

Towards the Finals



In December 2007 Hungary was given the honour of hosting the forthcoming UEFA European Futsal Championship with a bid that proposed Budapest and Debrecen as host cities. This opportunity stirred our whole futsal community to work hard for the success of this competition, and with two month left to go before the start of the tournament we are now moving into the final phase of our preparations. It was fascinating to see that the list of the final 12 teams participating in the Championship in Hungary were decided after exciting qualifiers in February and March 2009. Between 19-30 January 2010 we expect to host a real „Futsal Party” by top professionals. Our newsletters are

intended to inform and inspire the public till then.

We are looking forward
to meet You soon!



István Kisteleki
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UEFA Futsal Championship History

2007 Porto, Portugal

Final: **Spain** 3 – 1 Italy

Top Scorers: Cirilo (Russia), Daniel (Spain), Rajic (Serbia) 5 g

2005 Ostrava, Czech Republic

Final: **Spain** 2 – 1 Russia

Top Scorer: Nando Grana (Italy) 6 g.

2003 Caserta, Italy

Final: **Italy** 1 – 0 Ukraine

Top Scorer: Serhiy Koridze (Ukraine) 7 g.

2001 Moscow, Russia

Final: **Spain** 2 – 1 Ukraine (aet)

Top Scorer: Serhiy Koridze (Ukraine) 7 g.

1999 Granada, Spain

Final: **Russia** 3 – 3 Spain (aet, 4 – 3 pens)

Top Scorer: Eremenko (Russia) 11 g.

1996 Cordoba, Spain

Final: **Spain** 5 – 3 Russia

Top Scorer: Eremenko (Russia) 8 g.



Match schedule



The final draw took place in Debrecen on 24 September and generated high media-interest. During the draw the young Hungarian pianist talent Ádám György assisted Giorgio Marchetti, UEFA Competition Director and Mikael Salzer, UEFA Head of National Team Competitions. Now we are proud to present the final schedule of UEFA Futsal European Championship 2010 that was made on 14 October by UEFA.

GROUP A

Tue 19 January, 17:30, Budapest

Hungary – Azerbaijan

Thu 21 January, 18:00, Budapest

Azerbaijan – Czech Republic

Sat 23 January, 20:30, Budapest

Czech Republic – Hungary

GROUP B

Tue 19 January, 19:00, Debrecen

Italy – Belgium

Thu 21 January, 20:00, Debrecen

Belgium – Ukraine

Sat 23 January, 18:30, Debrecen

Ukraine – Italy

GROUP C

Wed 20 January, 20:00, Budapest

Russia – Slovenia

Fri 22 January, 18:00, Budapest

Slovenia – Serbia

Sun 24 January, 20:30, Budapest

Serbia – Russia

GROUP D

Wed 20 January, 18:00, Debrecen

Spain – Belarus

Fri 22 January, 20:00, Debrecen

Belarus – Portugal

Sun 24 January, 18:30, Debrecen

Portugal – Spain

QUARTER-FINALS

Mon 25 January, 20:00, Budapest

Winner group A – Runner-up group B

Mon 25 January, 18:00, Debrecen

Winner group B – Runner-up group A

Tue 26 January, 19:30, Budapest

Winner group C – Runner-up group D

Tue 26 January, 17:30, Debrecen

Winner group D – Runner-up group C

SEMI-FINALS

Thu 28 January, 17:30, Debrecen

Winner QF1 – Winner QF3

Thu 28 January, 20:00, Debrecen

Winner QF2 – Winner QF4

THIRD-PLACE MATCH

Sat 30 January, 18:00, Debrecen

Loser SF1 – Loser SF2

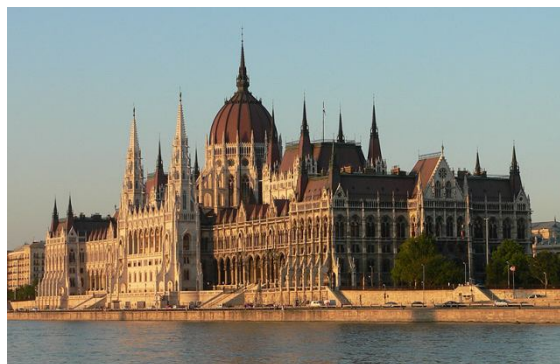
FINAL

Sat 30 January, 20:30, Debrecen

Winner SF1 – Winner SF



Venues of the UEFA European Futsal Championship: Budapest



Budapest is the capital of Hungary and an important political, cultural, commercial and industrial hub in Central Europe with nearly two million inhabitants. Situated on the banks of river Danube the city with its many World Heritage Sites attracts over 20 million visitors a year and widely regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. The city is especially famous for its baths: there are a total of 80 geothermal springs and the world's largest thermal water cave system. In terms of sports football is really a passion in Budapest which is a home for century-old rivals like Budapest Honvéd FC, Ferencvárosi TC, MTK Budapest,

Újpest FC, Vasas FC, and was a birthplace of many world class players like Ferenc Puskás, László Kubala, József Bozsik or László Fazekas.



