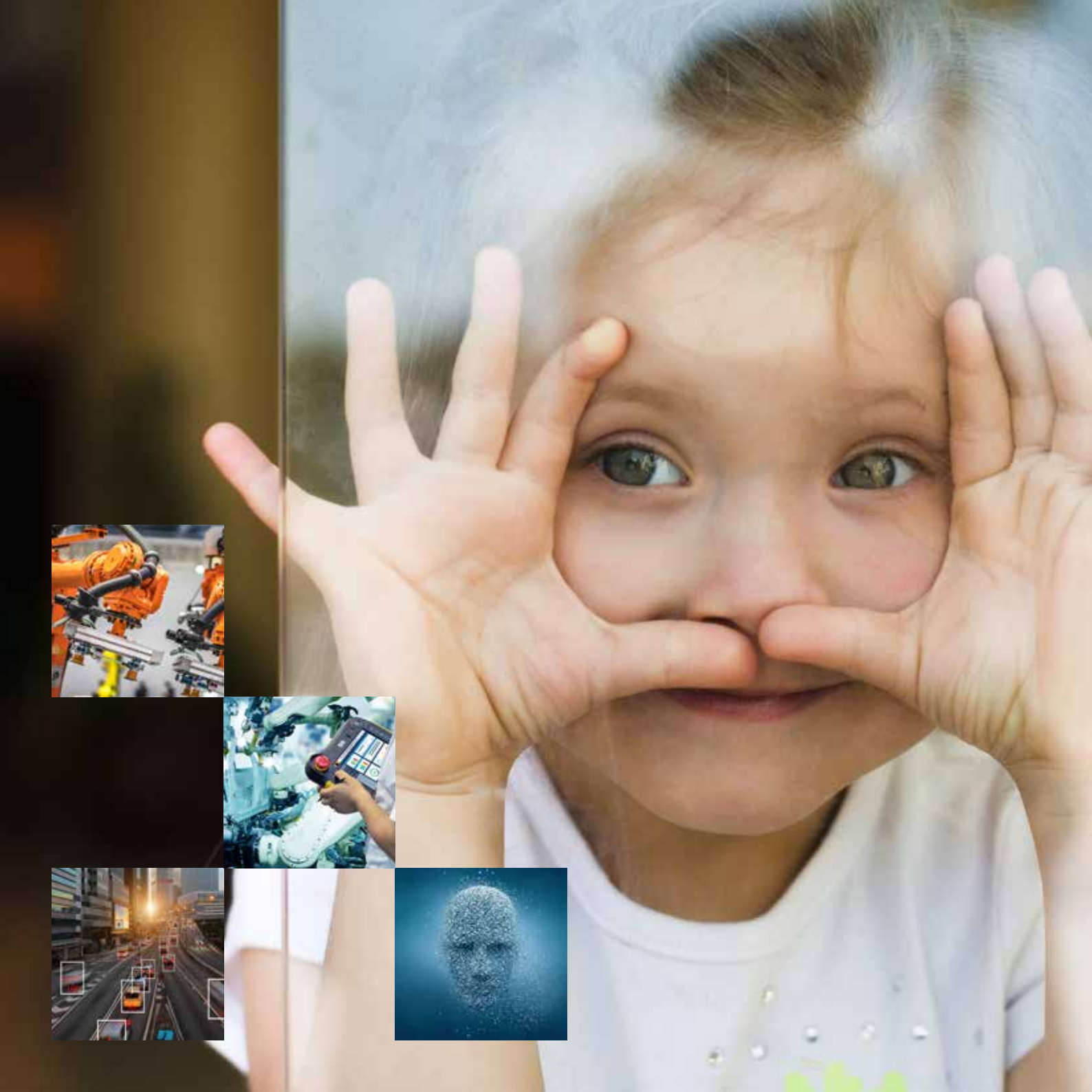


# Help us Make Europe Smarter!

**Chess is a great game providing much enjoyment, excitement and beauty.**

**The European Chess Union promotes Chess in Schools so that all children can benefit from this classic board game.**



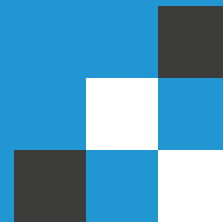


Our society is facing great challenges from globalisation, climate change, industrial automation and Artificial Intelligence replacing decision makers.

## How do we prepare our children for the future?

Scientists have identified the essential skills to adapt to the rapid changes: the 4 Cs

- Critical Thinking
- Communication skills
- Collaboration skills
- Creativity



# To reach the 4 Cs we need to teach our children

- to concentrate
- to structure their thinking process
- to recognise patterns
- to solve problems
- to improve memory
- to transfer knowledge from one area to another.

## All of these skills are trained when you play chess!

Chess crosses all borders: age, sex, physical development, disabilities, language, ethnicity, religion and culture.

## Everyone can join and play!



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# Gamification

Gamification is a crucial pedagogic method in the digital era. Children love to play games, switching between real life situations and virtual reality.

Chess is both a board game which is played in a social environment and also online against opponents from around the world.

# Chess in Schools in Europe

Chess in Schools means Chess for Education. The goal is to develop social and intellectual skills for children that can be transferred to other school subjects, creating a foundation of critical thinking for life. Chess in Schools is a rapidly growing movement.



6 million  
children have  
chess every  
week

**in the schools of Europe!**



# About the ECU Education Commission

The ECU Education Commission was founded in 2014 within the European Chess Union, a non-profit organisation representing 54 national chess federations in Europe.

ECU Education is the leading organisation for Chess in Schools in Europe. The members of the Commission are the most accomplished chess and teaching experts in Europe. Our goal is to develop chess as a pedagogic tool, and to establish a new standard for Chess in Schools.

# What does the Education Commission do?

Our main task is to be a supporter of, and a strategic adviser to, countries on how to develop their Chess in School movement.

We provide a range of courses:

- on how to teach chess to develop social and intellectual skills
- teaching mathematics through chess
- early years chess
- how to be a school chess coordinator.

Several courses are held across Europe every month. The courses are certificated by the ECU which has an academic advisory board comprising professors of education and psychology.

We provide a weekly newsletter, translated into seven languages, sharing ideas for Chess in Schools. We organise school chess tournaments, both across the board and online, with thousands of children participating.





# Help us Make Europe Smarter!

The Chess in Schools movement is developing rapidly. There is a great need of interest from each of the 54 countries of wider Europe. Millions of children enjoy chess each week. To achieve our goal of creating a new standard for Chess in Schools we need support. Join us and prepare our children for the future!

Do not hesitate to contact us for a discussion on Chess in Schools and how we can co-operate.

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