

- Association founded 1923
- Affiliated to FIFA 1924



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Bulgaria

Football is clearly the number one sport in Bulgaria. The greatest success for Bulgarian football in recent years was the fourth-place finish at the 1994 FIFA World Cup™ in the USA. Bulgaria also won the International Youth Tournament (U-19) in 1959, 1969 and 1974, secured the Bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956, and went one better 12 years later in Mexico City, when the team took home the Silver medal. Hristo Stoitchkov (Barcelona, Parma, etc), Krasimir Balakov (Sporting Lisbon, VfB Stuttgart), Luboslav Penev (various Spanish clubs), Marian Hristov (1. FC Kaiserslautern) and Georgi Aspauhov (Levski Sofia) are just a few of the names who have made Bulgarian football famous.

The Goal Project

At its meeting on 15 February 2001, the Goal Bureau added Bulgaria to the list of beneficiaries of the Goal Programme. After various delays, the Goal Bureau approved the project on 15 October 2003.

A building was renovated and converted into new headquarters for the Bulgarian FA. These headquarters will provide the association's employees with an improved working environment for day-to-day activities. Meanwhile, the funds no longer required for rent can be used more constructively to help lay the foundations for the long-term success of the association.



Financing of Goal project

Project

Conversion of an existing building in Sofia into headquarters for the association

Project approved

15 October 2003

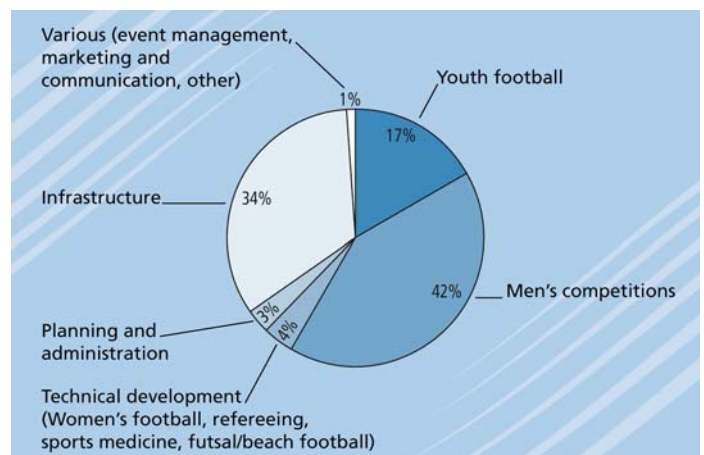
Status

Opened on 15 November 2005

Financed by

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| 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 |
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| FUTURO III regional courses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Refereeing (men and women) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coaching (men) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coaching (women) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Administration and management | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Football medicine | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seminars | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Women's football | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Futsal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Com-Unity | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MA Seminars | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MA courses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Administration | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Refereeing (men and women) | | ● | ● | | | ● | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coaching (men and women) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beach soccer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Futsal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Olympic solidarity coaching courses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

●: 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.

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| Does an organised women's football set-up exist? | yes |
| If so, since when? | 2000 |
| From which age on, players are registered? | 12 |
| Women's teams (open or over 16 years) | 18 |
| Women's teams (below 16 years, youth) | 8 |
| National competition (or women's league) | yes |
| Regional competitions | n/a |
| University competitions | yes |
| School competitions | yes |
| Futsal competitions | yes |
| National "A" team | yes |
| National youth teams: age categories | U-17, U-19 |