Inspection of Budva, Montenegro for the European Club Cup (Open and Women)

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**Budva-Becici** is a Montenegrin town on the Adriatic Sea. It has around 15,000 inhabitants, and it is the centre of Budva Municipality. The coastal area around Budva, called the Budva Riviera, is the center of Montenegrin tourism, known for its well preserved medieval walled city, sandy beaches and diverse nightlife. Budva is 2,500 years old, which makes it one of the oldest settlements on the Adriatic coast.

Basis of the inspection was the official bid of the Montenegro Chess Federation from 28. April 2017

**Tournament hall:**
"Congress hall", Hotel Splendid, Becici. (for the Open Tournament)
The size of the playing hall is 690 sqm. The light condition is sufficient.
Next to the playing hall there are 10 toilets for men and 6 for women.
The tables (80x80 cm) are in FIDE standard.
The entrance of the playing hall will be used for analyzing.
There are rooms available what could be used for journalist and tournament office.

Walking distance from the hotels to the playing hall 0-3 min.
“Tara”, Hotel Montenegro, Budva (for the Women Tournament)
The size of the playing hall is 450 sqm. The light condition is sufficient.
Next to the playing hall there are 5 toilets for men and 5 for women.
The tables (80x80 cm) are in FIDE standard.
There are rooms available what could be used for analyzing and tournament office.

Walking distance from the hotels to the playing hall 0-3 min.

*In case of less participants then the estimated 440 players, both Open and Women Club Cup will be using the Congress Hall in Hotel Splendid.*

**Quality of hotels**

**Hotel Splendid, 5**<sup>+</sup> Conference and Spa Resort, Becici. is 3 km away from the touristic capital of Montenegro, Budva, stays on the sea front and has its own private beach.
The hotel has 322 standard rooms, most of them with the sea view.
Hotel guests have access to four bars and three restaurants of different cuisine, the largest in Montenegro SPA center Splendid SPA.

Full board will be available for 78 € per person in double room, 98 € per person in single.

**Hotel Montenegro, Becici. 4**<sup>+</sup> is situated next to the Hotel Splendid (200m). It is one of the most popular and modern hotels in Montenegro. A seaside promenade connects it with Budva, the old town, while its restaurants are only 2 km away.
Hotel guests can enjoy the sea and sun on the hotel’s private beach, with free beach beds, umbrellas, and towels. There is also an indoor pool and sauna available.

Full board will be available for 65 € per person in double room, 80 € per person in single.

Buffet menu will be served in both hotels with breakfast, lunch and dinner. Wi-Fi is available in all rooms of both hotels.

**Airport connections:**
Budva can be reached by three airports Podgorica (60km) and Tivat (25km) as well as Dubrovnik (70). In the latter case one should take into account that there is border control between Croatia and Montenegro. Podgorica airport has connections to Moscow, Prague, Vienna, Zurich, London, Rome, Copenhagen, Minsk, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Ostrava, Ljubljana, Budapest, Odessa and Belgrade.

**Conclusion:**
The bid of the Montenegro Chess Federation corresponds to the standard of a top class chess event. Taking into account that both hotels and the tournament hall are within a three minutes walking distance, it is obvious that Budva will be a very good venue for this club cup women and open.

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Kurt Gretener