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THE EXECUTIVE MASTER IN
GLOBAL SPORT GOVERNANCE

WHO'S WHO

THE 31 PARTICIPANTS

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CDES Centre de droit et d'économie du sport
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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.



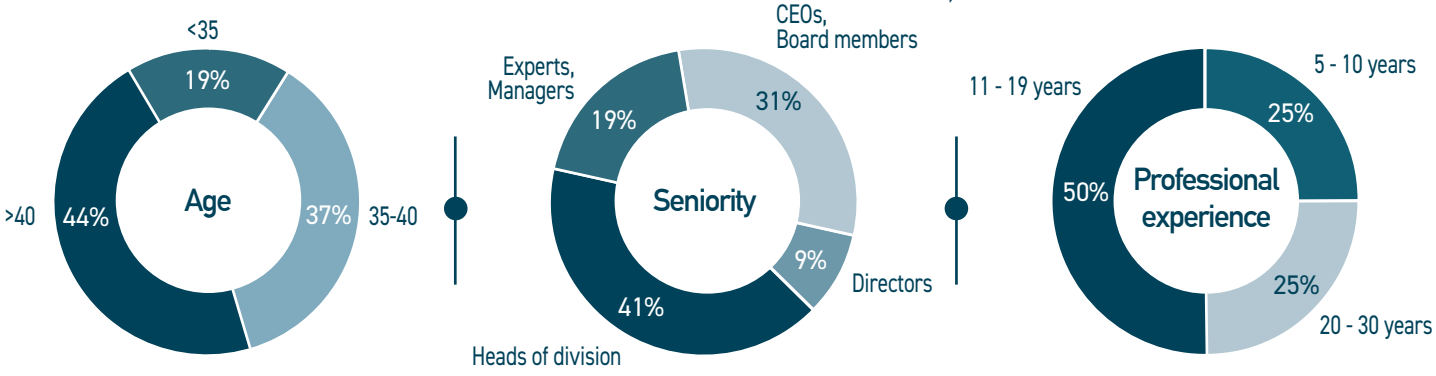
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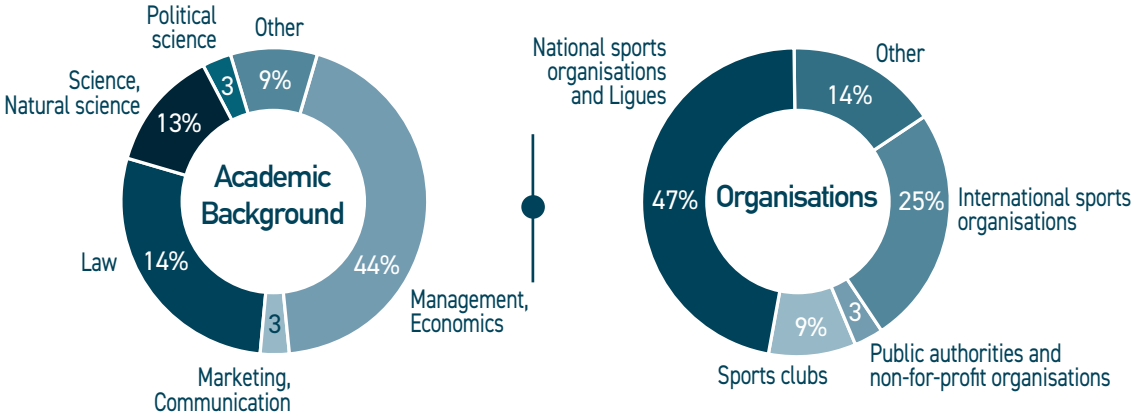
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Countries of origin & work



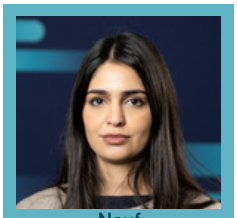


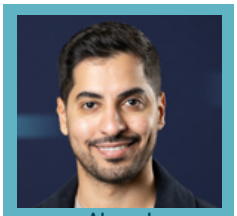


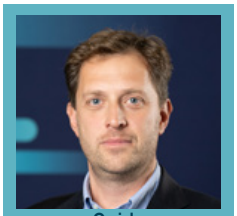
The 31 Participants of MESGO 9th edition

