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# Liechtenstein FA Study Group – Iceland 2014

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Liechtenstein

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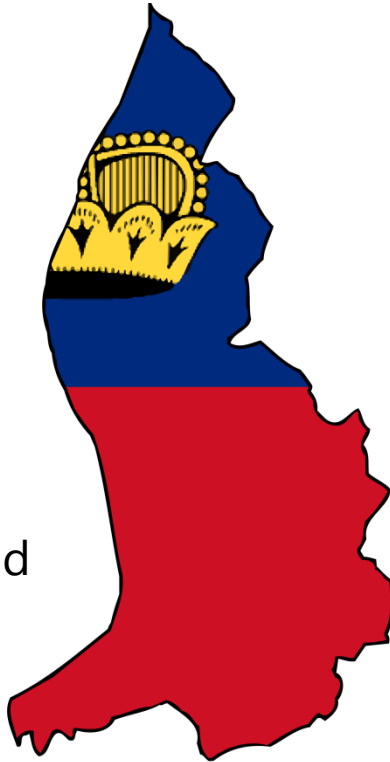
## Liechtenstein / Country

principality

160 km<sup>2</sup>

4th smallest state in Europe

6th smallest state in the world



Population of 37'000

around 35% foreigners

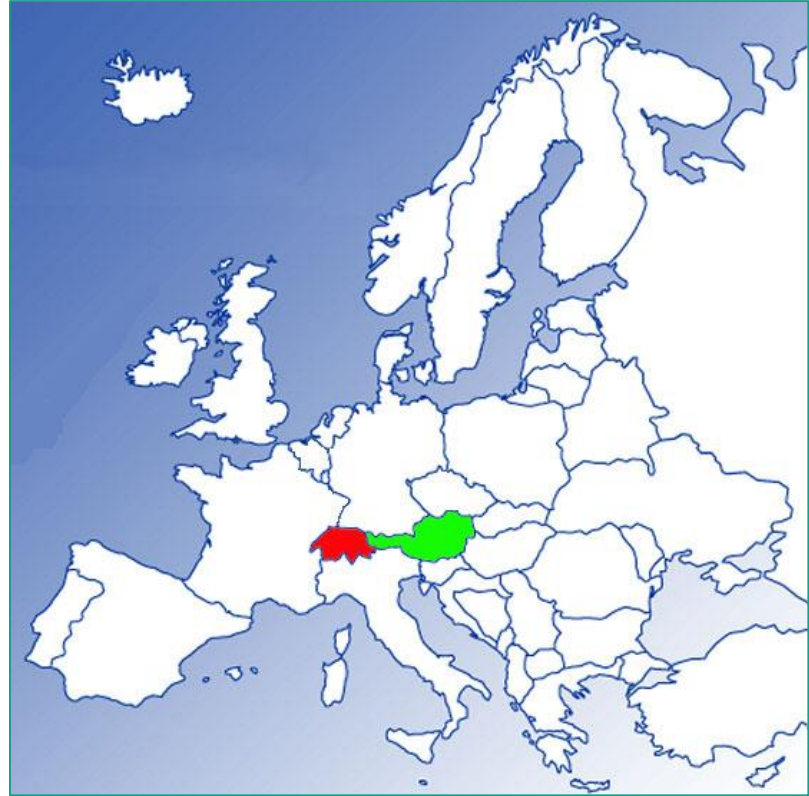
37'000 jobs

18'000 daily commuters

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## Where ist Liechtenstein?

situated in the Alps between  
Switzerland and Austria



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## Liechtenstein / Country





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# Football in Liechtenstein

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## Football in Liechtenstein

- Smallness also in football
  - 7 clubs (6 amateur clubs, 1 professional club)
  - Number of active players: 1'400 male, 200 female
  - No own league
    - All teams participate at the Swiss championships (since 1933)
  - Own Cup-Competition since 1946
    - Cup-winner is taking part at the Europa League Qualification
  - FC Vaduz





