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CELEBRATION TIME

Spain celebrate their UEFA Women's Futsal EURO 2022 triumph in Gondomar, Portugal after beating the hosts 4-1 on penalties in the final. The fixture – a repeat of the 2019 showpiece – was locked at 3-3 after extra time, before the champions took control in the shoot-out. With the Iberian rivals meeting in the semi-finals this time round, there will be different line-up in the final in Debrecen on 19 March.



EVERY CHILD IS A CHAMPION



Aleksander Čeferin
UEFA President
az UEFA elnöke



WELCOME TO THE TOURNAMENT

ÜDVÖZÖLJÜK AZ EURÓPA-BAJNOKSÁGON!

These are exciting times for both futsal and women's football, and the third edition of the UEFA Women's Futsal EURO finals is certain to set new benchmarks for a sport that is flourishing as a popular attraction for fans across this continent.

Debrecen, Hungary's second largest city, is an important cultural centre, and enjoys a rich and momentous history. Now, the city occupies the sporting spotlight for this exciting tournament following the first two editions in Portugal in 2019 and 2022.

The 6,738-capacity Főnix Arena in Debrecen, which opened in 2002, is no stranger to top European futsal action. It was one of the venues for the men's UEFA Futsal EURO 2010 and had the honour of staging the final.

Some of Europe's finest female futsal players will grace this year's event, which features four teams of the highest calibre. Spain, champions in the first two editions, are joined by Portugal – runners-up in 2019 and 2022 – last year's bronze medallists Ukraine, and proud hosts Hungary, who finished in fourth place last time around.

The latest Women's EURO final tournament promises entertainment and drama in abundance. My thanks to the Hungarian Football Federation (MLSZ) for staging this event. Good luck to the four teams – and enjoy the action!

Izgalmas időket él a futsal és a női labdarúgás, hiszen a harmadik alkalommal megrendezésre kerülő női futsal-Európa-bajnoki négyes döntő újabb fontos mérföldkő lesz a kontinens szurkolói körében egyre népszerűbbé váló sportág számára.

Debrecen, Magyarország második legnagyobb városa fontos kulturális központ, emellett gazdag és jelentős történelemmel rendelkezik. A város most a futsal Európa-bajnoki döntő miatt kerül reflektorfénybe, a 2019-es és 2022-es portugáliai négyes döntőt követően első alkalommal lesz házigazdája az izgalmasnak ígérkező tornának.

A 2002-ben megnyitott, 6738 férőhelyes debreceni Főnix Aréna nem ismeretlen az európai futsal élvonalá számára, hiszen már a 2010-es férfi futsal-Európa-bajnokságon bemutatkozott Eb-helyszíneként, sőt a döntőnek is otthont adott.

Ezúttal Európa legjobb női futsaljátékosai látogatnak a városba, ahol a kontinens jelenlegi négy legmagasabban jegyzett válogatottja küzd meg egymással. Az első két Európa-bajnokságot megnyerő Spanyolország mellett a 2019-ben és 2022-ben is ezüstérmes Portugália, a tavalyi bronzérmes Ukrajna és a házigazda, a legutóbb a negyedik helyen végző Magyarország tagja a mezőnynek.

Az Európa-bajnoki négyes döntő felhőtlen szórakozást és drámai csatákat ígér a szurkolóknak. Köszönöm a Magyar Labdarúgó Szövetségnek (MLSZ), hogy megrendezi az eseményt, a négy csapatnak sok sikert, a szurkolóknak pedig jó szórakozást kívánok!



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A SCAR**

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Sándor Csányi
MLSZ President
az MLSZ elnöke



WELCOME TO HUNGARY

ISTEN HOZTA MAGYAROSZÁGON!

It gives me great pleasure that Hungary is hosting another important European final tournament, with Debrecen staging the third edition of the UEFA Women's Futsal EURO. Following on from the men's European Futsal Championship in 2010, UEFA has again put its trust in Hungary to organise an important futsal tournament. I am especially happy that, this time, it will be Europe's best women's teams competing for the trophy in our country.

Hungary has enjoyed tremendous success, breaking into the top four teams in Europe. Our players are the only ones still in the competition who compete for their national team as amateurs and therefore have to make sacrifices to represent Hungary on the futsal court. However, they have proved that they can compete with the best; during the 2022 finals in Portugal, we were worthy opponents of the hosts, and only lost by a single goal in the subsequent bronze-medal match against Ukraine.

The odds may not be in our favour, but I secretly hope that with the help of the local fans in Debrecen we will witness another great achievement and that our players will finish with medals around their necks. I hope the spectators in the Főnix Aréna have a great time and I wish the participating teams every success in games played in the right sporting spirit.

Nagy örömmre szolgál, hogy Magyarország újabb fontos Európa-bajnoki döntő házigazdája lehet, és a következő napokban Debrecen adhat otthont a harmadik alkalommal megrendezett női futsal négyesdöntőnek. A 2010-es férfi Eb után ismét fontos futsalesemény rendezését bízta Magyarországra az UEFA, külön örülök annak, hogy ezúttal egy női sorozat legjobb csapatai küzdenek hazánkban az Eb-trófeáért.

