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UEFA Executive Committee Vienna decisions

Bidding timeline for UEFA EURO 2012 and approval for use of artificial turf

The UEFA Executive Committee, chaired by UEFA President Lennart Johansson, has concluded its meeting in Vienna, Austria, with the following decisions:

On the issue of the use of artificial turf the UEFA Executive Committee agreed to allow the introduction for use at both club and national level in UEFA competitions as from the 2005/06 season, provided the installed artificial turf product complies with the UEFA quality criteria.

The Executive Committee also announced the bidding timeline for the UEFA EURO 2012. The new bid process will be split over two phases, the first phase resulting in a pre-selection of three bidders before the final decision on the Hosts Association(s) in a second phase.

Associations interested in hosting the UEFA European Football Championship in 2012 will be able to request the official bidding documents from UEFA from 16 December 2004, after which the first phase pre-selection of three bidders will be made by the UEFA Executive Committee on 10 November 2005. The UEFA Executive Committee will then make the final decision on the Host Association(s) on 15 December 2006.

Also discussed were the proposed measures to encourage the local training of players to support the development of national teams. The Executive Committee agreed that a firm proposal is targeted to be ready in time for the UEFA Congress in Tallinn, Estonia, in April 2005.

Finally, the Executive Committee approved the format of the 2005/07 European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2007.

The next meeting of the UEFA Executive Committee will take place on 15/16 December in Nyon, Switzerland at the House of European Football.

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