



Event	Interview
Interviewee	<u>Mr. Leonid Kaluger</u> Director of the Nikolaev Central Municipal Stadium
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Eunite Ukraine (EU): Central Municipal Stadium of Nikolaev is under reconstruction today. What sort of arena will you get after this reconstruction is over?

Leonid Kaluger (LK): Our stadium was built back in 1965. Its capacity was enough to accommodate up to 25 000 spectators seating on wooden benches. Several years ago we have launched a reconstruction of our stadium facilities which became rather outdated over 40 years of their operation. Central Municipal Stadium of Nikolaev after its reconstruction will be equipped with 15 000 individual plastic seats. It will also have a modern pitch equipped with all pitch maintenance systems required, as well as lighting and sound systems. We also plan to install a security system, lack of which the Stadium experiences today.

EU: Who does financing of Nikolaev Stadium development?

LK: Our Stadium is the Central Municipal Stadium of Nikolaev and is owned by the City. All current developments are being held at the expenses of the city budget.

EU: Who is the general contractor of construction works?

LK: The general contractor of Nikolaev Stadium development is Telets-VAK Company. Next to that, since last year Telets-VAK is a general sponsor of FC Nikolaev.

EU: What is a current stage of construction works held now at Nikolaev Stadium site?

LK: As of today we have finished 14 out of 35 sectors for spectators, including individual plastic seats installation there. Dressing rooms are also ready. Now we are working on stadium lighting system modernization, and for that have already produced and installed 3 out of 4 towers. Now we are reviewing and considering proposals on floodlight equipment. We have received a proposal from Philips. Very interesting and qualitative products.

EU: What else do you plan within the Stadium development?

LK: We want to upgrade the pitch. We plan to have a completely new pitch, with all pitch maintenance systems required, like drainage, irrigation, heating, etc. And a new grass of course. Today we consider alternative proposals received from different suppliers of pitch products and plan to decide on them till the end of this year, as well as to finish all design works required. Pitch construction works we plan to launch in 2011.



During pitch development works FC Nikolaev will play on other grounds, options of which we are searching at this moment. Today all trainings and home games of FC Nikolaev are being played on our Stadium.

Reconstructed Stadium will also get new screens, sound and security systems.

EU: What games will the Stadium host after its reconstruction? Was your arena listed among EURO 2012 training facilities?

LK: Nikolaev city infrastructure was included to the EURO 2012 facilities list when Odessa city was considered as a potential host city of the EURO 2012 matches. Our stadium, airport and hotels were planned to serve as a subsidiary facilities for Odessa visitors. Since Odessa is now out of the list of EURO 2012 venues, our arena is not considered as a potential training facility for the EURO 2012 any more.

But the City still plans to have the Stadium fully ready by 2012. The stadium should meet all requirements to host high class professional football matches.