



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Ursula von der Leyen
The President

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Dear friends of the Schuman Trophy,

It is with great pleasure that I am able for the first time to offer my enthusiastic support to the Schuman Trophy, the annual, charitable, women and men's football tournament of the European Commission and other institutions.

For the first time, because like many sporting and cultural events, the past two years' iterations were cancelled due to COVID. And despite the famous quotation, football isn't more important than life and death. The return of the Schuman Trophy is, however, about more than football. Over 25 years, the organisers, players, spectators and well-wishers have raised more than €800,000 for children's charities throughout the world.

It is my sincere hope that this number can be raised significantly this year and that in doing so, an excellent long weekend of fair play is spent in Rosières, 4-6 June by all involved.

Vive le Schuman Trophy!

Ursula von der Leyen