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To UEFA's member associations

For the attention of  
the President and the General Secretary

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**Participation of clubs in the benefits of the UEFA Nations League 2020/21 & 2022/23 and the UEFA European Championship 2022-24**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Since 2008, UEFA distributes every four years an amount from the UEFA European Football Championship to clubs that have released players for UEFA's A-national team competitions. For the current edition of this distribution programme, which is linked to UEFA EURO 2024, the overall amount has been determined to be EUR 240 million, based on the Memorandum of Understanding between UEFA and the European Club Association ("ECA") dated February 2019.

The UEFA Executive Committee has approved the mechanism and distribution principles at its meeting on 7 April 2022 in Nyon and has decided that the overall amount is divided into two pots:

- **EUR 100 million** will be distributed among those clubs which have released and/or will release players for the UEFA Nations League 2020/21 ("UNL 2020/21"), the UEFA Nations League 2022/23 ("UNL 2022/23") and the qualifying competition of the UEFA EURO 2024 ("EQ 2022-24"), on a per-match basis.
- **EUR 140 million** will be distributed among the clubs that will release players for the final tournament, commonly referred to as UEFA EURO 2024, on a per-day basis.

In this context, the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding between UEFA and ECA states that "[...] there will be no additional payments from UEFA or any European National Association in relation to the release, insurance (for the insurance part also from non-European National Associations) or participation of players in national teams. [...]".

## A. Distribution mechanism

The distribution mechanism has generally been left unchanged compared to the previous edition of the programme, which was related to UEFA EURO 2020.

### 1. UNL 2020/21, UNL 2022/23 and EQ 2022-24 (€ 100 million)

EUR 100 million will be made available for these competition phases:

- UNL 2020/21 and UNL 2022/23 (340 matches including the league phase, finals and relegation play-outs)
- EQ 2022-24 (249 matches including the group stage and the play-offs), and up to 10 friendly matches played by EURO host Germany in parallel to these matches<sup>1</sup>

As for the previous cycle, there will be no difference in treatment between UNL and EQ matches.

The benefits associated with the release of players to the national teams will be calculated on a per player/per match basis. Clubs will receive an equal per-match compensation for players that they released to the participating teams, provided the below criteria are fulfilled.

To calculate the per-match fee, the following criteria and principles apply:

- Only players who were listed on the match sheet (maximum of 23 players per team) will be taken into account;
- Payments are only made to clubs that belong to a UEFA member association. Therefore, a match sheet appearance by a player registered for a non-UEFA club is not counted;
- No benefits can be allocated for players without club.

In all cases, the clubs to benefit from these payments are those with which the players concerned were registered when the match in question took place. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the national associations nor the players who were released to their national teams have any right or entitlement to these amounts, which the national associations are required to pass on to their clubs in full.

The projected per-match rate is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\text{€ 100 million}}{((589 \text{ matches} * 2 \text{ teams} * 23 \text{ players}) + (10 \text{ preparation matches of Germany} * 23 \text{ players}))} \\ & = \text{€ 3,659 per player per match} \end{aligned}$$

<sup>1</sup>Other centralised friendly matches played between 2020 and 2024 played in parallel to UNL or EQ matches or before the EURO 2024 final tournament are not part of this programme.

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The mechanism for the distribution of any leftover amounts (for example due to fewer than 23 players on the match sheet, or due to players released by non-UEFA clubs) will be determined in due course, after the conclusion of the European Qualifiers 2022-24 play-offs in March 2024.

## **2. UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament (€ 140 million)**

EUR 140 million will be distributed among the clubs releasing players for the EURO final tournament in June/July 2024. A club's share is calculated as:

- i. the number of players selected for a national team that has qualified for UEFA EURO 2024;
- ii. the number of days each player was at the final tournament, starting ten days before the first match of his national team and finishing the day after the national team's last match in the final tournament; and
- iii. the FIFA categorisation of clubs for training compensation, as per the latest guidelines set out in the relevant FIFA Circular. UEFA will in principle rely on the club category indicated in FIFA's Transfer Matching System (TMS) by 1 July 2024, with the following specifications:
  - As for previous editions, no club will be categorised as category 4;
  - The categorisation will be based on the category of the country where a club performs its competitive activity (and the division this club belongs to).

As for previous EURO tournaments, the calculated per-day rate will be multiplied with the factors 1 for clubs of Category 1, 2/3 for clubs from Category 2 and 1/3 for clubs of Category 3.

Should FIFA review its categorisation of clubs before 1 July 2024, the system will be adapted accordingly.

Further, the following principles apply:

- Payments are only made to clubs that belong to a UEFA member association. Therefore, a player registered for an Ex-European club is not counted.
- No benefits can be allocated for players without club.
- In all cases, the clubs to benefit from these payments are those with which the players concerned were registered during the relevant release period. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the national associations nor the players who were released to their national teams have any right or entitlement to these amounts, which the national associations are required to pass on to their clubs in full.

The following table summarises the forecasted per-day rate:

	Overall amount	Amount per player per day
<b>UEFA EURO 2024</b>	EUR 140 million	Category 1: EUR 10,000* Category 2: EUR 6,670* Category 3: EUR 3,330*
<b>UEFA EURO 2020</b>	EUR 130 million	Category 1: EUR 8,918 Category 2: EUR 5,945 Category 3: EUR 2,972

\* forecast based on simulated EURO squads and tournament results

The exact per-day amounts for each club category will be calculated after the completion of the final tournament, based on the actual participation of players.

