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Zadeva: UEFA solidarnostna sredstva za ne-nastopajoče klube v ligaškem delu UEFA klubskih tekmovanj 2024/2025.

Spoštovani,

V skladu z UEFA okrožnico št. 66/2024 je Nogometna zveza Slovenije upravičena do razdelitve solidarnostnih sredstev za ne nastopajoče klube v UEFA klubskih tekmovanjih 2024/2025 v skupni višini **3.368.000 EUR** iz naslova UEFA klubskih tekmovanj v sezoni 2024/2025.

Po novem načinu razdelitve UEFA solidarnostnih sredstev, ki velja v obdobju 2024-2027, so do sredstev upravičeni prvoligaški klubi, ki ne nastopajo v ligaškem delu UEFA klubskih tekmovanj. Sredstva so namenjena podpori klubom, ki v aktualni sezoni ne nastopajo v ligaškem delu UEFA klubskih tekmovanj (Liga prvakov, Liga Europa, Konferenčna liga). Namen sredstev je zagotavljanje konkurenčnega ravnovesja med nastopajočimi in ne-nastopajočimi klubi ter podpora športnemu in organizacijskemu razvoju klubov.

Ob predpostavki, da se vsaj 75% prvoligaških klubov strinja, se lahko največ 15% celotnega zneska nameni klubom, ki v tekmovalni sezoni 2024/2025 nastopajo v 2. SNL. Izvršni odbor Nogometne zveze Slovenije je na svoji 1. seji dne 5. 12. 2024 sprejel sklep o razdelitvi solidarnostnih sredstev UEFA za tekmovalno sezono 2024/25. Predlagani sklep je na svoji seji dne 25. 11. 2024 potrdila tudi Komisija za profesionalni nogomet.

Skupni znesek sredstev znaša 3.368.000,00 EUR, ki se razdeli po naslednjem ključu:

- Klubi 1. SNL (razen NK Olimpija in NK Celje): 85 % sredstev (2.862.800,00 EUR) – vsak klub prejme 357.850,00 EUR.
- Klubi 2. SNL: 15 % sredstev (505.200,00 EUR) – vsak klub prejme 31.575,00 EUR.

Prejemniki sredstev morajo izpolnjevati kriterije iz UEFA Pravidnika o licenciranju in finančni vzdržnosti, kot je opredeljeno v UEFA okrožnici.

Zgoraj navedena razdelitev sredstev je podvržena dokončni odobritvi UEFA.

Na ta način se UEFA solidarnostna sredstva za ne nastopajoče klube razdelijo med 8 prvoligaških in 16 drugo ligaških klubov. NK Olimpija Ljubljana in NK Celje zaradi nastopanja v ligaškem delu UEFA Konferenčne lige nista upravičena do solidarnostnih sredstev.

Izplačila sredstev bodo izvedena v mesecu marcu/aprilu 2025.

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

S spoštovanjem,

Nogometna zveza Slovenije

Martin Koželj

Generalni sekretar NZS

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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

Your reference	Your correspondence of	Our reference NDIV/zla/mgg	Date 11 November 2024
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2024/25 club competitions – solidarity scheme for non-participating clubs

Dear President, Dear General Secretary,

As announced in circular letter 65/2024 about the solidarity scheme for non-participating clubs for the 2023/24 season, we are pleased to provide you with details of the updated scheme for the 2024–27 cycle, approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 24 September 2024 on the recommendation of the Club Competitions Committee, following fruitful discussions with the European Club Association and European Leagues.

In the new revenue distribution system for UEFA's men's club competitions, the share allocated to solidarity for clubs not participating in the league phases of the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League or UEFA Conference League ('non-participating clubs') has increased from 4% to 7% of the projected revenue (threshold set at €4.4bn), up to a yearly amount of €308m (see circular letter 13/2024). That is almost 80% more than the €175m allocated in the 2021–24 cycle – the most significant increase in solidarity payments since the scheme was introduced.

