

FYR MACEDONIA COACH EDUCATION IN EUROPE – A JOURNEY TO RAISE THE BAR

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Professional career (football)

- 1991-1997 Coach Education Manager, German FA (DFB)
- 1997-1999Section Manager Coach Education, UEFA
- 2000-2003 Technical Education Manager, UEFA
- 2004- (...) Head of Football Education Services, UEFA

Education

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- Studies at universities in Germany and France
- Qualified secondary school teacher for sport (physical education) and French
- Master / (DEA) PH.D. in Romance languages and literature
- Qualified UEFA/DFB coach



Playing

Top amateur rung & universities (Germany/France)



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A journey to raise the bar...





A comprehensive programme



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UEFA Coaching Programme: Milestones

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Coaching Programme Milestones Evolution timeline









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2005 - 2014



2014 onwards



Coaching Programme Milestones Crucial Executive Committee Meeting (New York)

- Raise standards
- Establish coaching
 profession
- Create mutual recognition
- Greater exchange
- Establish guidelines
- Provide guidance & support
- Football in control and on solid legal grounds



1991



Coaching Programme Milestones		
1991 - 2003	Men:	Women:
	1994, Stockholm, Sweden	2009, Nyon, Switzerland
	1996, Copenhagen, Denmark	2014, Nyon, Switzerland
9	1998, Frankfurt, Germany	
	2000, Geneva, Switzerland	
0	🥺 2002, Warsaw, Poland	
First National Team Coaches	2004, Stockholm, Sweden	
Conference	🥺 2006, Berlin, Germany	
	🥺 2008, Vienna, Austria	
	🥺 2010, Madrid, Spain	838 4 J 3 8 1 3 J 1
	2012, Warsaw, Poland	
1991 1993 1994 199	2014, St Petersburg, Russia	2003 2005 2005



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UEFA Coach education conferences/workshops/courses

Since 1995:

- 11 Conferences in a biannual rhythm
- 19 Yearly Courses for Coach Educators

Since 2013:

 Combination of practical educational approach & conceptual approach covering different football coach education aspects and trends



Coach Education Workshop: Course & Workshop in one



Coach Education Workshop: Course & Workshop in one



The Key: Continuity

- Dialogue
- Communication
- Further Education
- Exchange
- Update
- Trends

Next "encounter": Belfast 2017

1991 - 2003



1991 - 2003

Coach Education Support for other Confederations



1991 - 2003



1991 - 2003

Training Ground Birth





2003 - 2014

Ljubljana, 2006: Ratification of the Convention by FYR Macedonia

Seven associations ratified in 2008 and «closed» the circle:



2003 - 2016



Twelve associations received the UEFA endorsement so far:



Earmarked Funding





- Launched in 2008 to promote technical exchange and solidarity
- Elite youth, grassroots, coach education and women's football
- Sharing knowledge and best practice

"Let's develop technical partnerships and let's create tailor-made programmes to meet the specific needs of the associations."

- Michel Platini -





Aim

To provide Pro licence students with an opportunity for international exchange and access to UEFA tutors and content

First participating associations:

- Denmark/Norway/Sweden/Finland
- Poland/Czech Republic/Scotland

Pro Licence Student Exchange







Pro Licence Ratifications:

- Albania
- Armenia
- Lithuania
- Montenegro

2014 onwards




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UEFA Coaching Programme: Convention Scale

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Convention Scale

	UEFA Grassroots C	C Female	UEFA B	UEFA B Female
Number of Licenced Coaches	303652	10043	146718	2802

	UEFA A	UEFA A Female	UEFA Elite Youth	UEFA Elite A Youth Female	UEFA Pro	UEFA Pro Female
Number of Licenced Coaches	47605	661	4686	125	9076	149

Total number of UEFA Coaching Convention endorsed licences: 208,085



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Convention Scale Membership Map 2002





UEFA Coach Development Project for Women

Goal

- Increase the number of UEFA qualified female coaches
- Increase the number of female coaches in club and national teams

How

- Scholarships (UEFA Pro and UEFA A diploma) prospected increase 14%
- UEFA B and C diploma courses (provision of technical instructor or funding)
- On field development workshops



UEFA Coach Development Project for Women

- Since January 2016
 - 9 UEFA Pro diploma scholarships
 - I5 UEFA A diploma scholarships
 - 2 UEFA B diploma courses (29 participants)
 - I on-field development workshop



