

To: FIDE Planning & Development Commission
Chairperson Mrs Sonja Johnson

Cc: FIDE Managing Director
Mrs Dana Reziencė-Ozola

Su: Report of the year 2021

January 25th, 2021

Dear Sonja,

We are pleased to present our Annual Report on the European Development Fund 2021.

We would like to point out that we strive to implement the entire program within the framework of the main directions set by FIDE and the financial regulations.

With the report we also inform you about the ECU video report on the activities in 2021, which also includes the projects financed by the FIDE Development Fund.

<https://youtu.be/qzxgLIHVF-s>

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation and we will work for an efficient program for 2022.

With kind regards,



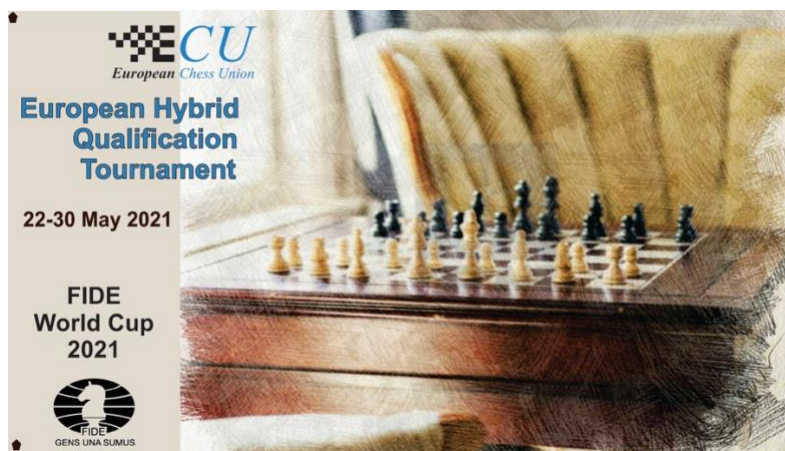
Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou,
ECU Secretary General

A. TABLE OF ECU PROJECTS APPROVED

PROJECTS APPROVED	AMOUNT	STATUS	
ECU School Teacher Webinars	3,000	Completed	Report
Developing/guiding new Erasmus+ projects	3,000	Completed	Report
World Cup Hybrid Qualifiers	35,000	Completed	Report
ECU/FIDE Online Organisers webinar for women	2,000	Completed	Report
FIDE Arbiters Seminar Terme Catez Slovenia & Online	2,500	Completed	Report
Global Chess Festival/Chess Ambassadors for the Environment"	5,000	Completed	Report
Mitropa Cup 2021	5,000	Completed	Report
Tournament Of Peace Croatia (postponed from 2020)	5,000	Completed	Report
Annual ECU Training Online Academy	8,000	On Progress	Report
Support of Senior Chess players	2,140	Completed	Report
European Women's Weekend	2,000	Completed	Report
1 st Online Workshop "Equal Opportunities"	5,000	Completed	Report
"A Chess Board for all" Free Board for Visual Impaired Players	6,000	On Progress	2021-2022
Social Program for Refugees	5,000	On Progress	2021-2022
How to create & run a successful/fundraising chess project	12,000	On Progress	2021-2022
Total (euros)	100,640		

B. REPORTS FOR PROJECTS COMPLETED BY 31st December 2021

1. World Cup Hybrid Qualifier



264 players from 35 European federations registered for the event. About 40 venues and 82 arbiters took part in this larger operation that was a necessity due to travel bans. 36 top players qualified for the FIDE World Cup 2021 in Sochi.

Report: <https://www.europechess.org/vladislav-artemiev-wins-european-hybrid-swiss-tiebreaks/>

2. ECU School Teacher Courses



ECU101 - THE SMART METHOD TO TEACH CHESS

This Training Course webinar is subsidised by the European Chess Union to members of national chess federations affiliated with the ECU. Concessionary places will be provided for the following



Women applying individually from ECU federations



ECU federation members of Small Nations and Development countries

19-20 June 2021

Chess in Education
www.chessplus.net



ECU101 - The SMART Method to teach Chess

📅 Sat 19 Jun 2021 9:00 AM - Sun 20 Jun 2021 3:00 PM BST 📍 Online, Zoom

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European Chess Union has organised two subsidized “ECU101 Training Seminar: The SMART Method to Teach Chess” in The seminars were supported by FIDE development fund and provided free participation for female participants as also participants for 18 European federations of DEV levels of 3,4 & 5.

