through Arnhem, offering a scenic journey from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea. Additionally, the LF3 Maasroute, which runs from Maastricht in the south of the Netherlands, also includes Arnhem as a key point on its route. These well-established bike routes make Arnhem easily accessible and provide bike riders with a fantastic opportunity to explore the city and its surroundings sustainably.

By train:

Arnhem has excellent rail connections with many European cities, making it an easy and cost-effective option for travelers. Visitors can take a direct train to Arnhem station and then take a local bus to Papendal.

By (electric) carpool:

Papendal is located near the A12 highway, making it easy to access by car. Parking is available on-site. We will stimulate people carpooling to the EJC.

By air:

The closest airport to Papendal is Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, which is around an hour away by train or car. Also Eindhoven (2 hours) and Dusseldorf Airport (3 hours) are close by and offer cheap flights. Visitors can take a train or bus from the airport to Arnhem station, and then take a local bus to Papendal.



CORE TEAM



Simon à Campo Chairman

First EJC: Karlsruhe 2008
Number of EJC's visited: 10

EJC experience: Part of team media and communication of EJC2016 in Almere, design (logo, merchandise, booklet) and online (website). Building up EJC2014 in Millstreet.

Experience: Winter Juggling Convention (7x), Dutch Juggling Championships (3x) and Dutch Juggling Convention (2014)



Remke Timmermans Board member

First EJC: Brunico 2015
Number of EJC's visited: 6

EJC experience: Volunteer EJC 2016, Volunteer at Dutch Juggling and Acrobatic Conventions

Experience: Circusstad Festival team (2020), Secretariat Stichting Circuspunt (2021/2022), Design Researcher in working life.



Martijn van Nunen Board member

First EJC: Toulouse 2013
Number of EJC's visited: 5

EJC experience: Build up 2016, EJC TV 2016.

Experience: Chairman Dutch Juggling Convention 2018, technical producer for theatre in working life.



Mees Jager **Secretary**

First EJC: Toulouse 2013
Number of EJC's visited: 7

EJC experience: Organising the games for EJC 2016 and helping with build up in 2014.

Experience: Organising the Dutch Juggling Convention in 2022 and several passing days at Circus Amersfoort.



Piet van Steen **Treasurer**

First EJC: Munich, 2011
Number of EJC's visited: 8

EJC experience: Part of team media and communication of EJC2016 in Almere. I set up EJC TV, responsible for all the video content before, during and after the EJC.

Experience: Organising Dutch Juggling Convention (2015 & 2017), Advising role Dutch Juggling Convention (2016-2023), Website & Livestream Dutch Juggling Championships (2016-2020), Pass-Out Passing festival (2023)



Anne Schaap **Advisory role**

First EJC: Karlsruhe, 2008
Number of EJC's visited: 12

EJC experience: Part of the core team of EJC2016 in Almere. I was responsible for the artistic part, cq. team media, shows (open stages, special stages, gala, fire gala etc).

Experience: from 2016 till 2022 part of the artistic team of Rotterdam Circusstad Festival.

Extended team

There is a large group with organizational power in the Netherlands where over 50 jugglers have expressed their intention to co-organise the EJC. The majority has experience from the organization and set-up of the EJC2016. We include Dutch jugglers during conventions in the Netherlands by organizing workshops that help shape the EJC. We plan for them to take a more active role 1 to 1.5 years ahead of the EJC by distributing them among teams focused on certain themes (e.g. Shows).

Association

If Netherlands gets chosen to host the EJC in 2025, we as the core team will start a foundation (stichting in Dutch). This is the same organisation type under which the EJA has been running. That makes that the organisation is based on volunteers and can't be paid as professionals.



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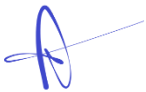
With this letter we confirm our support for your application for the European Juggling Convention 2025 in the Netherlands.

The location of the event will be Papendal Arnhem. As the home of the Dutch Olympic Committee and Dutch Sport Federation Arnhem occupies a unique position in the Netherlands when it comes to sport. Arnhem is renowned for being a green, free and creative city that has plenty to offer when it comes to culture, fashion and design. With the Kröller Möller Museum, Burgers' Zoo, the Holland Open Air Museum, the Hoge Veluwe National Park, the Fashion Quarter in the Klarendal district and the infamous 'Bridge Too Far', there is lots more for people to enjoy."

We look forward to the arrival of all the jugglers and their companions. Our experience has taught us: Arnhem and its citizens, together with all the guests of such a top event, make one big party. We are very excited to get the European Juggling Convention 2025 to the Netherlands. That's why we say: welcome to Arnhem!

If you need more information, feel free to contact Harry Popken as mentioned above.

Best regards,



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Manager Events