This latest review of the solidarity scheme has reaffirmed the system's core principles. Funds will be allocated to professional clubs not involved in the league phases of the three UEFA men's club competitions. This support aims to maintain competitive balance in Europe's top divisions in light of the additional revenue some clubs receive through participation in European competitions. Based on individual national associations' own situation assessments, some of the funds may be distributed to second-division clubs under certain conditions.

Clubs receiving funds must use them to consolidate their structures and raise their sporting and organisational standards, thereby strengthening the health of the system as a whole. Recipients shall demonstrate their eligibility by fulfilling some of the UEFA club licensing criteria (gradual implementation).

Principles for distribution to the national associations

Top 5 countries

As in the previous cycle, a fixed amount is reserved for the top five countries (England, Spain, Italy, Germany and France). The amount has been set at **€50m per season** for the 2024–27 cycle.

Each of the top 5 countries will receive an **equal share of €10m**, in one lump sum.

Non-top 5 countries

The total amount available for non-participating clubs in countries other than the top five ('non-top 5 countries') is **€258m**.

Of the total amount reserved for non-top 5 countries, **70%** will be distributed according to each association's position in that season's access list (**access list share**) and **30%** will be proportionate to the amount received by each association's top-earning club that season (**competitive balance share**). The latter targets competitive balance within domestic leagues. Each non-top 5 country's total annual solidarity shares are the sum of these two parts (access list share and competitive balance share).

a. Access list share (70%, €180.6m)

As in the previous cycle, these amounts are distributed based on the position of the association in the access list used for the relevant season. Of the 50 associations outside the top five, those that had at least one club in the league phase of the UEFA Champions League (UCL) are ranked first (ordered by their access list ranking) and the ones without UCL league phase participant are ranked below (ordered also by their access list ranking).

The association at the bottom of the table (in position 50) receives €1.5m. Each association above it gets an additional €78,000, meaning €1,578,000 for the association in position 49, €1,656,000 for the association in position 48, and so on.

A gap of €1m between UCL and non-UCL countries is implemented to compensate for the removal of the pot that was reserved for UCL countries in the previous system.

Due to its specific situation (no domestic league and no club in the UEFA Champions League), Liechtenstein will remain the association in position 50 in this table (as it is currently the case).

The amounts earmarked for each national association (access list shares) are enclosed.

b. Competitive balance share (30%, €77.4m)

The percentage of the competitive balance share allocated to each association is proportionate to the UEFA revenues generated by its top earner club in the UEFA men's club competitions.

For the purpose of this calculation, the amount received by each association's top earner in either of the three competitions is deposited in a virtual pot. Each association's competitive balance share has same percentage as its top earner's share in that virtual pot.

Example

A club receives a total of €30m from its participation in the UEFA Europa League (qualifying rounds, play-offs, league phase and knockout phase), which is the most earned by any of its association's clubs in UEFA competitions that season.

€30m is 4% of the total of the virtual pot of all earners, which means the association is entitled to 4% of the €77.4m competitive balance share (= €3.1m).

Given that the competitive balance share depends on the sporting and financial results of the 2024/25 UEFA club competitions, UEFA will calculate and communicate the amounts earmarked for each association at the end of the season.

Club eligibility criteria

To ensure that solidarity payments strengthen the foundations of professional football in Europe, clubs will be obliged to meet minimum quality standards as part of the scheme introduced for the new cycle. Youth development will remain the defining factor influencing eligibility for these solidarity payments.

As of 2024/25, clubs shall demonstrate the fulfilment of selected criteria from the UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Sustainability Regulations. The implementation of these criteria will be gradual (phases presented below) and the associations will be expected to manage it as part of their usual club licensing process.