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UEFA Coaching Programme: Convention Benefits

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UEFA Coaching Diploma Courses: Duration & Content

	UEFA Pro	UEFA A	UEFA B
Minimum hours of education in total	360	180	120
Minimum hours of Theory units off the pitch	144	90	60
Minimum hours of Practical units on the pitch including work experience	216	90	60
Minimum hours of assessments (in addition to hours of education)	9	6	3

UEFA Coaching Diploma Courses: Duration & Content

	UEFA Elite Youth A	Combined UEFA A & UEFA Elite Youth A	UEFA Futsal B	UEFA Goalkeeper A
Minimum hours of education in total	80	260	120	120
Minimum hours of Theory units off the pitch	40	130	46	36
Minimum hours of Practical units on the pitch including work experience	40	130	74	84
Minimum hours of assessments (in addition to hours of education)	6	6	3	5

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UEFA Coaching Convention: Benefits

A Convention of full age

- Improvement of coaching standards at all levels
- Unified minimum standards at B, A and Pro level guarantee coaching performance quality across Europe
- Protection and better development of players through better educated coaches



UEFA Coaching Convention: Benefits

A Convention of full age

- Better and transparent exchange amongst the member associations
- Bigger further education opportunities
- Continuous stimulus for improvements of domestic coach education programmes
- Improvement of coaches' status and recognition



UEFA Coaching Convention: Benefits

A Convention of full age

- National association diplomas and licences are recognised as UEFA diplomas and licences
- Mutual recognition of coaching qualifications and cross-border movement ensured
- Continuous and constructive dialogue with EU authorities and respect of EU jurisdiction (originally: Directive 92/51)





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UEFA Coaching Programme: Specialist Education - Futsal

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Specialist Coach Education: Futsal

- Aiming to develop futsal throughout Europe by focusing on coaching
- Specific UEFA programme for futsal coaches and coach educators
- UEFA Futsal B Licence created to recognise futsal coach education on a European level
 - Poland and Portugal first confirmed associations
 - 25 other associations in progress





"UEFA's focus on training and coach education for futsal will have a major impact on futsal development across Europe."

- Javier Lozano Cid

UEFA Coach Education Pathway



Specialist Coach Education: Futsal UEFA offers specific and tailor made support to national associations USB Keys (delivered in 2015) Futsal Manual (end of 2016) Instructor help Custom courses





UEFA Coaching Programme: Specialist Education - Goalkeeping

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UEFA Advanced Goalkeeper Coach Education A process starting in 2011:

- Creation of a GK working group (Jira Panel)
- GK advanced licence guidelines
- 13 pilot courses
- GK analysis EURO 2016 & UCL
- DVD production
- Presentation of approved guidelines to NAs in 2013
- Regional tutor education
- Individual association support



UEFA GK advisory group







Marc Van Geersom



Mart Poom



Savvas Constantinou



Gudmundur Hreidarsson



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Specialist Education: Goalkeeping

- Three Tutor-The-Tutor Projects so far:
 UK Associations & Rep. of Ireland, FSU, Balkan
- First approvals: Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia, Scotland, Belgium, Spain, Poland, Greece
- Support to 22 further associations ongoing







UEFA Coach Education Pathway





UEFA Coaching Programme: Specialist Education - Fitness

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Specialist Education: Fitness

- No UEFA Specialist Diploma in Fitness area
- Instead: familiarisation of technical education experts with the latest trends in this domain
- Philosophy paper: clear football specific message, integration of fitness topics in coaching courses



Specialist Education: Fitness



- Three Fitness for Football Seminars in 2013/14 involving all NA's
- Nurturing dialogue between coach educators and fitness experts
- Communicating a clear football specific message
- Demonstrate the integration of fitness topics in coach education courses
- Cascading effect

Specialist Education: Fitness

Transfer into Study Group Scheme – more specificity

- 2014-2016: 7 seminars
- 2016-2018: 6 seminars



Andreas Morisbak Sigmund A.-Aasen Jan Ekstrand Paul Balsom

Werner Helsen

Fitness For Football in Study Group Scheme 2014-2016

<u>Topics covered by UEFA experts - more specificity:</u>

- Fitness for football philosophy
- Planning and periodization
- Demands of the game
- Keeping the players on the pitch, Injury prevention
- Developing and monitoring speed
- Continuous monitoring
- Practical demonstrations: monitoring training (GPS/LPS)



