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## **UEFA Executive Committee shortlist for EURO 2012™**

### **Croatia/Hungary, Italy, and Poland/Ukraine shortlisted for EURO 2012™**

The UEFA Executive Committee has today decided on the shortlist of three bidding candidates for UEFA EURO 2012™. The three selected bidding candidates, who progress to the second phase of the bidding process are: Croatia/Hungary, Italy, and Poland/Ukraine.

The results of the voting ballots, from the 12 members eligible to vote were as follows: Italy (11), Croatia/Hungary (9), Poland/Ukraine (7), Turkey (6) and Greece (2).

The second phase of the bidding process will involve the submission of even more detailed dossiers by 31 May 2006, followed by site visits to the shortlisted countries in September, with a final decision scheduled to take place in December of 2006.

Although the bids from Greece and Turkey were not selected, both candidate bids were given warm praise by the UEFA Executive Committee for the content and professionalism of their submissions.

Other decision taken at the meeting in Malta by the UEFA Executive Committee included the following:

Approval of a coefficient ranking system for future UEFA European Under-21 Championships. The principle of the ranking system shall take into account the performance of the last two European Under-21 qualifying competitions, so for the UEFA European Football Championship 2006/07 the coefficients shall be made up of 50% from the qualifying performances from the 2002-04 and from 2004-06 qualifying competitions. For the play-offs for the qualifying for the European Under-21 Championship 2006 final tournament, it is noted that the silver goal rule as per the existing regulations is no longer applicable, and should the teams be level after 180 minutes there will be period of extra-time, in accordance with the revised Laws of the Game, and with the away goals rule.

Approval of the principles for allocating vacant places for the UEFA Intertoto Cup as of 2006. The main access list will be reduced in accordance with the number of associations that express their wish to participate. A stand-by list will be created, at the bottom of the access list, for the vacant places and these places will be allocated to the associations in coefficient ranking order.

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Approval of the revised competition format for the UEFA European Women's Championship 2007/09 from two divisions to an open qualifying competition, with a host automatically appointed, and a qualifying round followed by a group phase of 30 teams (6 groups of 5 teams). The final tournament is enlarged from 8 to 12 teams.

Approval of the revised format for the UEFA/CAF Meridian Cup that will see it serve a more educational aspect, with a four-day conference of national youth trainers from both confederations in February/March 2007, and the playing part will comprise a double header match between an all-star European under-18 side and an African under-18 team.