

- Association founded 1926
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1927



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Greece

Football is clearly the number one sport in Greece, both in terms of the number of active players and public interest. Despite excellent television coverage, attendances at domestic league matches and games involving the Greek national team continue to impress. Football is the sport with the best commercial opportunities and the highest level of investment in the construction of stadiums, training centres and leisure facilities. The national team celebrated its greatest days in winning the European Championship in 2004 and by qualifying for the FIFA World Cup™ in 1994 and the European Championship in 1980, while Greek giants Panathinaikos (Athens) have recorded some excellent performances in European club football. Just a few of the Greeks currently playing their football in other European countries include Grigoris Georgatos (Inter Milan), Zisis Vryzas (Perugia), Ioannis Amanatidis (VfB Stuttgart), Demis Nikolaidis (Atletico Madrid), Nikos Dabizas (Newcastle United), Angelos Charisteas (Werder Bremen), Akis Zikos (AS Monaco) and Traianos Dellas (AS Roma). Greece has also hosted several major football events, including the Final of the 1983 European Cup, the Final of the 1994 UEFA Champions League, the Final of the 1987 UEFA Cup and the finals of the U-18 European Championship in 1995.

The Goal Project

At its meeting on 1 May 2003, the *Goal* Bureau approved a project to lay an artificial pitch in Veria. This project is part of the Greek FA's development programme to build technical centres in 37 different regions. Each of these centres will host competitions and will therefore boast an artificial pitch, a training pitch, and a building with dressing rooms, conference rooms and a small cafeteria. They will lay the foundation for the nationwide development of football in all areas and age groups. Educational programmes for those involved in these projects have already been introduced.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Artificial pitch in Veria

Project approved

1 May 2003

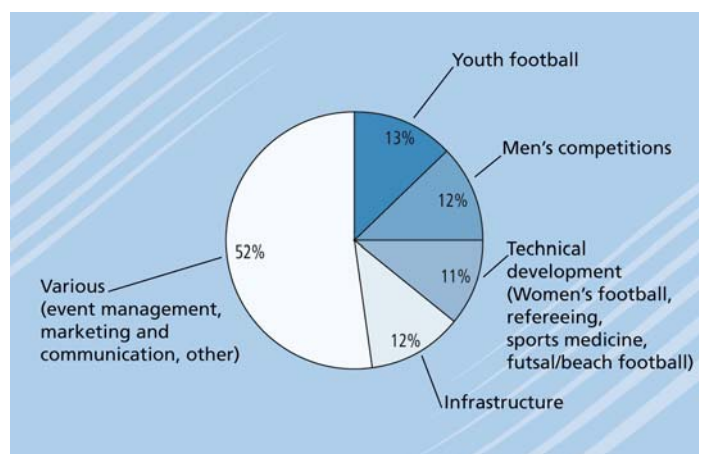
Status

Opened on 25 November 2005

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Total cost	USD	400,000

Use of FAP funds



Football education and courses	No of courses until 1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
FUTURO III regional courses																					
Refereeing (men and women)																					
Coaching (men)																					
Coaching (women)																					
Administration and management																					
Football medicine																					
Seminars																					
Women's football																					
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Refereeing (men and women)		●	●	●						●											
Coaching (men and women)														●							
Beach soccer																					
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses																					
Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)	0																				
FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches																					

●: Course host country

□: Course participant in another country

Women's football

When, in 1995, today's FIFA President said "The future of football is feminine", it was more than mere lip service. It reflected a strong belief in the huge potential that women's football has to develop. Ever since, FIFA has given targeted support for the efforts of associations who offer women the same opportunities to develop as male players. Launched in 1998, FIFA's Financial Assistance Programme (FAP) introduced a requirement in 2004 for the associations and confederations to invest at least 4% of their FAP funding into women's football. This threshold was increased to 10% in 2005. On top of this commitment, FIFA also promotes the women's game in more general ways by directly financing women's matches and organising competitions and symposiums. Thanks to its development programmes, FIFA is also playing an active role in the training of administrators, coaches, referees and sports doctors.



Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2000
From which age on, players are registered?	n/a
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	80
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	42
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	n/a
University competitions	n/a
School competitions	n/a
Futsal competitions	n/a
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17, U-19



Futuro III course for women's football in Greece