



Euroloppet Founding Meeting in 1974: (from left) Risto Rytokoski, Kurt Lindholm, Gianni Pavanelli, Fritz Lang, interpreter, Robert Steiner, Rune Andersson, Arne Gustavsson, Erkki Linko, Beng Allan Gustavsson, Roul Fürstenborg

As with the Alpentris, the General Secretariat rotated amongst the races: in Lienz (Dolomitenlauf) until 1975, then in Oberammergau (Koenig Ludwig Lauf) to 1976 and in Lahti (Finlandia-hiihto) until 1979. From 1980-1983 the headquarters was in Predazzo (Marcialonga) and then until 1986 in Mora (Vasaloppet). In 1987 the General Secretariat moved back to Oberammergau where it remained for 17 years until 2004 when it was taken over by Skadi Loppet in Bodenmais.

The fall of the Berlin Wall made it possible for Eastern European races to become members of Euroloppet. Hans Reicherl, the then Secretary General, managed to change the Euroloppet rules to accept more than one race per country and Poland's Bieg Piastow, Czech Republic's Jizerska Padesatka, Slovakia's Biela Stopa and Russia's Toksovo Skimarathon and Prazdnik Severa applied for admission to the series.

The composition of Euroloppet has not always remained static and at different times La Transjurassienne (France), Skitrail Tirol-Allgaue (Germany), Vuokatti-hiihto (Finland) and Jizerska Padesatka (Czech Republic) have all been members of Euroloppet.

The Euroloppet Passport system is not dissimilar to that of Worldloppet, but there are some significant differences. The Euroloppet Passport is valid for 10 seasons beginning from the date of issue and 8 different races must be completed to earn the title of Euroloppet Champion. There is also a seasonal ranking of Euroloppet Racer for those completing three races during a season. To date, more than 100 Euroloppet Master titles have been awarded.

At the 2007 Euroloppet annual meeting four new marathons were accepted into the series, which now consists of the following 15 races:

Marathon de Bessans (FRA)	42/21 km F, 25 km C
Dolomitenlauf (AUT)	60/25 km F, 42 km C
Marcialonga (ITA)	70/45 km C
Koenig Ludwig Lauf (GER)	55/23 km F, 55/23 km C
Int. Tiroler Koasalauf (AUT)	50/30 km F, 25 km C
Biela Stopa (SVK)	48/25 F, 20 km C
La Transjurassienne (FRA)	76/54 km F, 50 km C
Gsiesertal Lauf (ITA)	42/28 km F, 30 km C
Toksovo Marathon (RUS)	53 km C
Gommerlauf (SUI)	30/21 km F, 25 km C
Sumavsky Skimaraton (CZE)	45/22 km C, 22 km F
Bieg Piastow (POL)	25 km F, 46/26 km C
Int. Skadi Loppet (GER)	42/20 km C, 30 km F
Laponia Skiing Week (FIN)	60/50/80/40 km F
Prazdnik Severa (RUS)	50 km F



Winner trophy of Euroloppet 1976