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FPDE and Moonton Announce Renewal of an Official Partnership for Portugal

Portuguese Esports Federation and MOONTON Games renew strategic partnership to advance national Mobile Legends: Bang Bang Esports ecosystem

Fundão, 04/02/2026 - The Portuguese Esports Federation (FPDE) and MOONTON Games have renewed their official partnership in alignment with Portugal's Strategic Esports Plan Vision 2030. Building on two years of collaboration, the agreement underscores a shared commitment to grow Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) as a leading competitive esports in Portugal. It charts a strategic path for the nation, positioning the country as a hub for European MLBB competition while integrating it into the game's growing global esports ecosystem.

Shaping Portugal's future in esports

The renewed partnership is part of the nation's Portugal Strategic Esports Plan Vision 2030—a five-year plan to position Portugal as a leader in competitive integrity, innovation, and inclusion within esports. The plan focuses on four main areas: recognising esports as an official sport, supporting health and education programmes, developing competitive pathways with integrity frameworks, and promoting diversity and inclusion. The programme aims to create a sustainable foundation for competitive gaming in Portugal.

Central to this vision is MLBB, one of the world's most popular mobile Multiplayer Online Battle Arena (MOBA) games. The title has amassed over 1.5 billion installations and 110 million Monthly Active Users (MAU) leading up to its 10th anniversary in 2026. According to [Esports Charts](#), the [M7 World Championship \(M7\)](#)—the seventh edition of MLBB's flagship M Series tournament—recently emerged as the most-watched mobile esports tournament in history. This milestone underscores MLBB Esports' global reach and the opportunities it creates to connect players to the broader international esports ecosystem.

Building on proven momentum

As part of the partnership, MLBB will feature as a flagship title at the Portuguese Esports Cup 2026—the country's largest esports event. Now in its third edition, the Portuguese Esports Cup 2026 will take place from 4 to 7 June in Fundão, Portugal. Organised by FPDE, the event will feature 20 competitions across 16 titles and offer a combined prize pool of over €15,000 (~USD 17,788).

The 2025 edition of the event delivered record-breaking results, generating 1.5 million impressions, 26,000 interactions, and €170,000 (~USD 201,688) in media value. Engagement across the gaming community reached new highs, with 63 hours of broadcast content and more than 230,000 minutes watched across online and offline platforms, resulting in a 126 percent return on investment for partners. MLBB emerged as one of the standout titles of the event, underscoring its growing relevance within Portugal's competitive gaming scene.

Strengthening pathways from national to international play

Beyond domestic competitions, FPDE has also worked to strengthen Portugal's presence on the international MLBB stage. In 2024 and 2025, the organisation nominated the MLBB National Team to participate in multiple international tournaments, showcasing Portuguese esports talent on a global platform. The renewal of this partnership underscores FPDE's commitment to position Portugal as a strategic hub for MLBB Esports, while expanding the reach of MOONTON Games' titles across Europe's esports landscape.

"This partnership with MOONTON Games represents a significant milestone for FPDE and demonstrates the viability of Portugal as a premium esports market," said **Pedro Honório da Silva, President of FPDE**. "Mobile Legends: Bang Bang has proven to be a community favorite, and we're committed to providing world-class competitive opportunities for our players on the international stage."

Vladislav Samokha, Esports Ecosystem Lead, Eastern Europe & Central Asia (EECA), Western Europe (WEU) at MOONTON Games, added: "Esports is about more than tournaments or titles—it's about building communities and inspiring the next generation of players. Through this partnership, we're supporting Portugal's national agenda while showcasing how MLBB Esports can be a meaningful part of Portugal's competitive landscape. With FPDE's professional and long-term approach to ecosystem development, we're building a local ecosystem where talent and passion can thrive."

The renewed partnership between FPDE and MOONTON Games marks another step in aligning Portugal with MLBB's global ecosystem, laying the foundation for long-term growth, international relevance, and a thriving mobile esports community nationwide.

For more information about this agreement, clarifications and/or interview requests, please contact comunicacao@fpde.pt.

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About the Portuguese Esports Federation (FPDE)

The Portuguese Esports Federation (FPDE), non-for-profit association with fiscal ID 514057394, created on 15th of July 2016, is a federative proposal for Portuguese Esports, being full member of IESF - International Esports Federation, GEF – Global Esports Federation, EEF - European Esports Federation and MEF - Mediterranean Esports Federation. It's mission is to educate the general population about esports and promote its practice in a healthy way, ensure the development of the national competitive ecosystem, support all athletes, referees and coaches, and represent and support the national clubs at a national and international level. For more information, check our website at www.fpde.pt

About Moonton Games

Established in 2014, MOONTON Games is a global video game company dedicated to gaming development, publication, and esports. With more than 2,000 employees worldwide, the company operates offices in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Latin America, and China. It has successfully launched several high-profile mobile games globally and has built long-term relationships with governments and esports organizations in more than 30 countries around the world. Mobile Legends: Bang Bang is its current star game and the leading mobile multiplayer online battle arena (MOBA) game worldwide. For more information, visit <https://en.moonton.com>.



About Mobile Legends: Bang Bang

Mobile Legends: Bang Bang is one of the most popular mobile Multiplayer Online Battle Arena (MOBA) games worldwide that brings communities together through teamwork and strategy. With over 1.5 billion installations and 110 million active monthly users, the award-winning game is among the top 10 most played in over 80 countries. With an extensive reach across the Asia Pacific region, the multiplayer is available in 139 countries with an expansive global esports presence.

About Mobile Legends: Bang Bang Esports

Established in 2017, Mobile Legends: Bang Bang Esports serves as a platform for players to pursue their dreams of becoming esports athletes and illuminate opportunities within the international esports ecosystem. MLBB Esports has since expanded to multiple leagues, including the MPL series hosted in Southeast Asia, Middle East, and Latin America; MPL is the first esports event series to surpass 1 billion hours of watch time globally.