A magyar válogatott jókora bravúrt hajtott végre azzal, hogy bejutott Európa legjobb négy csapata közé. A magyar lányok – a mezőnyben egyedülként – amatőrként szerepelnek válogatottjukban, nem kevés áldozatot hozva azért, hogy a magyar színeket képviselhessék a futsalpályákon. Mégis, a múltban többször bizonyították, hogy fel tudják venni a versenyt a legjobbakkal: a 2022-es portugáliai Európa-bajnoki döntőben méltó ellenfelei voltunk a házigazdának, az ukránok elleni bronzmérkőzésen pedig csupán egyetlen góllal maradtunk alul.

Bár az esélyek idén is az ellenfeleink mellett szólnak, titkon abban reménykedem, hogy a debreceni szurkolók segítségével szemtanúi lehetünk egy nagy bravúrnak, és válogatott játékosaink éremmel a nyakukban zárják a viadalt.

A Főnix Aréna közönségének jó szurkolást, a résztvevő csapatoknak pedig sok sikert és sportszerű küzdelmet kívánok!

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Host city Debrecen is Hungary's second largest after the capital Budapest, with a population of just over 200,000. Situated in the east of the country, 25km from the Romanian border, it was here, in the Reformed Great Church (pictured) on Debrecen's main square, Kossuth tér, that Lajos Kossuth declared Hungary's independence from the Habsburg Empire on 14 April 1848.



MATCH SCHEDULE

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SEMI-FINALS

FRIDAY 17 MARCH

16:00 Spain  v  Portugal

19:30 Ukraine  v  Hungary

THIRD-PLACE MATCH

SUNDAY 19 MARCH

17:00  v  Portugal

FINAL

SUNDAY 19 MARCH

20:00  v  Portugal

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREES

Mislav Džeko (CRO)

Marija Glekova (ISR)

Daniele D'adamo (SMR)

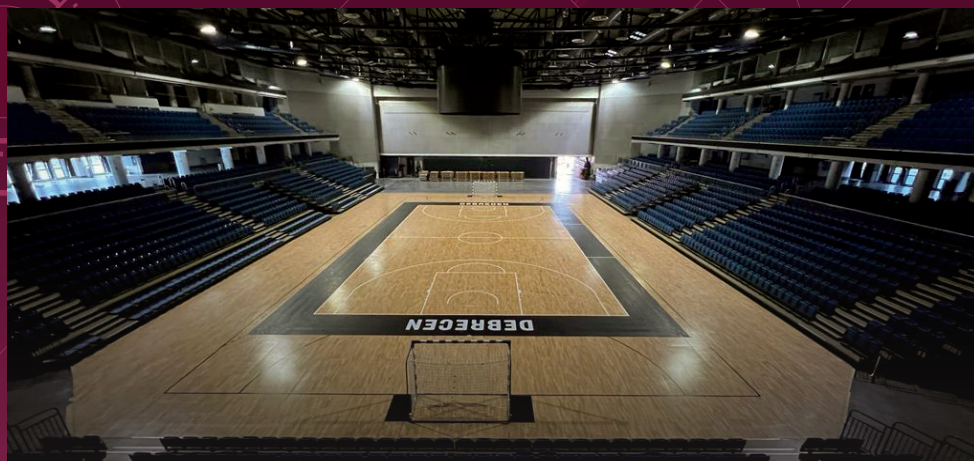
Talgat Kosmukhambetov (KAZ)

Dominykas Norkus (LTU)

Monika Czudzinowicz (POL)

Dejan Veselič (SVN)