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AGALLIU


Nouf
AL MANSOOR


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BRAHO


Francesco
CEROTTO


Alban
DECHELOTTE

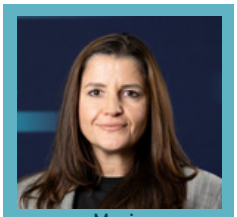

Kolja
DICKMANN


Carrie
DONAGHY


Arturs
GAIDELS


Antony
GAUTIER


Dobrin
GIONOV


Maria
GKOUMA

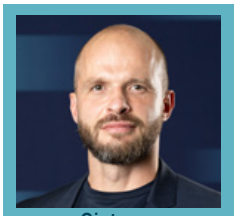

Christina
KENNY


Asli E.
KOÇ TİRYAKİ

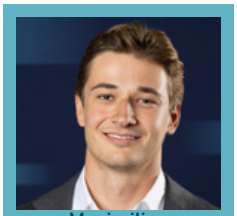

Nicolas
KRÄNZLE


Michael
LEAHY

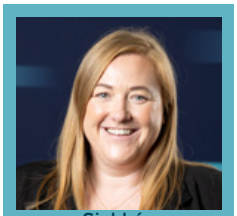

Felipe
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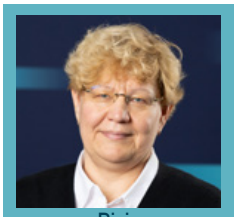

Gintaras
LEONAVICIUS

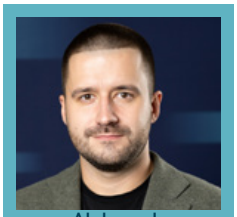

Ian
MAXWELL

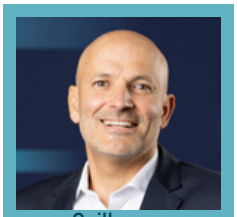

Maximilian
MULLER


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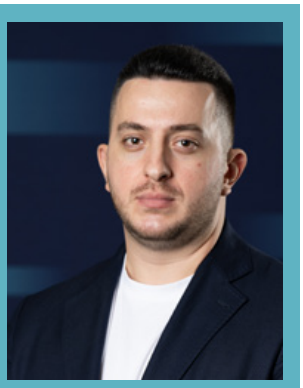

Manal
RMEITY


Giovanni
SPITALERI


Marko
VJETROVIC


Florian
WITTMANN


John
YOUNG



Tedi AGALLIU
Albanian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- CEO Assistant, Teuta Football Club (Albania)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Master of Science in International Sport & Event Management, KEDGE Business School (France)
- Bachelor in Business Informatics, Mediterranean University of Albania (Albania)

LANGUAGES
- Albanian (native)
- English (fluent)
- Italian (advanced)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football, Swimming, Traveling and Reading

Albanian Football Association - Albania
Head of International Relations / President's Office



Nouf AL MANSOOR
Qatari

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Head of Sports Presentation, FIVB Boys U17 World Championship
- Head of Sports Management (Secondment), Qatar Equestrian Federation (Qatar)
- Dressage Manager, CHI Al Shaqab CDI5* & HH Amir Sword Equestrian Competition CD1 (Qatar)
- Sports Manager, FEI Dressage World Challenge Group VII
- Sports Manager, Global Champions Tour Doha, HH Amir Sword Equestrian Competition & Doha International Equestrian Tour (Qatar)
- Head of Sports & Technical Affairs, Hathab Equestrian Tour (Qatar)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- BSc. Equine Science & Management, University West England Hartpury (UK)
- Harvard Business School, Business Analytics (USA)
- Harvard Business School, Leadership Management (USA)
- Harvard Business School, Strategy Execution (USA)
- HEC Paris, Manager Passport Program Executive Education (Qatar)

LANGUAGES
- Arabic (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Equestrian Dressage and Tennis

Qatar Olympic Committee - Qatar
Head of International Federation Relations



Ahmed ALOSAYMI
Saudi

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Legal Director, Saudi Arabia FIFA World Cup Bid Unit (Saudi Arabia)
- Arbitrator, Court of Arbitration for Sport (Switzerland)
- Lecturer, Princess Noura bint Abdulrahman University (Saudi Arabia)
- Head of Integrity, Asian Football Confederation (Malaysia)
- Senior Manager, International Center for Sport Security (Qatar-France)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Master's degree LLM in Comparative Legal Studies, Pace Law School (USA)
- Bachelor of Law, King Saud University (Saudi Arabia)

LANGUAGES
- Arabic (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football

AFC Asian Cup 2027 LOC - Saudi Arabia
Chief Legal & Governance Officer



Guido BATTAGLIA
Italian and Swiss

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Bureau Member 2026-2028 term, Council of Europe Sport EPAS (France)
- Head of Responsible Trade, Institute for Human Rights and Business (Switzerland)
- Director, Gold for Development, World Gold Council (United Kingdom)
- Associate, Manager and Senior Project Manager, Mining and Metals and Africa Infrastructure, World Economic Forum (Switzerland)
- Law Practice Professional, Antitrust and Competition Law, DLA Piper (Italy)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Business Sustainability Management Certificate, University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
- Master's Degree, International Law, Università degli Studi di Milano (Italy)
- Bachelor's Degree, Law, Università degli Studi di Milano (Italy)

LANGUAGES
- Italian (native)
- English (fluent)
- French (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Basketball, Football, Piano and Politics

Centre for Sport and Human Rights - Switzerland
Head of Geneva Office, Head of Partnerships and Institutional Affairs



