

- Association founded 1914
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1923



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Portugal

Football is an integral part of the life of many Portuguese and it is by far the most popular sport. Apart from past international triumphs involving Eusebio and co., the string of honours of Portuguese football is reflected primarily in successes achieved by clubs and youth teams. This shows that the association is carrying out constructive development work and that young players mature into internationally renowned names in clubs. This youth development work has been bearing fruit since 1989, when their U-20 team was crowned world champion and their U-16s became European champions. Here are some enlightening facts: U-20 world champions in 1989 and 1991, U-18 European champions in 1994 and 1999, U-17 European champions in 2003, U-16 European champions in 1989, 1995, 1996 and 2000 - simply a brilliant record. Little wonder then that football fans can recite names such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Deco, Paulo Futre, João Pinto, Rui Costa, Luis Figo and many more at the drop of a hat.

Goal Project

One of Europe's leading football nations, Portugal has never owned its own association technical centre. On 4 February 2008, the *Goal* Bureau approved a project for a football complex to be built in Sintra over the next two years which will provide the national teams of every age category with suitable training and teaching facilities. The association is aiming to reduce costs by encouraging external (regional) organisations to use the tuition rooms as much as possible.

Project

National technical centre in Sintra

Project approved

4 February 2008

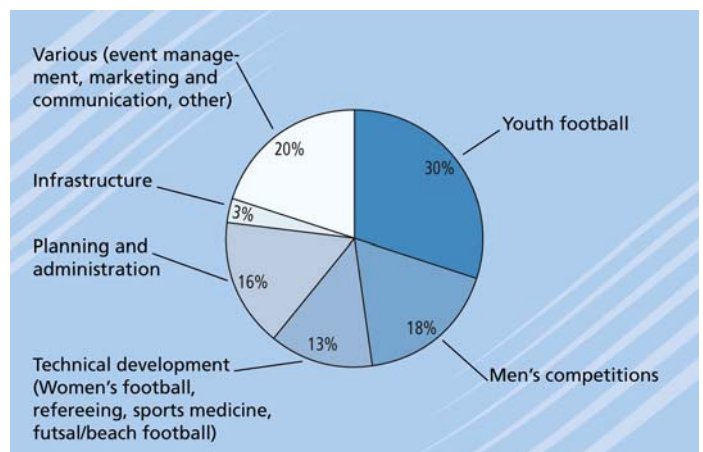
Status

Implementation

Financed by

Goal	USD	400,000
Gesamtkosten	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)																					
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?	n/a
From which age on, players are registered?	12
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	43
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	28
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	n/a
University competitions	n/a
School competitions	no
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-18, U-19



The Portuguese senior women's national team 2007