CONIFA
Football Strategy Days
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CONIFA EUROPE | OFFICIAL QUALIFICATION CONCEPT

CONIFA World Cup 2028

European Qualification Pathway & Regulatory Framework

CONIFA
WFCQ 2028
Men 's Wolrd Football Cup Qualifiers 2028
EUROPE

16 Eligible Member Football Associations

- TWO SICILIES
- ROUET-PROVENCE
- RAETIA
- CANTON TICINO
- GREENLAND
- SZEKELY LAND
- CHAMERIA
- KERNOW
- SAPMI
- GOZO
- OCCITANIA
- ABKHAZIA
- ELLAN VANNIN
- DONETSK
- PONTINE MARSHES
- CUMANN SACAIR GAEILGE

All 16 Member FAs are eligible to participate in self-organized 3-team qualification tournaments by sending a declaration of interest.

Slot Quotas & Direct Qualifiers

6 Guaranteed Slots (+1 Potential)

CONIFA Europe has been allocated **6 guaranteed slots** for the 2028 tournament (+1 optional slot depending on global allocation).

- **Northern Cyprus**: Qualified directly as European Champion.
- **Padania**: Qualified directly as European Runner-up.
- **4 Slots Remaining**: Open for qualification via regional 3-team tournaments.

⚠ Rule Update: From the next edition onwards, ONLY the European Champion will qualify directly and not anymore the Runner-up!



Format & Contractual Requirements

3-Team Tournament Format

Tournaments can feature **3/4 teams**. The winner of each tournament secures direct qualification for the World Cup 2028.

Host & Participant Contracts

Every host FA must sign a **Host Contract** covering safety, venue, and broadcast standards. Participating teams must sign a **Participant Contract** agreeing to CONIFA conduct rules.



Roadmap & Key Qualification Milestones

20 Nov 2026

Opening of the autonomous qualification tournament window.
Declaration of interest to be sent by that day.

2027 Window

Execution of tournaments & signing of Host/Participant contracts.

31 Dec 2027

Final deadline for contract submissions & match results.

Summer 2028

CONIFA World Football Cup 2028 Tournament.

Next Action Items for Member FAs



1. Form Triangulares

Partner with fellow FAs to agree on host locations and dates for 3-team tournaments.



2. Execute Contracts

Draft and execute Host & Participant Contracts with CONIFA prior to kick-off.



3. Submit Schedules

Submit final match schedules and venue specs to CONIFA Europe for official sanctioning.

Questions & Discussion

Thank you for your attention.

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