Papp László Sportaréna was unveiled in 2003 next to the Ferenc Puskás Stadium, and is currently the largest arena in Hungary with a capacity of 7,700 for futsal. The arena is named after László Papp a Hungarian boxer who won three consecutive Olympic gold medals in 1948, 1952 and 1956. Since 2003 it hosted the biggest pop and rock-stars and many prominent sports events like European Women's Handball Championship 2004.



Venues of the UEFA European Futsal Championship: Debrecen



Debrecen is the second largest city in Hungary with more than 205,000 inhabitants and historically an important commercial, cultural, educational and religion centre (bears the nickname „The Calvinist Rome”) in Eastern Hungary. Motorway M3 and railway provide good connection with Budapest situated 220 kilometres away. Sport has always had great importance in the city’s life: Debrecen has hosted several international sporting events in the last years, such as the second World Youth Championships in Athletics in July 2001 and the first IAAF World Road

Running Championship in October 2006, as well as the 2007 European SC Swimming Championships. The city is keen on football. Debreceni VSC is the reigning champion in Hungary and now competes with the best teams of Europe in UEFA Champions League Group E.

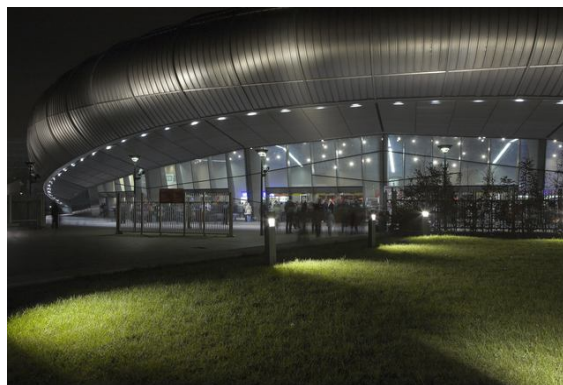


Főnix Arena was built in 2002, it is the second largest arena in Hungary with a capacity of 6,500. The Arena hosted many events since the 36th Artistic Gymnastics World Championships 2002: futsal, handball, basketball, ice-hockey championships and many world-famous performers as well.



Ticket information

Fair-play but eager supporting creates the real essence of futsal atmosphere, an authentic 'futsal-fiesta' is unimaginable without enthusiastic fans.



We are committed to attract good crowds to the matches, both international and Hungarian guests are incited to come and see „more speed, more skills, more goals”. As **ticket sales was launched on 16 November**, we would like to furnish information about the details in this Newsletter.

SALES CHANNELS:

1. IBUSZ offices in Hungary

2. Web sales: www.futsaleurotickets.com

Opening: 16th November, 12:00 CET

Closing: 30th January, 12:00 CET

Customers will get a voucher to be exchanged against tickets at the arena or IBUSZ offices. Payment by *credit card* only (Mastercard or Visa).

3. Arena offices

From the 15th to 30th of January.

CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Phone number: +3615779500 or +3612660000

E-mail: mlsz@mlsz.hu or

interticket@interticket.hu

Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

All applicants are bound by ticketing terms and conditions. Terms & Conditions are available on www.uefa.com and www.mlsz.hu

3 price categories and 3 “special offers” available for the General Public:

Group stage / Quarter Finals			Semi-finals / Final	
Ticket type	Price (HUF)	Price (~EUR)	Price (HUF)	Price (~EUR)
Category 1	2,700.00	9.00	4,200.00	14.00
Category 2	1,800.00	6.00	2,800.00	9.30
Category 3	900.00	3.00	1,400.00	4.70
“Group tickets” (20 tickets)	300.00 (per person)	1.00 (per person)	300.00	1.00
Season ticket DEB	5,000.00 HUF (16.70 EUR)			
Season ticket BUD	4,000.00 HUF (13.30 EUR)			

(Prices in Euros are approximate)



Futsal in Hungary

History of futsal started in Montevideo, Uruguay, when in 1930 Juan Carlos Ceriani created an innovative version of football for youth competitions. The new sport with its intense emphasis on speed, improvisation, creativity and technique became very popular and began to spread across South America to become a world-success soon.



In Hungary an alternate version of the game - with five fieldsmen beside the goalkeeper - has become extremely popular „on the streets” since the 50’s: there are approximately 300000 regular players in the country while the whole population is 10 million!

The official efforts to be an integral part of the international futsal community are also more than 20 years old, some historical milestones were the following:

- 🚫 **1986:** Foundation of Futsal Committee by the Hungarian Football Association
- 🚫 **1991:** First National Futsal Championship
- 🚫 **1994:** 4th place on Futsal Mundialito
- 🚫 **1999:** The national team plays its 100th international match
- 🚫 **2007:** 3rd place on Futsal Mundialito, 4th place on Grand Prix de Futsal
- 🚫 **2009:** There are now 10,000 amateur and 1,000 official futsal players in Hungary



2010 is really another milestone for Hungarian futsal: it is a great honour for us to host and challenge the best teams in Europe!

