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Middlegame Strategy



GM Efstratios Grivas
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Endgame Magic



GM Adrian Mikhachishin
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Pawn Structures



GM Miguel Illescas
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Tactical World



GM Etienne Bacrot
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Mastering Top Strategy



GM Antoaneta Stefanova
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Playing on the Top



GM Laurent Fressinet
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High Level Opening Prep



GM Anton Korobov
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Tournament Challenges



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Iceland
Tactical Themes



European Chess Union Academy 2026-2027

Description of the Program

- Group A - Over 1900 Rating: Monday 18:00-20:05 CET (Juniors/Girls U16)
- Group B - Under 1900 rating: Tuesday 18:00-20:05 CET (Juniors/Girls U20)
- The Program will start on Monday November 16th, 2026, and the Sessions will be conducted via the Zoom platform.
- Each group will have 24 live sessions for a total of 48 hours of instruction.
- Participants will have the opportunity to watch the lectures and recordings for a limited time if they are unable to watch all the live sessions.
- Each live session will include 10 minutes of questions and answers.
- The program is based on the ECU-ETC Trainers' Syllabuses and aims to systematically develop chess talents.
- The program includes world-renowned trainers who work with chess prodigies of the modern chess era.

Participation/Registration

- Each European National Chess Federation is entitled to register free of charge on priority 2 Girls; one on each Group through the following link: <https://forms.gle/2nrbfGATNkZLW1K58>
- The program is open for a limited number of additional participants, from all continents, for each group. The cost is on Euros 200 for 48 hours of top-level training.
- Registrations of additional participants are made through the following link: <https://forms.gle/ttNu3ee8BjSmnhi77>
- Payments for additional participants (pre-paid) are made online here: <https://www.europechess.org/ecu-payments-donations> (select: ECU Academy).
- Or through the ECU Bank account, mentioning the name of participant.

Certification & Info

- Each participant will receive an ECU-ETC official Certificate for the respective group upon completion of the programme - a plus point for a future chess career.
- For any question please contact: trainers@europechess.org or ecu.secretary.general@gmail.com.

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European Chess Union Academy - Schedule 2026-2027					
Program	Day	Date	CET	Lecturer	Type
Group A - O.1900	Monday	16.11.2026	18:00-20:05	Fressinet Laurent	High Level Opening Prep
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	17.11.2026	18:00-20:05	Korobov Anton	Tournament Challenges
Group A - O.1900	Monday	23.11.2026	18:00-20:05	Grivas Efstratios	Endgame Magic
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	24.11.2026	18:00-20:05	Mikhalchishin Adrian	Pawn Structures
Group A - O.1900	Monday	31.11.2026	18:00-20:05	Stefanova Antoaneta	Playing on the Top
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	01.12.2026	18:00-20:05	Kjartarnsson Gudmundur	Tactical Themes
Group A - O.1900	Monday	07.12.2026	18:00-20:05	Sokolov Ivan	Middlegame Strategy
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	08.12.2026	18:00-20:05	Stefanova Antoaneta	Playing on the Top
Group A - O.1900	Monday	14.12.2026	18:00-20:05	Illescas Miguel	Tactical World
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	15.12.2026	18:00-20:05	Fressinet Laurent	High Level Opening Prep
Group A - O.1900	Monday	21.12.2026	18:00-20:05	Grivas Efstratios	Endgame Magic
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	22.12.2026	18:00-20:05	Grivas Efstratios	Endgame Magic
Group B - U.1900	Monday	28.12.2026	18:00-20:05	Stefanova Antoaneta	Playing on the Top
Group A - O.1900	Tuesday	29.12.2026	18:00-20:05	Mikhalchishin Adrian	Pawn Structures
Group A - O.1900	Monday	04.01.2027	18:00-20:05	Bacrot Etienne	Mastering Top Strategy
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	05.01.2027	18:00-20:05	Sokolov Ivan	Middlegame Strategy
Group A - O.1900	Monday	11.01.2027	18:00-20:05	Bacrot Etienne	Mastering Top Strategy
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	12.01.2027	18:00-20:05	Kjartarnsson Gudmundur	Tactical Themes
Group A - O.1900	Monday	18.01.2027	18:00-20:05	Fressinet Laurent	High Level Opening Prep
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	19.01.2027	18:00-20:05	Mikhalchishin Adrian	Pawn Structures
Group A - O.1900	Monday	25.01.2027	18:00-20:05	Illescas Miguel	Tactical World
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	25.01.2027	18:00-20:05	Sokolov Ivan	Middlegame Strategy
Group A - O.1900	Monday	01.02.2027	18:00-20:05	Sokolov Ivan	Middlegame Strategy
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	02.02.2027	18:00-20:05	Kjartarnsson Gudmundur	Tactical Themes
Group A - O.1900	Monday	08.02.2027	18:00-20:05	Korobov Anton	Tournament Challenges
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	09.02.2027	18:00-20:05	Mikhalchishin Adrian	Pawn Structures
Group A - O.1900	Monday	15.02.2027	18:00-20:05	Fressinet Laurent	High Level Opening Prep
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	16.02.2027	18:00-20:05	Grivas Efstratios	Endgame Magic
Group A - O.1900	Monday	22.02.2027	18:00-20:05	Illescas Miguel	Tactical World
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	23.02.2027	18:00-20:05	Korobov Anton	Tournament Challenges
Group A - O.1900	Monday	01.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Illescas Miguel	Tactical World
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	02.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Kjartarnsson Gudmundur	Tactical Themes
Group A - O.1900	Monday	08.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Bacrot Etienne	Mastering Top Strategy
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	09.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Korobov Anton	Tournament Challenges
Group A - O.1900	Monday	15.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Sokolov Ivan	Middlegame Strategy
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	16.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Mikhalchishin Adrian	Pawn Structures
Group A - O.1900	Monday	22.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Stefanova Antoaneta	Playing on the Top
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	23.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Kjartarnsson Gudmundur	Tactical Themes
Group A - O.1900	Monday	29.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Grivas Efstratios	Endgame Magic
Group A - U.1900	Tuesday	30.03.2027	18:00-20:05	Bacrot Etienne	Mastering Top Strategy
Group A - O.1900	Monday	05.04.2027	18:00-20:05	Fressinet Laurent	High Level Opening Prep
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	06.04.2027	18:00-20:05	Korobov Anton	Tournament Challenges
Group A - O.1900	Monday	12.04.2027	18:00-20:05	Stefanova Antoaneta	Playing on the Top
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	13.04.2027	18:00-20:05	Illescas Miguel	Tactical World
Group A - O.1900	Monday	19.04.2027	18:00-20:05	Grivas Efstratios	Endgame Magic
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	20.04.2027	18:00-20:05	Bacrot Etienne	Mastering Top Strategy
Group A - O.1900	Monday	26.04.2027	18:00-20:05	Mikhalchishin Adrian	Pawn Structures
Group B - U.1900	Tuesday	27.04.2027	18:00-20:05	Sokolov Ivan	Middlegame Strategy