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Brdo pri Kranju, 11. 12. 2024

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Zadeva: Razdelitev UEFA solidarnostnih sredstev za delo z mladimi iz naslova UEFA klubskih tekmovanj 2023/2024.

Spoštovani,

V skladu z UEFA okrožnico št. 65/2024 je Nogometna zveza Slovenije upravičena do razdelitve solidarnostnih sredstev za delo z mladimi v skupni višini **1.681.000 EUR** iz naslova UEFA klubskih tekmovanj v sezoni 2023/2024.

Na podlagi odločitve Izvršnega odbora NZS na seji dne 5. decembra 2024 in v skladu s smernicami UEFA bodo sredstva razdeljena med klube 1. SNL, 1. SML (brez članske ekipe v 1. SNL) ter 2. SML (vzhod in zahod), ki nastopajo v tekmovalni sezoni 2024/2025, po naslednjem načinu:

Razdelitev sredstev

- **80 % skupnega zneska (1.344.000 EUR)** je namenjenih klubom 1. SNL in 1. SML brez članske ekipe v 1. SNL. Posamezni klub tako prejme 79.105,88 EUR.
- **20 % skupnega zneska (336.000 EUR)** je namenjenih klubom 2. SML (vzhod in zahod). Posamezni klub tako prejme 17.694,74 EUR.

Do solidarnostnih sredstev je na ta način upravičeno skupaj 36 slovenskih nogometnih klubov. Sredstva so pridobljena iz naslova trženja UEFA klubskih tekmovanj in so namenjena izključno za razvoj mladinskega nogometa, kar vključuje izvajanje programov za mlade, izboljšanje infrastrukture in podporo klubskim mladinskim ekipam.

Tovrstni način izplačila solidarnostnih sredstev je zadnji v ciklu 2021-2024, ki je bil izključno namenjen sofinanciranju mladinskega klubskega nogometa.

Izplačilo sredstev je pogojeno z dokončno potrditvijo UEFE na predlog NZS in je predvideno v mesecu januarju/februarju naslednje leto.

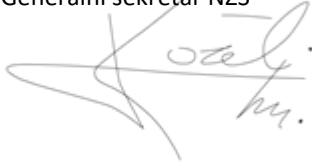
Za dodatne informacije vam je na voljo glavna pisarna NZS (glavna.pisarna@nzs.si).

S spoštovanjem,

Nogometna zveza Slovenije

Martin Koželj

Generalni sekretar NZS

Handwritten signature of Martin Koželj in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by 'oželj' and 'm.' below it.

Poslati:

- Medobčinske nogometne zveze;
- ZNSS, ZNTS;
- Nogometni klubi (v tekmovanjih NZS);
- Člani organov in komisij NZS;
- Sodniki, delegati in kontrolorji (na listah NZS).
- Člani NO NZS;
- Člani IO NZS;
- Častni predsednik NZS;
- Direktor in selektorji nogometnih reprezentanc;
- Arhiv, tu.



N° 65/2024

TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

Your reference	Your correspondence of	Our reference	Date
		NDIV/zla/mgg	11 November 2024

2023/24 club competitions – solidarity scheme supporting clubs' youth development

Dear President, Dear General Secretary,

We are pleased to announce that the solidarity payments resulting from the 2023/24 UEFA club competitions are now available and will be paid to UEFA member associations in the course of the 2024/25 season, for distribution to clubs in support of youth development.

These will be the last solidarity payments of the 2021–24 competition cycle. The UEFA Executive Committee has approved a new solidarity distribution scheme for the 2024–27 cycle, which will see a significant increase in the amounts available and new criteria for their distribution. Please be informed that **under the new system the solidarity payments will be distributed during the season they result from**. In 2024/25, you will therefore receive the payments resulting from the previous 2023/24 competitions (old system) and the payments resulting from the current 2024/25 season (first solidarity payments under the new system for the 2024–27 cycle).

Details of the new solidarity scheme will be provided in a separate circular letter. **We kindly ask all national associations to make sure that the arrangements currently in place for domestic distribution do not extend beyond the last year of the cycle, and that the new criteria (to be explained in the next circular letter) are abided by.**

National associations are responsible for distributing the 2023/24 solidarity payments to clubs in their country. National associations are also responsible for deciding on the criteria governing that distribution (which should nevertheless be consistent with the guidelines set out in this circular letter) and should inform UEFA of the specific criteria applied.

The money earmarked for this solidarity scheme represents 4% of the total gross revenue from the 2023/24 UEFA Champions League (UCL), UEFA Europa League (UEL) and UEFA Europa Conference League (UECL). As anticipated in the circular letter 47/2022, the amount available to clubs that did not participate in the 2023/24 UEFA club competitions is €134.5m (projected global revenue: €3.5bn).

