

Special Olympics

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## Join the Action: Celebrating Women's Football and Unified Youth

For its 23rd European Football Week, Special Olympics is proud to celebrate the 32,000 female football players and over 1,600 female coaches across Europe and Eurasia who are changing the game! But that's not all. European Football Week is also a time for Unified Sports to shine!

When people with and without intellectual disabilities share the same team, they play each football match and enjoy the sport as equals, developing understanding towards one another and building friendships.

## #EFW2023 in a nutshell:

- EFW is a grassroots football initiative established by Special Olympics Europe Eurasia and UEFA Respect dedicated to players with intellectual disabilities of all abilities. Over the past 23 years, more than 7,600 local, national and international football activities were organized involving national football federations and football clubs.
- In 2023, 35,000+ female and male athletes with and without intellectual disabilities are expected to take part in 350 events spread across 45 countries in Europe and Eurasia

- 45 UEFA members associations are welcome to join us for #EFW2023 and support or co-organize football events, to promote youth unified and women's football
- Every year, hundreds of clubs from European Leagues throw their support behind European Football Week — from Italian Serie A and Serie B, German Bundesliga or Polish Ekstraklasa. We can't wait to see who will join us on the field this year with our partners at EFDN on our side!









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