



# THE CLUB LICENSING BENCHMARKING REPORT SELECTED EXTRACTS & ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

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#### New detailed UEFA report



- UEFA report available in four languages;
- Unique 124 Page financial, structural and competition profile of European club football;
- Based on UEFA Club financial database, sourced from audited financial statements, covering all 53 UEFA member top divisions and more than 1 million items;
- Report presented to UEFA EXCO
  25<sup>th</sup> Jan and then issued to NA's;
- Media & uefa.com launch (video conference) with UEFA GS 4<sup>th</sup> Feb;

1.HIGHLIGHTS section2.First benchmark of UEFA competitions and participating clubs4.Europe wide financial profile 600+ clubs3.Profile of domestic competitions

#### Presentation structure

- 1. Overall trends (700+ clubs);
- 2. UEFA competition club results (235+ clubs);
- 3. Development and comparisons of Italian club football;

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# Overall trends in European club football (700+ top division clubs)

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#### The case for FFP: Unprecedented football club losses reported



- Aggregate football club losses have spiralled from €0.6 Billion in 2007 to an alltime record of €1.7 billion in 2011;
- This level of losses is unprecedented and unsustainable with €9 spent for every €8 earned;
- Balance sheets are stretched and 1-in-7 club auditors directly expressed concern of the club to continue;
- Indicates concerted action is essential;



## The case for FFP – Financial results deteriorating at all levels

- Club losses clearly not just an isolated problem of some major clubs;
- The need for serious action is evident;

- Clubs ranked by financial result from largest loss each year down;
- The ten largest loss-making clubs increased losses by €260m from €596m to €856m;
- The losses of next tier of lossmaking clubs (ranked 11-30) more than doubled;
- The remaining loss-making clubs also reported losses that more than doubled from €289m to €633m;

#### The case for FFP – Worsening financial results widespread

- Between 2007 and 2011 aggregate income increased for clubs in all fifteen of the largest revenue leagues with exception of Scotland;
- During same period despite income increases, the bottom line aggregate club net result (loss/profit) worsened for ALL fifteen leagues;
- In particular at aggregate level, Russian clubs reported losses increased by c€200m, Ukrainian by c€160m and Spanish by c€140m;
- Largest losses from English clubs c€430m albeit same level as 2007;
- Of these 15 leagues, only countries with strong domestic club licensing regulations (Germany & Austria) reported aggregate club profits in 2011;

## The case for FFP – Losses not a short-term crisis



- Reported revenue up 24% between 2007 and 2011;
- Growth principally from TV and sponsorship;
- At the top-end (Top 15 clubs) interim/year-end revenue has increased 10% in FY2012, principally increased commercial deals;
- Conclusion: clearly losses are not driven by tough underlying economic conditions;
- Therefore economic recovery will not guarantee a rebalancing of losses;

#### The case for FFP – Clubs' unable to manage wage growth



- Whilst top division revenue has grown 24% in last five years;
- Financial problems driven by excess spending with employee costs increasing 38% in last five years;
- Once the increased net transfer cost is added to employee costs, the combined growth is 43%;
- The ratio of this cost to revenue has increased from 62% to 71% in last 5 years;
- Increased losses inevitable

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Clubs in 2012/13 UEFA club competitions

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# Number of clubs & average revenues of clubs in UEFA competitions 2012/13



# The break-even criteria illustrated: Break-even results of clubs in UEFA competitions 2012/13





Bridge from net loss to estimated break-even deficit FY2011:

clubs competing in 2012/13 UCL & UEL

- Putting together RI and RE to bridge from Net Loss to Break-even deficit;
- Net loss of 235 clubs of €1'176m equivalent to estimated €480m in net break-even deficits;
- Indicative only as assumptions used for youth adjustments and RP disclosure not transparent in some clubs;

#### Break-even illustrated: 3 year pre-BE simulation



Hypothetical simulation: If financial year 2009, 2010 & 2011 repeated and full break-even already applied for clubs participating in 2012/13 competition season:

- Clubs from 18 countries with smaller clubs all exempted from full FFP assessment;
- Clubs from 13 countries all within break-even limits;
- 46 clubs from 22 countries with deficit >€5m would be in breach or would have to reduce debt through new capital injections (16 of these clubs satisfied BE with requisite debt reduction);

Note: Map based on UEFA analysis of submitted UEFA financial results. 3-year Break-even simulation performed for 654 clubs and based on certain assumptions. Map sample covers 235 of the clubs involved in the 2012/13 UEFA competition season. Simulation period FY2009-2011 pre-dates the period when clubs will be assessed according to FFP.

#### Break-even illustrated: Overview Break Even Simulation



- 14 of 20 clubs qualified for UCL/UEL 2012/13 season;
- Two year simulation reduces number of UEFA competing clubs from 14 to 11;
- 41% of clubs deemed exempt in simulation;
- Only 37% of clubs triggered no indicator in simulation;

Estimate based on financial statements and certain assumptions (e.g. depreciation/ amortisation non-player assets adjusted for; 4% RE allocated as youth costs and excluded; no adjustment for non-football, fixed asset finance costs , non monetary items or fair value apart from where revenue disclosed as «donations»)

# Positive impact of first phase of FFP



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# Spending on wages & salaries as & revenue





# Club profitability: "Operating" profit pre transfers

# Club profitability: 'Bottom line' profits after tax





- ITA aggregate club revenues closely mirrored ESP & GER 2007-2010;
- However gap to GER clubs increased by €115m in FY2011 and GER club revenues increased by a further €125m in FY2012;
- Recent Premier League TV increases will consolidate ENG clubs revenue lead;

Note: For benchmarking purposes to aid comparability, Juventus FY2007 included in ITA results despite being relegated outside Serie A.



- Broadcast revenues relatively high in ITA but gap to ENG will increase next season;
- Average gate receipt revenue much lower than in other countries;

- Match day gate receipts and members fees contributing only 11% of ITA club revenues;
- Towards the bottom in European terms;





- ENG clubs generating more than 3x more ticket revenues;
- Average attendances c22'000 considerably below Germany 45'000 & England 35'000;



