



A unique two-day event for alumni of the UEFA Academy to reconnect, exchange ideas, and inspire the future of sport.



23–24 October 2026  
Lisbon, Portugal



"It is an honour for the Portuguese Football Federation to host the UEFA Academy Summit 2026 in Lisbon. Welcoming the UEFA Academy community to Portugal is a valuable opportunity to strengthen the connections that unite football professionals across Europe and beyond.

With the theme "Humans After All", this edition reflects our belief that, despite rapid advances in technology and data, it is the people – their passion, creativity and values – who give football its true meaning.

Over these two days, we hope Lisbon and the FPF Arena Portugal will inspire learning, collaboration and meaningful exchange as we shape a future for football that is innovative, inclusive and centred on people.

We look forward to welcoming you to Portugal."

**André Seabra**  
FPF Academy Director



"Welcome to Lisbon for the second UEFA Academy Summit, created with the Portuguese Football Federation and the UEFA Academy Alumni Association.

With the theme "Humans after all", we celebrate the people behind the game. As football becomes more data-driven, this Summit is a reminder that it remains, at its heart, a human story.

Join alumni from around the world to explore new ideas, learn together, and reflect on how football can continue to thrive as a truly human endeavour."

**Thomas Junod**  
Head of UEFA Academy





# UEFA Academy Alumni Association

170+

Different nationalities  
represented

4000+

Professionals trained  
by the UEFA Academy

60

Countries visited by  
our 20+ programmes

"I am proud to announce the UEFA Academy Summit 2026 in Lisbon. With the theme "Humans After All," the Summit affirms that while innovation, data, and technology continue to transform football, it is people who give it meaning. Amid rapid change, members from the UEFA Academy Alumni community will reflect on the emotions, values, and human decisions behind every match, organisation, and moment that makes football so powerful. Over two days of learning and connection, we will exchange ideas and strengthen the bonds that unite us globally.

I look forward to welcoming you to Lisbon in 2026 as we continue to celebrate football as a sport rooted in humanity, passion, and shared experience."



Paul Nelson  
UEFA Academy Alumni  
Association President





# ESSENTIAL. IMPACTFUL. UNMISSABLE.

Dear Graduates and Friends of the UEFA Academy,

On 23 and 24 October 2026, Lisbon awaits. The UEFA Academy Summit returns, co-created with the UEFA Academy Alumni Association and hosted by the Portuguese Football Federation.

On the theme of "Humans after all", we spotlight what truly powers the game: people. Yes, data and AI are rising, but it's human insight, connection and leadership that turn concepts and plans into impact.

Come for fresh ideas, practical tools, and peer-to-peer learning. Stay for the energy of a global alumni network built across 20+ programmes and thousands of graduates.

Save your spot, share the invite with your classmates, and be part of the movement.

We can't wait to see you all again in Lisbon in October!

## The UEFA Academy Team

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Antoine, Alexandra,  
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# A unique programme

## DAY 1: Learn! (Re)connect! Play! Enjoy!

Friday, 23 October 2026

11:45 – 13:30	Welcome lunch and registrations
13:30 – 13:45	Opening address
13:45 – 15:00	<b>LEARN!</b> <b>Humans after all - Precision with a Human Pulse</b> See how technology augments – not replaces – the human call, blending precision and empathy to drive smarter decisions, fairer outcomes, and lasting trust across sport
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break and networking time
15:30 – 16:30	<b>(RE)CONNECT!</b> General assembly of the UEFA Academy Alumni Association
16:30 – 19:30	<b>PLAY!</b> Choose among a selection of activities around movement, cuisine, and culture
19:30 – onward	<b>ENJOY!</b> A social evening and dinner at the Portuguese Football Federation





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## DAY 2: Learn! Drive! Party!

Saturday, 24th October 2026

08:30 – 09:00	Welcome coffee and networking time
09:00 – 09:15	Opening of day 2
09:15 – 10:30	<b>LEARN!</b> <b>Future-Ready Careers - The Human Advantage</b> A practical playbook for career growth in sport – build your skills portfolio, partner with technology as an amplifier, and strengthen the human edge: purpose, trust, and resilience
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	<b>DRIVE!</b> Interactive workshops and panels on leadership, technology, culture & performance in sports: Choose from at least six interactive workshops or panels*, to further explore the Summit 2026 theme
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break and networking time
14:00 – 15:30	<b>DRIVE more!</b> Interactive workshops and panels on leadership, technology, culture & performance in sports: Choose from at least six interactive workshops or panels*, to further explore the Summit 2026 theme
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break and networking time
16:00 – 17:15	<b>LEARN!</b> <b>Stories We Play By</b> In a world of rising automation, emotion remains a defining human quality. Sport fuels these emotions through the stories it tells – stories that, when intentionally crafted, become a compass for leaders, a catalyst for culture, and a source of shared purpose
17:15 – 17:30	Closing address
20:00 onwards	<b>PARTY!</b> Gala dinner in an exclusive location in town

\*The number of workshops and panels will depend on the number of participants.  
The list and content of the workshops and panels will be published in July/August.





# Registration deadlines and participation fees

The UEFA Academy Summit is a top-class learning and networking event. A small registration fee is required from all attendees to cover some of the costs. Generous contributions from UEFA, the Portuguese Football Federation and the UEFA Academy Alumni Association have enabled us to keep these fees to a minimum.

## Early-bird fee

If you register by 30 April 2026

€445

## Standard Fee

If you register from 1 May 2026

€595

Final deadline to register: 31 July 2026

## Participation fees include

- 1.5 day of learning on the topic Humans After All (including three keynotes for all participants and two interactive workshops of your choice)
- 1 social activity to choose among options around movement, cuisine, and culture
- 1 social evening and dinner
- 1 gala dinner and party
- 2 lunches and coffee breaks during the event
- Shuttle buses between the city centre and the Summit venue

\*Please note that participants are expected to organise and cover their own accommodation for the duration of the event.







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