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## Football in Liechtenstein

- 7 clubs of Liechtenstein
    - FC Vaduz professional club (2<sup>nd</sup> Division)  
Gunnleiffsson, Thordarson, Steinarsson
    - USV Eschen-Mauren 4<sup>th</sup> Division
    - FC Balzers 4<sup>th</sup> Division
    - FC Triesenberg 6<sup>th</sup> Division
    - FC Schaan 6<sup>th</sup> Division
    - FC Triesen 7<sup>th</sup> Division
    - FC Ruggell 7<sup>th</sup> Division
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## Liechtenstein FA

- Professional structures
  - The 7 clubs form the Liechtenstein FA (LFV)
  - Board with 6 members
  - Administration: Agency with 6 employees
  - Sports section: Staff for national teams and elite youth football teams with 20 employees



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## Liechtenstein FA

- National teams
  - A-National Team
  - U21, U19, U17
  - No women's national teams until 2014





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# Women's football

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## Women's football

- History / Beginnings
  - First friendly matches in 1972
  - Participation in the Swiss Championship since 1987
  - Youth teams since 1997



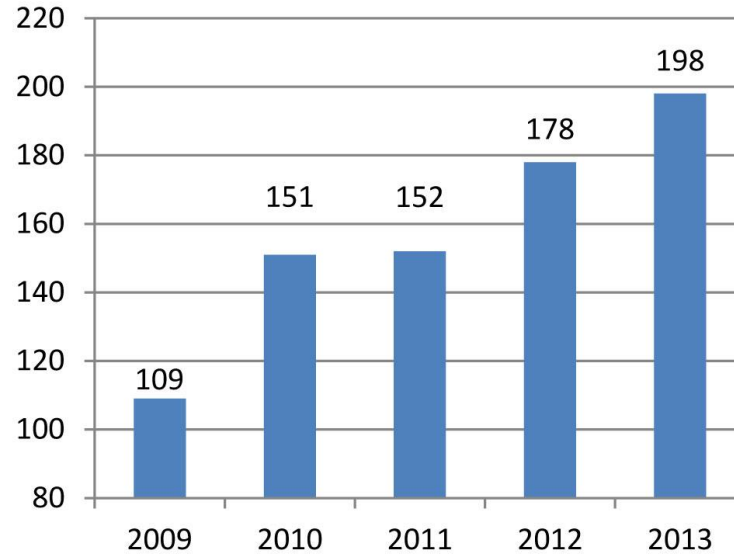
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## Women's football

- Current situation
  - 6 of 7 clubs have got girls teams
  - 2 senior teams (3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> league of Switzerland)
  - 12 junior teams (5 a-side, 7 a-side and 9 a-side)
  - 200 female players



## Number of licensed female players





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## Women's football

- Project "Mädchen am Ball" (Girls into Football)
  - Nationwide recruiting of girls in primary school age
  - Trial session from the age of 7 in every club
  - Cooperation with clubs
  - Some of the Girls join the clubs after trial trainings



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## Women's football

- Youth FA competition / cup
  - Once a year the Liechtenstein FA organize a youth competition for all age groups
  - 10 teams round robin and final





- Project “Fussball macht Schule” (football goes school)
  - Grassroots project at primary level to bring football already in early years to the girls/boys and to reduce the inhibitions
    - a female and male coach visit the school class
    - coaching 4 times a year
    - end of a school year will take place a tournament for all participating classes

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## Women's football

### FIRST NATIONAL TEAM WILL PARTICIPATE IN A UEFA COMPETITION

- a U16 women's national team will be participating for the first time in 2015 for the UEFA Development Tournament



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## Women's football

- Objectives
  - Increase number of female players
  - Establish youth national teams
  - Participating FIFA and UEFA competitions
  
  - Build up a U16 national team in autumn 2014
  - Participate at UEFA U16 Development Tournament in 2015





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