Europe Trophy 2020-2021

- Qualification and entry: All clubs not qualified for Champions League nor Europe Cup (see ECC 2020-2021 seeding lists Europe Trophy clubs and all other clubs not named at these lists) can enter via the ETTU online entry system (or entry forms by email to be confirmed) to the Europe Trophy. Entry to the Europe Trophy is not limited to clubs competing in their first national league.
- <u>Division into regions:</u> After registration deadline, entered clubs will be divided into 9 regions, predefined by ETTU. ETTU will have the authority to decide on any modification of the territories of the regions i.e. integration of clubs outside the predefined region into that region etc.
- Regions:

ENG SCO WAL IRL JEY GGY IMN GIB

SWE DEN NOR FIN GRL ISL FAR

POR ESP FRA (south regions*) AND MON

NED BEL LUX FRA (north regions**) GER (west states***)

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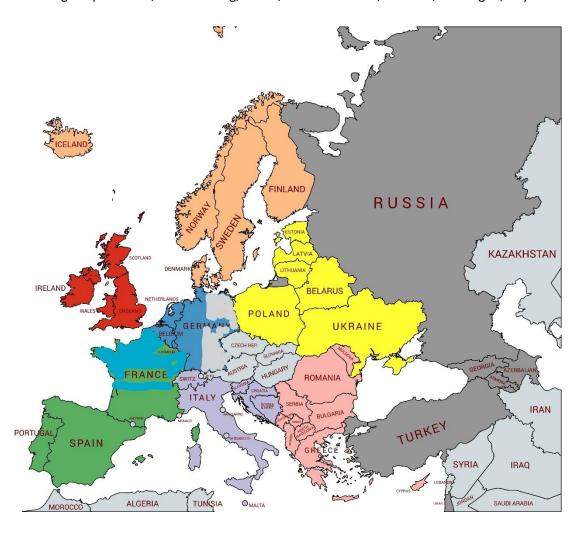
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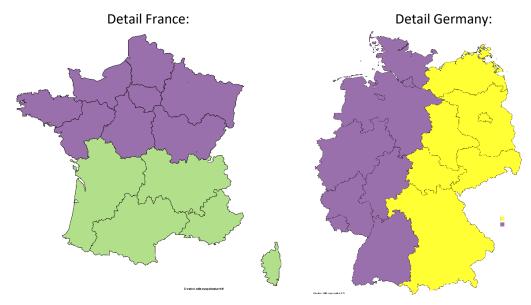
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- *Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Occitanie, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azure, Corse
- **Bretagne, Normandie, Hauts de France, Grand-Est, Pays de la Loire, Centre Val de Loire, lle de France, Bourgogne Franche Compte
- ***Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg, Niedersachsen, Bremen, Nordrhein Westfalen, Hessen, Rheinland-Pfalz, Saarland, Baden-Württemberg
- ****Mecklenburg Vorpommern, Brandenburg, Berlin, Sachsen-Anhalt, Sachsen, Thüringen, Bayern



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- <u>Management:</u> there will be 1 general manager (ETTU) and 9 regional coordinators (to be appointed) to help promoting and organising the regional group rounds.
- <u>Hosting group rounds:</u> Group hosts per region are needed. The number of hosts depend on the number of registered clubs.

Requirements for hosting: playing venue which is large enough for 4 tables. All TT equipment must be ITTF approved. Non-slippery sports floor (no ITTF approval needed). Minimum 600 LUX. Sufficient dressing rooms including showers. Reasonable distance from and to international airport.

Reasonable distance from and to hotels. Group hosts to cover national umpires and venue costs.

Visiting teams to cover all own costs (travel, accommodation full board).

No obligation on live ticker, no obligation on live stream.

• Provisional playing schedule:

regional round 1: 20-21.02.2021 regional round 2: 27-28.03.2021

reserve date or round 3: 01-02.05.2021

Grand final: 03-04.07.2021

Week playing dates are Saturdays and Sundays.

Round 1-3 are scheduled on the same weekends than Europe Cup dates so national club leagues do not need to keep free additional competition dates.

The Europe Trophy competition dates may clash with any international and or European TT event/competition.

- Grand Final: 9 clubs (regional winners men) and 9 clubs (regional winners women) to play a Grand Final. ETTU may financially contribute each regional Trophy winner for travel costs to the GrandFinal.
 1 host for men and 1 host for women Grand Final or 1 host for both.
 - Grand Final and ETTU financial contribution to be confirmed after the entry deadline (depending on the number of entries).
- Competition structure:

Group R1	Group R2	Finals
for each region	for each region	
n groups of y teams depending on	1 group of y teams W + RU R1	10 regional winners
registrations teams seeded 33-X	depending on registrations Winner = Europe Trophy regional winner	1 group winner = Europe Trophy winner

- System of play: The playing system shall be the Swaythling Cup system* (best of 5 singles). The order of play in a team match shall be A1 v B2, A2 v B1, A3 v B3, A1 v B1, A2 v B2, and the match shall end when a team has won 3 singles, each the best of 5 games.
 - *In addition, in each individual match, the 5th game (set) should start at 0:0 and play until the first player reaches 6 points (sudden death point at 5:5), 1 service each player in a row.
- Entry fee: 250€ entry fee per club. Club entry is confirmed once full payment is received. ETTU can set a limitation of clubs per region and will accept clubs on a first come and paid, first served basis.