Fitness For Football in Study Group Scheme 2016-2018

- Main theme: Facilitating a successful transition from youth to senior football
- Sub-topics:
 - Monitoring load
 - Match intensity (or compensation for the lack of match exposure)
 - Injury prevention
 - Collaboration between academy and first team
 - Training regimes (off-, pre- and in-season)
 - Strength, power and speed
 - Nutrition
 - Maturity
 - Strategies adopted by the national associations
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UEFA Coaching Programme: Pro Licence Student Exchange

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FYR Macedonia Pro Licence Students took part in 2014







UEFA Coaching Programme: Study Group Scheme

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UEFA Study Group Scheme History

- 8 Seasons
- 375 seminars took place:
 - 93 on Elite Youth Football
 - 87 on Grassroots Football
 - 107 on Coach Education
 - 88 on Women's Football
- 45 different host associations
- 12'000 football technicians participated



2014-2016 Study Group Scheme Outlook

Season 7 and 8

- 3 football areas, focus only on specific topics/content
- Planning of 4 seminars in 2 consecutive seasons (2 seminars per season)

COACH EDUCATION	WOMEN'S FOOTBALL	GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL
UEFA B Licence	Elite Youth Development	New UEFA Grassroots Charter Criteria
UEFA Elite Youth A Licence	Youth National Teams	
Fitness for Football		

UEFA Study Group Scheme:

New cycle - Season 2016-17/2017-18

Same 3 pillars as previous season, with **new topics**:



UEFA Study Group Scheme:

Seasons 2016/17 and 2017/18

- 50 seminars planned:
 - 8 on Elite Youth Football
 - 15 on Grassroots Football
 - 14 on Coach Education
 - 13 on Women's Football
- 23 different host associations

Macedonia will visit:

- Coach Education seminars
- I Grassroots
- 1 Women's



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UEFA Coach Education Programme: Publications/Communication

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UEFA Technical Publications



- Technical Observer groups produce Technical Reports for:
 - UEFA Women's EURO
 - UEFA Champions League/Europa League
 - UEFA European Under-21 Championship
 - UEFA European Under-17 and Under-19 Championships
 - UEFA European Women's Under-17 and Under-19 Championships
 - UEFA Futsal EURO

UEFA Technical Reports

Technical Reports can be downloaded from UEFA.org or directly at the following location:

https://uefa.box.com/v/UEFA-Technical-Reports



UEFA Technical Publications – The Technician

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REWIND **REVEALS TREND TOWARDS FAST FORWARD**

The recently published technical reports on EURO 2016 and last season's Champions effective wing play is, and direct attacks are the order of the day

ad parted company with their national eams. As Lars Lagerbäck said after celand's victory over England prompted by Hodgson to step down, "coaching is

One of the hang-ups endemic to those engaged at the top end of the coaching profession is that the vertiginous roller coaster of day-to-day work affords few unities to take time out, rewind the recent past and use a wide-angle lens struggle to adjust to the biorhythms of to search for any patterns that may or may not have emerged from the previous season. UEFA offers encouragement to hit the pause button by staging the

that teams diverted from the Champions League to the Europa League frequently two surprisingly different competitions. Zinédine Zidane, who led Real Madrid CF to victory in the Champions League in his first season as coach, admitted "the Champions League is a complex entity to way of plaving, and the defensive way →

hues into an interesting texture. Hein Vanhaezebrouck, who led KAA Gent into the Champions League knockout phase last season, remarked in Nyon: "One of the things we saw at EURO was - it's becoming more and more visible, in fact - that you have two ways of playing: the dominant

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PARIS AND BEYOND

Europe's national team coaches met in the French capital on 12 September to discuss what they had learnt from UEFA EURO 2016.

th the rapid transition to World Cup qualifying, it is understandable that for many EURO 2016 is a thing of the past. But it would be foolish to consign it to memory without taking stock and seeing what takeaway messages it has to offer the coaching fraternity in particular. That was the mission statement when UEFA invited national team coaches, technical directors and coach education specialists to a conference in Paris where else? - on 12 September.

