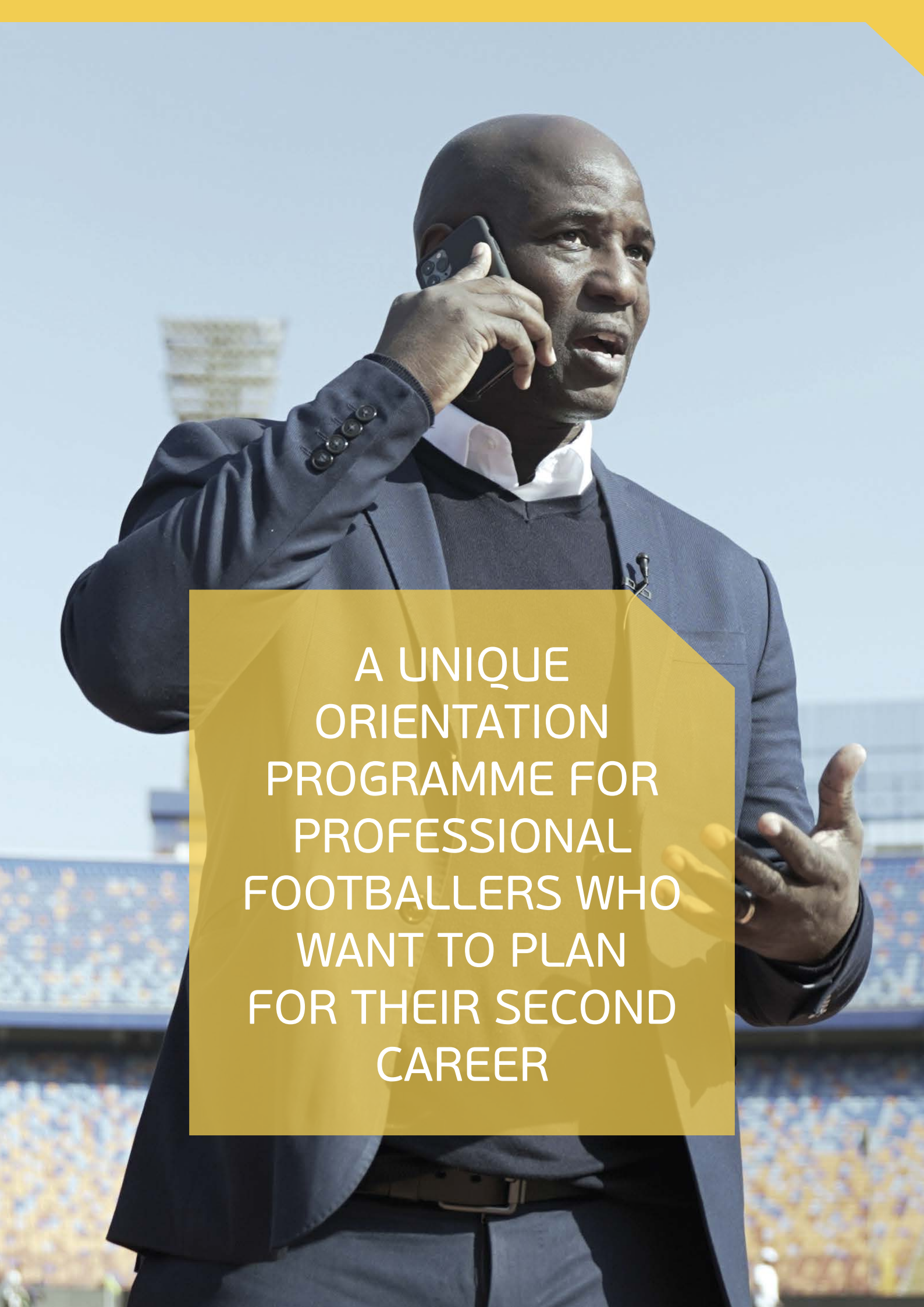




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UEFA Career Transition Programme

Online edition

A man in a dark blue suit and white shirt is talking on a mobile phone. He is standing in a stadium, with the stands visible in the background. The text is overlaid on a yellow semi-transparent box.

A UNIQUE
ORIENTATION
PROGRAMME FOR
PROFESSIONAL
FOOTBALLERS WHO
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FOREWORD

Turning the page on your playing career is an important decision, and even more so in sport than in any other profession because you set out on that journey at such a young age. Yet this crucial milestone, which all players must face at some point, is also an opportunity: a chance to explore a variety of options and choose the path that would most suit your skills and personal preferences. Luckily, hanging up your boots does not mean you have to leave the game behind you. In fact, quite the opposite, as there are many different off-the-pitch careers in football. At UEFA, it is our duty to guide players through this transition period by helping them to understand the variety of other professions available in football.

We developed the UEFA Career Transition Programme (UEFA CTP) to provide you, future or newly retired players, with the tools and knowledge you need to prepare for the next stage in your career, so that you can apply the skills you have honed as footballers. By supporting you during this transition, UEFA wants to make sure that you can continue elevating the game, helping it to remain the most popular sport in the world, as you did during your career on the pitch.

Aleksander Čeferin
UEFA President



Who

Professional players willing to prepare for their second career



When

Every season between September and May



How long

1 to 3 months



Where

100% online



Price

€1,490



Number of participants

Individual training



Certification

Certificate of completion



Language

English

UEFA Career Transition Programme

This programme helps professional players to prepare for their second career in the Football Industry.

The UEFA CTP is a unique vocational programme for players who want to plan for their professional future off the pitch. It will help you to identify your transferable skills, gain a better understanding of the job opportunities available, and learn how your knowledge and experience can be reapplied.

Programme overview

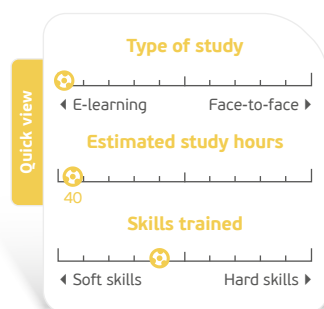
The programme features talent tests, self-assessments, interviews, presentations and quiz to help you analyse your strengths and personality. UEFA and HR experts will present a variety of professional openings and share their insights and knowledge in a series of presentations and individual sessions. As a highlight of the course, former professional players will share inspiring stories about how they successfully managed their own career transitions. At the end of the programme, Our experts will also help you identify the next steps and draw up a career action plan. We encourage applications from male and female footballers and futsal players.

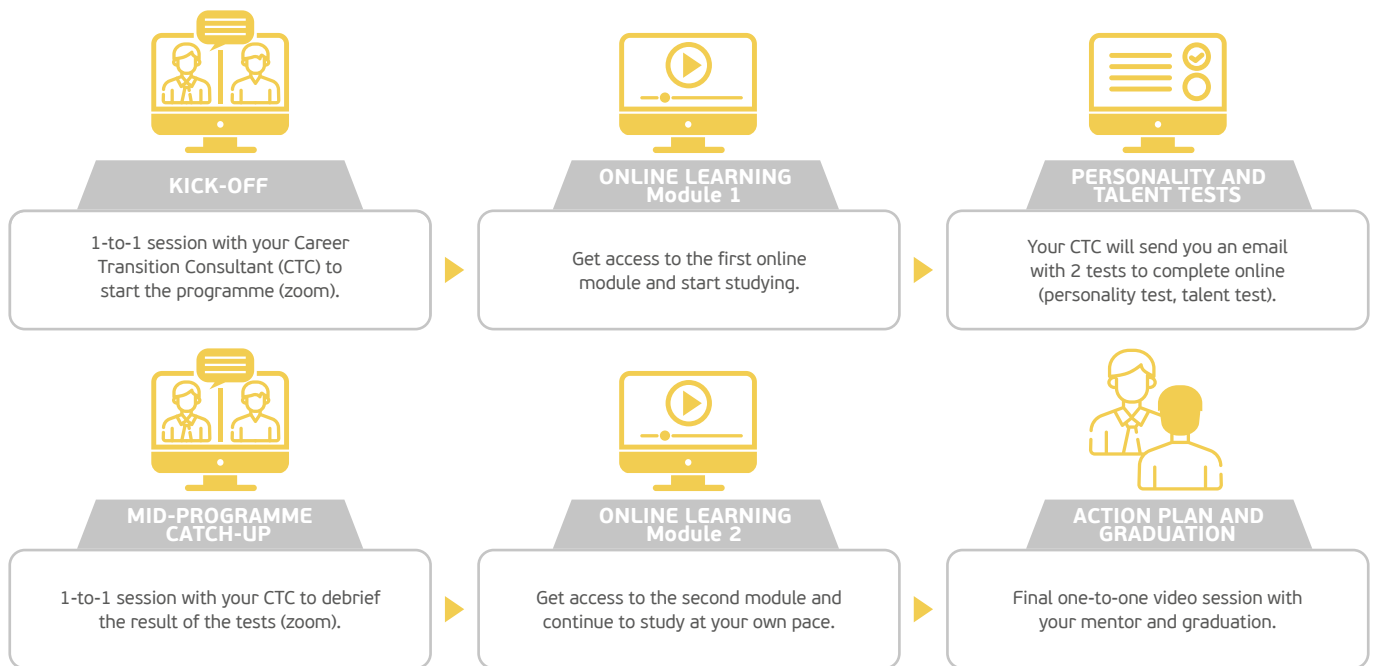
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The new online CTP is aimed at active players who are currently thinking about their second career. Through this online version of the CTP, you will have access to the exclusive content of the programme, the experts and the mentors at an affordable cost, without the time and traveling constraints.

