



## Lecturers

### European Trainers' Commission

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



GM Ivan Sokolov  
Netherlands  
Middlegame Strategy



GM Adrian Mikhachishin  
Slovenia  
Pawn Structures



GM Miguel Illescas  
Spain  
Tactical World



GM Efstratios Grivas  
Greece  
Endgame Magic



GM Antoaneta Stefanova  
Bulgaria  
Playing on the Top



GM Laurent Fressinet  
France  
High Level Opening Prep



GM Etienne Bacrot  
France  
Mastering Top Strategy



GM Ramachandran  
Ramesh India  
Creating Champions



GM Alojzije Jankovic  
Croatia  
Tournament Challenges



WGM Jana Krivec  
Slovenia  
Chess Psychology



GM Gun. Kjartansson  
Iceland  
Tactical Themes

## Description of the Program

- Group A - Over 1900 Rating: Monday 18:00-20:05 CET (Juniors/Girls U16)
- Group B - Under 1900 rating: Tuesday 18:00-20:05 CET (Juniors/Girls U20)
- The Program will start on Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and the Lectures will be conducted via the Zoom platform.
- Each group will have 24 live sessions for a total of 48 hours of instruction.
- Participants will have the opportunity to watch the lectures and recordings for a limited time if they are unable to watch all the live sessions.
- Each live session will include 10 minutes of questions and answers.
- The program is based on the new ECU-ETC Trainers' Syllabuses and aims to systematically develop chess talents.
- The program includes world-renowned trainers who work with the chess prodigies of the modern chess era.

## Participation/Registration

- Each European National Chess Federation is entitled to register free of charge 2 Girls; one on each Group through the following link: <https://forms.gle/9wGRy2XJ77RmjQ58>
- The program is open for a limited number of additional participants, from all continents, for each group. The cost is only Euros 200 for 48 hours of top-level training.
- Registrations of additional participants are made through the following link: <https://forms.gle/2BSZb6jZx1GcjLRH7>
- Payments for additional participants (pre-paid) are made online here: <https://www.europechess.org/ecu-payments-donations> (select: ECU Academy).
- Or through the ECU Bank account mentioning the name of participant.

## Certification & Info

- Each participant will receive an ECU-ETC official Certificate for the respective group upon completion of the programme - a plus point for a future chess career.
- For any question please contact: [trainers@europechess.org](mailto:trainers@europechess.org)

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