



To: All European Federations  
Associated members, Board members,  
Commission members,  
FIDE and FIDE Zone Presidents

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## **Circular Letter No. 1/2018**

Dear Chess Friends,

This is the latest information from the European Chess Union including ECU innovative actions and new projects.

### **1. ECU BIDDING PROCEDURE**

**The invitation for bids for the 2020 & 2021 European Championships** is published. Deadline for bids is the Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.

All the details [here](#).

### **2. OPEN CALL OF INTEREST FOR THE CHESS OLYMPIAD ARBITERS**

ECU opens a call of interest for the arbiters who will be proposed to FIDE by the ECU President for the World Chess Olympiad 2018 in Batumi, Georgia. Proposals can reach the ECU Secretariat till Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2018. Proposals can be sent through National Chess Federations, ECU Board members and ECU Arbiters Council.

### **3. CHESS 4 EUROPE - YOUR PARTNER IN ERASMUS PLUS PROJECTS**

Chess4Europe is an NGO that was established as the main partner of the European Chess Union in the area of development projects. In 2017 it was running the Erasmus Plus project Let us find the way to each other for Albanian and Slovak chess kids. In 2018 it starts the ECU initiative Smart Kids that has the ambition to become the biggest global chess event.

Chess4Europe is looking for reliable and flexible partners for submitting Erasmus Plus projects proposals also this year. In order to produce a project ideas pipeline please send your project idea, Participant Identification Code, a short description of your organization. More details in **annex 1**.

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#### 4. ECU SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING COURSES

The ECU Educational commission has introduced **The ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate**. The certificate is received through participating in training courses. The courses are shaped by the best school chess instructors in Europe, and are in line with the latest research and are validated by scientists. The ECU Teacher Certificate courses are monitored and evaluated by the Academics in the ECU Advisory Board. Already a number of seminars have been organized in London (ENG), Budapest (HUN) and Hamburg (GER) as also been a part of the Russian Chess Teachers training system.

More information [here](#).

#### 5. SUMMER TRAINING CAMP IN MARIBOR

European Chess Academy under the support of the European Chess Union and the co-operation of the Kasparov Chess Foundation organize a Summer Chess Camp in Maribor, Slovenia, **from 23rd-28th July 2018**. The Summer Chess Camp comprises of 5 days full-filled with individual and practical chess work and chess lectures given by famous chess trainers, Grandmasters and FIDE Senior Trainers.

The Summer Chess Camp will have more groups formed by the players of the same level. The Camp is open for everybody, and the groups will be created after the **registration deadline 30th of June**.

European Youth Chess Champions 2017 and runner-ups of the groups U10 to U14 open and girls, are invited for the camp with all the camp expenses covered (accommodation board and fee). The invitation for the camp is in [annex-2](#).

#### 6. SUMMER SCHOOL FOR CHESS TEACHERS: CHESS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

The Summer School “Chess in Primary Education” **will be held on 2-6 July 2018 at the University Girona in Spain**. The first ever-international post-graduate course on scholastic chess is part of the CHAMPS Erasmus Plus project, which was launched during the London Chess Conference in December 2017.

Applicants should have experience of teaching chess in schools and be qualified school teachers or have a relevant degree. Applications are also welcome from those who train teachers, develop school chess materials, evaluate school chess projects or plan to do research in the field. More details in [annex-3](#).

#### 7. 2<sup>ND</sup> EUROPEAN CORPORATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> European Corporate Championship will be organized on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2018** in Paris, France in co-operation with the French Chess Federation.

With kind Regards,  
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