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2002/2003 UEFA Youth Competitions Draw

Under-17 and Under-19 Qualifying Rounds ready to kick off

The draw for the First Qualifying Round of the 2002/2003 European Under-17 and Under-19 Championship has been made today in Porto, Portugal. The draw ceremony was conducted by UEFA Football Development Director Andy Roxburgh, assisted by Christian Schwegler, captain of the Swiss Under-17 national team representing the winner of the 2000/2001 European Under-17 Fairplay Competition and by Antti Okkonen, captain of the Finnish Under-19 national team representing the winner of the 2000/2001 European Under-19 Fairplay Competition.

The draw proceedings were identical for each competition. Based on sporting results the six best teams were given a bye to the Second Qualifying Round. The 44 remaining teams were drawn in eleven groups of four teams, where the winner and the runner-up from each group will qualify for the Second Qualifying Round. These 22 teams, together with the six already qualified, will compete in seven groups of four teams. The seven group winners will qualify for the Final Tournament.

For organisational and sporting reasons, matches in the First Qualifying Round will be played in the form of mini-tournaments and staged between 1 August and 31 October 2002 at the latest, for both competitions.

The Final Tournaments will take place in Portugal in May 2003 for the Under-17 and in Liechtenstein in July 2003 for the Under-19.

2002/2003 European Under-17 Championship

| Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 | Group 4 |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bulgaria | Croatia | Israel | Czech Republic |
| Latvia | Belarus | Iceland | Cyprus |
| Andorra | Georgia | Armenia | Estonia |
| Italy | Yugoslavia | Switzerland | Belgium |

| Group 5 | Group 6 | Group 7 | Group 8 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Norway | Austria | Greece | France |
| Wales | FYR Macedonia | Liechtenstein | Slovenia |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | Faroe Islands | Moldova | Republic of Ireland |
| Luxembourg | Romania | Slovakia | Germany |

| Group 9 | Group 10 | Group 11 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sweden | Netherlands | Scotland |
| Malta | Albania | Ukraine |
| Northern Ireland | San Marino | Azerbaijan |
| Denmark | Lithuania | Turkey |

Based on sporting results, six teams earned a bye to the Second Qualifying Round: Spain, Russia, Finland, Poland, Hungary and England. Portugal are automatically qualified for the Final Tournament as host country.

2002/2003 European Under-19 Championship

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
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| Armenia | Belarus | Moldova | Latvia |
| Lithuania | Sweden | FYR Macedonia | Turkey |
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Based on sporting results, six teams earned a bye to the Second Qualifying Round: Czech Republic, Spain, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Austria and Greece. Liechtenstein are automatically qualified for the Final Round as host country