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ABSTRACT

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UEFA EURO 2008 Security and Safety – First Lessons Learnt

The UEFA European Championship is the third largest sports event worldwide. Austria and Switzerland are hosting this tournament for the first time. The Euro2008 lasts from 7th to 29th of June.

Austria has thoroughly prepared itself for the European Football Championship EURO 2008 and clearly defined the objective to host a secure, peaceful and unforgettably pleasant European Championship 2008. Visitors, guests, fans and football enthusiasts from all over Europe shall enjoy themselves in Austria. They shall taste football atmosphere, inside and outside the stadia, celebrate, and take home beautiful memories.

In May 2004, the drafting the security concept of the Federal Ministry of the Interior for the UEFA EURO 2008 was begun. It was completed and officially presented in fall 2005. The entire paper describing the joint UEFA-EURO 2008 security concept for Austria – Switzerland consists of approx. 500 pages.

The presentation will describe the preparations of the Federal Ministry for this major sports event and the first lessons learnt shortly after the final game in Vienna.