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UEFA EURO 2008 hosting awarded to Austria/Switzerland

UEFA announces winner from the seven bidders to host EURO 2008

UEFA today announced that the hosts for the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship in 2008 will be Austria/Switzerland.

UEFA President Lennart Johansson announced the winner today at the Intercontinental Hotel in Geneva in front of all the bidding organisations. In announcing the successful bid the UEFA President said:

“I know that whoever has been chosen by the UEFA Executive Committee to host UEFA EURO 2008 will be a worthy winner and that today there are no losers only bids that have not won this time round.”

He also paid tribute to the effort and quality of all seven of the bids to host the prestigious football tournament.

“I cannot speak highly enough of the effort that has been made and the quality we have seen in all seven bids. The process is a tribute to each one of the fourteen national associations involved and to the political authorities and the fans of football who have given such tremendous backing to their bids,” said Johansson.

The seven bidders to host the UEFA European Football Championship in 2008 were; Austria/Switzerland, Bosnia-Herzegovina/Croatia, Greece/Turkey, Hungary, the Denmark / Finland/ Norway/Sweden bid known as “Nordic 2008”, Russia, and the Scotland/Republic of Ireland bid.