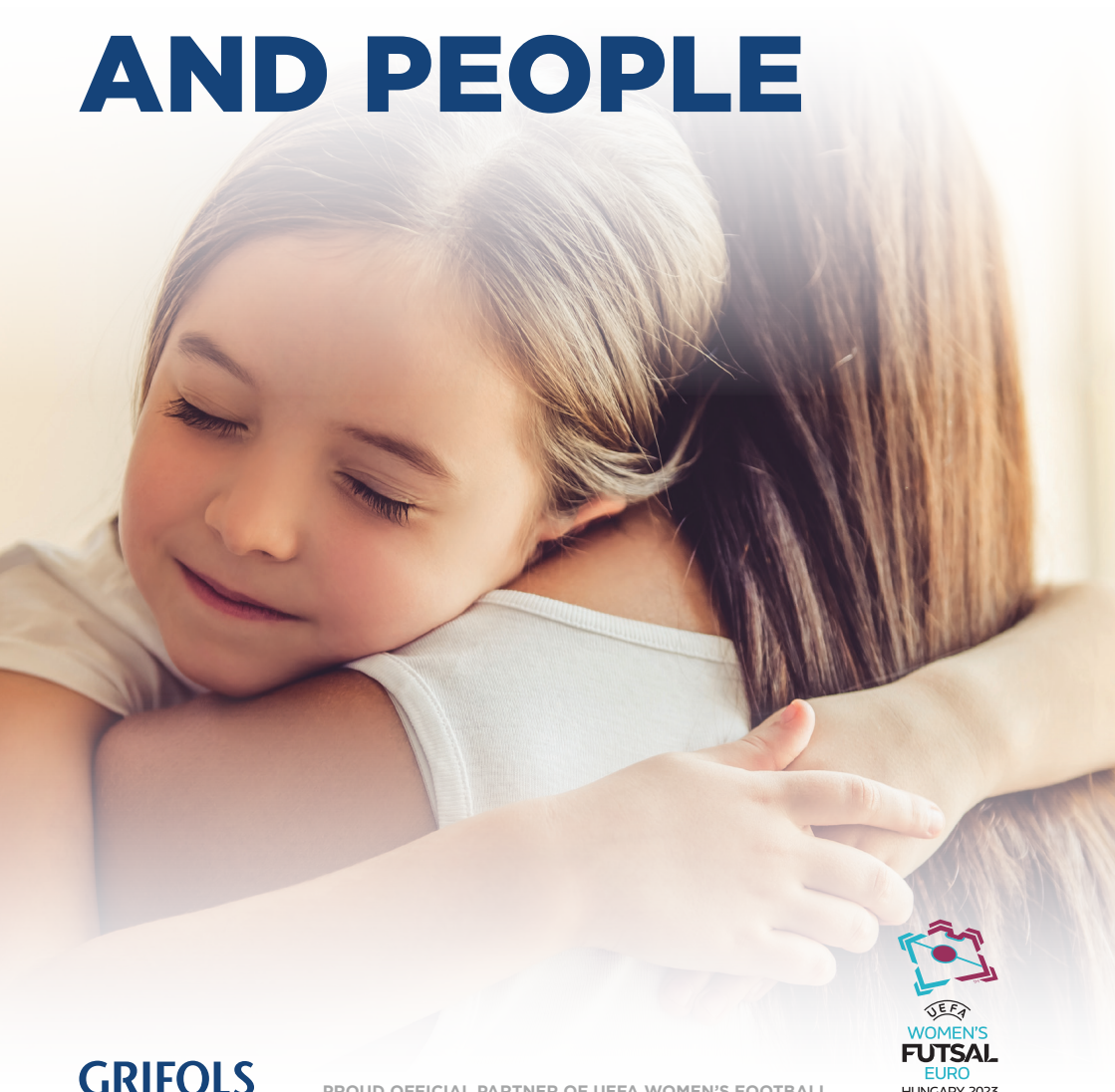
Fatma Özlem Tursun (TUR)



FŐNIX ARENA

All four matches will be played at the 6,738-capacity Főnix Arena in Debrecen. The venue also hosted games at the men's UEFA Futsal EURO 2010, including the final when Spain beat Portugal 4-2.

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Portugal talisman
Carla Vanessa scores
against Belarus



ROAD TO DEBRECEN

The key facts and figures from qualifying

FORMAT

Preliminary round: 12 teams, three groups; group winners and two second-placed sides advance

Main round: 16 teams, four groups; group winners advance to the final tournament

24 teams entered qualifying, with Latvia competing for the first time. Russia entered qualifying but did not take part

TOP SCORERS BY TEAM

- 31 Portugal
- 27 Spain
- 26 Slovenia
- 25 Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 22 Belgium
- 18 Netherlands

TOP SCORERS BY PLAYER

- 8 Carla Vanessa POR
- 7 Vanessa Sotelo ESP
- 6 Justine Gomboso BEL
- 6 Branka Bagarić BIH
- 5 Laura de Groen NED
- 5 Yuliya Tytova UKR
- 5 Janice Silva POR

ASSISTS

- 8 Branka Bagarić BIH
- 6 Vanessa Sotelo ESP
- 4 Ermenc Ines SVN
- 4 Matilde Drumont BEL
- 4 Ale de Paz ESP
- 4 Catia Morgado POR
- 4 Amina Mujanović BIH

FEWEST GOALS CONCEDED

- 1 Portugal
- 3 Hungary
- 3 Spain
- 3 Poland
- 4 Ukraine
- 5 Northern Ireland
- 5 Italy

42



games
played



270
goals
scored



6.43
goals per
match



6
minutes
per goal



SPAIN



ESPAÑA VS PORTUGAL



Flawless so far

Spain have monopolised the UEFA Women's Futsal EURO title so far – in fact the only game they did not win over 40 minutes of the 13 they have played since the competition began was the 2022 final last July in Gondomar, where they drew 3-3 with hosts Portugal after extra time (having come back from 2-0 down) and then prevailed on penalties. Portugal were also beaten 4-0 in Gondomar in the inaugural final four years ago, and

this time they await in the semis at a Debrecen arena where Spain's men beat their neighbours in the men's EURO 2010 decider. Peque, set to captain Spain in these finals, said: "Confidence is very high, but we know it will be really tough. The first one was the most special, but we prepare for each EURO as it was the first." Belgium, Sweden and mini-tournament hosts Finland certainly discovered that in qualifying. "The best thing in Finland →

