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Over the next two days a 10-strong UEFA delegation, headed by UEFA President Michel Platini, will visit the two host countries for UEFA EURO 2012™, Poland and the Ukraine.

President Platini will also have one-to-one meetings with the Presidents and Prime Ministers of both countries. In the afternoon of Wednesday, 02 July, he will meet Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk and later Polish President Prof. Lech Kaczyński. On Thursday, 03 July, Platini will meet Ukrainian Prime Minister, Yulia Tymoshenko and in the late afternoon the President, Viktor Yushchenko.

The delegation will also have high-level meetings with the two football associations and the ministries and bodies involved in preparing UEFA EURO 2012™.

Part of the delegation, including Michel Platini, will then continue on from the Ukraine and travel to Kazakhstan, where they will meet the Football Federation of Kazakhstan and visit the new stadium of Astana, and then to the capital of Azerbaijan, Baku, for a meeting with the Association of Football Federations of Azerbaijan (AFFA) and a visit to the construction site of the Youth Football Academy.

"This visit is part of a top-level fact finding mission to Poland and the Ukraine. We will meet with the countries' leaders and hold discussions with all the relevant bodies in charge of the preparations for UEFA EURO 2012™, in order to take stock of the current situation within the two countries," said UEFA President Michel Platini.

"A report will then be given to the UEFA Executive Committee in order that they can fully review the situation in the two countries at our next meeting on 25 and 26 September in Bordeaux. At the same time I am very happy to use this opportunity to visit my football friends in Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan and to see their latest projects, a new football stadium in Astana and a new youth academy respectively. Development of football infrastructure in these countries further east is very important for the future of our game," concluded the UEFA President.

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