

THE EXECUTIVE MASTER IN GLOBAL SPORT GOVERNANCE

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CONTEXT & OBJECTIVES

The professional sports industry has undergone a major revolution in recent years. The commercial development of the most popular competitions has prompted an increasing number of stakeholder organisations to call into question traditional mode of governance.

With the industry's growing political, economic, societal and ecological impact in the world, sport leaders need to take concerted decisions, collaborating with their main stakeholders to find solutions to the rising challenges, and develop a sustainable mode of governance.

Global collaboration, anticipation and ethics will be the key to sustainable sport governance and keeping the passion for sport alive.

WHAT IS MESGO?

MESGO is a unique, ambitious executive programme for sports industry leaders. It is characterised by:

- its global perspective and strong alliance between sports and academics experts;
- its multidisciplinary approach and in-depth analysis of legal, political and economic issues;
- its focus on the key current and future challenges faced by sports organisations;
- its strong network of like-minded sports leaders;
- lectures at the heart of sports organisations.

WHO IS MESGO DESIGNED FOR?

This programme is designed for experienced managers and executives working in:

- national and international sports federations;
- clubs, leagues and trade unions;
- public authorities and not-for-profit organisations;
- partner organisations of sports bodies: media organisations, sponsors, etc.



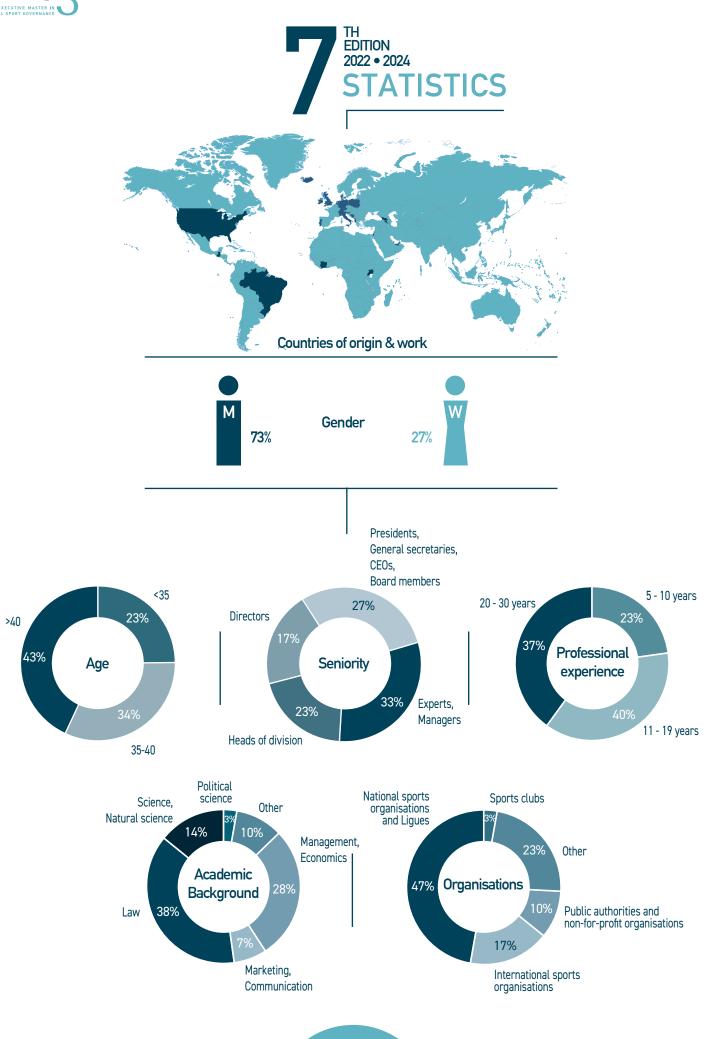
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The 29 Participants of MESGO 7th edition in alphabetical order

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Football Federation of Arm Secretary General		• Football: Coaching UEFA B Diploma
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European Club Association Head of Women's Football	(ECA) – Switzerland	

