

Ashgabat Hosts “Marathon for Peace and Trust” to Celebrate Europe Day and Promote Unity

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan - 31 May 2025. The Delegation of the European Union to Turkmenistan, in collaboration with the **State Committee for Physical Culture and Sport of Turkmenistan** and the **Ashgabat City Administration**, successfully organised the “**Marathon for Peace and Trust**” in Ashgabat. This vibrant event, held as part of the **Europe Day 2025 celebration in Turkmenistan**, brought together more than 500 citizens of all ages in a festive and inclusive atmosphere.



The marathon also aligned with the global celebration of the “**International Year of Peace and Trust**,” proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in March 2024 at Turkmenistan’s initiative. This worldwide recognition emphasizes the importance of fostering peaceful relations and building confidence among nations. The “Marathon for Peace and Trust” perfectly embodied these values by uniting people through sport, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, and encouraging a spirit of togetherness.

Sport, for the European Union, is far more than just physical activity; it is a powerful tool for **building bridges and promoting shared values**. It teaches discipline, teamwork, respect,

and perseverance – qualities essential for peaceful coexistence and strong communities. Events like this marathon demonstrate how sport can transcend differences, bringing people from diverse backgrounds together to achieve common goals, fostering understanding and solidarity. We believe that through sports, we can promote a healthier society, both physically and socially, embodying the spirit of unity and shared purpose.

The event featured three race categories designed to encourage broad participation: a 2 km run for families and children aged 6 and above, a 5 km race, and a challenging 10 km race. The routes were carefully set around Independence Park, a central and symbolic part of the capital, providing participants with a well-organised and scenic course.

Beyond the races, the event offered a range of activities designed to enhance the celebratory mood. This included exciting competitions tailored for children and families and an energetic music from a live DJ, all contributing to a truly dynamic and joyful atmosphere and making the event a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

The “Marathon for Peace and Trust” stands as an example of the strong partnership between the European Union and Turkmenistan, celebrating shared values and a common commitment to peace, health, and community.

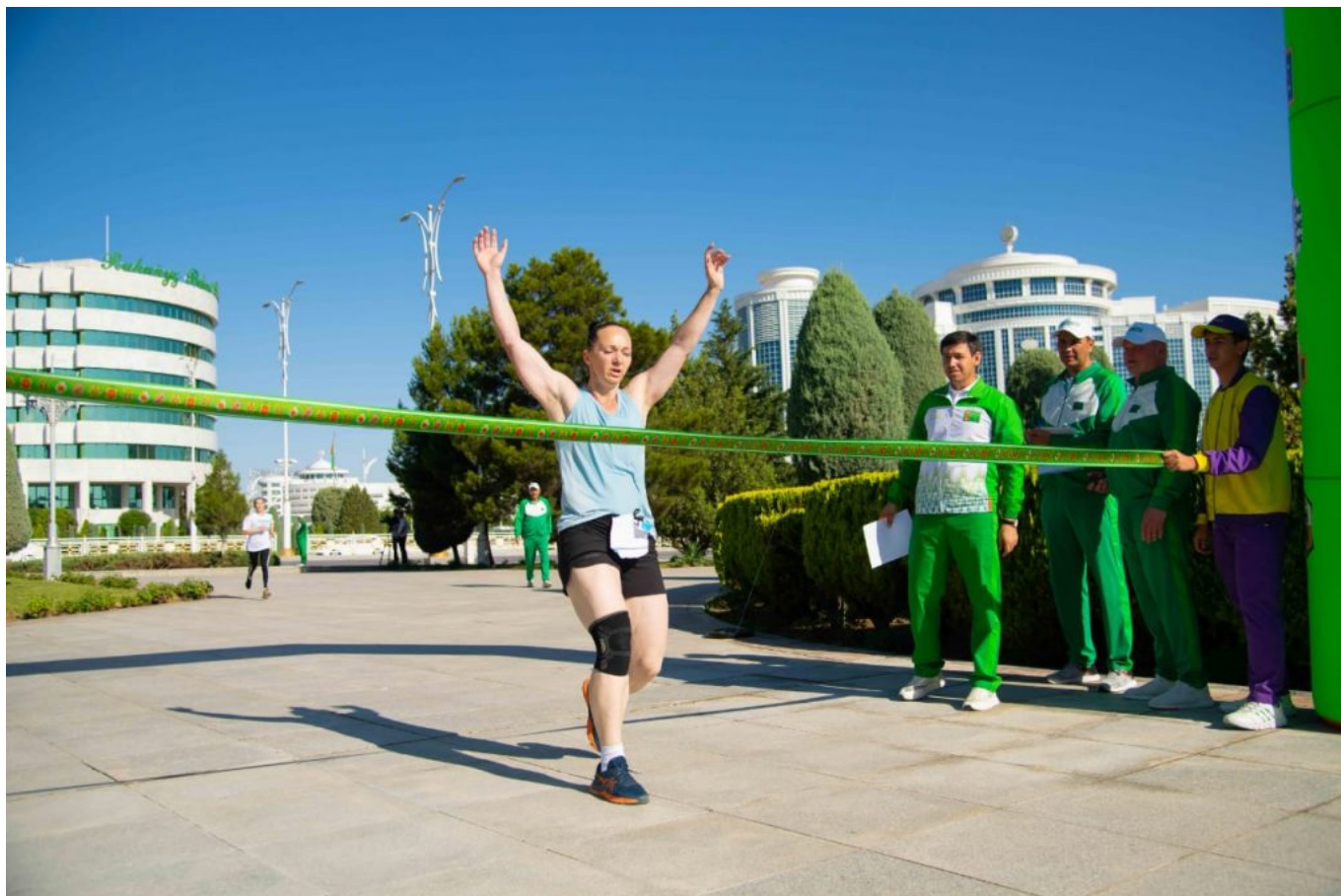
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