The starting point was a selection of information culled from the technical report, copies of which were distributed hot off the press to the conference attendees. The full report is also available in various languages on UFFA org. Some of the topics - such as the pros and cons of fielding a settled team or rotation the full could - were then carried into a round-table session. "As everybody says, with a national team you can't sign players," Wales manager Chris Coleman said. "So it's about

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Cristiano Ronaldo rises biel to head Portugal in front against Wales in the EURO



getting the best out of the players you have. In my case. I had outstanding talents like Gareth to use two strikers as I think the cooperation Bale and Aaron Ramsey, so I tried to set up a team that would net them into possession as much as possible and encourage them to do as much damage as possible." Iceland co-coach Lars Lagerbäck stressed:

"We tend to look only at the final tournament. But our preparations were over a period of two years or so, since we started the qualifying rounds. Before the EURO, we had the full squad together for a very limited number of days, so our campaign was down to the good basic ornanisation that we had already out in place * Lagerbäck also outlined the ins and outs of the co-coaching formula that he had employed with Sweden and, alongside Heimir allgrimsson, with Iceland. "It's a formality, ally," he said. "Heimir and I get on very well together - that's the important thing. Whether you talk about 'head coach', 'co-coach' or assistant coach' is not so relevant. Maybe it makes it easier to share the media work but otherwise, it makes no difference."

Flexibility and stability

The coaches in Paris also weighed up the value of tactical flexibility. Didier Deschamps, who varied structures and personnel during the final tournament, said: "I think a coach always wants to be able to surprise the opposition or to react in accordance with a specific match situation. You always want to play to your strengths - but back a little more and didn't allow ourselves to a squad can give you different strengths and more options when it comes to adapting to create more problems for opponents * Coleman, on the other hand, expressed a preference for stability. "The best Plan B," he said, "is to get Plan A right. But if you see that your plan doesn't work, then you make changes to look for a result." Lagerbäck also preferred a settled structure - in Iceland's case a classic 4-4-2. "Football is about getting into the box as often as possible - and there are

defenders." He and Coleman both underlined the importance of training-ground work on set plays which, in France, accounted for around 30% of the goals. "You can score with fantastic creative play like Barcelona," commented Coleman, "but that's not the only way. A while ago, we were conceding too many goals from set plays and crosses and we've been successful in cutting that down. We work on organisation and delivery - which can be tedious for the players. But we make sure they know individual roles and that's a good investment." During the final session in Paris, UEFA's chief technical officer. Ioan Lupescu, invited European champion Fernando Santos to review the reasons for Portugal's success. Man-management strategies emerged as key features, with Santos outlining his search for the right balance between youth and experience and his successful efforts in "persuading them to calm down." He revealed that emotional responses had been difficult to control and that he had strived to stifle deen-moted ambitions to attack with panache. "Football is very simple," he maintained. "The aim is to score and not concede. The players wanted to throw everything forward but I helped them to become more focused and pragmatic. We didn't change the set-up that much but we sat get caught too high up the pitch."

Asked by Lunescu to trace his own development as a coach he responded: "As a coach in today's game, it is essential to be trusted by the players. Over the years, you develop your capacity to read and understand the game. You need to embrace technology and you need to be able to transmit all the knowledge that you have acquired." Those qualities were evidently crucial in his run to Portugal's first major trophy.

Homage to Vicente del Bosque

"Success changes a lot of people," Sir Alex Ferguson said on stage in Paris. "But it has not changed Vicente del Bosque. Even after all his successes, he has retained the same humility. He not only won titles but he also did it in style." After three domestic titles and victory in two UEFA Champions Leagues, one UEFA Super Cup and one Club World Cup with Real Madrid CF, followed by eight years, a World Cup crown and a European Championship trophy at the helm of Spain, Del Bosque's retirement was honoured by his coaching colleagues, who gave him a standing ovation as UEFA presented him with a specially commissioned photobook. With trademark humility, he said: "A coach is only worth what his players are worth. The only advice I would pass on is that behaviour is important. No matter what, a coach has to remain calm and collected in der to take optimal decisions," Gracias, Vicente

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various ways of doing that, Personally, I prefe

between them poses greater problems for

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UEFA's football education in 2015

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UEFA's commitment to developing strong foundations for the technical development of football was illustrated during a year of progress in 2015.



