Uefa begins search for club competition finals hosts in 2026, 2027

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Uefa has opened the bidding process to host the finals of its European club competitions in 2026 and 2027, with countries and clubs across the continent given two months to decide whether to participate.

In a letter to member associations, Uefa has announced the process is now live for the finals of the Champions League, Europa League, Europa Conference League and Women's Champions League in 2026 and 2027.

National federations, with the support of the relevant club, must submit declarations of interest by 12pm (CET) on July 17.

Bid requirements will be sent out by Uefa to all interested parties by July 26. Final bids must be submitted by 12pm on February 21, 2024, with the eight host cities to be unveiled three months later.

The Champions League finals must be staged in stadia with a minimum 70,000-seater capacity. That minimum requirement drops to 40,000 for the Europa League finals and 30,000 for Europa Conference League and Women's Champions League finals.

In the letter, Uefa is encouraging national associations to bid for "both editions of the same competition final with the same venue", albeit bidding for one edition is also possible.

The same country cannot be awarded the finals of two different competitions in successive years, except where there are no valid alternatives, Uefa noted.

The next three Champions League finals are slated for Istanbul (2023), London (2024) and Munich (2025), with the Europa League heading to Budapest (2023), Dublin (2024) and Bilbao (2025).

This year's Europa Conference League final will take place in Prague, followed by Athens in 2024, while the Women's Champions League final will be played in Eindhoven in 2023 and in Bilbao in 2024.

The hosts of both 2025 finals are expected to be named this month.