Takeaways

- Clear view of the career options within football
- Guidance on how to make the right decision
- Key skills and tools to manage your career transition
- Action plan for your life off the pitch





References



“ As a player, I gained experience on the pitch, in the dressing room and in the stadium. I saw football from a wide range of perspectives and learned how to harness the skills of leadership, motivation and teamwork to build a successful career on the pitch. But before I retire, I need to understand how to use these skills to find the right role for my future. I realised the importance of working with mentors and developing my business knowledge to secure my future role in the Football Industry. The UEFA CTP will offer you a pathway to the next stage of your career, and with the support of UEFA’s mentors you will better understand where you see your future. ”

■ **Ivan Rakitić, international football player (Croatia)**



“ I knew I wanted to stay in the football industry after my playing career, but how? What jobs are available for ex-players? What would I be good at? Where do I start? I had all these questions in my mind and the CTP helped me answer most of them in a very comprehensive way! I encourage all footballers to think about their future and do the CTP to help them in this phase of their life. ”

■ **Jan Vertonghen, international football player (Belgium)**



“ The CTP was a great experience for me because preparing for a second career is something that needs support and planning. The programme helped me think about my options and confirm what I already had in mind. Besides, it was fantastic to interact with my mentor who knew the process and could give me great advice and motivation. ”

■ **Claudia Vandenhilgenberg, former international football player (Netherlands)**





Application process

To apply for the UEFA CTP, you must complete the online application form at UEFAacademy.com and submit it along with a short video introducing yourself and your reasons for applying for the programme.

The video should be roughly two to three minutes long, but does not need to be of professional quality and can be filmed using a phone or computer.

To be eligible for the UEFA CTP, you must:

- Play or have played at a professional level
- Have a good command of both spoken and written English

Programme fees

The tuition fees for the online CTP are €1,490.

Our partner



No matter if a player's career comes to its natural conclusion or ends unexpectedly, transitioning to a post-sport career can be a challenging process. FIFPRO firmly stands behind any initiative designed to support players in their new beginning.

About the UEFA Academy

Building on the professional expertise that UEFA has established in the course of its history and the learning initiatives that it has created over the last decade, the UEFA Academy provides educational programmes for individuals and organisations alike with a view to constantly elevating the game of football.

For details of our catalogue of courses, visit UEFAacademy.com

We welcome participants from diverse backgrounds and cultures, recognising the unique value that diversity brings to our community. If you have any uncertainties about meeting specific programme criteria, we encourage you to reach out to us.

Building your career off the pitch

The UEFA Academy has recently designed a range of programmes exclusively for players wishing to prepare their second career. The UEFA CTP is the first step in assessing players' needs and objectives. Building on this foundation, various UEFA Academy programmes enable them to go further:

- The UEFA CFM – Players' edition helps participants to gain a comprehensive understanding of how the game is managed over a nine-month study period compatible with their match schedules.
- The UEFA MIP is a unique academic programme that equips former international players with essential professional skills to successfully transitioning to a second career within a football organisation.

Players at all stages of their careers also have the opportunity to access the UEFA For Players mobile app, an engaging set of learning initiatives providing information and advice to support elite football players on and off the pitch.



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