Phase 0 – 2024/25 season

- Approved youth development programme ([Article 19](#))
- Minimum legal information ([Article 60](#))

Phase 1 – 2025/26 season

- All Phase 0 criteria
- Youth teams ([Article 20](#))
- Head of youth development programme ([Article 50](#))
- Youth coaches ([Article 51](#))
- Medical care of players ([Article 22](#))
- Youth teams medic ([Article 41](#))
- Child and youth protection and welfare ([Article 30](#))
- No overdue payables to football clubs ([Article 71](#))

Phase 2 – 2026/27 season

- All Phase 0 and Phase 1 criteria
- Annual financial statements ([Article 67](#))
- Training facilities – Minimum infrastructure ([Article 35](#))
- Social and environmental sustainability strategy ([Article 27](#))
- Supporter liaison officer ([Article 45](#))
- Women's football activities ([Article 21](#))

The criteria shall be assessed in accordance with the UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Sustainability Regulations as part of the association's annual UEFA club licensing process to determine eligibility for that season's solidarity payments. That means, for example, that the results of assessment in 2024 determine which clubs are entitled to 2024/25 solidarity payments.

Any valid exception to the UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Sustainability Regulations would also apply to this solidarity payment eligibility assessment.

Clubs not applying for a UEFA licence (e.g. clubs just promoted to the top division, second higher division) will have to submit to the national licensor the information necessary to demonstrate their compliance with the applicable criteria. The national licensor must then submit to UEFA the list of all eligible clubs by the deadline set by UEFA.

Domestic distributions

In principle, equal solidarity payments shall be made to all top-division clubs not participating in the league phase of that season's UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League or UEFA Conference League. The 2024/25 solidarity payments, for example, are from the 2024/25 UEFA competitions, for non-participating clubs in the 2024/25 (winter leagues) or 2024 (summer leagues) domestic top-division championship.

Clubs that compete in the qualifying rounds or play-offs of the UEFA competitions are eligible to receive solidarity payments.

Subject to the conditions mentioned here below, solidarity amounts may also be shared with clubs in the second-highest domestic championship ('second-division clubs').

Top 5 countries have total flexibility to allocate any percentage of their money to second-division clubs, subject to the approval of their top-division clubs via the competent domestic body.

The **remaining 50 associations** may use only their **access list share for payments to second-division clubs**, with a threshold of €3.5m used to determine the degree of flexibility as follows:

- Associations with an access list share of €3.5m or more can distribute as much as they want of their share to eligible second-division clubs.
- Associations with an access list share of less than €3.5m can distribute up to 15% of their share to eligible second-division clubs.
- In both cases, any decision to allocate a percentage of an association's access list share to second-division clubs must be formally approved by the association's top-division clubs, with at least a 75% majority.
- If an association has an access list share of €3.5m or more in one season of a cycle and decides to distribute more than 15% of its share to second-division clubs, it is entitled to apply the same arrangement up to a maximum of 50% of its share for the remaining season(s) of that cycle if it subsequently drops below the threshold.

Note: the competitive balance share is reserved exclusively for top-division clubs (equal shares).

Any amount distributed to second-division clubs must be allocated to the eligible clubs in equal shares.

If any of the second-division clubs fail to meet the licensing (eligibility) criteria, the amount available to second-division clubs should be reduced on a pro rata basis.

Application process for 2024/25

As explained previously, solidarity payments will be made during the season in which the revenue is generated. A single amount will be paid to each of the top 5 countries. For all non-top 5 countries, two amounts will be made available: an access list share (70%) and a competitive balance share (30%).

Top 5 country shares and **access list shares** (70% of the total for non-top 5 countries) will be transferred to national associations between **17 February and 31 March 2025**.

Competitive balance shares (30% of the total for non-top 5 countries) will be transferred in **June/July 2025**, at the end of the UEFA club competition season.

To receive the payments, each national association must apply to Marios Georgiou, head of national association services, at NAServices@uefa.ch as indicated below.

UEFA reserves the right to approve applications, checking them against the principles and the list of eligible clubs, before making payments.

1. Applications for top 5 countries and access list shares

Applications must be sent to NAServices@uefa.ch by **31 March 2025** and include the following in one of UEFA's three official languages (English, French or German):

- a. A payment request from the national association indicating the amount in euros, together with the name, position and signature of the competent person at the national association. The access list shares earmarked for each national association are enclosed with this circular letter.
- b. Decision of the competent body specifying the proposed domestic distribution system.
- c. If the proposed domestic distribution system includes payments to second-division clubs, written confirmation of approval by first-division clubs (with a minimum majority of 75% in the case of non-top 5 countries).
- d. Accurate information on the distribution of payments, including the names of all recipients, the division in which they play and the amount per club.
- e. Confirmation that all recipients meet the Phase 0 eligibility criteria for 2024/25.

