



*European Chess Union*

# Background ECU Education

- ECU Education started 2014 after Tromsø Olympiad
- 11 people in the commission
- Chairman: Jesper Hall, Sweden
- Secretary: Alexander Kostyev, Russia
- The reason of starting – CiS is increasing all over the world!

# **What is Chess in schools?**

**A tool to develop social and  
intellectual skills!**

**Chess for Education**

# What has ECU done so far?

- Arranging and visiting CiS conferences
- Survey – What does CiS in Europe look like?
- Lobbying towards EU and politicians
- Preparing projects to support CiS in Europe

# The ECU CiS Survey



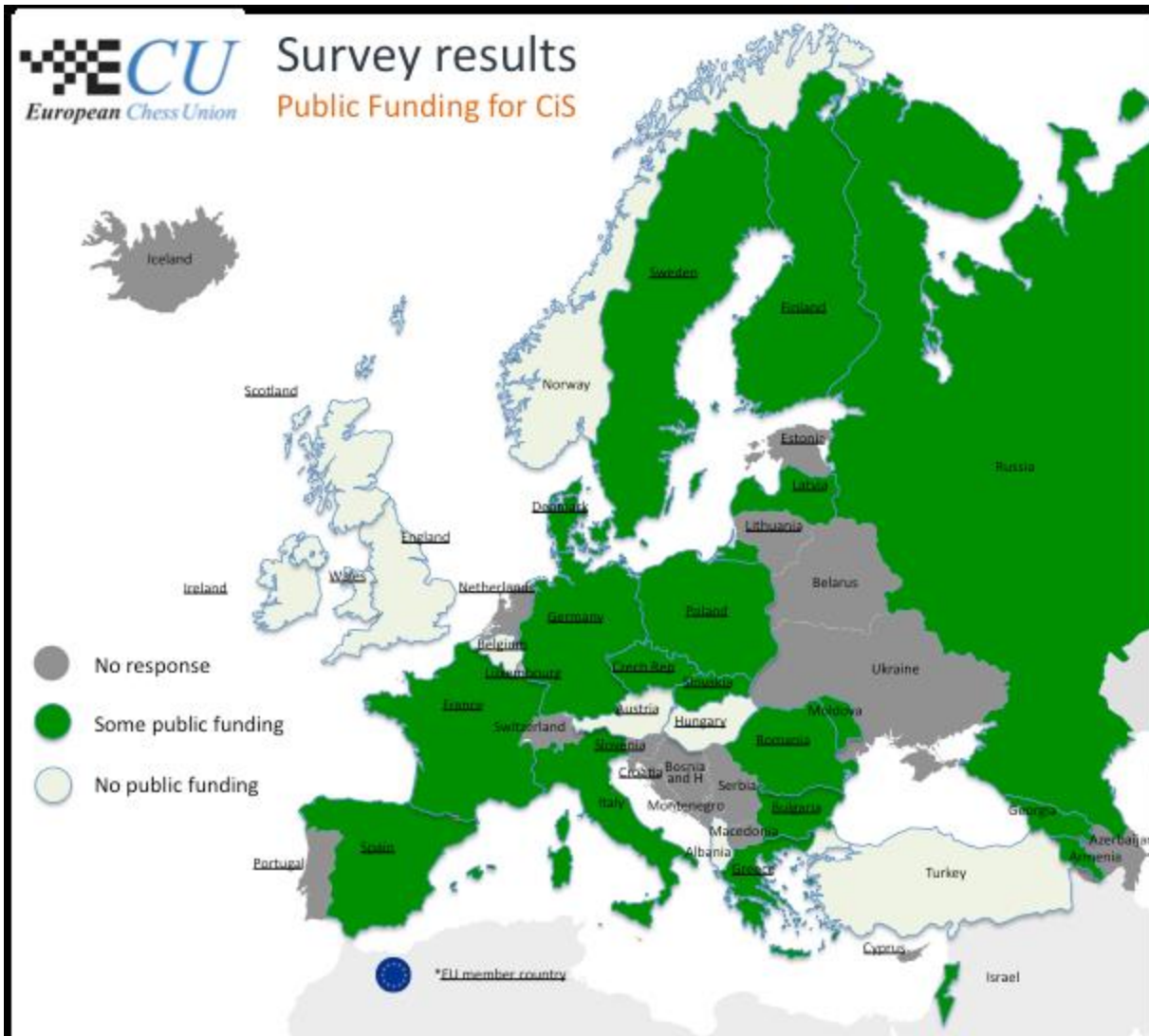
# Survey results

## Chess in Schools activity



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## Public Funding for CIS



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## National Chess Curriculum





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## Federation Involvement





# Survey Conclusions

- Chess in Schools is a rapidly growing movement
- There is huge diversity in how CiS is implemented
- “A bunch of wild flowers”
- Vital role for a central organization to establish chess as a pedagogic tool
- ECU must make an European standard of CiS

# What will we do?

- ECU Education Advisory Board
- Pool of research on the net
- Chess Wiki on the net
- ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate
- Chess camps
- Online
- Lobby towards politicians
- Arranging CiS conferences
- Supporting the CiS movements in Europe