

650 Days for UEFA EURO 2012™ to go!

Dear All,

As it has been precisely three years now since Poland was granted the right to organize UEFA EURO 2012™, we have collected major pieces of information regarding our preparations for the tournament. The European Football Championship is the third largest sports event in the world, preceded only by the Olympic Games and FIFA World Cup.

Who are we?

The **special purpose vehicle PL.2012** has been created to coordinate and supervise the process of Poland's preparations for UEFA EURO 2012™. Acting on behalf of the Minister of Sports and Tourism, it integrates preparation works carried out by all the entities involved in the process, reporting the actual status of individual projects execution.

The European Football Championship UEFA EURO 2012™ will begin in 650 days. Less than 2 years before the first blow of the tournament's whistle, Poland is a completely credible partner of the European Football Federation. Infrastructural and organizational preparations coordinated by PL.2012 are highly valued by the UEFA. It must be remembered however that preparation works, based on the approved project management formula, must be continued between 2010 and 2012.

The company fulfills the entrusted coordination and supervision tasks in accordance with the implemented project management system, in line with the best standards and global practices. In the years 2008-2009, the basic tools in this regard were: the Stadia Online Portal and Master Plan. At the tool level, 2010 is the first year during which the most fundamental function will be performed by the Project Portfolio Management system implemented by the company. The preparation process had started off with the conceptual and planning phase between 2007 and 2008, then 2009 saw the projects being activated, and now we find ourselves in the most important, executive phase in which all the previously planned investment and organizational projects will be carried out. The 2010-2011 period is crucial for preparation works which must be executed along with pro-active coordination and supervision actions related to the major national and urban projects, undertaken by PL.2012 in cooperation with its business partners. This cooperation and its effectiveness are based on the project management system which proved its validity through the organization efforts put into other significant sports events, such as the London Olympics 2012, being one of the preparation elements striven after by the UEFA.

More than 90 entities, holding responsibility for performing individual tasks, are committed to the process of Poland's preparations for UEFA EURO 2012. All activities integration and deft project information exchange have been perceived as the basis for executing the goals put forward within the process of Poland's preparations for the tournament as far as infrastructural and organizational issues are concerned.

The scope of the company's responsibilities includes coordination of 245 infrastructural projects. 46 of those have been assigned with a key status, i.e. they are crucial with regards to Poland's ability to hold the tournament. Mostly, they consist of stadium and airport investments, along with activities entailing the development of selected transportation routes within the Host Cities and between them. 38 projects have been marked as important. The total value of key and important projects has been assessed to amount to PLN 80 billion. Due to the scale of allocated public funds, the elements such as: permanent monitoring of activity progress and budget execution within the framework of individual tasks, become all the more important, as these are basic functionalities of the project management system.

The investment process is in line with the EU security and environmental standards. Poland is one of the EU member states whose area has been covered the most by the assumptions of the Natura 2000 Networking Program created to protect the environmentally vulnerable regions of the whole European Union. The Polish authorities spare no effort to reconcile the necessity to modernize the country with respect for the natural environment.

1. Multi-functional Arenas

Modern stadiums being erected in the Host Cities are obviously the clearest symbol of the actual progress of preparations.

The beginning of August 2010 should see the completion of construction works at the modernized facility in Poznan – the opening game may be organized in September.

The Poznan stadium is being finished up at the moment.

The PGE Arena Gdansk should be completed in January 2011. The milestones for this investment include: the assembly of a steel roof (August 2010) – a series of girders (main construction elements) is being fixed at the moment; the sewerage system for the facility (September 2010); and finishing works on the network of transportation routes and parking lots by the stadium.

The National Stadium in Warsaw will be ready within the deadline agreed upon with the UEFA (June 2011). First events will be held there next summer. The National Stadium milestones: the assembly of pylons and rings for the steel roof (December 2010); fixing wires to the roof (January 2011); the roofing (March 2011); and the playing field (May 2011). All the installation works should be completed by December 2010.

