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## City of Izmit opens 12th Cablewakeboard European Championships

The 12th IWWF European Championships were officially opened by Izmit's Mayor Nevzat Dogan and Franz Kuhn, President of IWWF's E&A region.

After the official training was finished under blue sky and the burning sun, 80 riders from 8 nations attended the opening ceremony in front of a packed tribune. European Champion of 2009 Dominik Gührs (GER) received his award for the rider of the year and current World Champion Kirsteen Mitchell (GBR) spoke the rider's oath on stage. The city of Izmit welcomes the sport of wakeboarding with big interest and the next four days will be filled with action. On Wednesday night at the official opening of the Gökay Wakepark turkish rock-band maNga played in front of more than 5.000 people on a platform in the middle of the lake and were joined by some riders for a spontaneous wakeboard-show which received big enthusiasm.

On Thursday morning all teams had their chance to get prepared for the competitions under excellent conditions. Sunshine and turkish atmosphere all around made it a perfect start for this year's season highlight. The opening ceremony was followed by the first qualification rounds for the boys, girls, junior ladies and open ladies category in which Denise de Haan (NED) surprised and qualified first, followed by Kirsteen Mitchell (GBR) and Maxine Sapulette (NED). That sets the ground for a tough fight for the title this years. The Finals of the open categories on Saturday will be captured by 6 cameras delivering spectacular pictures on the video-wall and for live video feed for classic- and web-tv. All the action can be followed live on [cablewakeboard.net](http://cablewakeboard.net) with live results, pictures and updates on all things happening in Izmit.

Press downloads and high quality pictures at [cablewakeboard.net/en/press-box-izmit-open.html](http://cablewakeboard.net/en/press-box-izmit-open.html)

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