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### **Erste Private Banking Dragon European Championship to set sail soon**

64 units from 16 countries to meet at Lake Balaton for the first time

**Budapest, 1 June 2010 – The continent-wide competition of the dragon sailing class starts on 5 June at Lake Balaton with a record number of contestants. To be held for the first time in the “Hungarian sea”, the race will boast the cream of the class, including reigning European champion Markus Wieser and team, as well as multiple world champion Vincent Hoesch.**

György Wossala, Chairman of the European Sailing Federation underlines that the “Bugattis of the seas” are coming to Lake Balaton, and it is an extremely positive development that the best racers have accepted the invitation. The conditions are all there for the Hungarian sea to host a championship that is fitting to this stylish sailing class, which involves lots of former and current European and world champions, as well as Olympic medallists, holding the promise of an excellent regatta with spectacular battles.

The Hungarian team is optimistic about Erste Private Banking Dragon European Championship and want to utilise all the advantages the home turf can offer and make it to the top echelon of the ranking. Completing the race in the Top 20 would be a good result for the Hungarian unit, but there are some chances for a great performance and ending up in the Top 10, Vilmos Náray, Chairman of Magyar Dragon Szakosztály [Hungarian Dragon Division] and organiser of the race, calculates the odds.

Kenese Marina-Port, one of the biggest and best-equipped marinas at Lake Balaton, gives home to the competition, ensuring perfect conditions. All the organisers have left to worry about is the weather, but they hope good weather will grace the regatta and perfect wind conditions will await the competitors of Erste Private Banking Dragon European Championship, Vilmos Náray underlined.

Erste Private Banking CEO András Kállay said Erste Private Banking is proud to have been the main sponsor of the dragon fleet in these past two years, one of the most dynamically developing classes in Hungarian sailing. The dragon class combines all the qualities Erste Private Banking calls its own: Performance coupled with classic and modern values.

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