



**adidas – Euro 2012 – Eugen Polanski**

*How did you feel when you found out that Poland and Ukraine would be hosting the European Championships?*

I remember the moment like it was yesterday. I was at home, watching the news, because you always want to find out who will host such a big event. Back then I didn't know I would be playing for Poland, but I was very happy for my family in Poland. I called them and cheered!

*Your first game is in the National Stadium in Warsaw, can you tell us about your thoughts ahead of this game and what you think the atmosphere will be like?*

I've played in Germany and Spain and believe me – there is no other stadium like the National Stadium in Warsaw. It's a top-class venue and when it's filled with passionate fans, it's a real 12<sup>th</sup> man.

*Can you tell us about your experiences of playing for Poland at home in the past?*

I remember my debut. It was a situation I had only dreamed of. It was great, I felt like I had opened a new, exciting chapter in my career.

*Who are the teams to look out for during the Euro?*

Definitely Spain. They are the current champs and they have some of the best players in the World. Germany is looking strong also. But all the teams could win; it's going to be a very competitive tournament.

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For me, from a midfielder point of view, definitely Anders Iniesta for Spain.

*Your first game is against Greece, what do you think of them as a team and what do you think the Polish team need to do to beat them?*

They are strong, and defensive-minded, so we have to be patient. We have to play our game and try to score. If we keep them from scoring, I'm sure we can win the game.

*How important is it to get off to get a good start in the tournament?*

It's very important. If you start well then you don't have to worry about what the other teams are doing – it's vital for us.