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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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**UEFA refugee support initiatives:
2022/23 UEFA Football and Refugees Grants
EURO UNITY Cup, 28 June 2023, Frankfurt**

Dear President, Dear General Secretary,

We would like to draw your attention to the following two initiatives. These are concrete actions related to the refugee support and equality and inclusion policies of the UEFA Football Sustainability Strategy 2030.

1) UEFA Football and Refugees Grant Scheme

We would like to invite member associations to participate in the sixth edition of UEFA's Football and Refugees Grants. This programme offers grants to member associations to develop projects that help refugees maintain their physical and mental health and that strengthen the ties between refugees and their host communities.

Applications are submitted via the UEFA HatPro platform.

The application deadline is **27 January 2023**. A panel of external experts will assess the applications and we plan to inform the winners in early March 2023.

2) EURO UNITY Cup 2023

We hosted our first-ever official tournament with refugees in Nyon on 29 June 2022. The EURO UNITY Cup was supported by the UNHCR and was a wonderful celebration of the power of football to assist refugees. A short article and video about the first edition is available [here](#).

We are now pleased to announce the second edition of this event:

EURO UNITY Cup 2023

Wednesday 28 June 2023
DFB-Campus, Frankfurt

Member associations are invited to confirm their participation in the 2023 edition by letter or email to fsr@uefa.ch signed by the president or general secretary. The event will again be organised in partnership with the UNHCR. Participation is based on the following criteria:

- Associations send a team composed of 11 players: eight refugees, three non-refugees.
- Female participation is mandatory. Associations must ensure that their team includes a minimum of two women. Regulations stipulate that one female player is always on the pitch.
- **It is crucial that the refugee players are recognised as such by their host country and have the necessary documents to travel internationally.**
- The team should be accompanied by four support staff. We recommend a coach, physiotherapist, liaison officer and the association's FSR officer.
- UEFA will cover the following costs for 15 persons (11 players and four support staff):
 - Dinner and accommodation on 27 and 28 June
 - Lunch on 28 June
 - Local transportation
- The participating associations must actively promote both this tournament and their work dedicated to refugee support.

Depending on how many associations express an interest, UEFA may have to limit the number of teams that can be admitted. The application deadline is **20 January 2023**, but please note that the **first 12 associations** to confirm their participation will be **given priority**.

Please contact the UEFA Football and Social Responsibility division (fsr@uefa.ch) if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

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- UEFA Fair Play and Social Responsibility Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich