



Humans After All

The UEFA Academy Summit

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



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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

Thomas, Joël, Stéphane,
Antoine, Alexandra,
António, Kevin, Corinne



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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 **LEARN!**

Humans after all - Precision with a Human Pulse

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 **(RE)CONNECT!**

General assembly of the UEFA Academy Alumni Association

16:30 – 19:30 **PLAY!**

Choose among a selection of activities around movement, cuisine, and culture

19:30 – onward **ENJOY!**

A social evening and dinner at the Portuguese Football Federation



A unique programme

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 LEARN!

Future-Ready Careers - The Human Advantage

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 DRIVE!

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 DRIVE more!

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 LEARN!

Stories We Play By

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 PARTY!

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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