

# ALLIANCE OF EUROPEAN FOOTBALL COACHES' ASSOCIATIONS

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## The Virus rules the (Football-)World

March 11, 2020 - Championsleague : Atletico Madrid beat the Reds at Anfield Road in extratime in front of a sold out stadium, simultaneously Paris SG beat Borussia Dortmund in Parc de Prince without spectators.  
March 12, 2020 : Euroleague : FC Basel beat Eintrach Frankfurt in Frankfurt without spectators, Bayer Leverkusen beat Glasgow Rangers in Glasgow with spectators.

From this point the virus changed the football-world.

National and international competitions were interrupted, most national federations started the championships again in may or june 2020 – without spectators. Some federations stopped the championships. Championsleague and Euroleague will continue with tournaments in august 2020.

No matches – no sponsoring : many clubs are struggling hard with the loss of revenue.  
And the fans? Hard months without the beloved Football!

Will football ever be the same again? Or will we take the chance to bring about changes that are long overdue?  
In the past the money ruled the football, in present the virus rules – and who will rule in future?

## UEFA cancelled and postponed

UEFA cancelled events in 2020, employees were sent to homeoffice, only few staffers remained in Nyon.  
The European Football Championship was postponed to next year 2021 combined with the hope of being able to play with viewers again.

## AEFCA – Symposium 2020 in Prague/CZ

In autumn 2019 AEFCA-President Walter Gagg and Secretary General Jürgen Pfforr were invited by UCFT Czech Football-Coaches-Association to participate in the celebrations of the 40.birthday of the association.

We took the opportunity to talk to the new President of the Football-Association of the Czech Republic FACR, Mr. Martin Malik, about hosting the next AEFCA-Symposium 2020 in Prague.

In another meeting in november 2019 in Prague we have put forward our ideas about organising the Symposium.  
In the meantime FACR has formed an organisational team.

We have reached agreement over the course of the Symposium.  
We have agreed on date, venue, hotel, conference center and other program.

Arrivalday will be november 24, 2020 in the afternoon. The Symposium will start on november 25, 2020 in the morning and it will end with a gala-dinner on november 26, 2020. Departureday will be november 27, 2020.



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**Please do not make any flight-arrangements at the moment, because we don't know yet, whether the Symposium can take place ref. to the restrictions about the Corona-Virus.**

### **Prague – current restrictions because of the Corona-Virus**

No one knows the development of the virus and the restrictions in november 2020.

The Czech Republic is proportionate to other countries less affected by the Corona-Virus.  
This is largely due to the strong restrictions in Czech Republic.

Citizens of several countries on a red list (today Romania, Serbia, Portugal, Sweden aso.) have to present a negative examination report not older than 72hours on arrival.

Only about a quarter of the airlines that have flown to Prague have resumed flight operations yet.

The obligation to wear masks applies for all public events held indoor or outdoor (conference-room and catering).  
It is not necessary to keep a distance of 1,5 m from each other, but within the last days the number of infections have increased considerably.

If the czech authorities will reintroduce the 1,5m distance the conferenceroom will have a capacity of about 60 to 70 participants only.

We will have to face problems seating the participants at the gala dinner and when visiting the brewery.  
Footballmatches take place without spectators, will we be able to watch the practical demonstration session in the stadium during the training?

Will we be able to convince delegates and lecturers to travel to Prague, where they will meet in the Symposium colleagues from around 40 countries, more or less infected?

Nobody can predict the further development, we have to be very careful.  
Experts all over the world prognosticate a second wave of infections after the holiday-season.  
And Prague is a hotspot in european tourism.

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