

PRESS RELEASE

European University Futsal Championship Officially Opened

On Friday, July 18, 2025, the 14th edition of the EUSA European University Futsal Championship was officially opened at the Dražen Petrović Basketball Center in Zagreb!

The championship will bring **together over 500 participants from 31 universities across 16 countries. Croatia is represented by student-athletes from the University of Zagreb and the University of Split in both the men's and women's tournaments.**

During the opening ceremony, speeches were delivered to the gathered athletes and guests by Davor Pavlović, President of the Zagreb Academic Sports Federation; Jasenka Ostojić, Vice-Rector for Arts, Culture, and Interuniversity Cooperation on behalf of the Rector of the University of Zagreb; Luka Juroš, Head of the City Office for Education, Sports and Youth of the City of Zagreb; Josip Pavić, State Secretary at the Ministry of Tourism and Sport of the Republic of Croatia, representing the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia Andrej Plenković and the Minister of Tourism and Sport Tonči Glavina; Haris Pavletić, President of the Croatian Academic Sports Federation; and Tomislav Paškvalin, Sports Commissioner for the President of the Republic of Croatia, Zoran Milanović.

In his speech, ZASS President Pavlović stated: "This championship is an opportunity to present Zagreb and futsal to the world – I hope you leave here with new friendships and wonderful experiences." Vice-Rector Ostojić said: "The University of Zagreb has a long and rich history, and sports are an important part of it. Over the years, our athletes have shown their quality, and we have often been named the most successful and active university in terms of sporting achievements." Head of Office Juroš expressed his pride in Zagreb hosting the event and wished the athletes not only a great competition but also a chance to enjoy the beauty of the city. State Secretary Pavić emphasized: "Croatia is a country that strongly supports university sport – we hope to see many of you in Split in 2028. In just a few years, you, as student-athletes balancing academic and sporting success, will be key members of society." HASS President Pavletić thanked all those involved in the organization for their dedication, wished athletes a successful tournament and new friendships, and encouraged them to enjoy Zagreb and Croatia. The President's Sports Commissioner, Tomislav Paškvalin, highlighted that futsal is a sport of speed and agility, perfectly aligned with the spirit of younger generations: "Thanks to futsal and the organization of such events, Zagreb and Croatia are becoming centers of university sport," concluded Paškvalin.

The competition is taking place from July 17 to 25, 2025, across four major sports venues in Zagreb: Dražen Petrović Basketball Center (Cibona), Trešnjevka Sports Hall ("Kutija Šibica"), Sutinska Vrela Sports Hall, and Peščenica Sports Hall. The men's and women's finals will both be held on Friday, July 25, 2025.

For more information on the match schedule, results, and additional content, please visit the official event website and follow the championship on social media Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/eusafutsal>) and Instagram (@eusafutsal).

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