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to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting the European Sport Model and the competitiveness of European football

European football is a European success story. Its success is built on the European Sport Model, which requires that key values and principles such as solidarity, openness and sporting merit are respected in the football pyramid from grassroots to elite level.

In line with the policy recommendations of Parliament's EU Sport Policy Report from 2021, there is overwhelming institutional support for protecting the European Sport Model and the competitiveness of European football. EU sport ministers recently asked the Commission 'to pursue the 2021 Council Resolution on a European Sport Model regarding the safeguarding of the openness of competitions, sporting merit, integrity, solidarity and values in sport'.

1. Can the Commission share its views on the further development of the European Sport Model and safeguarding of the competitiveness of European football?
2. Has the Commission considered EU ministers' reference to 'the link between annual performance in domestic competitions and all European competitions' also with reference to the European Sport Model principles of openness and sporting merit in European football?
3. Is the Commission concerned about proposed changes to how European football competitions are structured such that teams can no longer be sure to qualify directly from their domestic leagues each season?

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