

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP ONLINE CHESS TOURNAMENT

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 15.30 CET



*A friendship tournament that would enhance the European interparliamentary communication and strengthen emotional links/team-spirit among political comrades/competitors with a help of the smart game.*

## OFFICIAL REGULATIONS

ORGANISER: EUROPEAN CHESS UNION (ECU)

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### 1. PARTICIPATION

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- 1.1 Open to all members of the Parliaments of the European countries and to members to of European Union Parliament.
- 1.2 The participants shall be current members of the respective Parliament.  
The number of players is not limited per country or per Parliament.
- 1.3 The tournament is played individually but have also team standings.  
For a Parliament Team result, the results of the best 3 players count for the respective Parliament's Team result. In case players members of a Parliament is less than 3 players (1 or 2 players only), players compete individually and can win individual

medals and prizes.

- 1.4. By signing in the tournament, all participants confirm to have read and accepted these regulations the terms and conditions of this championship.

#### 1.5 **Playing Server is Tornado.com**

Players will enter the tournament with an account they will create with the same email they will register for the tournament.

##### **A Guide to Tornado Platform:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=116&v=sWl4c-K7-Hk&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=116&v=sWl4c-K7-Hk&feature=emb_logo)

A more dedicated tutorial video, and the tournament link will be sent to all Participants. An optional test event will be scheduled for any participant wishes to try the chess server environment.

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## **2. REGISTRATION**

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- 2.1. Registrations are made by the players or their representatives via official email and through the online entry form:  
<https://forms.gle/eafQbfxqVhetUiwE6>  
Registration opens on 15<sup>th</sup> February and will close on 11<sup>th</sup> April.
- 2.2. The players are registered and ranked by their FIDE Standard rating, and Surname if no FIDE ID or FIDE Rating
- 2.3. Participation is free of any fees.

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## **3. SYSTEM OF PLAY**

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- 3.1 Swiss System (players with same number of points are paired against each other), 7 rounds, 10 min + 2 sec per player.
- 3.2. The best 3 players each national Parliament or EU Parliament, cumulative results decide the Team standings.
- 3.3. Tiebreaks (for individual & team rankings)
  - (a) Buchholz Cut 1,
  - (b) Buchholz,
  - (c) The greater number of games played with black,
  - (d) The Greater number of wins.

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## 4. SCHEDULE

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Thursday	15 April	Test Event (optional)	18:00 CET
Friday	16 April	Opening	15:30 CET
Friday	16 April	Rounds 1-7	16:00 – 1900 CET

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## 5. FAIR PLAY RULES – ADITIONAL RULES

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- 5.1 For the purposes of this event, the playing area is defined as a room where a player has the device that he uses for online play. Players may use a PC, Laptop or tablet during the games with a web camera. It is not allowed a 2<sup>nd</sup> device or any chess software / application to be open during the games.  
Players can play from the same room in Parliament.
- 5.2 Players will play under Arbiters observation in Zoom Platform.
- 5.3 For the fair play rules, the tournament will take place under the hosting platform scientific instruments for detecting any usage of chess software and engines.
- 5.4 European Chess Union has the right to update the regulations or decide for any matter that is not mentioned in the current regulations.
- 5.5 European Chess Union has no responsibility to technical problems arising to players during the games but will be able to pair any player for the next round.
- 5.6 ECU will appoint the Technical officials of the event.
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## 6.TITLES – PRIZES - QUALIFIERS

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- 6.1. **The first Team is the European Parliament Team Champion 2021.** The second and third teams win the silver and bronze medals.
- 6.2. **Prizes for Team Winners**  
1<sup>st</sup> **Winner Team - Special ECU Trophy**  
2<sup>nd</sup> **Winner Team - Special ECU Trophy**  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Winner Team - Special ECU Trophy**
- 6.3. Individual winners - **The first 3 winners of individual standings** win e-medals, certificates and **3 wooden chess set with board and 3 special chess books.**
- 6.4. The first 3 players without FIDE Rating win e-medals and **3 wooden chess set with board and 3 special chess books.**
- 6.5. **E-Certificates** will be offered to all participants in the tournament