EU Delegation to UAE celebrates the victory of Ecole Francaise de Football Under 16 at Abu Dhabi Youth League

The staff of the EU Delegation to the UAE and their families came out in strong support for the final football game of the Abu Dhabi Youth League between Ecole Francaise de Football (EFF) and Zayed Sports City.

The animated game ended in penalties, with EFF under 16 winning 4-3.

The EU Delegation to the UAE is a patron of the EFF. The team represents the diversity of the UAE and the EU with its young players—some as young as 4 years old—hailing from 22 different nationalities and different walks of life. EFF is promoting strong EU values such as "unity in diversity" and tolerance.

Founded in 1999, with just 30 to 40 teenagers, the EFF which is a non-profit entity, running on
volunteer basis, has now more than 250 to 280 players competing in both national and international tournaments. The academy is running on sponsoring, player's fees and events that they are organising.

Stressing the importance of the engagement of the EU Delegation, Christophe MARTIN, EFF Academy President and U16 Head Coach stressed that "this support has been part of this amazing achievement" and expressed his confidence that it would "continue for the next challenges which are the Dubai Supercup, and the Champions trophy".

The EU Delegation is looking forward to the joyful trophy ceremony with the team.

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