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD

WINNERS 2019 AND 2022



SQUAD

	Goalkeepers	Date of birth	Competition Apps / Goals		Club
			2022/23	All-time	
1	Silvia	11/01/1987	3/0	13/0	Ence Marín Futsal
12	Marta	28/04/1995	3/0	10/0	CD Futsi Atlético Navalcarnero
Outfield players					
2	Noelia	01/11/1997	3/2	7/2	STV Roldán FSF
3	Melli	01/11/1994	0/0	3/0	LBTL Alcantarilla
4	Laura	19/06/2003	0/0	5/1	CD Futsi Atlético Navalcarnero
5	Mayte	18/02/1994	3/2	10/7	STV Roldán FSF
6	Luci	20/01/1992	3/1	10/4	Poio Pescamar FS
7	Ale de Paz	25/05/1995	3/3	8/9	Ence Marín Futsal
8	Antía Pérez García	21/06/2000	0/0	0/0	Pescados Rubén Burela FS
10	Dany	13/07/1984	3/1	8/4	Pescados Rubén Burela FS
11	Irene Samper	24/04/1998	3/2	10/5	Pescados Rubén Burela FS
14	Peque	03/04/1987	3/2	13/6	Pescados Rubén Burela FS
15	María Sanz	18/12/1997	3/0	5/2	CD Futsi Atlético Navalcarnero
16	Irene Córdoba	19/06/2003	3/3	8/10	CD Futsi Atlético Navalcarnero

QUALIFYING RESULTS

Main round Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	3	3	0	0	27	3	9
Sweden	3	1	1	1	7	11	4
Finland*	3	1	0	2	13	10	3
Belgium	3	0	1	2	3	26	1

*Tournament host

Spain 14-0 Belgium, Sweden 3-2 Finland

Sweden 1-6 **Spain**, Finland 9-0 Belgium

Belgium 3-3 Sweden, Finland 2-7 **Spain**



COACH

Clàudia Pons

ONE TO WATCH

PEQUE

She once tried out for Rayo Vallecano in football but that sport's loss was futsal's gain as the winger has long been a consistently high-level performer for club and country.



Please see [UEFA.com](https://www.uefa.com) for definitive final tournament squad.



Spain's Irene Córdoba vies for the ball against Finland

“WHEN ANA LUJÁN LIFTED THE TROPHY IT WAS CRAZY. IT WAS MY BEST SPORTING MOMENT”

→ was the attitude,” reflected Peque. “We kept our identity, that is not slowing down. It’s the best we can do.” Furthermore, since last July’s final, the European champions have faced, and beaten, Portugal four times in friendlies, twice 2-0 away and twice 3-2 at home. “I think we are evolving well,” Peque added. “After a great tournament like EURO last July you always have a little downturn, but we have overcome it and we are already at our peak.” There will be a couple of familiar faces missing from the Spain squad compared to the first two final tournaments as Ame Romero has retired from the team and captain Ana Luján is injured. 2019 Player of the Tournament Vanessa Sotelo, will unfortunately

miss another final tournament with a fresh knee problem. However, stand-in skipper Peque, goalkeeper Silvia Aguete, Luci, Meyte, Noelia and Irene Samper will all go for third titles. Other previous winners likely to play a big role include Ale de Paz – whose two goals wiped out Portugal’s lead in the 2022 final – and young twins Laura and Irene Córdoba, the latter of whom converted the winning penalty in Gondomar. That emotional day still sticks in Peque’s memory. “When Ana Luján lifted the trophy it was crazy,” Peque said. “The second tournament was incredible. We came from behind, with Silvia incredible in the penalty shoot-out. In my sporting life, it was my best moment.” ●

Spain celebrate
their third goal in
the 2022 final





PORTUGAL



MAIN ROUND DE QUALIFICAÇÃO EUROPEU DE FUTSAL FEMININO

Seeking redemption

Portugal, with the backing of a sell-out home crowd in Gondomar in both of the first two tournament finals, have fallen just short of pipping Spain to the Women's Futsal EURO title, only losing the second final last July on penalties. Ana Azevedo, who opened the scoring in the 2022 decider and was named Player of the Tournament, is keen to go one better in Debrecen, starting by beating Spain to reach a third final.

"Motivation is always high in our team, especially when playing the most important futsal tournament in Europe," she said. "Our priority is to improve our concentration and focus to a maximum level, so that we reach the final again. If we succeed in doing that everything is possible."

Portugal showed that concentration and focus throughout their spectacular qualifying performances, especially in the decisive 5-1 victory over the highly-rated Italy. →

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD RUNNERS-UP 2019 AND 2022



SQUAD

		Date of birth	Competition Apps / Goals		Club
			2022/23	All-time	
Goalkeepers					
1	Ana Catarina	19/11/1992	3/0	13/1	SL Benfica
12	Marta Costa	26/10/2000	0/0	0/0	SL Benfica
Outfield players					
2	Inês Matos	26/10/1999	0/0	0/0	SL Benfica
3	Inês Fernandes	07/09/1989	3/0	13/2	SL Benfica
4	Carla Vanessa	11/06/1990	3/8	13/18	GCR Nun'Álvares
5	Fifó	09/08/2000	3/4	10/9	SL Benfica
6	Cátia Morgado	16/08/1989	3/3	13/10	GCR Nun'Álvares
7	Ana Azevedo	28/07/1986	3/4	13/7	Santa Luzia FC
8	Janice Silva	12/06/1997	3/5	13/11	SL Benfica
9	Pisko	05/05/1989	3/1	13/9	GCR Nun'Álvares
10	Sara Ferreira	07/11/1992	0/0	10/10	SL Benfica
11	Carolina Rocha	15/01/2000	3/0	5/0	Novasemente GD
13	Raquel Santos	04/04/1998	0/0	0/0	SL Benfica
14	Lídia Moreira	28/03/1995	0/0	8/5	Novasemente GD