In addition, as decided by the UEFA Executive Committee for the 2021–24 cycle, 30% of the net surplus (i.e. revenue available to participating clubs after netting of qualifying rounds, non-participating clubs

and UEFA shares) available in any season of the 2021–24 cycle is allocated to solidarity for non-participating clubs, up to a maximum of **€35m**.

The UEFA Executive Committee had approved the following additional principles regarding the distribution mechanism for solidarity payments to non-participating clubs:

- €25m of the initial 4% is shared equally among the top five associations (England, Spain, Italy, Germany and France). These associations may receive a higher share of the amount made available through the surplus.
- Of the amounts reserved for associations outside the top five, those with clubs participating in the UCL group stage receive 45% and those without receive 55%. In both cases, 90% of the available amounts are distributed based on the associations' positions in the UEFA Access List and the remaining 10% based on their TV market share.

In compliance with the above and based on overall gross revenue of **€3.724bn**, a total of **€178.5m** from the 2023/24 season will be available for **solidarity payments to non-participating clubs**. These amounts will be distributed to the associations as follows:

- a) The top five associations (England, Spain Italy, Germany and France) will each receive €5m plus 50% of the additional amount from the net surplus. Therefore, each of the top five associations will receive **€8.5m**.
- b) A total amount of **€136m** will be distributed among associations outside the top five as follows: **€61.2m** (45%) to **associations with participants** in the 2023/24 UCL group stage and **€74.8m** (55%) to **associations without participants** in the 2023/24 UCL group stage.

As mentioned above, a total of 10% of the available amount will be distributed according to the TV market value of each association in the UCL ('market pool share'), while the remaining 90% will be distributed according to the position of each association in the access list for the 2023/24 season ('access list share').

- I. For associations with participants in the group stage of the UCL, the access list share is based on an arithmetically equal increase for each rank in the access list, starting from a minimum share of €4.7m for the association with the lowest rank in the access list of all associations with participants in the UCL group stage.
- II. Associations without participants in the UCL group stage are clustered in blocks of five according to their rank in the access list. A minimum share of €1m is allocated to associations in the lowest block of the access list, and the share increases progressively for each block of five associations. Due to its specific situation (no domestic league and no teams in the UCL), Liechtenstein is included in the lowest block.

Details of the exact amounts allocated to each national association can be found in the enclosures.

Only clubs that did not participate in the group stage of the 2023/24 UCL, UEL or UECL are entitled to these solidarity payments.

Please also note the following important information:

a) Distribution criteria

- I. In principle, the money given to a national association should be distributed equally between all top-division clubs that were not involved in the group stage of the 2023/24 UCL, UEL or UECL.
- II. If a national association wishes to apply a different distribution system, it should submit a reasoned request to the UEFA administration. The UEFA Club Competitions Committee is responsible for approving such requests.
- III. Requests will, in principle, be considered admissible if a national association proposes to extend its solidarity scheme to include lower-division clubs or if distribution is linked to established and publicly accessible criteria relating to the quality of clubs' youth academies.
- IV. **Any approved distribution system is valid at most until the end of the current UEFA club competition cycle, i.e. the end of the 2023/24 season.** As mentioned above, a new solidarity scheme for non-participating clubs will be introduced for the 2024–27 club competition cycle. Please note that in the new solidarity scheme, payments will be made in two instalments during the season to which they relate, not the following season as in the past. It is also very important to note that, in the new 2024–27 solidarity scheme, solidarity payments will be reserved exclusively for clubs participating in the top division (and/or second highest division, if so decided, as detailed in the circular letter covering the 2024-27 solidarity scheme) that season, i.e. the 2024/25 payments will be for the clubs in the above-mentioned division(s) in 2024/25. No deviation from this principle will be possible.

b) Destination of payments

- I. This money should be used only for clubs' youth development activities and local community programmes.
- II. All clubs receiving funding must, as a minimum, have an approved youth development programme in accordance with the applicable national club licensing regulations, based on the relevant article of the latest UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Sustainability Regulations (currently Article 19: Youth Development Programme).

c) Payment procedure

- I. Payments will be made by UEFA to the national associations as of January and until the middle of February 2025 for distribution to the relevant clubs as defined above.
- II. Each national association must immediately transfer the full amount to the relevant clubs, without retaining or earmarking any of the money for other purposes.

d) Records

- I. National associations must keep a record of all clubs that receive funding. Records must include the amount that is distributed and any other relevant information detailed in this circular letter.
- II. UEFA may publish information relating to the solidarity payment programme, including details of the amount received by each club.

The UEFA Club Competitions Committee is responsible for submitting recommendations for any future amendments to the criteria detailed above to the UEFA Executive Committee.