Information:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/chessplus/577868>

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/chessplus/529583#>

3. Developing/guiding new Erasmus+ projects



The European Union has increased its participation in the fund Erasmus+. ECU Education, and its' members, has been part of several successful applications and projects. In two seminars Jesper Bergmark Hall and Alessandro Dominici shares their experiences with European National Chess Federations with the goal to support more applications for chess to the Erasmus+ fund.

In the first seminar that was held 18th June, we discussed the new rules for Erasmus+ and what the key-factors are for an application. Now it is time for the follow up where different ideas for applications are presented based on the participants own ideas and not the least, we connect you all if you want to make applications together.

The idea with the seminar was to create a network of federations and people interested in making applications for Erasmus+ projects and to:

- 1) Present Erasmus+
- 2) Present the application procedure
- 3) Present successful projects, both smaller and larger ones
- 4) Discuss ideas for a future application
- 5) Discuss how to co-operate

Information: <https://www.europechess.org/erasmus-online-seminar/>

4. FIDE Arbiters' Seminar



From 14th to 18th November 2021, a FIDE Arbiters' Seminar was organized in Terme Catez, Slovenia, by the European Chess Union, under the auspices of FIDE. The Lecturer was IA Prokopova, Jirina (CZE), FIDE Lecturer and the Assistant Lecturer was IA Karali, Tania (GRE). The language of the Seminar was English.

Sixteen (16) participants from nine (9) Federations (BLR, ENG, FIN, GRE, IRQ, ITA, POL, RUS, and SLO) participated in the Seminar and twelve (12) of them participated in the examination test, held after the end of the lectures.

Report:

<https://arbiters.europechess.org/fide-arbiters-seminar-in-terme-catez-slovenia-report/>

5. ECU/FIDE Online Organisers Webinar



European Chess Union organised a FIDE International Organizers Webinar, ifrom 28th June to 1st of July, in cooperation with FIDE Events Commission, FIDE Women's Commission, co-funded

by FIDE Development Fund. With 20 participants, was one of the largest IO Seminar organised in the last years. The official results will be published by the FIDE Events Commission.

Report: <https://events.fide.com/2021/07/21/results-of-fide-ios-online-seminar-with-ecu/>

6. Tournament of Peace Croatia

The historical chess event, Tournament of Peace 2021, took place from 5th-10th October 2021, in Zagreb, Croatia. The tournament is played in the National and University Library, with participation of 10 Grandmasters playing a round-robin event in 9 rounds. The participants are: Ernesto Inarkiev (RUS, 2668), Etienne Bacrot (FRA, 2658), Igor Kovalenko (LAT, 2647), Sergei Movsesian (ARM, 2627), Ante Brkic (CRO, 2621), Zdenko Kozul (CRO, 2601), Marin Bosiocic (CRO, 2573), Hrvoje Stevic (CRO, 2570), Robert Zelcic (CRO, 2522), Mladen Palac (CRO, 2517). The historical tournament supported by 5000 euros.



Report: <https://www.europechess.org/tournament-of-peace-2021/>

7. Global Chess Festival/ Chess Ambassadors for the Environment"

JUDIT POLGAR'S GLOBAL CHESS FESTIVAL

Chess Ambassadors for the Environment
Saturday, 9th October 2021

European Chess Union
Since 1985

FIDE
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WWF
With the kind participation of WWF Greece

Supported by the FIDE Development fund

European Chess Union and Judit Polgar's Global Chess Festival invite one player U12 from each European Chess federation to take part in the special chess and social event „Chess Ambassadors for the environment“.

The event will take place on Saturday 9th of October with the following program:
11:30 CEST Lecture & Q&A session for the Environment & the Climate Change
Eleni Svaronou, Head of environmental education of WWF Greece
12:15 CEST Break
13:00 CEST Judit's Polgar Masterclass / Chessable Classroom
14:00 CEST Blitz Tournament 5min + 5 sec. – 7 rounds / Chessable Platform

In all events will take part actively one player by Federation but the events will be in a live stream so everybody will have access to the Lecture (English) and the Masterclass.

