

Report 1:

### **3. European Open Deaf Snowboarding Championship Kuusamo, Ruka 28.03.2012 - 1.4.2012**

Why OPEN championships?

- 1) In 2008, Austria the European championships in snowboarding was cancelled because of a small number of participants.
- 2) Therefore the interest of European and non-European countries have, on the ground made the first Open Championship. Official results include European and non-European countries. EC results and the OPEN results will be evaluated separately.

Most of the countries arrived March 27.

The first TD was meeting was 28.3. at 15:00 hours. We had captains from 9 countries (all except Norway). The program included introductory information to the organization, presentation of organizers, technical issues around paralell slalom and answering questions after the draw. TD meeting ended at 17:00 pm.

Opening ceremony was held in the Finnish spirit, modest and et dignified. The President of the Finnish Deaf Sport Association Mr. Jussi Raisio and representative of the Finnish Snowboard Association Mr. Mats Lindfors kept welcome speeches, after that Mr. Ota Pansky, EDSO representative, opened **3. EC Open Deaf Snowboarding 2012.**

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Photos and video on: <http://ecsnowboarding2012.com/media/gallery-opening-ceremony>