



EUROPEAN ZONE

BASIC CONDITIONS

Member Associations (MAs):	53
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	53
Qualification Slots:	13

PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- England
- Estonia
- Faroe Islands
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Republic of Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Kazakhstan
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- FYR Macedonia
- Malta
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Northern Ireland
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- San Marino
- Scotland
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- Wales



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PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES

ROUND ONE

- All 53 PMAs will contest Round One.
- The round consists of eight round-robin, home-and-away groups of six teams as well as one round-robin, home-and-away group of five teams.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period between 7 September 2012 and 15 October 2013.
- The eight best group runners-up advance to Round Two.

 **The 9 group winners qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™.**

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

- The 53 Round One teams will be allocated to five pots of nine teams and one pot of eight teams based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of July 2011.
- The top nine teams will be placed in Pot 1; the next nine best teams will be placed in Pot 2; and so on until Pot 6 which will contain the eight lowest-ranked teams.

Pot 1 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.	Pot 2 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18.	Pot 3 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27.
Pot 4 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.	Pot 5 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45.	Pot 6 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53.



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DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The teams will be drawn into eight groups of six teams and one group of five teams for Round One.
- The teams in Pot 6 are placed in position 6 (of Groups A to H); the teams in Pot 5 in position 5; the teams in Pot 4 in position 4; the teams in Pot 3 in position 3; the teams from Pot 2 in position 2; and the teams from Pot 1 in position 1.
- The draw starts with Pot 6 and ends with Pot 1. Each pot is completely emptied before moving on to the next pot.
- Groups are filled starting with Group A and ending with Group I (Group H in the case of Pot 6).
- In consideration of the delicate political situations of the relationships between Armenia and Azerbaijan as well as between Russia and Georgia, UEFA has requested that FIFA maintain the current UEFA policy to not draw these teams into the same qualification groups. The mechanism for doing so will be confirmed by the FIFA Organising Committee on 29 July 2011 once the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking for July 2011 has been established and the respective pots for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia and Georgia confirmed.

Group A
1.
2.
3.
4.
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6.

Group B
1.
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Group C
1.
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Group D
1.
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Group E
1.
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Group F
1.
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Group G	Group H	Group I
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	

ROUND TWO – “CONTINENTAL PLAY-OFFS”

- The eight best group runners-up will contest Round Two.
- The eight teams will be paired into four home-and-away series
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period between 15 and 19 November 2013.

 **The 4 winners qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™.**

DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The draw date, location and procedure for Round Two will be confirmed by the end of Round One by the Organising Committee for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™.