



19th EUROPEAN CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP
SKOPJE 2026
Hotel Continental, 08-10 May 2026

INVITATION



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1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Solving Federations to participate in the 19th EUROPEAN CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Technical Organizer Chess Club Gambit Asseco See with the support of Chess Federation of North Macedonia - commission for Chess Composition, has the honour to invite European national teams and individual solvers to attend the 19th European Chess Solving Championship (ECSC). The ECSC 2026 will be held from Friday, May 8th to Sunday, May 10th at the Hotel Continental, Bul. Aleksandar Makedonski, 1000 Skopje. As a part of the WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix 2025-26, the Skopje ECSC 2026 will be open for the solvers around the world.

North Macedonia is well known and recognized organizer of prestige chess events like:

- European Blitz, Rapid and Fisher Chess Championship 2024 and 2018 in Skopje in same hotel as proposed for this event,
- World Senior team chess championship 2023 in Struga
- European Chess Club Cup 2021 in Struga, and 2015 in Skopje
- Individual European Chess Championship 2019 in Skopje

And the most important in 2018, We have been hosts of World Congress of Chess Composition and World Chess Solving Championships in Ohrid.

2. Contact / Information

Technical Organizer is Chess Club Gambit Asseco See with support of Chess Federation of North Macedonia,

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3. Tournament System, Entry Fee

The European Chess Solving Championship will follow the established WFCC rules for chess solving competitions (see link of rules: <https://www.wfcc.ch/rules/wcsc/>)

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 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 instructions: (SEPA payment system is available)

Beneficiary: Chess Club „Gambit Asseco SEE“

Address: „Nikola Parapunov“ 1-3m, Skopje, North Macedonia

Bank Swift code (BIC): KOBSMK2X

Bank name: Komercijalna Banka AD Skopje

IBAN: MK07300701002470848

4.Schedule

The schedule for the event is presented in the table as follows:

Date	Hours	Activity
Friday 7-8 th May	20:00	Arrival and Registration
Friday 8 th May	16:30	Open Solving (90'+90')
Friday 8 th May	21:00	Captains meeting
Saturday 9 th May	11:00	ECSC 1 st day
Saturday 9 th May	18:00	Machine Gun
Saturday 9 th May	21:30	Traditional Macedonian dinner with live music ^{*)}
Sunday 10 th May	10:00	ECSC 2 nd day
Sunday 10 th May	17:00	Closing ceremony and prize giving

**) Dinner in the famous traditional restaurant with live music for only 30 EUR per person (more details on official site)*

5.Prize Fund

The monetary prizes for the solvers of ECSC 2026 are set at a total of €10,000 as a part of the WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix 2025-26, and distributed the same as in the ECSC 2025. These prizes are granted by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah.

The Organizer will also provide prizes in the form of vouchers for chess literature from prestige web site **Modern Chess**.

6.Accommodation

The prices in the official hotels for Bed and Breakfast are as follows.

4* Hotel Continental– Skopje (playing venue), (<https://www.hotelcontinental.com.mk/>)

Single room BB per person 55 EUR
Double room BB per person 40 EUR
Triple room BB per person 35 EUR

3* VIP – Skopje, (<https://wiphotel.com.mk/>)

Single Room BB per person 35 EUR
Double Room BB per person 25 EUR

Accommodation is not obligatory to be in proposed hotels

7. Transfer

The organizers will provide transfer from Skopje Airport to the official hotels on 8th or 7th May and from the official hotels to Airports on 10th or 11th May, for guests in official hotels. The price is 15 EUR in one direction.

On a special request, it is possible to organize a transfer from Sofia or Pristina airport. (Estimated price for taxi is round 150 EUR)

8. Entry visa to NorthMacedonia

Participants needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee at least 2 months before the event and apply on time to the respective North Macedonian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.

