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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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UEFA HatTrick VI Regulations (Edition 2024)

Dear Sir or Madam,

As announced at the UEFA Congress in Vienna, the total funding available under the UEFA HatTrick VI programme has increased substantially, to €935m, despite the difficulties caused by COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, every UEFA member association will be entitled to receive up to €17m over the four-year cycle from 2024 to 2028. The total amount per association is broken down as follows:

- HatTrick investment funding: €5m per UEFA member association per cycle
- HatTrick incentive funding: up to €3m per UEFA member association per season (see table below for breakdown of incentive funding), resulting in a total of up to €12m per cycle

	HatTrick V	HatTrick VI
HatTrick investment funding (per association/cycle)	€4,500,000	€5,000,000
HatTrick incentive funding (per association/season)	max. €2,400,000	max. €3,000,000
Running costs	€800,000	€1,000,000
Participation in UEFA youth, women's, futsal and amateur competitions	€250,000	€250,000
UEFA club licensing and monitoring system	€250,000	€250,000
Women's football development	€150,000	€300,000
Good governance	€200,000	€250,000
Grassroots development	€200,000	€250,000
Elite youth player development	€100,000	€150,000
Social and environmental sustainability	€100,000	€125,000
UEFA Coaching Convention	€100,000	€100,000
UEFA Referee Convention	€100,000	€100,000
Anti-match-fixing and integrity activities	€50,000	€75,000
Travelling expenses for national teams	€100,000	€150,000
TOTAL (per association/cycle)	€14,100,000	€17,000,000

The regulations have been revised accordingly and were adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee on 4 April 2023. The enclosed UEFA HatTrick VI Regulations (Edition 2024) will apply for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028 and will replace the UEFA HatTrick V Regulations (Edition 2021).

The main amendments for the 2024–28 programme cycle are as follows:

1. Adaptation of the allocated amounts and the distribution procedures

The allocated amounts have been adapted in line with the UEFA Executive Committee decision of 25 January 2023 (see table above). Articles 4, 10, 12, 14, 16–22, 25 and 26 on the distribution procedures have also been amended accordingly.

Articles 11 and 15 are new and have been introduced to clarify the submission, approval, implementation and monitoring procedure for HatTrick investment and incentive funding.

2. New HatTrick incentive initiatives

Three new HatTrick incentive initiatives have been added:

- UEFA Minimum Standards Framework for Women's National Teams: €100,000 – Article 18(4)
- Club licensing for the UEFA Women's Champions League: €50,000 – Article 18(5)
- UEFA Strategic Development Programme: €50,000 – Article 19(4)

3. Other amendments

Article 7 – Information and communication

Introduction of three paragraphs in case UEFA member associations or any third party involved in a HatTrick project would like to use the UEFA HatTrick VI programme logos or any other UEFA marks or intellectual property rights, communicate about the programme or hold an inauguration ceremony.

Article 8 – Inspections, audits, fraud prevention and sanctions compliance

New provision added on international sanctions compliance that will help ensure that UEFA and its member associations comply with the related legislation and UEFA does not make any payments to sanctioned entities, whether directly or indirectly.

Article 10 – Investment project areas and criteria

- Development areas: To give UEFA member associations more flexibility, the former 'three levels of development' (1. Infrastructure, 2. Development, training and education, 3. Other areas) have been replaced with the following development areas, listed in order of priority:
 - Football infrastructure (headquarters, stadium, mini/full-size pitches or futsal courts, training centres and facilities)
 - Sporting and administrative areas (training and education, coaching, refereeing, good governance, etc.)
 - Other areas (ICT, sports equipment, etc.)
- Maximum number of investment projects for submission: As the amount available for investment projects has increased, the maximum number of projects for which funding may be requested has also been increased, from five to seven.