UEFA's commitment to developing strong foundations for the technical development of football was again in evidence throughout 2015.

Coaches and coach educators came together for the biennial <u>UEFA Coach Education Workshop in Bratislava in September</u>, where the initial results of a study on the impact of the UEFA Coaching Convention across the member associations were presented. The workshop was on the theme of "building for the

Coach educators celebrated
 Coaching workshop opens
 Terim's coaching 'revolution'
 Female coaches in focus

RELATED ITEMS

education and reality-based learning that will come in 2016. Lars Lagerbäck gave a presentation to participants outlining his

future", which was appropriate given the focus on tutor

philosophies from over a decade and a half of international experience as a head coach, latterly including the historic qualification of Iceland for UEFA FURO 2016. Learning from the elite was also

News

- Goalkeeper coaches meet
- Football education in 2015
- Fitness for Football seminar
- Ekroth talks up education
- UEFA-technician: Lagerbäck on coaching

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UEFA Coaching Programme: Co-operations

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UEFA Coaching Programme: Co-operation beyond Europe

Memorandum of Understanding with all Confederations: including guidance on technical matters & educational support

- AFC
- CAF
- CONCACAF
- CONMEBOL
- OFC





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UEFA Coaching Programme:

Continuity and Progression - Building for the Future

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Continuity and Progression – Building for the Future

- Edition 2015
- Research Study
- Priorities for UEFA



Coaching Convention 2015 Edition

- A 18 months revision and consultation process, monitored by the Jira Panel
- First draft in summer 2013
- DATAC & ExCo approval: fall 2014
- Ratification of new edition: March 2015





UEFA Coaching Convention 2015 Edition: Ratification

53 members (Gibraltar/Kosovo not yet endorsed) have signed the 2015 protocol





UEFA Coaching Convention 2015 Edition: Aims

- Contract and Directives: one single document
- More coherence, consistency and clarity from a legal point of view
- Avoid repeating provisions that are regulated through other regulations
- Reduce procedural issues speed up decision making processes
- A more user-friendly document through a new structure



UEFA Coaching Convention 2015: New Features

- Increased number of hours (course durations)
- Offer extended syllabi contents, detailed profiles, learning objectives for all coaching licences, refined assessment criteria, new breakdown of study topics and subtopics
- Add extended and new criteria for specialists' areas (Goalkeeping & Futsal)
- Refine a Code of ethics for coaches





UEFA Coaching Convention 2015 Edition: Binders

- Available in E, F, G, IT, SP, RUS
- Each association has also received the entire documentation, including the supporting documents, as a PDF and hard copies
- Convention available online: http://www.uefa.org



New Diploma & Licence templates





Convention Research Study

Why in this phase?

- nothing set in stone
- an evolving process
- anticipation of the future needs
- Prospecting the next Convention edition, also based on your feedback and comments







Convention Research Study: Aims

- To describe (or 'benchmark') the application of the Convention across 54 national associations
- To understand the impact of the Convention on coach education systems, as well as wider impacts against its goals
- To understand the wants and needs of the 54 national associations from UEFA and the Convention moving forwards
- To draw conclusions from the data, and make recommendations to UEFA about the Convention







The UEFA Coaching Convention: Building for the Future

Study follow-up at various levels:

- An enriching process in itself
- Executive Summary
- Full report in final completion phase
- Publications/articles on uefa.com, Technician, academic journals
- Further consultation with the NAs
- Priorities set



The UEFA Coaching Convention: Building for the Future

Key priorities to tackle:

- Development of coach educators
- Further education (CPD)
- Reality-based learning

Additional focus on:

- Creation of a knowledge hub
- Improvement of data collection tools
- Increase of qualified female coaches







... to develop the coach – to develop the game.

Continuity and progression...





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A journey to raise the bar...





COACHING PROGRAMME

"The coach is the key to success. It is only right that I dedicated Germany's World Cup success in 2014 to all the highly qualified technicians in my country. Coach education has to be well structured, multi-layered and constantly adapted to the evolutions of the game. UEFA realised this many years ago and, with the introduction of the Coaching Convention, has massively contributed to raising the level of coach education on a pan-European scale. This has obviously also had a positive impact on the quality of the game as a whole."

(Jogi Löw)

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COACHING PROGRAMME

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