

# EUROPEAN SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 STARTS

European Senior Chess Championship 2017 starts in a two days and will be held from 11th-21st August in Sabadell, Spain.



The Championship will be played in two categories: Senior 50+ and Senior 65+. The separated women's competition will be organized only for 50+ group while women in 65+ group will play in Open competition with separate prizes.

The top seed in 50+ category is GM Zurab Sturua (GEO 2548), 2014 World Senior Champion, 2015 and 2016 European Senior Champion. The top seed for Female 50+ category is WGM Berend Elvira (LUX 2294).

[Open 50+ starting list](#)

[Female 50+ starting list](#)

The top seed in 65+ category is GM Giorgadze Tamaz (GEO 2504), the only player with 2500+ rating. Since there are just a few women registered for competition in 65+ group, the women's competition will be merged with men's category. The strongest above them is former World Champion GM Gaprindashvili Nona (GEO 2316).

## [Senior 65+ starting list](#)

The official venue will be Cal Balsach Pavilion.



The Championship will be played in 9 round according to Swiss System, with time control 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

Total prize fund of the event is 8.000 EUR and the first prizes for Open sections are 1.000 EUR and 500 EUR for Women's section.

The Championship is organized by Spanish Chess Federation and Ione Techno Group under the auspices of European Chess Union.

[Official Website](#)