

European Youth Classical Chess Championship has begun!

In the evening hours of the 21st of August, **Top Hotel Prague** hosted an amazing opening ceremony for the European Youth Classic Chess Championship. **The mayor of Prague, Bohuslav Svoboda**, was ecstatic that such a great event was taking place in the beautiful city of Prague and wished all the participants good luck in their following games. **The president of ECU GM Zurab Azmaiparashvili** gave a long and passionate speech about the future of chess in Europe and thanked the organizers for making such an event possible. Then it was time for the spectacular lighting show.



The opening ceremony concluded with a drawing of lots. In both sections, open and girls, the top seeded player will have the white pieces.

EYCC, under the guidance of the chief arbiter, **IA Marco Biagioli**, is being played in categories under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 with the open and girls sections played separately. More than **1200 players from 47 chess federations** are playing in this event. You can watch the live games on lichess or on chess.com. You can also follow live commentary on the official [ECU Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU). Do not forget to follow on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/).