



EURO 2012 Fair, Congress and Seminar Report Ukraine

Event	Press conference
Subject	Working visit of UEFA delegation, headed by Michel Platini
Date	15 April 2009
Location	Football House, Kyiv, Ukraine

Introduction:

The press conference was organized within the official visit of the UEFA President to Ukraine.

In the morning of April 15 the UEFA delegation had a joint visit together with the President of Ukraine, Mr. Victor Yuschenko, to the NSK Olimpiyskiy construction site. After that, it was a working meeting held at the Football House, where the UEFA delegation was presented with the final reports on Ukrainian cities' preparation for the EURO 2012.

The UEFA President, Mr. Platini, the Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine, Mr. Ivan Vasyunyk and the Football Federation of Ukraine President, Mr. Grigoriy Surkis, gave a press conference after this working meeting to highlight the key points of the future EURO 2012 in Ukraine.

Minutes:

Mr. Michel Platini emphasized that Poland and Ukraine will not lose the right to host final part of EURO 2012 Championship. Despite the crisis, all the necessary guarantees were provided by the States leaders and governments, and at the same time the UEFA delegation observed the effective fieldwork. Mr. Platini expressed his confidence in Ukraine meeting all the UEFA requirements and successfully hosting the Tournament at the highest level.

Mr. Platini also expressed satisfaction at the progress of NSK Olimpiyskiy reconstruction in the framework of preparation to EURO 2012.

Mr. Grigoriy Surkis, President of Football Federation of Ukraine, stated that a lot of efforts were put into stimulation of open, transparent competition between potential host cities, and wide public discussions on the topic. He also informed on appointment of the Manager of the EURO 2012 Local Organization Committee in Ukraine. Mr. Markiyan Lubkivskiy, experienced diplomatic official, who is currently the Ambassador of Ukraine in Croatia, was appointed as the Director of EURO 2012 Tournament. According to Mr. Surkis, the President of Ukraine will sign the respective decree in the nearest couple of days, so that Mr. Lubkivskiy could start working on the preparation to EURO 2012.

Mr. Ivan Vasyunyk, Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine, noticed that Ukraine respects the exclusive right of UEFA to define the host cities based on the complex criteria. Herewith, Ukraine insists on the adherence to the parity principle while defining the host cities in Poland and Ukraine, which would support the partnership and equality between these countries.



General Remarks:

Mr. Platini positively evaluated the current stage of Ukraine's preparation to EURO 2012. However, he did not provide specific comments with regards to the selection of host cities in Ukraine and Poland out of the candidate cities.