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#### INFORMATION NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Council
Subject:	The European dimension of the 2024 European Football Championship in Germany <i>- Information from the German delegation</i>

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Delegations will find attached an information note from the German delegation on the above subject which has been put on the agenda under ‘Any other business’ of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting of 13-14 May 2024.

## **The European dimension of the 2024 European Football Championship in Germany**

On 14 June 2024, the men's European Football Championship kicks off in Germany. We are looking forward to a celebration of football and showcasing sport on a big stage. Germany is preparing to be a good host for the teams and the many European citizens who will travel to support their teams. The slogan 'home game for Europe' makes it clear that everyone is invited to join us in the summer. To underline this, football ambassadors from the Federal Government are visiting all participating nations.

Participants should not have any concerns and can be reassured that we will organise the tournament entirely in accordance with our European values. To this end, we are working with the organisers and the host cities to deliver on our responsibilities for the environment and – in particular – for society. When it comes to climate protection, we have agreed an approach with the organisers that benefits the climate and the sports infrastructure in Germany equally. By doing so, we also aim to boost support for major sporting events among the population. We are also setting new standards with a number of measures surrounding the tournament which will strengthen social cohesion and combat discrimination and racism.

Together with France, we have taken this summer's major sporting events as an opportunity to agree on a declaration on a new model for more sustainable, responsible and inclusive international sporting events, which we hope will promote this approach beyond this summer's events.

At the Sport Council meeting on 14 May, we will present some of the measures we are putting in place, which we hope will provide inspiration for future European approaches.