

UEFA rankings: Portugal on the up and up Champions League and Europa League places at stake

The strong showing of Portugal's club teams in European football in recent seasons is reflected in the country's high position in the UEFA coefficients ranking table. As a result, Liga ZON Sagres clubs will be well represented in the Champions League and Europa League in the coming seasons. The position in the table at the end of the season defines how many teams each country is entitled to in the two European club competitions

Portugal achieved a record points total in 2010/11 (18.800), largely thanks to the runs of FC Porto, Braga and Benfica to the latter stages of the Europa League. All three clubs reached the semi-final, with Porto beating Braga in the all-Portuguese final in Dublin.

One year later Portugal overtook France, jumping from sixth to fifth place. As a result, the club that finished third in the Liga ZON Sagres in 2011/12 (Braga) went directly into the Champions League playoff, instead of having to get through the third qualifying round. The Arsenalistas subsequently made it past Udinese, meaning this season Portugal have three clubs in the Champions League and three clubs in the Europa League.

At this rate of improvement, it is feasible that Portugal can leapfrog Italy into fourth in the table.

Keep track of the situation throughout the season on this page which will be updated on a regular basis.

UEFA clubs country rankings (updated 21/09/12)

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13.312

17.928

17.928

20.857

4.714

75.025

7/7

2

England

15.000

17.928

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18.357

15.250

4.285

70.820

7/7

3

Germany

12.687

18.083

15.666

15.250

4.071

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65.757

7/7

4

Italy

11.375

15.428

11.571

11.357

3.416

53.333

6/6

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5

France

11.000

15.000

10.750

10.500

4.083

51.133

6/6

6

Portugal

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6.785

10.000

18.800

11.833

3.750

51.168

6/6

7

Ukraine

16.625

5.800

10.083

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7.750

3.833

44.091

4/6

8

Holland

6.333

9.416

11.166

13.600

2.357

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42.872

3/7

9

Russia

9.750

6.166

10.916

9.750

3.416

39.998

4/6

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10

Greece

6.500

7.900

7.600

7.600

2.400

32.000

2/5

Points system

The rankings are based on performances over the last five seasons, and determine the number of places that each national association will have in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup.

Two points are awarded for a win and one for a draw, divided by the total number of teams from the respective country participating in the two European competitions.

Clubs that reach the first knockout round, quarter-finals, semi-finals or final of the Champions League or the quarter-finals, semi-finals or final of the UEFA Cup are awarded an extra point for each such round. An additional three points are awarded for participation in the Champions League.