The importance of masters athletics for regional and local development

Nowadays, sport for veterans’ age groups is recognized as playing a major role in development. Not only does it have a significant impact on society itself, but also generates interest and enthusiasm, both of which have been growing considerably among more mature athletes.

This is why we must congratulate the Portuguese Masters Athletics Association, ANAV, and are honoured and proud to partner them in the organisation of the European Masters Non-stadia Championships. We are sure that the event will be a resounding success not only here in Portugal but also on an international scale.

The Algarve Athletics Association had the gratifying experience of organizing this same championship in 2005 and sees the current project as yet another enticing challenge. With support from Vila Real de Santo Antonio Municipal Council, the Algarve’s wonderful weather and the customary courtesy and hospitality of the local people, the event is sure to be memorable for every participant who honors us with their presence.

We wish you all a successful competition.

Yours in sport,
EUROPEAN MASTERS-ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP -NON STADIA

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