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- Development of new projects: A new paragraph clarifies that HatTrick investment funding must be used to develop new projects, not to finance them after their completion.
 - Applications for feasibility studies, project designs and similar preliminary documents: To be accepted, the project needs to be successfully completed and the related costs included in the final report.
 - **Article 12 – Financing investment projects**
 - Minimum amount: Increased from €100,000 to €150,000 to encourage UEFA member associations to invest in larger and longer-term projects.
 - Salaries and/or running costs: A new paragraph clarifies to what extent HatTrick funding may be used to cover salaries and running costs.
 - Maintenance of an approved HatTrick infrastructure project: A new paragraph enables UEFA member associations to use up to 10% of the total HatTrick investment funding available to cover maintenance costs.
 - **Article 13 – Allocation and payment provisions**

A new paragraph introduces a specific depreciation concept in the event of the resale of any football infrastructure that has previously received funding under the UEFA HatTrick programme.
 - **Article 16 – Participation in UEFA youth, women's, futsal and amateur competitions**

Removal of the UEFA European Under-21 Championship and the UEFA Women's Champions League for the following reasons:

 - UEFA European Under-21 Championship: As all UEFA member associations have an U21 national team and most U21 players are now considered professionals, this incentive is no longer relevant.
 - UEFA Women's Champions League: The new format of the UEFA Women's Champions League includes a financial redistribution scheme for this competition.

The corresponding amounts have therefore been allocated to the remaining competitions listed in this article.
 - **Article 17 – UEFA club licensing and monitoring system**

Wording adapted to reflect current processes.
 - **Article 18 – UEFA Women's Football Development Programme**

This programme is now broken down into three initiatives:

 - UEFA Women's League Development Fund (€150,000/season): aimed at supporting the development of the UEFA member association's national senior and youth women's football leagues
 - UEFA Minimum Standards Framework for Women's National Teams (€100,000/season): for fulfilling all requirements stipulated therein [NB: This document was approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 28 June and will be published in due course.]
 - Club licensing for the UEFA Women's Champions League (up to €50,000/season): aimed at supporting the implementation of domestic club licensing and the UEFA Club Licensing Regulations for the UEFA Women's Champions League

- **Article 19 – Good governance**

- National Associations Governance Framework [NB: This document is subject to the final approval of the UEFA Executive Committee and will be submitted to the latter in due course.]: Introduction of a new, more practical framework to improve national associations' governance standards.
- Opportunity to exceptionally transfer funds between certain sub-programmes
 - The remaining amount initially dedicated to implementing good governance principles set out in the National Associations Governance Framework may be used to develop good governance projects.
 - Up to €10,000 of the €80,000 available for good governance projects may be used for anti-doping education activities.
 - Up to €10,000 of the €80,000 available for good governance projects may be used for medical education activities.
- Anti-doping education activities: A new paragraph clarifies the eligibility criteria and the funding request.
- UEFA Medical Education Programme: A new paragraph clarifies the funding request.
- UEFA Strategic Development Programme: New initiative aimed at supporting the strategic and organisational development of the UEFA member associations.

- **Article 20 – UEFA Grassroots Programme**

To bring it into line with most other categories of HatTrick incentive funding, this initiative is now project-based. The article has therefore been amended accordingly.

- **Article 21 – UEFA Elite Youth Player Development Programme**

Introduction of two new areas, i.e. high performance and late maturing players.

- **Article 22 – UEFA Social and Environmental Sustainability Programme**

New paragraphs clarify the eligibility criteria and the funding request.

- **Article 25 – Anti-match-fixing and integrity activities**

The activities for which funding is available are now broken down into four sub-initiatives. This article has therefore been amended accordingly.

4. Incentive payment method and schedule

The amounts available in each of the three instalments have been adjusted following the increase in HatTrick incentive funding, according to the new HatTrick VI requirements. Please refer to the enclosed guidelines for details.

Additional information on the requirements specific to HatTrick VI incentive and investment funding and how to apply will be sent separately by each HatTrick subprogramme manager in early 2024.

Please contact UEFAHatTrick@uefa.ch should you have any questions or would like further information about the UEFA HatTrick programme.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures

- UEFA HatTrick VI Regulations (Edition 2024)
- UEFA HatTrick VI Guidelines (Edition 2024)

cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA HatTrick Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich