Inspection of Budva, Montenegro for the European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championship 2019.

Date of championship: 19th – 24th September 2019

Budva-Becici is a Montenegrin town on the Adriatic Sea. It has around 14,000 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 28th April 2017

**Tournament halls:**

**Mediteran Sport centar Budva**

The size of the playing hall is 1’200 sqm. The light condition is sufficient. Next to the playing hall there are 4 toilets for men and 4 for women. The tables (80x80 cm) are in FIDE standard. A room in the school next to the tournament hall is available for the analysis. There are rooms available that could be used for journalist and tournament office. The hotels are within walking distance in 10 minutes.
Quality of hotels:

**Slovenska Plaza 3+** Full board will be available for 47 € per person in triple room, 52 € per person in double room, 58 € per person in single.

**Slovenska Plaza 4+** Full board will be available for 52 € per person in triple room, 58 € per person in double room, 68 € per person in single.

It is placed in the very centre of Budva, a 10-minute walk from the ancient Old Town. The development has two swimming pools, namely Kids Pool and Rondo, the outdoor salt-water swimming pools, the beach equipment therein being included in the price.

Buffet menu will be served in both hotels with breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Wi-Fi is available in all rooms.

Airport connections:

Budva can be reached by three airports Podgorica (60km) and Tivat (25km) as well as Dubrovnik (70km).

Podgarica 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 walking distance, it is obvious that Budva will be a very good venue for this tournament.

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