

19th EUROPEAN CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP

SKOPJE 2026

Hotel Continental, 08-10 May 2026

INVITATION

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1. Invitation

The Technical Organizer, Chess Club Gambit Asseco SEE, with the support of the Chess Federation of North Macedonia – Commission for Chess Composition, has the honour to invite European national teams and individual solvers to participate in the **19th European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC)**.

The **ECSC 2026** will be held from **Friday, 8 May, to Sunday, 10 May 2026**, at the **Hotel Continental**, Blvd. Aleksandar Makedonski, 1000 Skopje, North Macedonia.

As part of the **WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix 2025–26**, the Skopje ECSC 2026 will also be **open to solvers from all over the world**.

North Macedonia is a well-known and highly regarded organizer of prestigious chess events, including:

- European Blitz, Rapid and Fischer Random Chess Championships (2018 and 2024, Skopje),
- World Senior Team Chess Championship 2023 (Struga),
- European Chess Club Cup 2021 (Struga) and 2015 (Skopje),
- European Individual Chess Championship 2019 (Skopje),
- World Congress of Chess Composition and World Chess Solving Championship 2018 (Ohrid).

2. Contact / Information

Technical Organizer:
Chess Club Gambit Asseco SEE, with the support of the Chess Federation of North Macedonia

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3. Tournament System and Entry Fee

The European Chess Solving Championship will be conducted in accordance with the established [WFCC Rules for Chess Solving Competitions](#).

Important notes:

- Selfmates will be included in Round 4 and Helpmates in Round 6.
- Each round of ECSC-Open will consist of one two-mover, one three-mover, one more-mover, one endgame, one helpmate and one selfmate.
- ECSC & ECSC-Open will be directed by the FIDE Solving Judge Ivan Denkovski.

- The Machine Gun tournament will be directed by the FIDE Solving Judge Borislav Gadjanski.
- The Championship is included in the WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix 2025-26. Grand Prix prizes and Grand Prix points will be available to all the solvers, including the unofficial ECSC participants.

Eligibility:

ECSC is open to all members of WFCC or FIDE. At ECSC, only solvers from European countries (geographically in Europe or Europe-affiliated in FIDE) are eligible for European titles, unless their FIDE-affiliated continent already organizes an official continental solving championship.

Entry fee €60 per participant.

Payment details (SEPA available):

Beneficiary: Chess Club “Gambit Asseco SEE”

Address: Nikola Parapunov 1–3m, 1000 Skopje, North Macedonia

Bank: Komercijalna Banka AD Skopje

BIC (SWIFT): KOBSMK2X

IBAN: MK07 3007 0100 2470 848

4. Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
Thu / Fri, 7–8 May	20:00	Arrival and Registration
Friday, 8 May	16:30	Open Solving (90' + 90')
Friday, 8 May	21:00	Captains' Meeting
Saturday, 9 May	11:00	ECSC – Day 1
Saturday, 9 May	18:00	Machine Gun Tournament
Saturday, 9 May	21:30	Traditional Macedonian Dinner with Live Music*
Sunday, 10 May	10:00	ECSC – Day 2
Sunday, 10 May	17:00	Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving

* Dinner will be held at a renowned traditional restaurant with live music.

Price: **€30 per person** (details available on the official website).

5. Prize Fund

The total prize fund for ECSC 2026 amounts to **€10,000**, as part of the WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix 2025–26, and will be distributed in the same manner as at ECSC 2025.

The prizes are generously granted by **H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi**, Crown Prince of Fujairah.

In addition, the Organizer will provide prizes in the form of **vouchers for chess literature** from the prestigious website *Modern Chess*.

6. Accommodation

Special rates (bed & breakfast) at the official hotels:

4★ Hotel Continental – Skopje (playing venue)

<https://www.hotelcontinental.com.mk/>

- Single room: €55 per person
- Double room: €40 per person
- Triple room: €35 per person

3★ VIP Hotel – Skopje

<https://wiphotel.com.mk/>

- Single room: €35 per person
- Double room: €25 per person

Participants are free to choose their accommodation independently, without additional charges.

7. Transfers

The Organizer will provide transfers from **Skopje Airport** to the official hotels on **7 or 8 May**, and from the official hotels to the airport on **10 or 11 May**, for guests staying in the official hotels.

Transfer price: €15 per person, one way.

Upon special request, transfers from **Sofia or Pristina airports** can also be arranged (estimated taxi cost: approx. €150).

8. Entry Visa to North Macedonia

Participants requiring a visa are kindly requested to contact the Organizing Committee **at least two months before the event** and apply in due time at the appropriate North Macedonian embassy.

The Organizing Committee will provide an official invitation letter and confirmation of accommodation after the required payments have been completed. The Organizing Committee cannot take responsibility for late or incomplete visa applications.



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