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**UEFA EURO 2016: Discover the exhibition** 

Football de légendes, une histoire européenne

The City Hall (along the rue de Rivoli) will welcome from today and until July 10 the free exhibition "Football de légendes, une histoire européenne". Only a

month from UEFA EURO 2016, it pays a tribute in a unique way to the players

who made European football history, mixing football, photographic art and

literature.

30 days away from today will UEFA EURO 2016 before the kick off and all Parisians and

visitors alike are invited to (re)discover 30 of the greatest European football players through

pictures hung on the grates of City Hall, along the rue de Rivoli.

More than just a retrospective, the exhibition gives a new vision of the career of these 30

legendary players that made evry generation dream. The players are depicted by thirty major

European writers, who signed on the occasion original texts, and by the most beautiful

images captured in action by L'Équipe, a French daily newspaper devoted to sports. There is

of course Zidane described by Jean-Philippe Toussaint, Di Stefano by Javier Marias, Platini

by Bernard Pivot, Rivera by Erri De Luca or Kopa by Philippe Delerm among others.

This exhibition results from the collaboration between the City of Paris and the Élysée and is

supported by prestigious partners. Inaugurated on the occasion of Europe Day, this

exhibition offers to live our European common history differently through a wide range of

cultural and artistic forms. Only a month from the beginning of the event in the capital, it is

also a to remind us of the key moments of European football history.

This is a free and open access exhibition.

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