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GLOBAL SPORT GOVERNANCE		
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<image/> <image/> <image/> <image/> <image/> <image/> <image/>	WORK EXPERIENCE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS LANGUAGES SPORT AND LEISURE	 Secretary General, Kosovo Basketball Federation (Kosovo) Public Relations, Kosovo Basketball Federation (Kosovo) Sports Journalist, Kosova Sot newspaper (Kosovo) Chairwoman of the Independent Sports and Education Organisation in Kosovo (OESK/SISU) (Kosovo) Sports Coordinator, Female Basketball Club PRISHTINA (Kosovo) AAB University/Mass Communication Faculty (Kosovo) FIBA TIME OUT PROGRAM (Switzerland) The Advanced Sport Management Course (IOC) (Kosovo) UEFA Academy Strategic Communications Compact Course (Switzerland) FIBA SWISH PROGRAM (Switzerland) Albanian (native) English (fluent) Serbo-Croatian (intermediate) Turkish (intermediate) Former Professional Basketball Player Hiking, CrossFit, Trail running, Running
Kosovo Basketball Federat Secretary General	tion – Kosovo	
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Football Federation of Bos Secretary General	snia Herzegovina — Bosnia I	Herzegovina

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		WORK EXPERIENCE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS LANGUAGES SPORT AND LEISURE	 Ambassador, FINA (Switzerland) Ambassador, Imagine School of Swimming (USA) Founder, Aloha Aquatica (Hawaii USA) Leadership, US Olympic and Paralympic Committee, Athlete Committee (USA) Board of Directors, USA Swimming (USA) Bachelor of Arts, English Literature, University of California (USA) Certificate, General Management, Tuck School of Business (USA) English (native) Spanish (elementary) Swimming: Olympic Champion, World Champion
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	Portugese		•Spanish (fluent)
		SPORT AND LEISURE	•Football, Padel, Tennis
FIFA	Fédération Internationale Senior Strategy & Corpora	de Football Association (FIF te Dev Manager	A) - Switzerland
		WORK EXPERIENCE	 Director of Partnership, Kitman Labs (Ireland) Chief Commercial Officer, Tonsser (Denmark) Global Sales and Marketing Director, Wyscout (Italy)
		ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS	•Business and Economics Degree, State University (Italy) •Scientific Diploma, School "M.L. King" (Italy)
		LANGUAGES	●Italian (native) ●English (fluent)
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Paolo GHIGLIONE Italian

Kitman Labs - Ireland

Director of Partnerships with Sport Leagues & GB's Worldwide

SPORT AND LEISURE

•Running, Skiing, Tennis



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	celand SPORT AND LEISURE	 Director, Commercial & Marketing, KSÍ (Iceland) Director, Commercial and Marketing, Football Association of Iceland (Iceland) Owner and CEO, Vert Marketing Agency (Iceland) Director Corporate Communications, TM Insurance (Iceland) Marketing Manager, Icelandair (Iceland) UEFA Diploma in Football Leadership and Management (Switzerland) MBA Football Industries, University of Liverpool (England) MSc International Marketing, University of Strathclyde (Scotland) BSC Marketing, Reykjavik University (Iceland) Icelandic (native) English (fluent) Scandinavian (intermediate) Dutch (elementary) Football, Golf, Travelling
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Danish Footb	WORK EXPERIENCE WORK EXPERIENCE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS LANGUAGES HØJ Danish SPORT AND LEISURE all Association (DBU) - Denmark y, Strategy & Executive Office	 Head of Policy, Strategy and Executive Office – Danish FA (Denmark) Head of Executive Office, Danish FA (Denmark) Executive Assistant, Danish FA (Denmark) Chief of Staff, Danish Social Democrats, European Parliament (Belgium) Master of Political Science, University of Copenhagen (Denmark) Danish (native) English (fluent) French (intermediate) Italian (elementary) Football, Cycling, Running and Coaching my daughter's football team
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GLOBAL SPORT GOVERNANCE		
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Union of European Footbal Senior Football Data Servi	ll Associations (UEFA) - Swi ces Expert	tzerland
	WORK EXPERIENCE	 Associate Qualified Lawye,; Studio Legale Morelli (Italy) Discovery Italia S.r.l., Business and Legal Affairs Consultant (Italy); Intern, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP (UK)
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	WORK EXPERIENCE	 National Council of Sports, Chairman – Uganda + FIBA 3X3 Committee, Vice Chairman – Switzerland President of Youth & 3X3 Council, FIBA Africa (Ivory Coast) Board Member BAL (Senegal) President Federation, Uganda Basketball Associations (Uganda)
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National Council of Sports, Chairman – Uganda FIBA 3X3 Committee, Vice Chairman – Switzerland



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	Polish	SPORT AND LEISURE	•German (elementary) •Football, Swimming	
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		•Director, Women's Basketball (Israel)
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		• Director's Certificate, The Israeli Olympic Committee (Israel)
		•UEFA Certificate in Advanced Studies, Football Management, University of Lausanne (Switzerland)
		of Edusatine (Switzenatu)
	LANGUAGES	• Hebrew (native)
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Israeli		
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