2. Applications for competitive balance shares

Applications must be sent to NAServices@uefa.ch **between 9 June and 4 July** and include the following in one of UEFA's three official languages (English, French or German):

- a. A payment request from the national association indicating the amount in euros, together with the name, position and signature of the competent person at the national association.
- b. Accurate information on the distribution of payments, including the names of all recipients and the amount per club.

In reasonable time after receiving the amounts from UEFA, National associations are requested to confirm that all payments for the 2024/25 season have been made according to the application submitted, along with the dates of the payments.

The UEFA administration will regularly monitor distributions and may seek further confirmation of payments.

If an application is not made by the deadlines indicated above, the funds in question may be reallocated and therefore cease to be available.

Important additional information

Each national association must immediately transfer the full amount it receives from UEFA to the eligible clubs listed in its approved application, without retaining or earmarking any of that money for other purposes.

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 indicated in this circular letter.

For the sake of transparency, distribution lists including amounts per club will be published by UEFA once confirmed by the national associations.

When distributing these solidarity payments to their clubs, national associations should properly acknowledge the source of the 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 development activities in professional football, supplementing other UEFA initiatives such as club licensing and financial sustainability."

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

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

If you have any questions about the new solidarity scheme, please contact Marios Georgiou at NAServices@uefa.ch.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important initiative, through which revenue generated by UEFA club competitions promotes better standards in European club football and supports youth development activities.

Yours faithfully,

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Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosure

- Top five Associations and access list shares for Associations with clubs in the UEFA Champions League, league phase (enclosure 1)
- Access list shares for Associations without clubs in the UEFA Champions League league, phase (enclosure 2)
- Information on the planned distribution– Access list shares (enclosure 3)

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- 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



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Associations with clubs in the UEFA Champions League league phase

Top 5 Countries	
National Association	Final Share
Germany	€10,000,000
Italy	€10,000,000
England	€10,000,000
France	€10,000,000
Spain	€10,000,000
Total	€50,000,000

UCL Participating Countries	
National Association	Access list share
Netherlands	€6,247,000
Portugal	€6,169,000
Belgium	€6,091,000
Scotland	€6,013,000
Austria	€5,936,000
Serbia	€5,858,000
Switzerland	€5,780,000
Ukraine	€5,702,000
Czechia	€5,624,000
Croatia	€5,547,000
Slovakia	€5,469,000
Total	€64,436,000



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UCL Non-Participating Countries			
National Association	Access list share	National Association	Access list share
Türkiye	€4,457,000	Lithuania	€2,901,000
Norway	€4,379,000	Armenia	€2,823,000
Denmark	€4,301,000	Belarus	€2,745,000
Russia	€4,224,000	Bosnia and Herzegovina	€2,667,000
Greece	€4,146,000	Luxembourg	€2,589,000
Israel	€4,068,000	Faroe Islands	€2,512,000
Cyprus	€3,990,000	Northern Ireland	€2,434,000
Sweden	€3,912,000	Malta	€2,356,000
Poland	€3,835,000	Georgia	€2,278,000
Hungary	€3,757,000	Estonia	€2,200,000
Romania	€3,679,000	Iceland	€2,123,000
Bulgaria	€3,601,000	Albania	€2,045,000
Azerbaijan	€3,523,000	Wales	€1,967,000
Kazakhstan	€3,445,000	Gibraltar	€1,889,000
Slovenia	€3,368,000	North Macedonia	€1,811,000
Moldova	€3,290,000	Andorra	€1,733,000
Kosovo	€3,212,000	Montenegro	€1,656,000
Latvia	€3,134,000	San Marino	€1,578,000
Republic of Ireland	€3,056,000	Liechtenstein	€1,500,000
Finland	€2,979,000		
Total			€116,163,000