



Local Taekwon-do Instructor, Shane Fitzgibbon captained the Irish men's Taekwon-do team to great success in Wetzlar at the XVIII senior, IX Junior and I Veteran European Championships. Also from Galway, were Shane Rabbitte and Cathal Kilbane who were on the Irish junior boys Patterns Team, and Sandra Doyle who competed in the veteran section. The event hosted nine European countries and was run over three days, with Ireland doing particularly well. The Galway quartet took home a fine haul of eight medals between them. Fitzgibbon captured gold, silver and two bronze. Rabbitte and Kilbane both took bronze and Doyle won two bronze. Fitzgibbon, who this year was selected as Irish junior girls coach, oversaw the team winning two gold and two bronze medals. They were also crowned best overall junior girls' team of the championships. Picture shows, from left, Cathal Kilbane, Shane Fitzgibbon and Shane Rabbitte.