QUALIFYING RESULTS

Main round Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal*	3	3	0	0	31	1	9
Italy	3	2	0	1	15	5	6
Belarus	3	0	1	2	3	23	1
Slovenia	3	0	1	2	3	23	1

*Tournament host

Italy 8-0 Slovenia, Belarus 0-14 **Portugal**
Belarus 0-6 Italy, **Portugal** 12-0 Slovenia
Slovenia 3-3 Belarus, **Portugal** 5-1 Italy



COACH
Luís Conceição

ONE TO WATCH

JANICE SILVA

The 25-year-old is a world-class attacking talent and a leader on the pitch. Her special technical ability keeps opponents guessing thanks to her trickery and improvisation.



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Portugal's Fifó lines up a shot against Slovenia

“MOTIVATION IS ALWAYS HIGH, ESPECIALLY WHEN PLAYING THE MOST IMPORTANT FUTSAL TOURNAMENT IN EUROPE”

→ “We have been working very hard in the national squad and at club level,” Azevedo added. “Every player waits for the whole season for moments like the EURO finals.”

Portugal have a host of players who have proven themselves in the previous tournaments. These include Ana Catarina, for some the world's best goalkeeper, Azevedo with her 100-plus caps, the thrilling Fifó and Janice Silva, the ever-reliable Pisko and Inês Fernandes. Carla Vanessa, meanwhile, scored a competition leading eight goals in qualifying to take her overall tally to 18 – the Women's Futsal EURO record.

Luís Conceição has coached the team since 2014, also helping a squad including Fifó win the Youth Olympic gold in 2018. Spain, though, have so far always stood in the

way of EURO glory, and since July's penalty shoot-out loss in Gondomar, Portugal have suffered four friendly reverses against their neighbours. Portugal twice went down 2-0 at home in October and were then pipped 3-2 both times in a pair of away matches in January.

Azevedo – who wears the number seven as a tribute to David Beckham – is looking forward to facing Spain yet again: “There are always interesting matches between Portugal and Spain. I see it as a healthy rivalry that pushes both teams to perform at their highest level.” Victory would mean yet another final appearance for Azevedo and Co: “It's an overwhelming feeling of happiness, satisfaction, and pride. There aren't enough words to describe it.” ●

A young Portuguese fan cheers on her side



THE CHAMPIONS

FIFA FUTSAL WORLD CUP



Portugal beat Argentina 2-1 in the 2021 final to win their first World Cup and become just the second European side after Spain to do so.

UEFA FUTSAL EURO



Four months after the World Cup, despite Ricardinho's retirement, Portugal retained the EURO title last February with a thrilling series of comebacks.

FUTSAL FINALISSIMA



World champions Portugal won the first Finalissima in 2022, a four-team tournament involving South America and Europe's top sides.

FUTSAL'S EXPANSION CONTINUES APACE, WITH SIX INTERNATIONAL TROPHIES NOW UP FOR GRABS. PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH SIDES HAVE BEEN SHARING THE LIMELIGHT

UEFA WOMEN'S FUTSAL EURO



Spain have been perfect so far in the Women's Futsal EURO – lifting the trophy in both 2019 and 2022 with Portugal twice runners-up.

UEFA FUTSAL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



Barça clinched club football's premier title for the fourth time in Latvian capital Riga last May, beating Sporting CP 4-0 in the final.

EUROPEAN U19 FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Like the Women's Futsal EURO, the Under-19 championship kicked off in 2019 and Spain have won both titles since.

NEWS FROM UEFA

WATCH AN EXCITING NEW DOCUMENTARY EXPLORING THE WORLD OF FUTSAL AND DOWNLOAD A GROUNDBREAKING APP



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

UEFA TV recently launched Think Fast, a compelling documentary exploring the growing popularity of futsal. The two-part series focuses on the appeal of this action-packed sport, as well as the players who have elevated it to the next level; they provide their perspectives on what makes futsal so special and the kind of skillset that is essential to the sport. Viewers also get to take a look at exclusive behind-the-scenes footage from some of the biggest futsal tournaments around the world.

At the heart of the docuseries is Portugal's legendary futsal star Ricardinho, whose incredible tricks and technique helped to make him a worldwide sensation. He looks back on a glittering career that helped put futsal on the map, as well as discussing the future of the sport. A must-watch.

FUTSAL FOR ALL

As futsal continues to gain global traction, UEFA aims to keep pushing the boundaries in making the sport accessible to everyone. One key initiative in doing so is the UEFA Futsal Coach App; created with the help of renowned Spanish futsal manager José Venancio Lopéz, it provides a huge database of illustrative training drills, match videos and instruction manuals. These are designed to help both coaches and players, from the grassroots level right to the top of the pyramid.



