The city of Yuzhny in South Ukraine hosted the 2011 European Championship in Grappling, Pankration and Combat Grappling from 9 till 11 June 2011. The Championship was placed under the responsibility of the Ukraine Pankration Federation and its 1st Vice-president, Mr. Alexander Mandrik, also member of the FILA World Grappling & Pankration Committee. The organising committee offered optimum hospitality and competition conditions to the 180 athletes who all spent an unforgettable time in Yuzhny. The FILA President and Secretary General honored the event with their presence and used the opportunity to award the six 2010 athletes of the year, that is: Océane Talvard (FRA) and Maciej Polok (POL) in no-gi grappling, Karolina Zawodnik (POL) and Grzegorz Kloc (POL) in gi grappling, Galyna Mateichuk (UKR) and Oleksandr Vysotskiy (UKR) in pankration.

The grappling competition in both styles was largely dominated by the Polish team that won the first place over Sweden, France, and Serbia. In no-gi grappling, Dmytro Baranov's (UKR) performance was particularly acclaimed. After having won the 1st FLA Grand Prix in Martigny, his victory over Fabien Brochetelle (FRA - 2010 World Champion) brought him to the top of the world ranking in the discipline. Tom Niinimäki (FIN) also created a stir by winning over Maciej Polok (POL), 2010 athlete of the year and winner of the World Combat Games. In women's no-gi grappling, Océane Talvard (FRA) and Irena Preiss (POL) dominated the competition and their gold medals allowed them to keep the lead of the world ranking.

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