




FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018

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- The logo for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia is centered in the background. It features a stylized soccer ball with segments in red, blue, and grey. A large, thick, curved ribbon in red and blue arches over the ball. The word "RUSSIA" is written in bold blue capital letters, and "2018" is written in red below it.
- The 2018 FIFA World Cup will be the 21st FIFA World Cup, a quadrennial international football tournament contested by the men's national teams of the member associations of FIFA. It is scheduled to take place in Russia from 14 June to 15 July 2018, after the country was awarded the hosting rights on 2 December 2015. This will be the first World Cup held in the area of the former Soviet Union and the first to be held in Europe since 2006.
 - The final tournament will involve 32 national teams, which include 31 teams determined through qualifying competitions and the automatically qualified host team. A total of 64 matches will be played in 12 venues located in 11 cities. The final is expected to take place in Moscow at the Luzhniki Stadium.

A photograph of three individuals at a formal event. On the left, a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a dark blazer and a necklace, smiles. In the center, a young man with dark hair, wearing a suit and tie, looks towards the right. On the right, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit and a blue and white striped tie, holds a framed certificate. The certificate is white with black text and a blue border, featuring the FIFA logo and the text '2018 FIFA WORLD CUP' and 'RUSSIA'. The man on the right is also wearing a lanyard with a badge that says 'FIFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER'. The background is a solid blue color.

The bidding procedure to host the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cups began in January 2009, and national associations had until 2 February 2009 to register their interest. Initially, nine countries placed bids for the 2018 FIFA World Cup, but Mexico later withdrew from proceedings, and Indonesia's bid was rejected by FIFA in February 2010 after the Indonesian government failed to submit a letter to support the bid. During the bidding process, the three remaining non-UEFA nations (Australia, Japan, and the United States) gradually withdrew from the 2018 bids, and the UEFA nations were thus ruled out of the 2022 bid. As such, there were eventually four bids for the 2018 FIFA World Cup: England, Russia, Netherlands/Belgium, and Spain/Portugal. The twenty-two-member FIFA Executive Committee convened in Zürich on 2 December 2010 to vote to select the hosts of both tournaments. Russia won the right to be the 2018 host in the second round of voting. The Spain/Portugal bid came second, and that from Belgium/Netherlands third. England's bid to host its second tournament fell at the first hurdle.



- Russia proposed the following host cities: Kaliningrad, Kazan, Krasnodar, Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Rostov-on-Don, Saint Petersburg, Samara, Saransk, Sochi, Volgograd, Yaroslavl, and Yekaterinburg. All the cities are in or just outside European Russia to reduce travel time for the teams in the huge country. The bid evaluation report stated: "The Russian bid proposes 13 host cities and 16 stadiums, thus exceeding FIFA's minimum requirement. Three of the 16 stadiums would be renovated, and 13 would be newly constructed"