TOBACCO-FREE TOURNAMENT

The venue for this year's tournament follows a no-smoking policy, making the games a healthier and more enjoyable experience for everyone in attendance.



THE PERFECT MATCH





Special motivation

"We can't live our usual life during the war in Ukraine and it has its effect on the training process too," admitted captain Luliia Forsiuk ahead of the tournament, but that has not diminished her side's ambition. "We have bronze medals [won in 2022] and we don't want to stop. Our goal is to reach the final."

Those bronze medals came last July in Gondomar, with victory against their

semi-final opponents here in Debrecen, hosts Hungary. The invasion of Ukraine had delayed the 2022 finals by several months, but the squad were able to gather for a series of camps in the weeks leading up to the finals. Just as in the inaugural edition of 2019, they fell in the last four, but goals from Yuliya Tytova and Snezhana Volovenko against Hungary were enough to earn third place with a 2-1 win.

This season, Ukraine's players have →

FINAL TOURNAMENT RECORD
FOURTH PLACE 2019; THIRD PLACE 2022



SQUAD

	Date of birth	Competition Apps / Goals		Club
		2022/23	All-time	
Goalkeepers				
1 Viktoriia Kyslova	03/01/1997	3/1	8/1	Torreblanca Melilla FS
4 Nataliia Mytrofanska	10/03/1995	3/0	5/0	Deportivo Córdoba FS
12 Anastasiia Terekh	08/10/1998	3/0	3/0	Inter SC
Outfield players				
3 Anna Shulha	03/03/1995	0/0	5/5	Torreblanca Melilla FS
5 Polina Drozd	20/05/1997	3/0	5/0	Ilves FS
7 Yuliya Tytova	06/02/1984	3/5	9/7	Real Statte
8 Alona Kyrlychuk	20/08/1992	3/0	13/0	Budstar FSF
9 Kseniia Hrytsenko	31/05/1995	0/0	9/1	Arona Costa Sur
10 Snezhana Volovenko	08/08/1989	3/0	13/3	Futsi Atlético Navalcarnero
11 Oleksandra Skybina	15/11/2001	3/0	5/0	Rodiles FS
13 Iryna Dubytska	06/05/1994	3/1	13/5	Inter SC
14 Taisiia Babenko	10/02/1993	3/0	8/1	Inter SC
17 Iuliia Forsiuk	15/08/1985	3/2	13/7	CFS Arona Costa Sur
19 Vera Dyatel	03/03/1984	0/0	0/0	Ilves FS

QUALIFYING RESULTS

Main round Group 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ukraine	3	2	1	0	11	4	7
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Poland*	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Croatia	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

*Tournament host

Croatia 0–2 Poland, **Ukraine** 5–2 Netherlands
Croatia 1–5 **Ukraine**, Poland 1–2 Netherlands
Netherlands 1–0 Croatia, Poland 1–1 **Ukraine**



COACH
Oleg Shaytanov

ONE TO WATCH

IULIA TYTOVA

The hugely-experienced Tytova led the way for Ukraine with her five qualifying goals having already impressed in both previous final tournaments. She is now assistant coach as well as a key player.



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Ukraine skipper Iuliia Forsiuk prepares to shoot against Poland

“I CAN’T PUT INTO WORDS, THE MOTIVATION THIS TOURNAMENT GIVES US”

→ been spread across Europe, but they were still able to progress through a tricky qualifying group, thanks in large part to Tytova who scored in each of her side’s three games. Tytova, Forsiuk, Viktoriia Kyslova, Iryna Dubytska, Kseniia Hrytsenko, Alona Kyrylchuk and Volovenko played in both previous final tournaments, under the guidance of coach Oleg Shaytanov, who was a runner-up with Ukraine’s men at the 2001 and 2003 Futsal EUROS.

Forsiuk emphasises just how much reaching the final would mean to her side. “Women’s Futsal EURO is the most important event of my career,” she said. “I think for every girl it means the same. It is the most prestigious tournament

for women’s national teams. I can’t put into words the motivation this tournament gives us. Some players in our squad will end their careers soon and we hope that after the end of the war we will be able to continue to work as coaches for the next generation of young girls.”

Keep an eye out for Anna Shulha, who was unfortunate to miss the 2022 tournament because of injury, and also Vera Dyatel a former football player whose selection is intriguing. One of the greats of Ukrainian female football, Dyatel featured at Women’s EURO 2009, and only retired from the outdoor game in 2019. The 39-year-old now has a chance to complete a unique double of finals appearances.

