

2003 European Weightlifting Championships  
15-20 April  
Loutraki, Greece

## POST-COMPETITION PRESS CONFERENCE Women's 69 kg.

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**Valentina Popova (RUS):** "I've been for one and a half years in this category and I find it ideal for me, but I cannot exclude the possibility to change, since I would like to lift more. I'm still not sure in which category I'll be in the Athens Olympics, but what is important in such competitions is to participate."

**Milena Trendafilova (BUL):** "I have no plans to retire yet and as long as I feel strong enough and remain in good health I will continue my career. This competition in Loutraki is perfect and the town beautiful, and the organisation is of a level comparable to Olympic Games."

**Zarema Kasaeva (RUS):** "I am very happy to be amongst the top three of the European Championships. I did not expect to make the National Team of Russia at such a young age. I generally don't look towards the next competition, but set my goals to lifting more weights. This is my first medal in a senior competition."

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