



WSOP EUROPE 2022

King's Casino, Rozvadov

Dates:	26 Oct -16 Nov 2022	Main Event Winner:	Omar Eljach
Total Entries:	10,255	Main Event 1 st Place:	€1,380,129
Total Prize Pool:	€ 18,140,282		

SWEDEN'S OMAR ELJACH WINS RECORD-SETTING WORLD SERIES OF POKER EUROPE

WSOP's huge year continues with the biggest ever WSOP Europe Main Event – 763 entries from 54 countries

LAS VEGAS (17 November 2022) - 2022 continues to be a banner year for the world's most prestigious poker brand and the 13th annual WSOP Europe delivered on the trend. The event officially set a record with the most Main Event entrants in its 13-year history, a combined \$18,140,282 prizepool, and Sweden's Omar Eljach emerging victorious after outmaneuvering France's Jonathan Pastore in a marathon heads-up match to earn the €1,380,129 top prize.

The 763 players that took a stab at the WSOP Europe Main Event were part of poker history, and even as snow fell in the Czech Republic, the rousing turnout at Kings Casino built on the WSOP's red-hot year.

"The records being set at WSOP events are a testament to the health of the sport of poker," said World Series of Poker Senior Vice President and Executive Director, Ty Stewart. "We couldn't be more excited about what we're seeing in our tournaments, and we'd like to thank all of the players for their passion in competition. Here's to more record-breaking fields in 2023."

The success of WSOP Europe follows the wildly successful 53rd annual World Series of Poker, which debuted in its new home on the Las Vegas strip this summer, and WSOP Online 2022 this fall. Highlighted by GG Poker's Online Main Event, WSOP Online raised the bar again, becoming the second-largest online poker tournament of all time, with a field of 4,984 and a staggering total prize pool of \$23.67 million.

All bracelet winners at WSOP Europe punched a ticket to the invitation-only "Tournament of Champions," a \$1 million freeroll event held during the 2023 World Series of Poker tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Event #1 - €350 The Opener - The series started strong when a massive field of 2,454 players took a stab at the opening event. Italian pro Fabio Peluso emerged victorious for a €95,670 payday.

Event #2 - €550 Pot Limit Omaha 8-Max - Out of a field of 566 entries, Germany's Helmut Phung came out on top of a short-lived heads-up duel with Norway's Martin Almaas to claim the biggest portion of the €268,850 prize pool.

Event #3 - €1,350 Mini Main Event - Macedonia's Ilija Savevski maneuvered a field of 1,431 players to score his first gold bracelet. The Mini Main event was the third-largest event of the series, with a total prizepool of €1,631,340.

Event #4 - €2,000 Pot Limit Omaha - Hong Kong's Yan Shing "Anson" Tsang was able to take down the second PLO event of the series to win the third bracelet of his career. Tsang won the same event in 2018 and followed that up with a victory in an online event on GGPoker in 2020 for three career bracelets.

Event #5 - €550 Colossus - WSOP Europe attracted players from all over the world, and the largest event of the series, the €550 No-Limit Hold'em Colossus, was no exception. Nine countries and three continents were represented at the final table, with Slovakia's Lubos Laska as the last man standing. The event drew a massive field of 2,982 entrants, cracking the Top 20 list of largest live poker tournaments in 2022.

Event #6 - €5,000 Pot Limit Omaha - Ukraine's Roman Verenko took down the €5,000 PLO event after defeating Swedish native Omar Eljach to win the bracelet. The event drew 223 entries to generate a total prizepool of €1,006,287.

Event #7 - €1,650 6-Max - Germany National Team soccer player Max Kruse outlasted 413 entrants to earn his first WSOP bracelet.

Event #8 - €25,000 25K Platinum High Roller - An event packed with star power. No less than seven previous bracelet winners were still alive when the final table commenced, including 2022 WSOP Main Event winner Espen Jorstad, five-time bracelet winner Shaun Deeb, and international poker star Daniel Negreanu. However, Malaysia's Paul Phua emerged victorious, adding €482,433 to his \$26 Million in live tournament earnings.

Event #9 - €2,500 Short Deck - Swiss native Emil Bise won his second bracelet and now has \$900k in career earnings, with the largest chunk coming from WSOPE. After taking down the €1,350 Mini Main Event in 2021, he won the €2,500 Short Deck for a second bracelet in as many years.

Event #10 - €2,000 8-Game Mix - Thomer Pidun of Germany won the 8-Game Mix to earn €49,245 and his first bracelet. Pidun beat Ukraine's Oleksii Kovalchuk in an epic two-hour heads-up battle to earn the victory.

Event #11 - €50,000 50K Diamond High Roller - Turkey's Orpen Kisacikoglu won the battle of the high rollers in the €50K No-Limit Hold'em affair. Kisacikoglu outmaneuvered a series of notables at the final table, including American bracelet winners Nick Petrangelo and Shaun Deeb.

Event #12 - €10,350 Main Event - The 763 players that took a stab at the Main Event were part of poker history, breaking the record for Main Event entrants at the WSOP Europe Main Event. Five-time bracelet winner Shaun Deeb was close to earning his sixth bracelet but fell short with his third-place finish. Instead, Sweden's Omar Eljach emerged victorious to earn the €1,380,129 top prize.

Event #13 - €1,650 PLO/NLH Mixed - Eight different countries were represented at the final table of the thirteenth bracelet event. Netherland's Yair van Ruiten eventually took it down after defeating Greece native Ioannis Angelou Konstas heads-up.

Event #14 - €1,100 Turbo Bounty Hunter - Belgium's Karim Maekelberg won the fast-paced Turbo Bounty event in under twelve hours to earn his first bracelet, coupled with €62,11.

Event #15 - €1,000 Turbo Freezeout - The final winner of the 2022 World Series of Poker Europe was Ukraine's Andriy Lyubovetskiy, defeating his countryman Oleksii Kovalchuk to win the last bracelet of a wildly successful series.

OFFICIAL BRACELET EVENTS

EVENT #1: €350 NO-LIMIT HOLD'EM OPENER – FABIO PELUSO	RESULTS PHOTO
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EVENT #9: €2,200 SHORT DECK – EMIL BISE	RESULTS PHOTO
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