

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The European Chess Union is inviting federations to submit bids for the organization of **the official European Championships in 2017**.

The bids must be submitted exclusively in the Bid form regulated by the ECU (sent in the attachment). For any additional documents delivered separately from the bid form, it must be stated in the bid form what they relate to.

The deadline for bids to reach the European Chess Union office is 01 July 2015, by 4 PM CET. All the bids must reach the European Chess Union office until the deadline in one of the following ways:

- a) By e-mail ecuoffice2014@gmail.com
- b) Personally, in a sealed envelope, in the ECU office in Tbilisi.
- c) By postal service or express postal service (*DHL, Fedex, TNT...*) to the address:
European Chess Union, M.Kostava Str. 37a, Chess Palace, 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia.

Bids for organizing ECU competitions have to be sent by the organizing chess federation. The bidding procedure is open for the following competitions in 2017:

1. *European Individual Championship*
2. *European Individual Women's Championship*
3. *European Youth Championship U8 – U18*
4. *European Club Cup*
5. *European Club Cup for Women*
6. *European Senior Championship*
7. *European Senior Team Championship*
8. *European Youth Team Championship*
9. *European Rapid Championship*
10. *European Blitz Championship*
11. *European Women's Rapid Championship*
12. *European Women's Blitz Championship*
13. *European School Championship*
14. *European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships*
15. *European Amateur Championship*

**Note: European Team Championship 2017 has already been awarded according to the previous bidding procedure*

Additionally European Chess Union re-opens bids for the European Individual Women's Championship 2016.

We would like to remind you that, according to the bid procedure, a bid will only be taken into account if the federation concerned has paid a bid fee according to the financial regulations to the account of the European Chess Union within one week after the deadline (i.e. the deadline for the payment of a bid fee is 8 July, 2015).

In addition, a part of the Bid procedure which states that "until the decision on the award, the bids may not be changed" will be fully respected. Therefore, any document which reaches the ECU office after 01 July 2015 4 PM CET will not be taken into consideration. With that being said, we would like to remind all the bidders to deliver all the necessary documents which prove certain information in their Bid forms (for example, if a bidder claims that he can provide flight tickets at a very low level - less than 150 € per person for both ways, then he has to give evidence-document for such a claim).