Certificates and Prizes
All participants will receive a special certificate of „Chess Ambassadors of the Environment“

The first 3 winners of the Blitz Competition will take the following gifts from the WWF program and the Judit Polgar Chess Foundation.
1st Prize: Adoption of a Polar Bear, + Chessable course of Master Your Chess with Judit Polgar
2nd Prize: Adoption of a Penguin, + Chessable course of Master Your Chess with Judit Polgar
3rd Prize: Adoption of a Dolphin, + Chessable course of Master Your Chess with Judit Polgar

As part of the "Chess Ambassadors for the Environment" program, WWF held a special zoom presentation for children from European Countries . Interactive presentations, surveys and

connections to chess. The program for children continued with a masterclass with Judit Polgar and a blitz tournament

Report: <https://www.europechess.org/chess-ambassadors-for-the-environment/>

8. Mitropa Hybrid Cup 2021

The Mitropa Cup is the annual team chess tournament for national teams from Central Europe. The traditional team event this year brings together 10 nations competing against each other in an Open and a Women section on 4 boards each. Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland. The event commenced in 1976 in Innsbruck. The event was held successfully in Hybrid format and FIDE Rated: The event has a 90,000 euros budget and supported with 5000 euros.

Report: <https://www.europechess.org/italy-wins-double-crown-at-mitropa-cup-2021/>

9. Annual European Online Training Academy



EUROPEAN CHESS UNION **ECU** **FIDE** **European Chess Academy**

ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAM
DEVELOP PRACTICAL WAY OF THINKING

4 levels program
November 6th 2021 - April 30th 2022
Every Saturday
Open for all ages and levels
Lessons in English language
Zoom platform
ECU certificate
Digital materials

OUR LECTURERS
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GM. FST GEORG MOHR
IM. FT TADEJ SAKELSEK

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🌐 <http://european-chessacademy.com>
🇪🇺 European Chess Union
🇪🇺 European Chess Academy

LEVEL 1
ELO below 1600

LEVEL 2
ELO between 1600 and 1900

LEVEL 3
ELO between 1900 and 2200

LEVEL 4
ELO above 2200

The second ECU Annual training program by European chess Union, supported by the FIDE Development Fund and technical executed by European chess academy Maribor has started on 6th of November 2021 and will last until the end of April 2022. Players are divided in to the 4 levels according to strength. Each level will have 24 lectures.

This year are registered 236 participants from 41 countries including 150 participants with free entry (FIDE DEV Support) winners of European Championships and nominations by the National Chess Federations.

10. Support of Senior Chess Players

World Medalists winners Elena Krasenkova (RUS) & Birnboim Natham (ISR) supported with accommodation and fee expenses to play the European Senior Chess Championship in Italy.

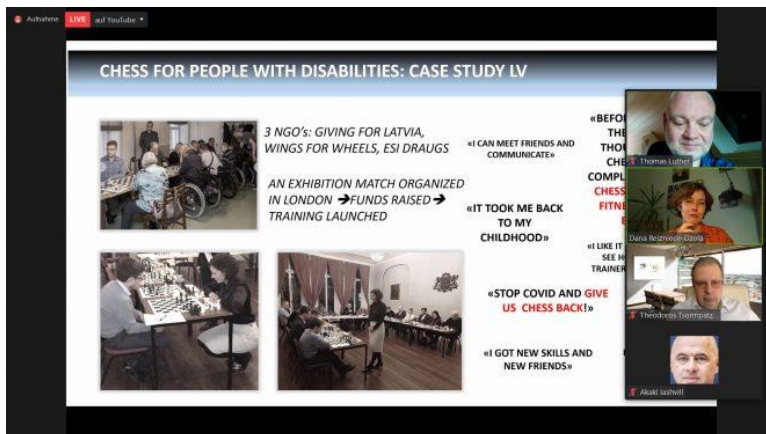
11. European Girls and Women's weekend



The European Girls and Women's weekend took place Online, on 14th, 15th and 16th of May. The event was hosted by the German Chess Youth Association, and it gathered more than 800 participants. The event comprised a wide range of events, such as tournaments, simultaneous exhibitions with live commentaries, workshops, and coaching sessions.

Report: <https://www.europechess.org/european-girls-and-womens-weekend-concluded/>

12. 1st Online Workshop "Equal Opportunities"



After the inaugural workshop took place in Thessaloniki, Greece in September 2019 the Global Pandemic caused the format to be slightly adapted and moved online instead. This allowed for people from all over the world to join in the discussion around how inclusion can be worked towards, regardless of whether you are a trainer, arbiter or organiser. Around 150 people joined us during the 4 days, with the keynote sessions from Day 3 also being shown live on Youtube.

Report: <https://www.europechess.org/online-workshop-equal-opportunities/>