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Interviewee	Mr. Volodimir Khilinskiy EURO 2012 Directorate of the Football Federation of Ukraine
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Eunite Ukraine (EU): What are the UEFA requirements regarding the training facilities for the EURO 2012?

Volodimir Khilinskiy (VK): According to the UEFA requirements we have to provide 16 basic training centers where teams will get trainings during participation in the EURO 2012 finals, as well as 2 transfer training centers additionally in each of the EURO 2012 host city to ensure proper training conditions for two participating teams just before their match. And those 16 basic training centers could be located anywhere in Ukraine, but with the requirement of 1 hour drive distance to the International Airport.

EU: Does Ukraine have those training centers?

VK: We have 32 training facilities listed in the National Program of preparations and hosting the EURO 2012 in Ukraine. 8 out of these 32 training centers are almost ready to host trainings already today; they need just a minor refurbishment.

EU: Besides, those 8 that are almost ready for the EURO 2012 already, what is the current status of other training centers?

VK: Other centers require, of course, more works to be done in order to correspond to UEFA requirements on training facilities for teams participating in the EURO 2012.

EU: What are the financial sources for Ukrainian training centers development?

VK: The National Program of preparations and hosting the EURO 2012 in Ukraine stipulates 3 types of financial sources for this purpose, these are the following: the state budget, local budgets and private investments. Of course, the majority of development plans is due on the expenses of private investors that currently own those training facilities. According to the National Program for the EURO 2012, overall only 4 training centers are aimed to be developed at the expenses of local budgets; these are the Sokil Stadium in Lviv, the Azovets Stadium in Mariupol of Donetsk Oblast, and 2 training facilities in Donetsk city, namely Olympic and Proletarskiy. In its turn, the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports of Ukraine is responsible for 3 training centers development, namely the Olympic training-sports center in Kiev, the National Olympic center for teams' sports in Gorenichi of Kiev Oblast, and the Stadium of the National Lviv University for Physical Education.

EU: What it is the current situation around the training center planned to be opened in Gorenichi?

VK: The National Olympic center for teams' sports which is planned to be constructed in Gorenichi town of Kiev Oblast is an essential element for proper preparation of the Ukrainian National Football team for the EURO 2012. On the response to the President's and the Cabinet of Ministries' decrees, the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports of Ukraine had established a State Enterprise "The National Olympic center for teams sports" and formed a special committee to solve ownership issues regarding a land lot where the new sport center is planned to be



constructed. Unfortunately as of today, construction works in Gorenichi have not been started yet due to long and complicated court procedures we had on allocating the land for this future center. I believe that already in the nearest future all legal procedures would be over, and construction works would be launched.

EU: Besides, the Gorenichi center, are there any other difficulties you have been faced in the framework of Ukrainian training centers development for the EURO 2012?

VK: Like any other big project, sport infrastructure development in Ukraine faces every day challenges and tasks to be solved. Overall I should say that the development of our training facilities goes according to the plan set. Lots of training facilities of Ukrainian football clubs are being maintained on a regular basis. Some of them have initiated facilities' infrastructure development, including pitch and stands modernization, as well as lighting, security systems, and screens upgrading etc. We believe that by the EURO 2012 all training centers proposed will meet the UEFA requirements. Although, UEFA experts have today some concerns regarding several training centers in Kiev and Odessa, because of some security matters unmet there. There are high multistoried buildings located almost on the perimeter of those training centers, and this fact goes across the UEFA requirements regarding the privacy of the trainings of teams participating in the EURO finals. These centers could be even excluded from the list of proposed training centers. In this case we will replace them with other alternative training facilities we have in surroundings of Kiev city, namely in Irpin, Boyarka, Brovary, Borodyanka, Schaslyve.