Snezhana Volovenko celebrates her goal against Hungary in the 2022 tournament





HUNGARY



Seize the day

After two final tournaments in Portugal it is Hungary's turn to host and captain Adél Varga knows the backing of the fans in Debrecen could push them to their nation's first major futsal final. "They can definitely make the difference," said Varga, whose side narrowly lost out on 2022 bronze to their semi-final opponents this time around, Ukraine. "We were able to play a close game against them in Portugal, so why couldn't we do it again

in Debrecen, where we'll have the support of the Hungarian crowd? It means a lot to everyone to be able to play in front of their family and friends. Hopefully it will be an extra motivation for all my team-mates, and no one will feel extra pressure in front of their own people." Hungary were a late call-up to the 2022 finals, following the suspension of Russia, who beat them in qualifying. This time, however, Tamás Frank's side earned their place as by right, though they had to →

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SQUAD

	Goalkeepers	Date of birth	Competition Apps / Goals		Club
			2022/23	All-time	
1	Lilla Torma	16/12/1995	3/0	8/0	DEAC
12	Annamária Hargas	23/02/1995	3/0	5/0	TFSE-Bestrong
Outfield players					
2	Diána Fülöp	28/03/1989	3/0	11/1	DEAC
3	Kitti Szalkai	10/08/1993	3/0	8/0	2F-BAU Tolna-Mózs
4	Rebeka Fábián	03/07/1995	3/0	5/0	Budaörs Endo Plus Service
5	Zsuzsanna Folk	19/05/1994	3/1	5/1	TFSE-Bestrong
6	Nóra Tóth	06/02/1995	3/0	5/0	DEAC
7	Brigitta Gruber	12/04/1998	0/0	0/0	TFSE-Bestrong
8	Katalin Üveges	03/06/1989	3/0	5/0	DEAC
9	Petra Kracszenics	06/04/1998	0/0	0/0	2F-BAU Tolna-Mózs
10	Gabriella Kota	22/03/1998	3/1	11/6	TFSE-Bestrong
11	Viktória Horváth	12/01/2001	0/0	5/4	DEAC
13	Adél Varga	21/07/1989	3/0	10/1	TFSE-Bestrong
14	Fruzsina Koch	13/10/1992	3/1	5/1	Budaörs Endo Plus Service

QUALIFYING RESULTS

Main round Group 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Bos and Herz	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Slovakia	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
Czechia*	3	0	1	2	6	10	1

*Tournament host

Slovakia 1-1 **Hungary**, Czechia 2-3 Bos and Herz

Hungary 3-2 Bos and Herz, Slovakia 4-4 Czechia

Bos and Herz 1-0 Slovakia, **Hungary** 3-0 Czechia



COACH

Tamás Frank

ONE TO WATCH

LILLA TORMA

The goalkeeper was one of the stars of the 2022 finals with a string of stunning saves in both matches. She also showed a keen ability to step up outfield.



Please see [UEFA.com](https://www.uefa.com) for definitive final tournament squad.



Hungary's Gabriella Kota on the volley

“IT MEANS A LOT TO EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO PLAY IN FRONT OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS”

→ come from behind to hold Slovakia and beat Bosnia and Herzegovina. Hungary still needed victory against group hosts Czechia but Gabriella Kota struck within 20 seconds and two late goals by Csilla Krascsenics (who will miss the finals injured) ensured a return to the last four, with the extra subsequent boost of being selected as hosts. They have an extra reason to feel at home in Debrecen since much of the squad play for local club DEAC, including key attacking player Viktória Horváth, who missed qualifying but is now back having got Hungary's historic first finals goal last July to pull the third-place game with Ukraine back to 2-1. In both that game and the semi-final loss to Portugal, Lilla Torma excelled in goal, and is back

along with virtually all the squad from Gondomar 2022, not least captain Adél Varga and fellow stalwart Diána Fülöp and bolstered by Krascsenics's twin sister Petra, one of several former football youth internationals in the squad along with Horváth and goalkeeper Annamária Hargas. Hungary are long established in women's futsal, their first game a 4-2 win against Czechia in 2008, Katalin Üveges and Adél Varga involved then and still in the squad now. Varga, who scored that day, knows that 15 years on they have an unparalleled opportunity. “A possible good showing would certainly increase the popularity of women's futsal in Hungary, that is definitely one of the reasons we would like to achieve good results.” ●

Hungary players
rejoice after qualifying
for the semis



JUST THE BEGINNING

WITH A FIRST WORLD CUP ON THE HORIZON AND THE EURO GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH, THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR WOMEN'S FUTSAL



A full house in Condomar watch Portugal take on Spain in the 2022 final

Official programme

It's an exciting time for women's futsal. The UEFA Women's Futsal EURO has been a catalyst for growth in the sport, which is about to go global with FIFA's announcement in December of the launch of the Women's Futsal World Cup. The first edition will take place in 2024, providing another high-profile platform for the sport's top players to showcase their talents, while giving added incentive for more nations to create teams.

The number of European sides has already grown from seven to over two dozen in the five years since the Women's Futsal EURO began, and seeing the sport played at such a high level provides a goal for aspiring players to aim for.

