



# **19<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CHES SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP SKOPJE 2026**

**Hotel Continental, 08 - 10 May 2026**

## **PROPOSAL**

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## 1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Solving Federations to participate in the 19<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP. The event would be held in hotel Continental Skopje, North Macedonia. Proposed dates are 08<sup>th</sup> May (arrival and opening) to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (departure).

North Macedonia is well known and recognized organizer of prestige chess events like:

- European Blitz, Rapid and Fisher Chess Championship 2024 and 2018 in Skopje in same hotel as proposed for this event,
- World Senior team chess championship 2023 in Struga
- European Chess Club Cup 2021 in Struga, and 2015 in Skopje
- Individual European Chess Championship 2019 in Skopje

And the most important in 2018, we were hosting the World Congress of Chess Composition and World Chess Solving Championships in Ohrid.

## 2. Contact / Information

**Technical Organizer** is Chess Club Gambit Asseco See with support of Chess Federation of North Macedonia,

**Tournament Director:** IO Zoran Stojčevski

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## 3. Tournament System, Entry Fee

The European Chess Solving Championship will be in the well-known format. A lot of additional program will be proposed for guests and participants.

The Championship is included in the WFCF Fujairah Grand Prix 2025-26. Grand Prix prizes and Grand Prix points will be available to all the solvers, including the unofficial ECSC participants.

Entry fee will be €60 per participant.

## 4. Schedule

The schedule for the event is presented in the table as follows:

| Date                            | Hours | Activity  |
|---------------------------------|-------|---|
| Friday 7-8 <sup>th</sup> May    | 20:00 | Arrival and Registration                                    |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May      | 16:30 | Open Solving (90'+90')                                      |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May      | 21:00 | Captains meeting  |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May    | 11:00 | ECSC 1 <sup>st</sup> day                                    |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May    | 18:00 | Machine gun   |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May    | 21:30 | Traditional Macedonian Dinner with live music <sup>*)</sup> |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May     | 10:00 | ECSC 2 <sup>nd</sup> day                                    |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December | 17:00 | Closing ceremony and prize giving                           |

<sup>\*)</sup> Dinner in the famous traditional restaurant with live music for only 30 EUR per person (more details on official site)

## 5. Prize Fund

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The monetary prizes for the solvers of ECSC 2026 are set at a total of €10,000 as a part of the WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix 2025-26, and distributed the same as in the ECSC 2025. These prizes are granted by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah.

Organizer will secure prizes as vouchers for chess literature from prestige web site MODERN CHESS

## 6. Accommodation

The prices in the official hotels (Bed and Breakfast) are as follows:

**4\* Hotel Continental – Skopje (playing venue), ( <https://www.hotelcontinental.com.mk/> )**

Single room BB per person 55 EUR

Double room BB per person 40 EUR

Triple room BB per person 35 EUR

**3\* VIP – Skopje, (<https://wiphotel.com.mk/>)**

Single Room BB per person 35 EUR

Double Room BB per person 25 EUR

These are suggested hotels, not mandatory ones.

## 8. Transfer

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The organizers will provide transfer from Skopje Airport to the official hotels on 8(7)th May and from the official hotels to Airports on 10 (11)th May, for guests in official hotels

On a special request, it is possible to organize a transfer from Sofia or Prishtina airport. (Estimated price for taxi is round 150 EUR)

## 9. Entry visa to North Macedonia

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Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee at least 2 months before the event and apply on time to the respective North Macedonian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.

