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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

Your reference	Your correspondence of	Our reference	Date
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UEFA Futsal EURO 2026 – Invitation to bid

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to bid to host the final tournament of the UEFA European Futsal Championship 2026 (UEFA Futsal EURO).

If your association is interested in hosting and intends to submit a bid, we kindly ask you to confirm your interest by completing and returning the attached declaration of interest form by 7 December 2022, 18:00 CET.

The latest *Bid Regulations UEFA Finals and Final Phases* approved by the UEFA Executive Committee apply. Please note that should UEFA decide to make amendments to any aspect of these Regulations during the course of the bidding process, the UEFA member associations will be informed accordingly. The bidding timeline is set out below:

7 December 2022, 18:00 CET	<i>Deadline for national associations to confirm their interest to bid</i>
12 December 2022	<i>Bid requirements are made available to the bidders</i>
17 May 2023, 12:00 CET	<i>Preliminary bid dossier submission deadline</i>
11 October 2023, 12:00 CET	<i>Final bid dossier submission deadline</i>
December 2023	<i>Appointment of host(s) of UEFA Futsal EURO 2026</i>

All dates are subject to final confirmation nearer the time.

The purpose of the preliminary submission is to favour dialogue between UEFA and the bidders and to streamline the efforts by identifying as early as possible how information and documentation shall be completed before the final submission deadline. If the preliminary bid dossier is determined by UEFA to have fulfilled the relevant minimum requirements, it may be incorporated into the final bid dossier and submitted by the bidder for the final evaluation by the UEFA administration.

In principle, the key organisational elements of the UEFA Futsal EURO final tournament are the following:

- *Tournament period: between January and February 2026 (exact dates to be confirmed)*
- *Duration: approx. 20 competition days (exact duration is depending on the match schedule, which will be confirmed after the bidding procedure)*
- *Teams: 16*
- *Matches: 32*
- *Number of centres/arenas:*
 - *1 centre with 2 arenas;*
 - *or 2 centres each with 1 arena at a bus-drive distance of maximum 3 hours*
- *Arenas' capacities:*
 - *1 arena with at least 7500 gross seating capacity*
 - *1 arena with at least 4500 gross seating capacity*
- *Training halls:*
 - *At least one training hall per centre (with a maximum driving distance of 30 minutes from the team hotels).*
 - *One training hall for referees.*

As the relevant competition regulations have not yet been issued, information regarding dates, the number of participating teams and the number of matches are provisional and may be subject to change.

Joint bids are permitted provided that the proposed venues are geographically compact. The decision regarding the qualification for the UEFA Futsal EURO final tournament will be made after the appointment of the host country and will be part of the respective competition regulations.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at Bid_FEURO_2026@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

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Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosure

- Declaration of interest form

cc (with enclosure)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Futsal & Beach Soccer Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich