

53RD INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

LÜBECK

14 - 17 MAY 2026



DEAR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, DEAR GUESTS,

It is my great pleasure to welcome around 80 parliamentarians from Finland, Austria, Switzerland, and FC Bundestag to the 53rd unofficial European Championship of parliamentary teams here in our beautiful Hanseatic city.

From May 14 to May 17, 2026, six exciting matches will take place at the historic Buniamshof Stadium, where sporting ambition will meet fair international exchange.

Because success in politics, as in sports, requires team spirit and fair play. We often engage in tough debates, but on the field and in parliament we (mostly) maintain mutual respect. I am therefore particularly pleased that this tournament provides the ideal setting to build new connections beyond the plenary chamber and to strengthen cooperation across party lines. Europe needs teamwork!

"LET YOURSELF BE ENCHANTED BY THE ACCOMPANYING PROGRAM, WHICH WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE HISTORY AND HOSPITALITY OF OUR UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CITY."

JAN LINDENAU
MAYOR OF LÜBECK

In addition to the thrilling matches, let yourself be enchanted by the accompanying program, which will introduce you to the history and hospitality of our UNESCO World Heritage city. As the "Queen of the Hanse," Lübeck offers the perfect setting for this occasion.

My special thanks go to Tim Klüssendorf, as a member of FC Bundestag and Member of Parliament for Lübeck, Berkenthin, and Sandesneben, who has brought this high-profile tournament to our city for the first time.

With this in mind, I wish all Members of Parliament not only a memorable stay, but also great success, good conversations, and for all of us a strong signal of European unity.

May the best team win!



WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG FOR THE 53RD INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A former player once said about the coach of the German parliamentary team: "I don't know whether Felix Magath could have saved the Titanic. But the survivors would have been in top condition." So, the best possible prerequisites for a successful tournament!

Even though Lübeck is internationally better known for table tennis than for football, the Hanseatic city offers many reasons for an exciting and excellently organized competition. Thomas Mann let his Buddenbrooks fail here – on the pitch, however, the aim is victory. Only after the tournament might one consider falling back on the Olympic motto, "Taking part is everything."

The fact that Finland, Austria, Switzerland, and Germany are all on the pitch together is more than just a sporting contest. In sport, individual moments can decide the outcome – and draws are considered acceptable results. Footballers and parliamentarians alike, however, compete according to clear rules and know that they are playing on the same field.

Whoever wins in Lübeck, wins among friends. And whoever loses does so too.

I wish all teams fair matches, exciting encounters, and a successful tournament in Lübeck.

Best of luck!

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**JULIA KLÖCKNER, MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG
PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG**

DEAR COLLEAGUES FROM FINLAND, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, AND GERMANY, DEAR FOOTBALL FANS AND GUESTS,

It is a very special honor for me to welcome you all to the Parliamentary European Championship 2026 here in my hometown. Being able to bring this traditional tournament – and all of you – to Lübeck fills me with a double sense of pride: as the directly elected Member of Parliament for this beautiful city and as a passionate regular player for our FC Bundestag.

Lübeck, the “Queen of the Hanse,” with its seven towers and historic old town, provides the perfect setting for our sporting contest. Where else can Hanseatic tradition be combined so seamlessly with an international sporting spirit?

In politics, we often engage in tough debates, seek compromises, and argue over the best paths for our countries. On the pitch, however, a different language prevails: that of fair play, team spirit, and a shared passion for the game. The Parliamentary European Championship is far more than just a tournament – it is a living symbol of friendship and cohesion in Europe. Especially in times when dialogue is more important than ever, football builds the bridges we need for strong cooperation.

"...ON THE PITCH, HOWEVER, A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE PREVAILS: THAT OF FAIR PLAY, TEAM SPIRIT, AND A SHARED PASSION FOR THE GAME."

**TIM KLÜSSENDORF, MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG
HOST PLAYER, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SPD**

As both host and active player, I can promise you this: we will give everything on the pitch to ensure that FC Bundestag emerges victorious – even if, after the final whistle, hospitality will of course once again take center stage during our shared discussions (and perhaps over a piece of marzipan). I am very much looking forward to exciting matches, intense duels, and above all to the encounters beyond the sidelines.

At this point, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Hanseatic City of Lübeck and to all sponsors and supporters who have made this tournament possible.

I wish us all an injury-free tournament, thrilling goals, and a truly memorable stay in our UNESCO World Heritage city.

A warm welcome to Lübeck!



DEAR PLAYERS, DEAR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, AND FINLAND, DEAR GUESTS,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all, on behalf of the German Football Association (DFB), to the international parliamentary tournament here in Lübeck. To our guests from Finland, I say: Tervetuloa Saksaan – welcome to Germany.

When members of parliament from different parties and countries come together to play football, it is a powerful demonstration of what our sport stands for: it connects people across borders, creates opportunities for encounters, fosters dialogue, and builds bridges—especially at a time when many parts of the world are marked by tensions, uncertainties, and profound change.

Football cannot solve local, national, or global political challenges - that is not its role. But it can open spaces in which respect, fairness, and solidarity are practiced and exemplified. That in itself is of great value - social value, and therefore political value. It can serve as a model for coexistence that sees differences not as divisions, but as opportunities, and diversity as an asset. For many years, the DFB has been committed to strengthening these principles—through a clear stance against all forms of discrimination, through the promotion of amateur and grassroots sports, and through the support of the many volunteers without whom football in Germany would be unthinkable.

For all this to succeed, reliable framework conditions are essential. In recent months, the DFB has repeatedly emphasized the importance of sustainable investment in sports infrastructure, modern legislation for volunteering and club structures, and the consistent strengthening of prevention and integration efforts. In the context of last year's federal elections, we formulated ten key demands to policymakers—and we have taken note of the political initiatives of recent months, which show that these concerns are being heard and addressed.

Football has long been, and continues to be, one of the strongest social forces in Germany and, at the same time, a home and anchor for millions of people. We see it as our responsibility, together with you and with policymakers, to protect and further develop sport as a societal resource—especially at a time when international conflicts, economic pressures, and social polarization are causing uncertainty for many.





DEUTSCHER FUSSBALL-BUND

In parliamentary life, we increasingly experience how difficult it has become to truly listen to one another, to accept arguments, or to show recognition to political opponents—even when it would be appropriate.

On the football pitch, things work differently: fairness means respecting good play by your opponent, and team spirit can only develop when people truly see and listen to one another. That is why a tournament like this is so valuable. It reminds us that exchange and fair play are possible, even when political debates are conducted with intensity.

Perhaps sport can serve as a small example here as well. It shows that competition and respect are not mutually exclusive, but reinforce each other.

On the pitch, it is not the parliamentary group that counts, but the team.

I wish all teams fair matches, exciting encounters, and many good conversations off the pitch. I wish our German team every success and the best of luck—you have my full support.

BERND NEUENDORF
PRESIDENT, GERMAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (DFB)

"WHEN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM DIFFERENT PARTIES AND COUNTRIES COME TOGETHER TO PLAY FOOTBALL, IT IS A POWERFUL DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT OUR SPORT STANDS FOR: IT CONNECTS PEOPLE ACROSS BORDERS, CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENCOUNTERS, FOSTERS DIALOGUE, AND BUILDS BRIDGES - ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD ARE MARKED BY TENSIONS, UNCERTAINTIES, AND PROFOUND CHANGE."

CITY PORTRAIT OF THE HANSEATIC CITY OF LÜBECK

Lübeck is more than a city – it is a promise made of brick and history. The “Queen of the Hanseatic League,” proudly rising between the Trave and Wakenitz rivers, still carries within it the spirit of the merchants who once shaped the fate of the North. Its skyline, crowned by seven towers, tells of power, faith, and an unyielding will to assert itself.

Those who pass through the Holsten Gate do not merely enter an old town, but a living heritage. Narrow alleys, hidden courtyards, and venerable storehouses are reminders that prosperity here was hard-earned and wisely defended. Lübeck was the Queen of the Hanseatic League – and that pride still resonates today.

At the same time, the city is no museum. Between marzipan and modernity, tradition and renewal, a place unfolds that knows its roots yet looks ahead. Lübeck stands for Hanseatic clarity: restrained in tone, firm in character, rich in history, and always aware of its significance.



**HERE YOU WILL FIND SOME TIPS FOR YOUR VISIT TO LÜBECK!
SCANNING THE QR CODES WILL OPEN A LIST ON GOOGLE MAPS.**

CULTURE



TIPS



CAFÉS



RESTAURANTS BARS & CLUBS



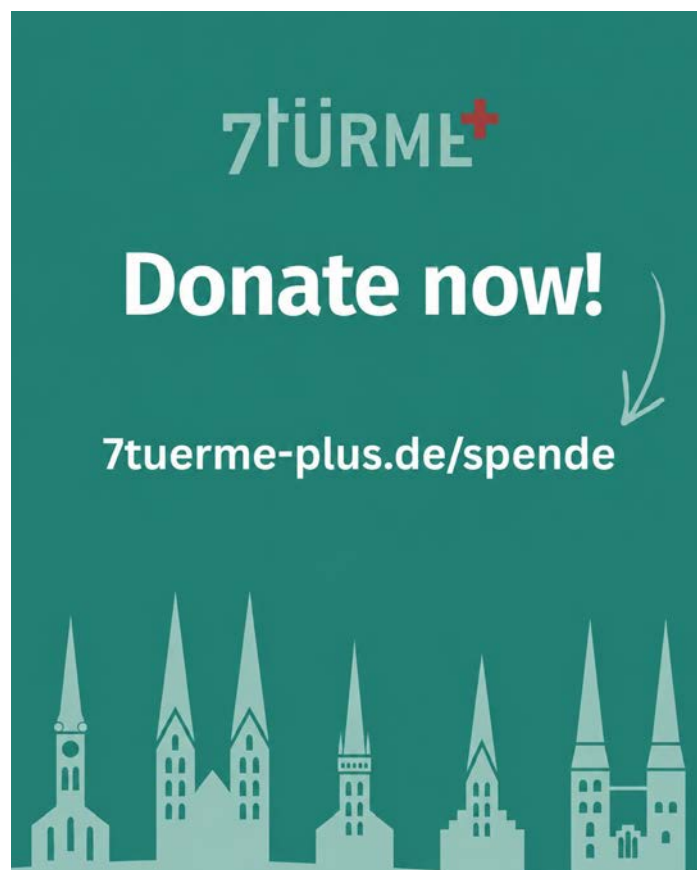
7TÜRME+ FOUNDATION

The 7Türme+ Foundation is a non-profit civil law hybrid foundation under German law, based in Lübeck. It is dedicated to the preservation of the five inner-city churches of Lübeck, whose seven towers serve as widely visible landmarks shaping the UNESCO World Heritage of the Hanseatic city.

The purpose of the foundation is the procurement of funds to promote the structural maintenance, restoration, and renovation of the Lübeck inner-city churches, as well as support for measures related to their care.

Under the motto "Gifting the world culture and heritage," the foundation ensures continuous investment in the preservation of these buildings through an endowment intended to last for eternity and a consumable fund.

The work is managed by a full-time management team, supervised by the foundation board and supported by a council that ensures national and international networking. Former Federal President Joachim Gauck is the patron of the 7Türme+ Foundation.



We would like to thank all participants in the art auction in support of the 7Türme+ Foundation on 15 May 2026!

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2026

12:30 1ST BUS TRANSFER FROM
HAMBURG AIRPORT

15:00 2ND BUS TRANSFER FROM
HAMBURG AIRPORT

18:00 MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY

Followed by a walk to the Cathedral Convent of
Lübeck Cathedral (Musterbahn 6, Lübeck).

18:30 RECEPTION AND EVENING PROGRAMME

18:30 - 18:45: Aperitif and music by the Lübeck shanty choir
"Möwenschiet" e.V.

18:45 - 19:00: Welcome addresses by the Mayor of Lübeck, Jan Lindenau,
and the State Secretary of the Schleswig-Holstein Ministry of Justice and
Health, Birgit Heß

19:00 - 19:30: Music by the Möwenschiet shanty choir

From 19:15: Captains' meeting at the cathedral convent

19:30: Opening of the buffet by host player Tim Klüssendorf, Member of
the Bundestag

Afterwards: Individual return to the hotels

FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2026

7:00 INDIVIDUAL BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

7:45 MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY

Walk to the bus stops

Bus transfer to Buniamshof Stadium

8:15 Arrival

8:30 1ST GAME  - 

8:30 Warm-up

8:50 Team captains' meeting behind the entrance

9:00 National anthems

9:20 Team photos of Team Germany and Team Switzerland

9:30 - 10:00 Germany - Switzerland, 1st half

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 10:45 Germany - Switzerland, 2nd half

10:45 2ND GAME  - 

10:45 Warm-up

11:05 Team photos of Team Finland and Team Austria

11:15 - 11:45 Finland - Austria, 1st half

11:45 - 12:00 Break and opening of the lunch buffet

12:00 - 12:30 Finland - Austria, 2nd half

12:30 3RD GAME  - 

12:30 Warm-up

13:00 - 13:30 Finland - Germany, 1st half

13:30 - 13:45 Break

13:45 - 14:15 Finland - Germany, 2nd half

14:15 4TH GAME  - 

14:15 Warm-up

14:45 - 15:15 Austria - Switzerland, 1st half

15:15 - 15:30 Break

15:30 - 16:00 Austria - Switzerland, 2nd half

16:30 1ST SHUTTLE TRANSFER TO THE HOTELS

16:45 2ND SHUTTLE TRANSFER TO THE HOTELS

Afterwards: Free time until 18:30

18:30 MEETING IN THE HOTEL LOBBY

Followed by a walk to "Schuppen 9"

19:00–19:30 Arrival and aperitif

19:30 Opening of the buffet by FC Bundestag

21:00 Art auction in support of the 7Türme+ Foundation

21:30 Networking and music featuring the glass grand piano

Afterwards: Individual return to the hotels

SATURDAY, 16 MAY 2026

7:00 INDIVIDUAL BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

8:15 MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY

Walk to the bus stops

Bus transfer to Buniamshof Stadium

Arrival: 8:45

9:00 5TH GAME  - 

9:00 Warm-up

9:30–10:00 Switzerland – Finland, 1st half

10:00–10:15 Break

10:15–10:45 Switzerland – Finland, 2nd half

11:00 6TH GAME  - 

11:00 Warm-up

11:30–12:00 Germany – Austria, 1st half

12:00–12:15 Break

12:15–12:45 Germany – Austria, 2nd half

13:15 1ST SHUTTLE TRANSFER TO THE HOTELS

13:30 2ND SHUTTLE TRANSFER TO THE HOTELS

Afterwards: Free time until 18:00 for individual city exploration and activities.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO INFORM THE EVENT MANAGEMENT IN ADVANCE OF WHICH PROGRAMME THEY WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

15:00 - 16:30 PROGRAM 1
GUIDED CITY TOUR

Two guided city tours (in German and English) through Lübeck's historic old town.

Meeting point in front of the Holstentor cannon.

15:00 - 16:00 PROGRAM 2
BOAT TOUR

Boat tour on the River Trave. Departure from the Quandt family landing stage (An der Obertrave, Holstentor Terraces).

Maximum 20 participants.

16:00 - 17:00 PROGRAM 3
WILLY BRANDT HOUSE

“Willy Brandt. A Political Life in the 20th Century.”

Two guided tours (in German and English) of the exhibition at the Lübeck Willy Brandt House (Königstraße 21).

Meeting point at the Willy Brandt House.

18:10 MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY

Walk together to the closing ceremony.

18:30 Arrival at the closing ceremony venue at the Schiffergesellschaft (Breite Straße 2).

19:00 AWARD CEREMONY AND
SPEECHES BY THE TEAM CAPTAINS

Afterwards: Dinner and closing event.

Individual return to the hotels.

SUNDAY, 17 MAY 2026

6:30

**1ST SHUTTLE TRANSFER TO HAMBURG AIRPORT
TEAM AUSTRIA
MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY**

7:40

**2ND SHUTTLE TRANSFER TO HAMBURG AIRPORT
TEAM SWITZERLAND
MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY**

9:20

**3RD SHUTTLE TRANSFER TO HAMBURG AIRPORT
TEAM FINLAND
MEET IN THE HOTEL LOBBY**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ORGANISATION TEAM & TEAM KLÜSSENDORF

Lena Springer (FI), Ursula Wassermann (AT),
Philipp Kahlert (DE) and Pascal Schirmann (CH).
Stadium Speaker: Michael Howe, (1. FC Phönix Lübeck)

HOTELS

Team DE and AU - H+ Hotel Lübeck
Am Bahnhof 12-14, 23558 Lübeck - +49 451 809090
Team CH - Radisson Blu Senator Hotel
Willy-Brandt-Allee 6, 23554 Lübeck - +49 451 1420
Team FI - Ringhotel Jensen
An der Obertrave 4. 23552 Lübeck - +49 451 702 490

TAXI

Uber and Bolt are available in the city.
Lübecker Funktaxen - +49 451 81122
Minicar Citycar - +49 451 71011

FOR EMERGENCIES

Police: 110
Ambulance / Fire Brigade: 112

SCHUPPEN 9
An der Untertrave 1A.

SCHIFFERGESELLSCHAFT
Breite Str. 2.

WILLY-BRANDT-HAUS
Wilhelmstraße 140.

**CANNONS AT THE
HOLSTENTOR**
Holstentorplatz

**QUANDT FAMILY
LANDING STAGE**
An der Obertrave,
Holstentorterrassen



**CATHEDRAL CONVENT
OF LÜBECK CATHEDRAL**
Musterbahn 6.

BUNIAMSHOF STADIUM
Wallstraße 36



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2026

9:30  - 

11:15  - 

13:00  - 

14:45  - 

SATURDAY, 16 MAY 2026

9:30  - 

11:30  - 

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THE FC BUNDESTAG, HOST TIM KLÜSSENDORF, MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG, CAPTAIN FRITZ GÜNTZLER, MEMBER OF THE BUNDESTAG, AND ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SPONSORS WHOSE SUPPORT HAS MADE THE 53RD INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2026 IN LÜBECK POSSIBLE.

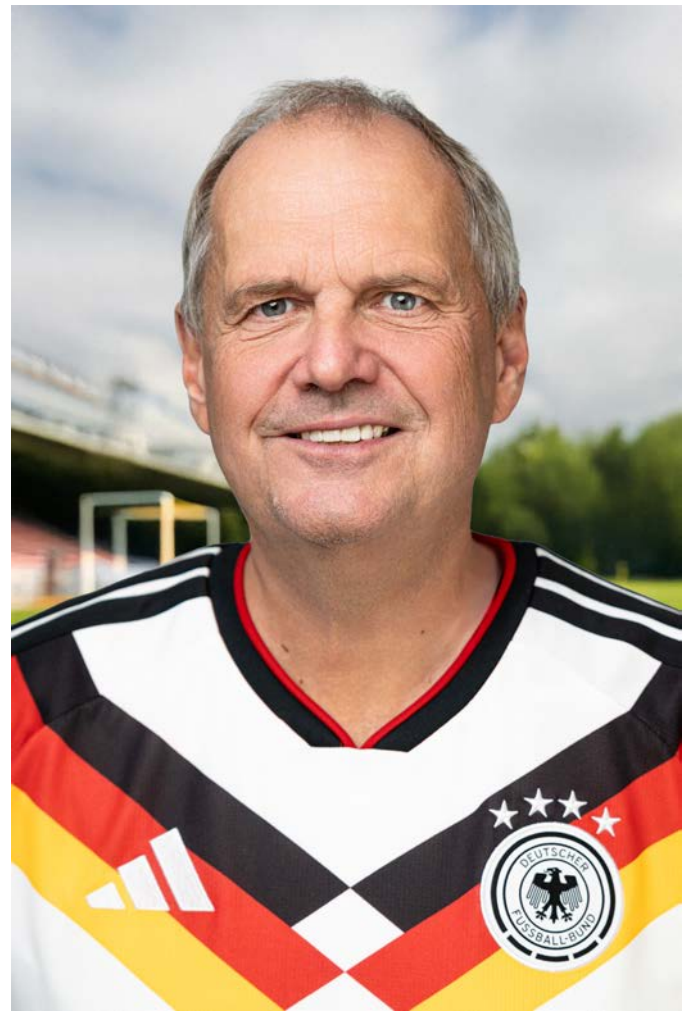


FRITZ GÜNTZLER
CAPTAIN, FC BUNDESTAG

DEAR FRIENDS OF PARLIAMENTARY FOOTBALL,

When the ball starts rolling over Ascension Day, colleagues from across Europe come together, and political exchange turns into sporting competition, it is once again time for the European Championship of parliamentary teams. This year's edition is a very special one: the 53rd tournament is being held in Lübeck—in the constituency of our teammate Tim Klüssendorf. A true home championship for the FC Bundestag team.

It is both a great pleasure and an honor for me to once again take on the role of captain of the German parliamentary team at the beginning of the new Bundestag electoral term. Especially in challenging political times, it becomes clear how valuable sport is as a unifying force. Football stands for fairness, respect, and team spirit—values that extend far beyond the pitch and should also guide our political actions.



A home European Championship is always something special. It offers not only the opportunity for sporting success in front of a home crowd, but also the chance to welcome our guests from across Europe to Germany and to bring the European spirit to life. I would therefore like to express my sincere thanks in advance to all the organizers and the many volunteers who make this tournament possible.

I very much look forward to the matches against our Finnish, Austrian, and Swiss colleagues, to fair games, and to a tournament defined by community, respect, and sporting ambition. And who knows—perhaps we will succeed in winning the title at this home championship!

I WISH EVERYONE INVOLVED A SUCCESSFUL AND UNFORGETTABLE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP - ON AND OFF THE PITCH IN LÜBECK!

TEAM GERMANY

Daniel Baldy, SPD
Florian Bilic, CDU
Hendrik Bollmann, SPD
Felix Döring, SPD
Bastian Ernst, CDU
Johannes Fechner, SPD
Wilhelm Gebhard, CDU
Fritz Güntzler, CDU
Tim Klüssendorf, SPD
Mahmut Özdemir, SPD
Johannes Schätzl, SPD
Carsten Schneider, SPD
Michael Schrodi, SPD
Maja Wallstein, SPD
Tina Winklmann, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen

Former Members of the German Bundestag:

Philipp Hartewig, FDP
Dieter Janecek, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
Patrick Kurth, FDP
Erik von Malottki, SPD
Bernd Reuther, FDP

TEAM AND GUEST PLAYERS

Nils Beckmann, Photographer
Philipp Kahlert, Team Manager & Guest Player
Thomas Krappe, Equipment Manager
Anja Kühn, Social Media Manager
Lasse Langemack, Guest Player
Sebastian Oys, Sport Director & Guest Player



Photo with the President of the German Bundestag, Julia Klöckner, Member of the Bundestag (cen-



VILLE SKINNARI
CAPTAIN, FINLAND



DEAR FRIENDS,

Finland was invited into the Central European parliamentary football family 50 years ago—representing Switzerland at the tournament in Bremen in 1977. The following year, this developed into a lasting tradition among four nations.

Finnish members of parliament quickly realized that it was well worth accepting the invitation of their European friends. As the team's captain at the time, Mauri Mieltinen, observed:

“When we started, the image of Finland in Central Europe was rather one-sided. Bringing the tournament to Turku, Finland, for the first time in 1980 was pioneering work in a way whose value cannot be measured in money.”

WIENER NEUSTADT, BERN, VAASA ... LÜBECK? INDEED! THIS SPRING, THE BLUE-AND-WHITE TEAM OF THE FINNISH PARLIAMENT IS AIMING FOR ITS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE TOURNAMENT VICTORY - AN ACHIEVEMENT NO OTHER COUNTRY HAS YET ACCOMPLISHED.

MAY THE BEST TEAM WIN!

Last year marked the 30th anniversary of Finland's accession to the European Union, and our ties with Central and Western Europe have long since become seamless. Today, we are building a Europe together that is meant to succeed in the decades to come. As the world changes rapidly, Europe's determination and courage to act are vital for all of us.

A shared history can strengthen unity and the courage to renew ourselves. And especially amid the storms of change, it is a great pleasure to pause for a few days and uphold a long and valuable tradition of the beautiful game. This year, the Parliamentary European Championship is being held for the 53rd time.

TEAM FINLAND

Ville Skinnari, Social Democratic
Ari Koponen, Finns Party
Kim Berg, Social Democratic
Mika Lintilä, Centre Party
Marko Asell, Social Democratic
Mikko Ollikainen, Swedish Parl. Group
Aleksi Jänntti, National Coalition Party
Antti Lindtman, Social Democratic
Sinuhe Wallinheimo, National Coalition Party
Ville Vähämäki, Finns Party
Timo Furuholm, Left Alliance
Matias Mäkynen, Social Democratic
Markku Siponen, Centre Party
Mika Poutala, Christian Democratic
H.E. Kai Sauer, Ambassador of Finland to the Federal
Republic of Germany

TEAM AND GUEST PLAYERS

Jukka Vakkila, Trainer
Tommi Halme
Hans Häyrynen
Olli Kannas
Iisakki Kiemunki
Abdoullah Masoudi
Eetu Pernu
Miika Suves





LUKAS BRANDWEINER
CAPTAIN, AUSTRIA



DEAR FOOTBALL FRIENDS,

We are very pleased to accept the invitation to the Hanseatic city of Lübeck for our 53rd joint football tournament. For me personally, it is the sixth tournament, but the first in my role as captain of FC Nationalrat. It is therefore particularly important to me to extend my sincere thanks to my predecessor, Andreas Hanger—as well as to all those who, with great dedication, help ensure that this special sporting tradition continues year after year.

With Lübeck, the hosts have chosen an excellent venue. The impressive old town, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, provides a wonderful setting for our long-standing tournament. Amid Brick Gothic architecture and Hanseatic flair, we will not only compete for points, but also enjoy the unique atmosphere of a city that has stood for exchange and European connectedness for centuries.

Especially in turbulent times, it becomes clear how valuable personal encounters and direct exchange are. Our tournament has always stood for fairness, respect, and friendship across borders. This lived sense of community is more than just a sporting competition—it is a visible sign that cooperation and mutual understanding form the foundation of our Europe.

ANTICIPATION IS HIGH - FOR FAIR AND EXCITING MATCHES, FOR GERMAN HOSPITALITY, AND FOR MANY GOOD CONVERSATIONS BOTH ON AND OFF THE PITCH. LET US WRITE ANOTHER CHAPTER IN OUR SHARED PARLIAMENTARY FOOTBALL HISTORY.

TEAM AUSTRIA

Agnes Prammer, National Council – Greens
Alexander Fischer, Parliamentary Administration
Andreas Hanger, National Council – ÖVP
Andreas Minnich, National Council – ÖVP
Fahrudin (Fari) Ramic, Parliamentary Staff – NEOS
Friedrich Ofenauer, National Council – ÖVP
Harald Schuh, National Council – FPÖ
Janos Juvan, National Council – NEOS
Klaus Seltenheim, National Council – SPÖ
Lukas Brandweiner, National Council – ÖVP
Matthias Keppel, Parliamentary Administration
Maximilian Köllner, National Council – SPÖ
Peter Kojic, Parliamentary Administration
Philipp Neuhauser, Parliamentary Administration
Yannick Shetty, National Council – NEOS

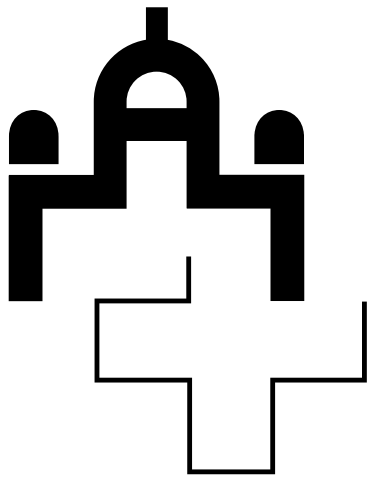
Former Members of the Austrian Parliament:

Christian Kovacevic, SPÖ
René Karl Pfister, SPÖ
Rudolf Plessl, SPÖ

TEAM AND GUEST PLAYERS

Thomas Raab
Frenkie Schinkels





LARS GUGGISBERG
CAPTAIN, SWITZERLAND



DEAR PARLIAMENTARY FOOTBALL FRIENDS,

On behalf of the FC Nationalrat, I would like to sincerely thank you for the kind invitation to the 53rd International Football Tournament, taking place from 14 to 17 May 2026 in Lübeck. It is a great honor and a true pleasure for us to be guests in this historic Hanseatic city in northern Germany.

Following the memorable encounters of recent years, we look ahead with great anticipation to fair and competitive matches, spirited challenges, and moments of camaraderie both on and off the pitch. Football brings people together across party lines and national borders. It creates space for exchange, understanding, and mutual respect – values that also guide us in our parliamentary work. For us, therefore, it is not only sporting success that matters, but above all the unifying power of our shared passion for the game.

The tournament offers a valuable opportunity to maintain long-standing connections, establish new ones, and further strengthen the dialogue between our parliaments in an open and welcoming atmosphere. We look forward to exciting matches, inspiring conversations, and meeting all participating teams.

MAY THE TOURNAMENT BE MARKED BY TEAM SPIRIT, FAIRNESS, AND MANY UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS. WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY, LOOK FORWARD TO DISCOVERING LÜBECK, AND WISH ALL TEAMS INJURY-FREE MATCHES AS WELL AS SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING DAYS.

TEAM SWITZERLAND

Dominik Blunschy, Die Mitte
Loïc Chatton, Die Mitte
Giorgio Fonio, Die Mitte
Daniel Floris
Simone Gianini, FDP
Jürg Grossen, GLP
Lars Guggisberg, SVP
Lorenz Jäggi
Marc Jost, Die Mitte
Pius Kaufmann, Die Mitte
David Roth, SP
Martin Rupp
Alexander Wäfler

TEAM AND GUEST PLAYERS

Kurt Benninger
Markus Wagner
Aldo Zosso



TOURNAMENT HISTORY

GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA ARE FOUNDING MEMBERS. FINLAND HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED SINCE 1978.



THE TOURNAMENT IS HOSTED IN REGULAR ROTATION BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES.