Application process

To receive the solidarity payment, each national association must send the following to Marios Georgiou, Head of National Association services, at NAServices@uefa.ch, by **14 February 2025**:

- a) A copy of a decision by the national association's competent body in one of UEFA's three official languages (English, French or German) specifying the planned distribution method (i.e. equal shares or quality-related criteria, categories of club involved, etc.) and the period of validity of that decision, e.g. current season only or multiple seasons.
- b) Confirmation that all the ultimate recipients will be clubs that, as a minimum, have an approved youth development programme in accordance with the applicable national club licensing regulations based on the latest UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Sustainability Regulations.
- c) A payment request from the national association indicating the relevant amount in euros, together with the name, position and signature of the competent person at the national association.
- d) Accurate information on the distribution of solidarity payments, including, as a minimum, the names of recipient clubs, the divisions in which they play, the amount per club and an indication of each club's total youth budget.

In addition to details of the *planned* distribution of the 2023/24 solidarity payments (see Enclosure 4), information regarding the *actual* distribution of the 2022/23 solidarity payments should also be provided (see Enclosure 3) if it differs from the information provided in the equivalent form last year.

Furthermore, national associations are requested to confirm to UEFA that all payments for the 2023/24 season have been distributed according to the application submitted, along with the dates of the payments, once distribution is complete.

Please adhere to the deadline mentioned above so that the UEFA administration has sufficient time to approve all requests before the end of February 2025. If your submission has not been approved by the UEFA administration by 28 February 2025, the funds in question may cease to be available.

When distributing this money to their clubs, national associations should properly acknowledge the source of that funding. It is suggested that the following wording be included in any letter or communication accompanying payments to individual clubs:

"This payment is made as part of a solidarity scheme linked to UEFA club competitions. Its purpose is to support youth development activities in professional football and supplements other UEFA initiatives such as club licensing and rules on locally trained ('home-grown') players."

National associations must be able, on request at any time, to provide the UEFA administration with evidence that this money has been transferred to the proper clubs and used appropriately.

Please note that we may wish to quote the success of this solidarity mechanism in public documents (e.g. by listing the clubs that have benefited from payments in UEFA publications) using information you have sent us.

If you have any questions about solidarity payments, please contact Marios Georgiou at the email address indicated above.

As mentioned above, you will receive another circular letter with full details of the new distribution system for non-participating clubs for the new cycle (2024–27).

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important initiative, through which revenue generated by UEFA club competitions supports youth development activities at your clubs.

Yours faithfully,

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Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosures

- Payments to associations with UEFA Champions League participants (Enclosure 1)
- Payments to associations without UEFA Champions League participants (Enclosure 2)
- Information on last year's and this year's payments (Enclosures 3 and 4)

cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Club Competitions Committee
- UEFA National Associations Committee
- UEFA Development and Technical Assistance Committee
- UEFA Club Licensing Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA
- European Club Association
- European Leagues



2023/24 club competitions
Solidarity scheme supporting clubs' youth development
Associations with clubs in the UEFA Champions League group stage

Top 5 countries	
National Association	Final share
Germany	€8,500,000
Italy	€8,500,000
England	€8,500,000
France	€8,500,000
Spain	€8,500,000
Total	€42,500,000

Other participating countries	
National Association	Final share
Denmark	€7,001,000
Scotland	€6,915,000
Austria	€6,671,000
Portugal	€6,662,000
Netherlands	€6,482,000
Serbia	€5,902,000
Switzerland	€5,669,000
Belgium	€5,568,000
Ukraine	€5,447,000
Türkiye	€4,883,000
Total	€61,200,000



2023/24 club competitions
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Associations without clubs in the UEFA Champions League group stage
(‘Non-participating countries’)

National Association	Final share	National Association	Final share
Sweden	€4,343,000	Finland	€1,519,000
Norway	€4,199,000	Republic of Ireland	€1,445,000
Greece	€3,608,000	Wales	€1,417,000
Russia	€3,381,000	Kosovo	€1,385,000
Croatia	€3,128,000	Latvia	€1,371,000
Czechia	€3,086,000	Northern Ireland	€1,354,000
Israel	€2,678,000	Luxembourg	€1,352,000
Poland	€2,651,000	Albania	€1,217,000
Romania	€2,598,000	Estonia	€1,161,000
Bulgaria	€2,528,000	Armenia	€1,155,000
Cyprus	€2,441,000	Faroe Island	€1,150,000
Hungary	€2,164,000	North Macedonia	€1,090,000
Slovakia	€2,029,000	Malta	€1,082,000
Azerbaijan	€1,955,000	Georgia	€1,060,000
Kazakhstan	€1,953,000	Iceland	€1,037,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	€1,699,000	Montenegro	€1,032,000
Slovenia	€1,681,000	Gibraltar	€1,000,000
Lithuania	€1,632,000	Liechtenstein	€1,000,000
Moldova	€1,602,000	Andorra	€1,000,000
Belarus	€1,600,000	San Marino	€1,000,000
Total			€74,780,000