The City Stadium in Wroclaw should be ready in June 2011, as agreed with the UEFA. It is worth underlining that the end of May saw the successful execution of the first milestone of the new works schedule: the structural ceiling of the stadium's first floor. The other milestones include: main stands covered with concrete (September 2010); the roof construction assembly (April 2011).

2. Airports

To handle larger air traffic is one of the main objectives of the UEFA EURO 2012™ preparation process. Experience suggests that most guests will come to Poland by planes. That is why airport infrastructure is being developed in Gdansk, Poznan, Wroclaw, and Warsaw.

The Lech Walesa Airport in Gdansk should become fully operational in March 2012. The main milestones include: completion of works on the apron and taxiways (December 2010).

The Fryderyk Chopin Airport in Warsaw is the largest airport in the Host Cities. It already complies with the UEFA requirements. Before the Tournament, however, some additional modernization works will be carried out, based on the following milestones: the selection of a contractor who will modernize the apron (June 2010), activation of modernization works on the apron (July 2010), and completion of Terminal T2 works (March 2011).

The most significant milestone at the Poznan Lawica airport is to obtain an environmental permit rendering it possible to begin modernization works – September 2010 being the most probable date. The other milestones include: the selection of the main modernization works contractor (October 2010), the commencement of the passenger terminal renovation (March 2011).

The Wroclaw airport infrastructure should be fully developed by September 2011. Milestones: the completion of design phases related to all the investments (June 2010), the commencement of works in the airline part of the airport (September 2010); the end of construction works carried out at the new passenger terminal, which are quite advanced these days.

3. Fans' Comfort

Mobility Concept: According to the initial estimates, there will be some 800 thousand – 1 million guests coming to Poland in June 2012. No tournament will ever be successful without **effective solutions within the scope of the movement of guests between the Host Cities and**

within them. The Cities are undergoing investments in connection with the urban transportation links.

EURO Card: There are plans to introduce the so-called EURO Cards for fans with no tickets for the games. It has been estimated that this group of spectators will be twice the size of the one with tickets. **The product will consist of the following elements: accommodation, urban and railway transport, health insurance.** The card will be distributed on the Internet. It is expected to promote public transport: trains, streetcars, buses, subway.

4. Health Care and rescue

All the health care and rescue partners are working hard to ensure uniform and high quality medical services during the Championship. Specific plans have been drawn up, describing effective methods of medical protection for fans inside the stadiums. Negotiations with the potential suppliers of medical equipment, concordant with the standards specified by the UEFA EURO 2012™ Medical Committee, are being conducted.

5. Security

Security is one of the major elements of the Championship, and an organizational priority for PL.2012 and its partners. **Since mid May 2010 – as part of the preparations for the Tournament - the UEFA EURO 2012™ Security Committee has been active.** It is headed by Adam Rapacki, undersecretary of state in the Ministry of Interior and Administration. Mr. Tadeusz Zygmunt, a national security coordinator in PL.2012, acts as the Committee chairman's plenipotentiary.

6. City Space Voluntary Service – Help and Information

Apart from other organizational issues, the city space voluntary service is one of the elements guaranteeing the highest quality of UEFA EURO 2012™. The project – coordinated by PL.2012 – will be carried out in the same way and in accordance with the same standards by the Host Cities. The prepared and trained volunteers will help visitors solve their problems, provide them with information regarding the event itself, means of transportation, and hotels.

7. Legacy

The visible speeding up of selected infrastructural investments along with activities undertaken in organizational fields will render measurable influence on the Polish economy. The image of the country will be better off as well, and hence its tourist attractiveness should increase. The preparation process gives a unique opportunity to all the involved partners, letting them gain priceless project execution experience in regard to holding grand sports events.

Most Important Data:

The Stadiums must be profitable after the Championship is over

Sports events, concerts, and even weddings organized at the stadiums being built before the European Football Championship in 2012, are to help them stay in shape – according to the conclusions made at the European Economic Congress, held in Katowice.

