

## PRESS RELEASE

### **One Week to Go Until the 14th European Universities Futsal Championship**

*Over 500 student-athletes from 16 European countries to compete in Zagreb's sports halls next week*

This summer, Zagreb is once again the host of a major university sports event – the 14th edition of the European Universities Futsal Championship will take place from July 17 to 25, 2025. The tournament will bring together **18 men's and 15 women's teams from 31 universities across 16 countries**: Spain, Ukraine, Portugal, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, France, United Kingdom, Hungary, Poland, Switzerland, Netherlands, Norway, Germany, Turkey, Finland, and Croatia. **Around 500 athletes are expected to participate**, and with the addition of volunteers, referees (**including 15 FIFA referees**), and organizing staff, **the event will gather over 600 participants in total**.

**The opening ceremony will take place on Friday, July 18 at 8:30 PM at the Dražen Petrović Basketball Center.**

Zagreb has previously hosted this championship in 2010 for its 7th edition and again in 2016 during the European Universities Games (EUG Zagreb-Rijeka). Futsal teams from the University of Zagreb have achieved excellent results in recent years – the men's team became world champions in 2024 at the World Championship in China, won bronze at the European Championship in Hungary the same year, and gold at the 2022 European Championship in Poland. High hopes are also placed on the women's team, which claimed silver at the 2017 European Championship in Turkey.

Matches will be played in four prominent sports venues in Zagreb: the Dražen Petrović Basketball Center (Cibona), Trešnjevka Sports Hall ('Kutija Šibica'), Sutinska Vrela Hall, and Peščenica Hall. The men's competition will kick off on July 17, followed by the women's competition on July 18. The finals and the closing ceremony are scheduled for July 25.

The event is organized by the Zagreb Academic Sports Federation (ZASS) and the European University Sports Association (EUSA), with the support of the University of Zagreb, the Croatian Academic Sports Federation, the Ministry of Tourism and Sport of the Republic of Croatia, the City of Zagreb, and the Croatian Football Federation.

During the championship, professional photographs, the official press kit, and other media releases will be available for download on the official event website. All matches will be live-streamed on the official YouTube channel with commentary, and daily highlight videos featuring the most exciting moments will be shared on the event's social media platforms.

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