

**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND EURO 2012/WORLD CUP 2014
HOME QUALIFIERS LIVE ON SKY SPORTS**

SKY SPORTS and the FAI have renewed their agreement to broadcast Ireland's home qualifiers for Euro 2012 and World Cup 2014 across Ireland and the UK.

The agreement also includes exclusive live rights to international home friendlies which will begin on 11 August with the first senior international soccer match in the Aviva stadium against Argentina. All home friendlies will be broadcast in HD.

Having already secured the live rights to 4 away matches in the European Championships qualifying campaign, Sky Sports coverage will offer 9 live matches including Ireland's opening game against Armenia in September 2010 and final away game in Andorra in October 2011.

The live Republic of Ireland Euro 2012 Qualifiers on Sky Sports are:

Armenia vs Republic of Ireland	Friday 3 September 2010
Republic of Ireland vs Andorra	Tuesday 7 September
Republic of Ireland vs Russia	Friday 8 October 2010
Slovakia vs Republic of Ireland	Tuesday 12 October 2010
Republic of Ireland vs Macedonia	Saturday 26 March 2011
Macedonia vs Republic of Ireland	Saturday 4 June 2011
Republic of Ireland vs Slovakia	Friday 2 September 2011
Andorra vs Republic of Ireland	Friday 7 October 2011
Republic of Ireland vs Armenia	Tuesday 11 October 2011

Barney Francis, Managing Director of Sky Sports said: "We are delighted to continue our successful partnership with the FAI which began in 2000. It confirms Sky Sports' commitment to Irish soccer ensuring that all Irish home internationals are available to our viewers across Ireland and the UK for the next 4 years. In addition, Sky Sports will show each of the home nations live in the opening week of the [Euro 2012 qualifying](#) tournament and over 30 live qualifiers throughout the campaign. It's great news for our viewers across Ireland and the UK and comes at the start of our strongest ever season for live football with 115 live matches from the Barclays Premier League – more than ever before, all in HD."

John Delaney, FAI CEO said "Sky Sports have been excellent partners for Irish football and I am very happy to renew the relationship with them for a further four years. This partnership gives the FAI another important platform on which to promote our sport as well as providing important funding to develop football at all levels throughout the country."

Mark Deering, Director, Sky Ireland, added

"The renewal of the agreement with the FAI ensures that Sky will continue to provide top quality coverage of the Irish team's matches increasing the breadth and choice available to Irish viewers".