Moscow



Luzhniki Stadium



Otkrytiye Arena

Saint Petersburg



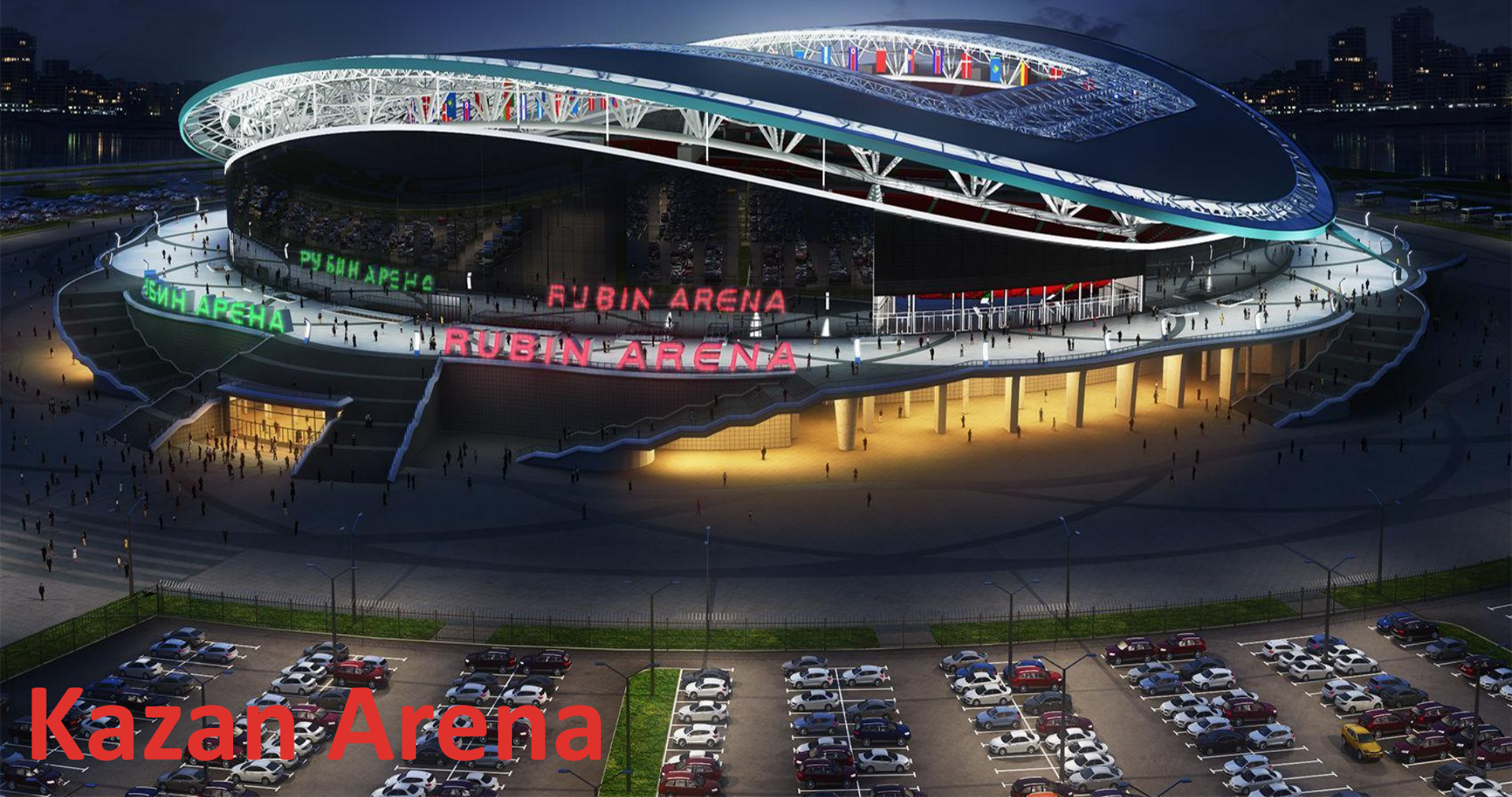
Piter Arena

Kaliningrad



Kaliningrad Stadium

Kazan



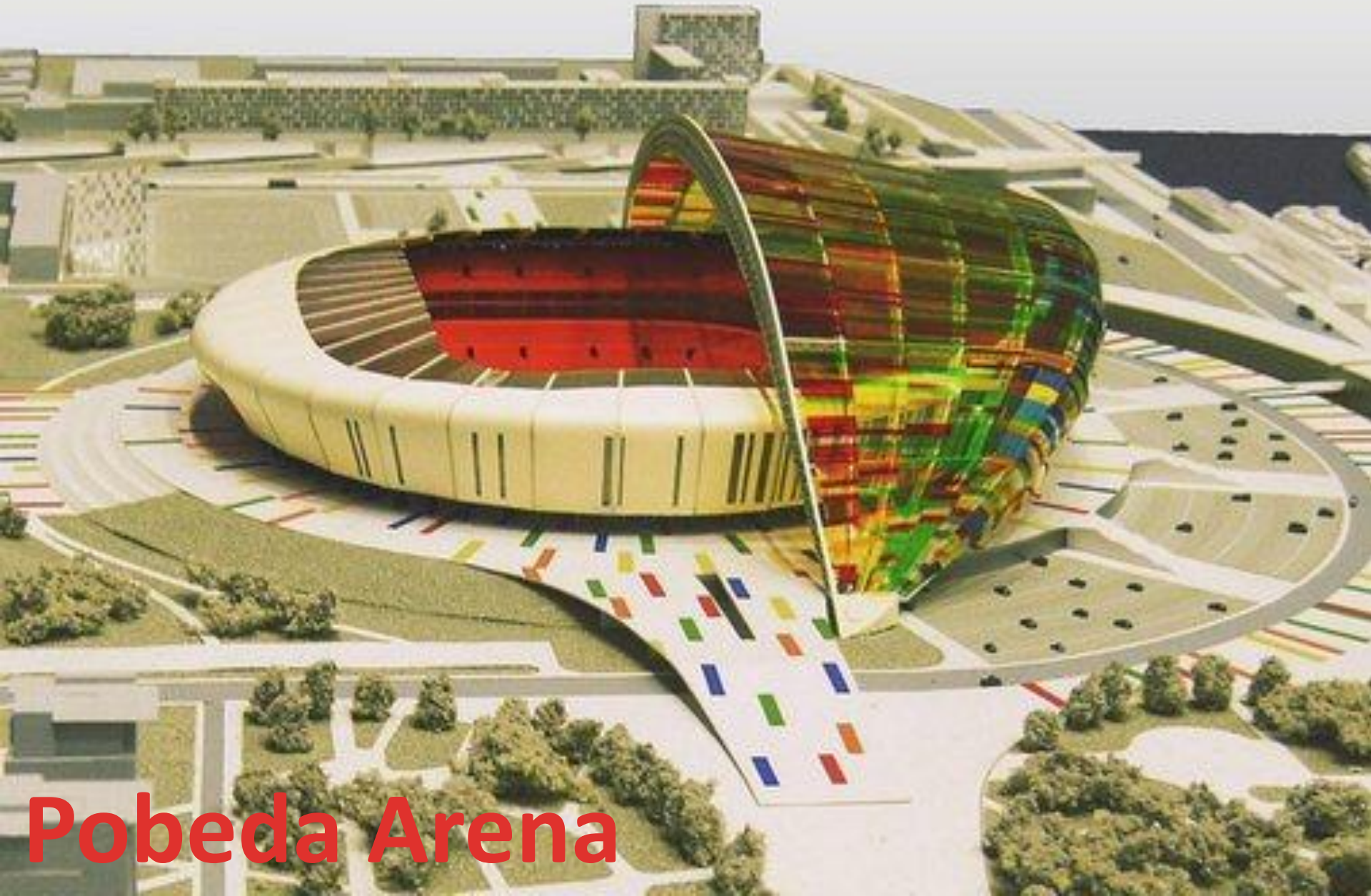
Kazan Arena

Nizhny Novgorod



Nizhny Novgorod Stadium

Volgograd



Pobeda Arena

Saransk



Mordovia-Arena

Rostov-on-Don



Levberdon Arena

Sochi



Fisht Olympic Stadium

An aerial night photograph of the Central Stadium in Yekaterinburg, Russia. The stadium is a large, circular structure with a dark, flat roof and a glass facade that is illuminated from within, showing the interior seating and field. It is surrounded by greenery and parking areas. In the background, the city of Yekaterinburg is visible, with numerous lights from buildings and streets creating a dense urban landscape under a dark sky.

Yekaterinburg

Central Stadium

Thank you for your attention!

