



*European Chess Union*

## **INVITATION FOR BIDS** **EUROPEAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026-2027**

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The European Chess Union invites the National federations members to submit bids for the organization of **European Chess Championships in 2026 and 2027**.

The bids must be submitted exclusively in the Bid form regulated by the ECU (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. Any document that reaches the ECU office after the official deadline will not be taken into consideration.

The deadline for bids to reach the European Chess Union office is by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 by 4 PM CET**. All the bids must reach the European Chess Union office by e-mail [ecu.secretary.general@gmail.com](mailto:ecu.secretary.general@gmail.com)

### **A. The bidding procedure is open for the following ECU Chess Championships in 2026**

1. European Amateur Chess Championship 2026 (estimated number of players: 200)
2. European Women's Rapid & Blitz Championship 2026 (estimated number of players: 150)
3. European Corporate Chess Championship 2026 (estimated number of players: 250)

### **B. The bidding procedure is open for the following ECU Chess Championships in 2027**

1. European Senior Championship (estimated number of players 200)
2. European Senior Team Championship (estimated number of players: 200 – 50 teams)
3. European Youth Team Championship (estimated number of players: 200 – 50 teams)
4. European School Championship (estimated number of players: 300)
5. European Rapid & Blitz Championship (estimated number of players: 700)
6. European Women's Rapid & Blitz Championship (estimated number of players: 150)
7. European Amateur Championship (estimated number of players: 200)
8. European Corporate Chess Championship (estimated number of players: 250)
9. European Women's Chess Championship (combined with a next year's event).

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### C. Bid fees

<b>Championship Open for bid</b>	<b>Bid fee (euros)</b>
European Championship for Women	1.000
European Open Championship	1.000
European Open Club Cup	1.000
European Senior Championship	500
European Rapid & Blitz Championship	500
European Rapid & Blitz Championship for Women	500
European School Championship	500
European Amateur Championship	500
European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championship	500
European Corporate Championship	500
European Team Championship for Youth	500
European Team Championship for Seniors	500
European Club Cup for Women	500

A bid will only be considered if the federation/organizer concerned has paid a bid fee (as the table above), for each championship, to the bank account of the European Chess Union within one week after the deadline.

The deadline of a bid fee to reach the ECU Bank account is the Wednesday **7<sup>th</sup> of May 2025**.

### D. Capacity of the Playing Halls

According the ECU Tournament regulations, the total space is calculated according the estimated number of participants of each event. Each Championship shall be played in the same paying hall. Multiple playing halls will be evaluated with fewer points by the inspectors.

The minimum size of a tournament hall shall foresee 3m<sup>2</sup> per board and additionally 40 % (25% for youth tournaments) space for players' and spectators' corridors. The distance between the chess boards and the spectators should be not less than 1m.