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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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| Your reference | Your correspondence of | Our reference | Date |
| | | F/MAC/KLL/NKE/cel | 16 January 2023 |

Opportunities to bid to host a youth final tournament in 2025, 2026 and 2027

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to inform our member associations of upcoming opportunities to host final tournaments. The next bidding process will concern the following tournaments.

UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship

| Edition | Final tournament date | N° of teams | N° of matches | Stadium |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| 2025/26 | May 2026 | 8 | 15* | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Category 1 or 2• 4 stadiums, including<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 1 stadium = max. 10,000 capacity◦ Other stadiums = max. 3,000 capacity• 3 of these stadiums should provide floodlighting installation of an intensity of at least 800 Eh(lux) and 350 Ev(lux) |
| 2026/27 | May 2027 | 8 | 15* | |

* excluding potential FIFA U17 Women's World Cup play-off matches

UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship

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| 2025/26 | July 2026 | 8 | 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Category 1 or 2• 4 stadiums, including<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 1 stadium = max. 10,000 capacity◦ Other stadiums = max. 3,000 capacity• 3 of these stadiums should provide floodlighting installation of an intensity of at least 800 Eh(lux) and 350 Ev(lux) |
| 2026/27* | June, July or August 2027 | 8 | 15 | |

* qualifier for the FIFA U20 Women's World Cup

UEFA European Under-17 Championship

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|---------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|---|
| 2024/25 | May 2025 | 16** | 31* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 1 or 2 • 6-8 stadiums, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1 stadium = max. 10,000 capacity ◦ Other stadiums = max. 3,000 capacity • 3-4 of these stadiums should provide floodlighting installation of an intensity of at least 800 Eh(lux) and 350 Ev(lux) |
| 2025/26 | May 2026 | 16** | 31* | |
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** could be eight teams if the new competition format is approved

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The dates of each tournament are provisional and subject to discussion with the host association.

Host associations automatically qualify for the final tournament in question.

Please note that UEFA reserves the right to change the format of final tournaments, in which case the bidders will be duly informed.

The U17 championship format is currently being reviewed and if the new format is approved, eight teams would participate in the final tournament instead of sixteen. If needed, a first site visit to the host of the 2025 Under-17 final tournament will take place in October/November 2023 (exact dates to be agreed with the appointed host).

Please note that FIFA are looking into a revision of the FIFA youth tournament inventory, including expanded annual Under-17 tournaments for both boys and girls. Depending on the outcome, this may impact the number of slots available for European teams and for boys specifically the format of the final phase. Associations indicating an interest to bid for one of these tournaments will be advised accordingly.

Regarding UEFA's financial contribution scheme for the aforementioned tournaments, please note that the following principles will apply:

- Event budget to be drawn up with the host association and covered by UEFA
- Financial incentives to be disclosed in the staging agreement

The timeframe for the bid process for these final tournaments is as follows:

| Date | Milestone |
|--------------------------|--|
| 15 March 2023, 12:00 CET | Deadline for national associations to declare their interest |
| 22 March 2023 | Bid requirements are made available to the bidders |
| 10 May 2023, 12:00 CET | Preliminary bid dossier submission deadline |
| 5 July 2023, 12:00 CET | Final bid dossier submission deadline |
| 26 September 2023 | Appointment of hosts by the UEFA Executive Committee |

If your association is interested in hosting one or more of the above-mentioned events, we kindly ask you to return the enclosed "Declaration of interest" form to us by **Wednesday, 15 March 2023, 12:00 CET**.

The UEFA Finals and Final Phases Bid Regulations approved on the 19 April 2021 by the UEFA Executive Committee apply. A digital version of these regulations is available on UEFA Documents.

Should you need any further information at this stage, please feel free to contact bid_youths_2025_2026_2027@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

UEFA



Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosure

- Declaration of interest form

cc (with enclosure)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- Youth and Amateur Football Committee
- Women's Football Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich