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# The HAUTS-DE-FRANCE PAS-DE-CALAIS Trophée EDF Indoor Meeting at Liévin will take place Thursday 13 February 2025 at the Arena Stade Couvert in Liévin, France.

The Meeting, which has been the top-ranked indoor meeting worldwide for five consecutive years, will welcome some of the best athletes from all over the world this upcoming February.

The meeting will be a phenomenal opportunity for athletes to achieve minimum qualifying times and marks for the two championships that will take place this winter: the European Indoor Championships in the Netherlands (6-9 March) and the World Indoor Championships in China (21-23 March).

## The Record-breaking Stars of Liévin

5000m Olympic Champion, Jakob INGEBRIGTSEN (NOR), whose affinity for the Meeting at Liévin is unquestionable. It was here that he broke the 1500m World Indoor Record in 2022. He will be participating in the mile at Liévin, his only indoor meeting scheduled for the season, with the goal of adding a new record to his already long list of records broken at the Arena Stade Couvert.

Another who has made her mark on the list of world records beaten at Liévin (1500m), Gudaf TSEGAY (ETH) will take the start in the 3000m, a race that she won last year in Liévin, coming just within the world record by six tenths (.6) seconds.

#### Two Hurdle World Record Holders at Liévin

The 60m Hurdles promises to be an explosive race. Liévin welcomes, for the 5th year in a row, World Record Holder and Olympic Champion Grant HOLLOWAY (USA) who will go against Olympic Silver Medalist Daniel ROBERTS (USA). Also on the starting line: Enrique LLOPIS, 4<sup>th</sup> at the Paris 2024 Games and European Silver Medalist, and Lorenzo SIMONELLI (ITA) who's the reigning European Champion and Indoor World Silver Medalist, behind Holloway. Frenchman Sasha ZHOYA will also be present at the start.

The women's race will also be one to watch: Devynne CHARLTON (BAH), current world record holder and reigning World Indoor Champion will participate at Liévin for the second year in a row. Against her will be two finalists from the Paris 2024 Games, Nadine VISSER of the Netherlands, who finished fourth, and Grace Stark (USA), the fifth-place finisher.

## **Olympic Pole Vault Finalists Take Their Marks**

Both competitions are set to be a thrilling one, with Paris 2024 Silver Medalist Sam KENDRICKS (USA), a fan favorite at Liévin, up against fourth place finisher Filipino Ernest John OBIENA and fifth place finisher Ersu SAMSA of Turkey. The competition will be high as well as with the participation of Thibault COLLET (FRA), a rising star in pole vault.

On the women's side, Paris 2024 Silver Medalist Katie MOON (USA) will go up against Paris 2024 Bronze Medalist, Canadian Alysha NEWMAN and Swiss Angelica MOSER, who placed fourth at the Paris Olympic Games and is the current European Champion. Representing France, Marie-Julie BONNIN, who just recently improved on her personal best (4.66m), will be able to compete against some of the best in the world.

## The Best of France's Mid-distance Face Off with World-Class Competition

In the 800m, Frenchmen Benjamin ROBERT and Yanis MEZIANE will line up at the start. ROBERT was a finalist in the last World Indoor Championship and MEZIANE set the French U23 record in this event last year. Also joining them is Belgium's Elliot CRESTAN, winner of the 800m race at the Meeting in Liévin last year and who shortly after won the bronze medal in the World Indoor Championships. Olympic Finalist

Tshepiso MASALELA (BOT) and European Bronze Medalist Catalin TECUCEANU (ITA) will also be at the start.

Azzedine HABZ, last year's winner in the 1500m with a French Indoor Record will line up at the start for the same distance. He will face competition from European Bronze Medalist and Olympic Finalist Pietro ARESE (ITA) and Jochem VERMEULEN of Belgium, who was the European Silver Medalist and holds the 1500m Outdoor National Record. Issac NADER of Portugal will be present in the 1500m. NADER placed fourth at the last World Indoor Championships.

Frenchwomen Anaïs BOURGOIN, 2024 European Bronze Medalist, will take the track against Tsige DUGUMA (ETH) Olympic Silver medalist and 800m World Indoor Champion. Also present are Olympic Finalist Prudence SEKGODISO (RSA) and Indoor Silver Medalist Jemma REEKIE (GBR).

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# **Meeting Events:**

**Women:** 60mH – 400m – 800m – 1500m – 3000m – Pole Vault – Triple Jump

Men: 60mH - 200m - 800m - 1500m - Mile - 3000m - Pole Vault - Long Jump - Shot Put

## TV Broadcasting:

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