THE FIRST TOURNAMENT TOOK PLACE IN SWITZERLAND IN 1971, ENDING WITH A HOME VICTORY FOR THE HOST NATION.



AND STATISTICS

FINLAND (TWICE) AND AUSTRIA (ONCE) WON THE TOURNAMENT THREE TIMES IN A ROW.

FINLAND AND AUSTRIA HAVE EACH WON THE TOURNAMENT 15 TIMES TO DATE.

FC BUNDESTAG HAS THE MOST FOLLOWERS ON INSTAGRAM 6,852 - (6 MAY 2026)



53 YEARS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PAR

| Year | Host City | Country | Winner | Other Rankings |
|------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 2025 | Vaasa | Finland | FIN | A-CH-D |
| 2024 | Bern | Switzerland | FIN | A-D-CH |
| 2023 | Wiener Neustadt | Austria | FIN | A-CH-D |
| 2022 | Lahti | Finland | D | CH-A-FIN |
| 2021 | Wesel | Germany | CH | A-D |
| 2020 | <i>Cancelled</i> | | | |
| 2019 | Mendrisio | Switzerland | A | CH-D-FIN |
| 2018 | St. Veit an der Glan | Austria | CH | A-FIN-D |
| 2017 | Hamburg | Germany | A | FIN-CH-D |
| 2016 | Kuopio | Finland | A | CH-FIN-D |
| 2015 | Brunnen | Switzerland | CH | A-FIN-D |
| 2014 | Wien | Austria | A | CH-FIN-D |
| 2013 | Dresden | Germany | CH | D-FIN-A |
| 2012 | Tampere | Finland | A | D-FIN-CH |
| 2011 | Neuchâtel | Switzerland | D | CH-A-FIN |
| 2010 | Linz | Austria | D | FIN-A-CH |
| 2009 | Schwäbisch Hall | Germany | FIN | CH-D-A |
| 2008 | Helsinki | Finland | CH | A-FIN-D |
| 2007 | Baden bei Zirich | Switzerland | FIN | A-D-CH |
| 2006 | Graz | Austria | A | CH-D-FIN |
| 2005 | Schwäbisch Hall | Germany | <i>Cancelled due to a death.</i> | |
| 2004 | Hyvinkää | Finland | CH | FIN-A-D |
| 2003 | Basel | Switzerland | FIN | D-A-CH |
| 2002 | Schruns/Montafon | Austria | A | D-CH-FIN |
| 2001 | Würzburg | Germany | D | FIN-CH-A |
| 2000 | Hämeenlinna | Finland | FIN | CH-D-A |
| 1999 | Interlaken | Switzerland | A | FIN-CH-D |
| 1998 | Rust | Austria | A | D-FIN-CH |

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| 1996 | Marienhof | Finland | D | FIN-A-CH |
| 1995 | St. Gallen | Switzerland | A | D-CH-FIN |
| 1994 | Wr. Neustadt | Austria | A | FIN-CH-D |
| 1993 | Passau | Germany | FIN | A-CH-D |
| 1992 | Rovaniemi | Finland | SF | A-D-CH |
| 1991 | Luzern | Switzerland | CH | A-SF-D |
| 1990 | Villach | Austria | D | S-A-CH |
| 1989 | Hamburg | Germany | D | SF-A-CH |
| 1988 | Laapeenranta | Finland | SF | D-A-CH |
| 1987 | Locarno | Switzerland | SF | A-D-CH |
| 1986 | Wien/Klosterneuburg | Austria | SF | D-A-CH |
| 1985 | Bad Neuenahr | Germany | D | SF-A-CH |
| 1984 | Helsinki | Finland | CH | SF-D-A |
| 1983 | Herisau | Switzerland | SF | D-A-CH |
| 1982 | Salzburg | Austria | A | SF-D-CH |
| 1981 | Stuttgart | Germany | SF | CH-A-D |
| 1980 | Turku | Finland | SF | CH-A-D |
| 1979 | Fribourg | Switzerland | CH | A-SF-D |
| 1978 | Baden bei Wien | Austria | CH | D-SF-A |
| 1977 | Bremen | Germany | D | SF-A |
| 1976 | Baden bei Zurich | Switzerland | A | D-CH |
| 1975 | <i>Cancelled</i> | | | |
| 1974 | Innsbruck | Austria | D | A-CH |
| 1973 | Bonn | Germany | D | A-CH |
| 1972 | <i>Cancelled</i> | | | |
| 1971 | Altstätten | Switzerland | A | D-CH |

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