Injured players:

For a player included in the original squad list of 23 players who was injured and replaced before the first match of his national team, payment will only be made for the number of days the player was present during the ten days before the first match of his national team.

For the player who replaced an injured player, payment will be made from the day of replacement until the day after the national team's last match in the final tournament.

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## B. Payment procedure

The following procedure will apply for the distribution of all payments (UNL, EQ and EURO final tournament) to implement the aforementioned distribution mechanism (as agreed between UEFA and ECA) as well as the relevant provisions of the MoU, in particular clause F.7, according to which any club – whether or not a member of the ECA – wishing to receive such payments is required to confirm to UEFA its acceptance of and compliance with the principles established in the MoU.

### 1. Amounts related to UNL 2020/21

Each UEFA member association will receive a preliminary list of clubs that have released players for the matches of the UNL 2020/21, together with a list of players that were on the match sheets of its national team during this period. Each association is requested to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed Club Application Form to all the clubs on the above-mentioned list; and
- ii. inform them that to be eligible to receive a share of these benefits, they must return this form, duly signed, to UEFA ([clubbenefits@uefa.ch](mailto:clubbenefits@uefa.ch), with a copy to their national association) by 1 July 2022 at the latest.

Other deadlines will be set related to the UNL 2022/23, EQ 2022-24 and the EURO 2024 final tournament, see points below. However, clubs do not have to resend the form to be eligible for further payments of this edition of the benefits programme;

- iii. confirm that their match sheets of the UEFA Nations League 2020/21 are correct. The corresponding form (send individually via email in due course) must be returned to UEFA by 1 July 2022, date following which the list is deemed to be approved.

### 2. Amounts related to the UNL 2022/23 league phase

After completion of the league phase in September 2022, each UEFA member association will receive a list of clubs who are eligible to a share of the benefits for those matches. If applicable, associations are requested to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed Club Application Form to their clubs on the above-mentioned list that have not yet released players to UNL 2020/21; and
- ii. inform them that to be eligible to receive a share of these benefits, they must return this form, duly signed, to UEFA ([clubbenefits@uefa.ch](mailto:clubbenefits@uefa.ch), with a copy to their national association) by 18 November 2022 at the latest;
- iii. confirm that their match sheets of the UEFA Nations League 2022/23 league phase are correct. The corresponding form (send individually via email in due course) must be returned to UEFA by 18 November 2022, date following which the list is deemed to be approved.

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### **3. Amounts related to the UNL 2022/23 finals and the EQ 2022-24 group stage**

After completion of the EQ 2022-24 group stage in November 2023, each UEFA member association will receive a list of clubs who are eligible to a share of the benefits for those matches. If applicable, associations are requested to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed Club Application Form to their clubs on the above-mentioned list that have not yet released players to the UNL 2020/21 or the UNL 2022/23 league phase; and
- ii. inform them that to be eligible to receive a share of these benefits, they must return this form, duly signed, to UEFA ([clubbenefits@uefa.ch](mailto:clubbenefits@uefa.ch), with a copy to their national association) by 19 January 2024 at the latest;
- iii. confirm that their match sheets of the EQ 2022-24 group stage and, if applicable, the UNL finals in June 2023 are correct. The corresponding form (send individually via email in due course) must be returned to UEFA by 19 January 2024, date following which the list is deemed to be approved.

### **4. Amounts related to the EQ 2022-24 play-offs, the UNL 2022/23 play-outs and the UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament**

Following the EURO final tournament in July 2024, each UEFA member association will receive a list of clubs who are eligible to a share of the benefits for those matches. If applicable, associations are requested to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed Club Application Form to their clubs on the above-mentioned list that have not yet released players to UNL 2020/21 or the UNL 2022/23 or EQ 2022-24 group stage matches; and
- ii. inform them that to be eligible to receive a share of these benefits, they must return this form, duly signed, to UEFA ([clubbenefits@uefa.ch](mailto:clubbenefits@uefa.ch), with a copy to their national association) by 20 September 2024 at the latest;
- iii. confirm that, if applicable, their match sheets for the EQ 2022-24 play-offs, the UNL 2022/23 play-outs and/or their player list of the UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament is correct. The corresponding form (send individually via email in due course) must be returned to UEFA by 20 September 2024, date following which the list is deemed to be approved.

### C. Payment schedule

To allow clubs to receive timely payments and to spread the workload for UEFA's member associations, the approval and payment process shall be staggered.

Timing	NA review and approval	Payments
<b>Q3 2022</b>	UNL 2020/21 (league phase, finals and play-outs)	UNL 2020/21 (league phase, finals and play-outs)
<b>Q4 2022</b>	UNL 2022/23 (league phase)	
<b>Q1 2023</b>		UNL 2022/23 (league phase)
<b>Q4 2023</b>	EQ 2022-24 (group stage) and UNL 2022/23 (finals)	
<b>Q1 2024</b>		EQ 2022-24 (group stage) and UNL 2022/23 (finals)
<b>Q3 2024</b>	EQ 2022-24 (play-offs) and UNL 2022/23 (play-outs) and UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament	
<b>Q4 2024</b>		EQ 2022-24 (play-offs) and UNL 2022/23 (play-outs) and UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

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Enclosure

- Club application form

Cc (with enclosure)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA National Team Competitions Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich
- ECA, Nyon