

SUPER FOUNDATION

Letter of Endorsement for ECU 2030 Team

To whom it may concern

Over the past seven years, the Super Foundation, an independent not-for-profit legal entity based in Romania, has invested nearly €14 million in a strategic effort to advance the game of chess across Europe.

Our contributions include serving as a main sponsor and partner of the Grand Chess Tour since 2019, bringing the world's top players to the capitals of Romania, Poland, and Croatia.

We are also longstanding partners of the Romanian Chess Federation, supporting a range of its key national events, including men's, women's, and youth national championships, as well as flagship international tournaments such as the Romanian Grand Prix, which this year brought together more than 400 national and international participants.

In parallel, we have supported numerous national and international players through scholarships and coaching initiatives focusing on development of young talents in Europe. Most recently, we became the main partner and sponsor of the upcoming European Chess Super League 2027, a project we believe has tremendous potential for the future of the sport.

In addition, the founders of the Super Foundation, in partnership with the Romanian Chess Federation, officially launched the Chess Nest project in 2026. The initiative provides up to EUR 100,000 in structured financial and logistical support to every junior player who achieves an elite international title before the age of 18.

In 2025, our work was recognized by the European Chess Union, which honored the Super Foundation with its Award for Excellence in recognition of our contribution to the development of chess in Europe, further reinforcing our commitment to continued investment in the sport's future.

In this spirit, we formally endorse the following ticket, led by Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili:

- President: Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili (GEO),
- Deputy President: Mr. Vlad Ardeleanu (ROM),
- Vice President: Mrs. Ingrid Lauterbach (GER),
- Vice President: Mr. Lasse Ostebo Lovik (NOR),
- Secretary General: Mr. Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou (GRE),
- Treasurer: Ms. Prabitha Urwyler (SUI).

We believe this team presents an innovative and forward-looking vision, uniquely combining governance experience with the ability to mobilize investment and partnerships at scale, critical for the next phase of European chess. We are confident in their capacity to translate vision into tangible progress for federations, players, and the broader chess ecosystem.

The Super Foundation remains committed to providing the support needed to develop the sport at every level in Europe, chess in schools programs, development of talented players, social projects and elite chess.

We look forward to continuing this collaboration and to planning and implementing joint development chess projects with a leadership team that shares our values of excellence and lasting impact.

Sincerely,

Augusta Dragic
President of Super Foundation