<http://www.2012.org.pl/pl/aktualnosci/aktualnoci/62-aktualnoci/23731-stadiony-musz-zarabia-po-mistrzostwach.html>

The PGE ARENA Gdansk is looking for an operator

A tender procedure to select an operator for the stadium in Gdansk has begun.

http://www.bieg2012.pl/page/pl/przetargi/przetarg_na_dzierzawe_pge_arena_gdansk.html

EURO Support Social Committee

On Monday, 7 June 2010, at 2 pm the Gdansk Business Club held in its headquarters a meeting of the Euro 2012 Support Social Committee which gathers regional entrepreneurs backing the Euro 2012 preparations in Gdansk (also those building stadiums for kids and adolescent children within the framework of the "Junior Gdansk 2012" initiative).

Fan-Zone for the World Cup Fans

The zone called in Polish FANSTREFA was opened on 11 June at Plac Solny in Wroclaw. It is a place where – **between 11 June and 11 July** – it will be possible to watch the **South Africa World Cup 2010 games. Every day, there will be competitions with prizes for the spectators.**
http://www.e2012.eu/pl/zapowiedz_strefy_kibica_/1823/2/

UEFA EURO 2012™ Logo Blooms in Wroclaw

8 June 2010 – **Rafal Dutkiewicz**, president of Wroclaw, symbolically opened the EURO 2012 flower bed: a composition of colorful flowers and tiles arranged close to the **Boleslaw the Brave monument** by ul. Świdnicka.
http://www.e2012.eu/pl/logo_euro_zakwitlo_we_wroclawiu/1818/2/

Construction Works Progress at the National Stadium

At the construction site of the Warsaw's National Stadium, the concrete basin is about to be completed, while the assembly of a steel structure – commenced in May – goes according to plans. In addition, 22 pylons and 22 tight ring elements out of the total of 72 pylons and 72 ring elements have been installed.
<http://www.stadionnarodowy.org.pl/news,345,Postep-prac-na-budowie-Stadionu-Narodowego-w-Warszawie.html>

Friendly Stadium

An open doors picnic called "Friendly Stadium" was held at the City Stadium. The event was organized by: EURO Poznan 2012 and Wielkopolska Rehabilitation Center.
<http://www.poznan.pl/mim/public/euro2012/news.html?co=print&id=37773&instance=1093&lang=pl&parent=0>

Wroclaw's Turn. Wroclaw Railway Station

The residents of the city and guests alike have been waiting long for the modernization of Wroclaw's main railway station. Now the time has finally come. The difficulties we are experiencing at the moment will be easily forgotten when we see the effects in two years.
http://www.e2012.eu/pl/kolej_na_wroclaw_wroclaw_glowny/1806/2/

Two Years Left

On 8 June 2012, at the National Stadium in Warsaw, we will hear the referee's whistle announcing the beginning of the first game of the UEFA EURO 2012™ tournament. Precisely 2 years before that date, the directors of Euro 2012 Bureaus from Gdansk, Poznan, Warsaw, and Wroclaw talk about the advancement of preparations in the Host Cities.
<http://www.2012.org.pl/dwa-lata-do-turnieju.html>

MORE EVENTS:

Tournament preparations: <http://www.2012.org.pl/pl/aktualnosci/aktualnoci.html>

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MORE info on preparations in Host Cities:

Gdansk:

Urban preparations: <http://www.euro.gdansk.pl/>

Stadium preparations: <http://bieg2012.pl/>

Poznan:

Urban preparations: <http://www.poznan.pl/mim/public/euro2012/>

Stadium preparations: <http://www.europoznan2012.pl/>

Warsaw:

Urban preparations: <http://www.um.warszawa.pl/euro2012/>

Stadium preparations: <http://www.stadionnarodowy.org.pl/>

Wroclaw:

Urban preparations: <http://www.wroclaw.pl/euro2012>

Stadium preparations: <http://www.2012.wroc.pl/>