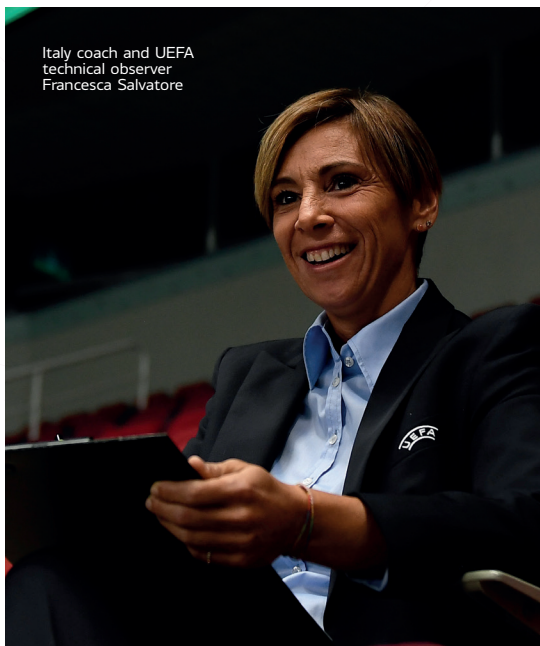
For those already at the top of the game, nothing is taken for granted. Having campaigned so hard to have this stage to play on, every moment is cherished. "It's a dream," Spain captain Peque said. "We had been fighting for many years to play in competitive matches and each one we play is very important for us."

Peque has been part of the Spain squad since 2010, and a top division league player for years before that. She is one of many leading female futsal stars starved of the chance to compete for a top international honour before the Women's Futsal EURO was launched with qualifiers in 2018 leading to the first final tournament early in 2019.

Ana Azevedo is another experienced performer who has seen first-hand just how the competition has given the sport an impetus missing for much of her long career. Capped more than 100 times by Portugal and Player of the Tournament at Women's Futsal EURO 2022, she knows just how influential it is.

"Every UEFA Women's EURO brings with it a change in attitude among the supporters, the media and the sponsors," she said. "For sure it will increase the female participation numbers in our country. Hopefully, more clubs will want to have female futsal teams."

Italy coach and UEFA technical observer
Francesca Salvatore



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The incentive that a major international tournament gives to players and organisers is underlined by Italy coach Francesca Salvatore, whose team only narrowly missed out on a place in the final to tournament to Spain last year and Portugal this time round. "Without a doubt, and I can speak from personal experience, the establishment of Futsal EURO has contributed to changing the dynamics both in the mind of the players, but also within the federation to which they belong," she said. "Futsal EURO has become a goal through which the development of women's futsal passes." →

→ Salvatore has also acted as a UEFA technical observer at final tournaments. She added: "Besides my personal experience with the Italian national team, I have seen other nations that have increased their competitiveness. An example is Finland, a team that I have watched grow a lot, as well as Sweden."

A World Cup would encourage that even more. "There is a lot of talk about equality between men's and women's sports and this was a first step towards reducing the differences between one and the other, so this news has sparked a lot of emotion in those who have been playing this sport for

"EVERY EURO BRINGS A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE AMONG THE SUPPORTERS, THE MEDIA AND THE SPONSORS"

many years," Salvatore said.

"However, I'm convinced that we mustn't just 'wait' for this chance, but work hard to be ready and up to standard for the event. Making the various national teams competitive is the task of the individual players but also, and above all, of all those inside the game. There is a need for teamwork involving teams, coaches, federations and international bodies. It's only a starting point, not an arrival point."

Increasingly, European federations are upping their game. Each season, UEFA redistributes revenue generated by the men's EURO to its 55 member associations to invest in football development projects. Many have chosen to channel this support into women's futsal.

Iuliia Forsiuk of Ukraine, one of three nations to have qualified for all three Women's Futsal EUROs so far, believes expanding the final tournament beyond four teams would also benefit the sport as a whole.

"This tournament is very important for promotion of women's futsal," she said. "We have a lot of good teams which deserve to have a chance to compete in this tournament. I'm sure it would give a fresh boost to the development of futsal in the countries that qualify. I'm really happy with both the times I've played in the final four, but three days and two matches is not enough for such a great event."

Peque, meanwhile, is sure that Women's Futsal EURO has been, and needs to continue to be transformative for the sport. "For us, the EURO is the most important tournament," she said. "Domestically the Spanish league is growing, but international competitions are what really help. If futsal does not grow internationally, we will not be taken seriously as a sport."

With the EURO now an established feature of the women's futsal calendar and a first World Cup on the horizon – the sport is being taken very seriously indeed. ●



Ukraine's
Iuliia Forsiuk



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THE RESULTS FROM THE FIRST TWO TOURNAMENTS

2019 UEFA WOMEN'S FUTSAL EURO

Gondomar, Portugal

SEMI-FINALS

Russia 0-5 Spain

Ukraine 1-5 Portugal

THIRD-PLACE MATCH

Russia 2-2 Ukraine (aet)

Russia win 3-2 on penalties

FINAL

Spain 4-0 Portugal



Spain's Ale de Paz celebrates against Portugal (top); Portugal show off their skills (bottom)



Hungary and Ukraine face off (top); Spain on the ball against Portugal (bottom)

2022 UEFA WOMEN'S FUTSAL EURO

Gondomar, Portugal

SEMI-FINALS

Ukraine 0-9 Spain

Portugal 6-0 Hungary

THIRD-PLACE MATCH

Hungary 1-2 Ukraine

FINAL

Portugal 3-3 Spain (aet)

Spain win 4-1 on penalties

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