

EFTTA NEWS

EFTTEX floorplan for Paris approved

The floor plan for next year's EFTTEX in Paris has been approved and will be published shortly.

EFTTEX Manager Neena Taylor reports that over 80% of the floorspace has been booked with 163 companies already confirmed for the exhibition that takes place from June 1st to 3rd in Paris next year. Contact [Neena Taylor](#) or Exhibition Coordinator [Helen Downey](#) for further information on the floorplan or booking enquiries.

EFTTA has also reached agreement with a hotel booking agency through which those attending the show can obtain special reservation terms.

The Paris-based **Blue Yellow Company** has put together a number of suitable hotels in the city, around the Paris Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre and close to the airport and will be opening up a booking website next month. Visitors are being advised to book hotels that are located close to an RER station – the rapid transport system that serves Paris and its suburbs.

Neena said: "There is an RER station at the exhibition centre and the airport so travellers do not have to switch modes of transport to get to where they want to go."



EFTTA hands out €12,000 in Youth Grant Scheme

EFTTA has donated a total of **€12,000** to six organisations as part of its annual **Youth Grant Scheme**. The six have each received the maximum €2,000 in funds following the EFTTA Board meeting in Vienna last week.

Each year the EFTTA Board sets aside 15% of its profit in order to support youth fishing projects across Europe. The successful 2011 grant applicants are:

1. Fiskekorkort – Sportfishing Driver Licence (Sweden)

During the Sport Fishing Fair, the Swedish Game Fair and the Elmia Game Fair youngsters are encouraged to take part in the Sport Fishing School. The project teaches children between the ages of seven and 12 about fishing, how fish live and the ethics around angling. After 'graduation' they get a 'Driver's Licence' and gift bag – worth over €40 – which contains a fishing rod, lures, DVD and magazines.

Sponsors: SPOFA €5,000 and EFTTA €2,000.

2. Junior Sportfish (Serbia)

Youngsters are taught all about fishing, including habitats, conservation and practical demonstrations. The scheme includes an initiative where rubbish is collected in the coastal area of the protected Jegricka River.

Sponsors: Mont Press and Ribosport MM €2,000 and EFTTA €2,000.

3. Fish with a Friend Campaign (Finland)

The main part of this scheme revolves around National Youth Fishing Day where children fish for free on lakes across Finland and are given special tuition. After the event the participants are presented with Finnish-made lures.

Sponsors: FinlandiaUistinOy, KuusamonUistin and Wake Fishing €2,000 and EFTTA €2,000.

4. Fish and River Experience (Germany)

Children from the cities of Siegburg and Siegen take part in excursions to the River Sieg to learn about fish fauna and river restoration projects.

Sponsors: Pro & Con €2,000 and EFTTA €2,000.

5. Environment and Fishing for Youth Groups (Germany)

A project aimed at teaching youngsters about entomology and the need for clean waters. Participants are educated on the water and also taught how to tie flies and fish. Over 150 groups take part.

Sponsors: Rudi Heger GmbH/Traun River Products €2,000 and EFTTA €2,000.

6. Future Anglers (Sweden)

A scheme that encourages anglers to take young people fishing to create a new generation of anglers.

Sponsors: SPOFA €3,300 and EFTTA €2,000.

French megastore chain joins Line Charter crusade



The Decathlon Group, the France-based sports megastore, is the latest company to sign up to the **EFTTA Line Charter**.

The organisation, which sells a complete range of fishing gear under its Caperlan brand, has more than 450 outdoor sports retail stores across the world including 240 in France, and others in China, Spain, Brazil, Germany and the UK.

Based in northern France, Decathlon was founded in 1976 and makes line for all types of fishing. It has joined the growing band of companies that have signed up to EFTTA's campaign to outlaw line cheats.

EFTTA launched its own **Line Charter website** at EFTTEX in Amsterdam earlier this year. The site is dedicated to promoting the campaign and features all the companies/brands that have signed up. The website reveals details of... [Read more](#)

EFTTA secretariat at T&G Show in UK

Two members of the EFTTA secretariat attended the *Tackle & Guns Show* which took place in England earlier this month. EFTTEX Exhibition Manager Neena Tailor and EFTTA Membership and Communications Officer Victoria Seymour visited the show to talk to association members who were exhibiting at the event.

Victoria said: "The T&G show was a great opportunity for us to visit a successful UK-based show and talk to EFTTA members and make new contacts.

"It was good to hear how the show had been for them and discuss their aspirations for EFTTEX in Paris next year."

EFTTA members asked to support Children's Day in Poland

The Polish Fishing Association is appealing for gifts for its **Children's Day angling competition** in June next year. It is asking EFTTA members for presents to be given to those taking part in the catch-and-release contest, which will be held in Myszkow on June 24th.

Tomasz Rak, of the Polish Fishing Association said: "Last year 360 children – aged between five and 16 – took part in the event and had a great time thanks to the kind sponsorship of companies and organisations. We would like to build on that success and appeal to those in a position to supply us with gifts."

Email [Tomasz](#) for further details on how you can help."