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Official handover of EURO 2008 bids on 19 June

Seven bids to be presented during ceremony at House of European Football in Nyon

Friday 31 May is not only the date when the 2002 FIFA World Cup finals kick off. It is also the closing date for the submission to UEFA of complete bidding dossiers by the candidates who wish to stage the final tournament of the UEFA European Football Championship in 2008.

However, all seven candidates have been invited to make a brief presentation of their bid at an official Handover Ceremony which will take place at 16.30 on Wednesday 19 June in the Auditorium at the House of European Football in Nyon. Only two of the seven bids have been submitted by a single association. The other five are based on joint ventures involving two or four national associations. The presentations will be made in alphabetical order, which means that the Austria/Switzerland bid will take the floor first, followed by Bosnia-Herzegovina/Croatia; Greece/Turkey; Hungary; the Denmark/Finland/Norway/Sweden bid known as 'Nordic 2008'; Russia and, finally, the Scotland/Republic of Ireland bid.

Media representatives wishing to attend the ceremony are asked to apply for accreditation by fax to +00 41+22 994 3737 before midday on Monday 10 June.

The ceremony itself is expected to last some 90 minutes and there will be opportunities for individual and group photographs involving representatives of all seven candidates.

Media representatives are also invited to join them for cocktails once the official ceremony has been closed and there will also be opportunities for interviews with the bidders and with UEFA's Chief Executive, Gerhard Aigner, who will receive the bids on UEFA's behalf and conduct the Handover Ceremony.