

Summary of preparations for Euro 2012 in 2010

For three years, Poland is working hard on the preparation for Euro 2012. Preparations for Euro 2012 are executed by more than 170 institutions.

Below you will find an overview of the most important achievements and developments in 2010, and schedule highlights for 2011:

Stadium Investments

One of the most important events in the year 2010 concerning the preparations for Euro 2012 was the opening of the first arena for Euro 2012: the **stadium in Poznan**. The main work was completed in July. Permission to use the stadium was issued Sept. 17, and Sept. 20 held a grand opening concert facility combined with the Sting, which was attended by over 40 thousand people.

The **stadium in Gdańsk** will be the next arena football team for Euro 2012 to be finished. It will be opened in June 2011. Last year the operator of the stadium was chosen and signed the contract: the company Lechia Operator Sp. z o. o. The agreement is signed for 10 years. stadium in Gdansk, just like all other objects constructed for Euro 2012, is a multi-purpose arena.

Concerning the **National Stadium in Warsaw** there were three large steps forward, the completion of:

- 1) the assembly of the stadium
- 2) the main steel structure
- 3) the heating system.
- 4) the installation of the roof
- 5) installation of the stands
- 6) the construction of 18 speed cascading staircases
- 7) The construction of roads surrounding the stadium

The construction of the National Stadium in Warsaw is planned to be finished in June 2011.

The operator is NCS: www.stadionnarodowy.org.pl

Very intense construction work is permanently going on at the **stadium in Wroclaw**. Last year, the installation of the prefabricated grandstands bolts and mounting plates have been completed. And the contractor have commenced with the steel structure roof. The stadium will be opened in October 2010.

The operator will be SMG Polska: www.smg-polska.pl

Preparation airports

Wroclaw airport: Construction work at the new passenger terminal, has been going on the last 3 years and the project will be completed in the second quarter of this year. Over the next few months intensive work of decorating will be carried out.

The **airport in Warsaw** is ready for Euro 2012. In March this year the completion of the work at Terminal A (the completion of the central pier and the connection to the south jetties) is planned.

At the **airport in Gdansk** the construction of Terminal II is underway. As well as the modernization of the taxiway and apron. All the work at that airport will be completed in March 2012.

At the **airport in Poznan** the construction of the new terminal will begin this year, shortly after receiving the environmental decision, which is scheduled for January 2011.

Expansion and modernization of road and rail infrastructure

At the end of 2010, 80 percent of the key infrastructure investments related to the preparations for Euro 2012 in Poland, were already in an advanced stage of implementation.

- One of the major investments in rail connections implemented in 2010 was the continuation of the modernization of the **E65, section Warsaw-Gdańsk**. After completion the route from the current six hours will be shortened to about 3.5 hours.
- Work began on the **railway stations in Wroclaw and at the Central and East Station in Warsaw**.
- The reparation of **the railway line Poznań - Gdańsk and Wrocław – Warszawa** stands high on the priority list.
- As well as the construction of further sections of the **A2 motorway - Nowe Tomysł - Świecko and Stryków - Konotopa**.
- The renovation of the **local roads** in the host cities are still going on but are in an advanced stage.

Preparations for the organization of transport

Very important in the context of transport for Euro 2012 is its organization. The main organization of the event: PL.2012 together with partners were working in 2010 on various scenarios of communication. No concrete outcome is known yet. PL.2012 also worked on the concept of the Polish Pass, which is the first product of its kind in Poland, designed for fans who do not have tickets for the matches. The Polish Pass ticket is unified and distributed via the Internet and will provide fans hotel booking confirmation, travel by public transport, intercity and health insurance.

Preparations in the area of security

Safety is one of the most important elements of the Championships and organizational priority for PL.2012 and its partners. In May 2010, Tadeusz Zygmunt, was appointed by the Prime Minister of the Security Committee of UEFA EURO 2012, as National Coordinator for Security. Also the Security Committee developed in 2010 an Integrated Security Concept, which lays out all the areas, responsibilities and actions of individual actors in order to ensure maximum safety during the tournament.

In 2011, one of the priorities will be the continuation and development of Polish-Ukrainian cooperation in the field of security.

Medical

Since May 2009, the Medical Committee of UEFA EURO 2012 is seated Poland. The activities of the Medical Committee of UEFA EURO 2012 in Poland helped to develop by 2010 a coherent system for the preparation of medical care and rescue services in the Cities - hosts. Goals of the Committee include:

- The standardization of medical cover for Official Sites - stadiums and fan zones
- Close cooperation with 26 hospitals and health care centers

The main task of the Committee is the reinsurance of primary health care in the host cities and at the airports in the cities implement concomitant is the implementation of the WHO International Health Regulations.

Support for supporters

One element in addition to other organizational areas, is the voluntary public space. The project is coordinated by the company PL.2012 and has as its main task is to train the **volunteers**, that will help the guests and provide them with essential information about the event, transportation and others.

In 2011, a special website will be launched devoted to volunteering public space in Poland during Euro 2012 and where volunteers will be able to apply/

PL.2012 is also working on the project advanced Euro Academy, which will provide the volunteer training for over 2.5 thousand people.

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