

Press Release

2011 IIHF World Championship, Slovakia

Cities of Bratislava and Košice: There will be no traffic jam!

Traffic situation and its solution during the 2011 IIHF World Championship was the main subject on Thursday's press conference with representatives of the Organizing Committee 2011 IIHF WM and the mayors of both cities.

Two mayors, Milan Ftáčnik of Bratislava and Richard Raši of Košice, who are representing the cities, which will host the upcoming 2011 IIHF World Championship (April 29 - May 15), presented the cooperation between the two cities along the Organizing Committee 2011 IIHF World Championship. They met together with journalists, with president of the Organizing Committee 2011 IIHF World Championship Juraj Široký and also with OC Chairman Igor Nemeček at the Press Conference in Bratislava.

According to the mayor of Bratislava, Milan Ftáčnik, Bratislava wants to be presented as a friendly and hospitable city, which is prepared to handle the onslaught of visitors and also wants to be a good host of the 2011 IIHF World Championship. *"We want to show all visitors that our city is worth to be visiting again. We are ready to handle the problems with transportation, we are ready to cooperate with the state and municipal police,"* said Milan Ftáčnik. There will be a fan village for all visitors on the premises of Primary school Kalinčiaková Street and there is a plan to have another one in the city center. Bratislava is also preparing welcome points with brochures at the airport, railway and bus stations.

In Košice there will be other cultural events for fans along with the 2011 IIHF World Championship also celebration of City days of Košice. *"We want to present Košice as a city of culture and entertainment. During every day of championship there will be also celebrated City days of Košice and many cultural events will be presented. We will try to concentrate all fans to the Fan village, which will be on Main Street,"* said mayor of Košice Richard Raši.

Also city of Košice is preparing the information boots and navigation system for all visitors.

Transport during the 2011 IIHF World Championship should not collapse. City of Bratislava according to the location of stadium assumes that all visitors will use the public transport, which will be more frequent and free for everyone who has purchased a valid ticket for the match. *"Public transportation and all traffic will be controlled as cooperation between the city, state and municipal police, but also organization, which provides mobility project,"* said Ctibor Kováč, professional expert of Mobility project.

Mayor of Košice, Richard Rashi does not expect enormous increase of transport. *"Usually we sell more than 8,000 tickets for matches in our league, now we are selling around 6,400 tickets. It means we have some experience with this kind of situation,"* said Raši.

Both mayors also want to tell everybody who is providing services to think of the ethic code, not to increase the prices.

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