Giannis BRAHO
Greek and Albanian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Director General, PSAPP the Players Union in Greece (Greece)
- Head of International Affairs & Players Services, PSAPP the Players Union in Greece (Greece)
- Professional Football Player (Greece & Cyprus)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- LLB (Bachelor of Laws), Université Sorbonne Paris Nord (France/Greece)
- UEFA LFP, Kadir Has University (Türkiey)
- Master in Sports Management & Legal Skills – ISDE (Spain)
- Bachelor in Sports Management, University College of Northern Denmark (UCN) (Danemark)

LANGUAGES
- Greek (native)
- Albanian (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football and Running

FIFPRO - Netherlands
Legal Counsel



Francesco CEROTTO
Italian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- International Sports Lawyer representing stakeholders before sports judicial, disciplinary bodies & arbitral tribunals worldwide (CAS and FIVB)
- Co-Founder, CILC, Law Firm, New York (USA)
- Member of National Executive Board, AIAS (Italy)
- Arbitrator of the European Handball Court of Arbitration (Austria)
- Member of the AIAC/LND Arbitration Board of FIGC (Italy)
- Vice-President of Federal Tribunal, FIDESM (Italy)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Law Degree, University of Perugia (Italy)
- Master in Labor Law, University of Macerata (Italy)
- Executive Master in Sport Management 4.0 (Italy)
- Executive Programme in Sports Law and Justice (Italy)
- International Football Law Summer Campus, University of Miami - FIFA (USA)

LANGUAGES
- Italian (native)
- English (fluent)
- Spanish (intermediate)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Footbal, Basketball, Tennis, Cinema, Music and Reading

Cerotto-Franceschini Law firm - Italy
Founding Partner & International Sports Lawer



Alban DECHELOTTE
French

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Head of Partnerships and Business Development, Riot Games (Germany)
- Senior Entertainment Marketing Manager, The Coca-Cola Company (USA)
- Managing Director Germany, Havas Play (Germany)
- Head of Strategy and Business Development, Havas Play (France)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- ESSEC Business School, BBA, Sports Marketing Chair and Marketing MS (France)
- Fachhochschule Dortmund, International Business BBA (Germany)

LANGUAGES
- French (native)
- English (fluent)
- Germany (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Rugby and Scuba diving

G2 Esports - Germany
Chief Executive Officer



Kolja DICKMANN
German

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Co-CEO, Stadion NeckarPark, owner of the MHP Arena Stuttgart, the home stadium of VfB Stuttgart (Germany)
- Member of the Management Board & Head of Operations, FC St. Pauli (Germany)
- Head of Executive Department of the Managing Board & Club Development, FC St. Pauli (Germany)
- Executive Assistant to the Managing Board & Managing Director, FC St. Pauli (Germany)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Master of Science (MSc), Sport Management, Coventry University (UK)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Sports Management, University of Applied Management Erding (Germany)
- Finance und Controlling CAS HSG, University of St.Gallen (Switzerland)
- European Sports Business Program, WHU-Otto Beisheim School of Management (Germany), Stockholm School of Economics (Sweden), ESSEC Business School (France)

LANGUAGES
- German (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football, Refereeing, Running, Winter Sports, Padel, Traveling and Golf

VfB Stuttgart - Germany
Head of Strategy & Special Projects to CEO



Carrie DONAGHY
Irish

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Motorsport Legal Director, Compliance Officer & Company Secretary, Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd (UK)
- Head of Commercial Legal, Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd (UK)
- Trainee Solicitor, Legal Counsel & Senior Legal Counsel, Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd (UK)
- Legal Intern, Mercedes-Benz UK Ltd (UK)
- Paralegal, Real Estate, Dentons Legal Services LLP (UK)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- LLB (Hons) Law Exempting Degree and Legal Practice Course (UK)
- Program on Negotiation, Harvard University (USA)
- Masterclass on Negotiation, Harvard University (USA)
- ILM Level 5 Certificate in Leadership and Management (UK)
- GC Academy – Mishcon De Reya' (UK)
- Boardroom Readiness Programme, The Boardroom (UK)

LANGUAGES
- English (native)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Travel, Music, Pilates, Yoga, Rugby, Mentoring and Social mobility and spending time with family

Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One Team - UK
General Counsel & Company Secretary



Arturs GAIDELS
Latvian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Executive Director, Latvian Football Federation (Latvia)
- Member of the Board, Latvian Football Federation (Latvia)
- Member of the Board, Latvian Futsal Association (Latvia)
- UEFA Delegate, UEFA - Union of European Football Associations (Switzerland)
- Integrity Officer, Latvian Football Federation (Latvia)
- Head of Competitions Department, Latvian Football Federation (Latvia)
- Competition Department Specialist/Club Licensing Manager, Latvian Football Federation (Latvia)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- UEFA DFLM, University of Lausanne (Switzerland)
- Bachelor of Education Science in Sport, Latvian Academy of Sports Education – State University (Latvia)

LANGUAGES
- Latvian (native)
- Russian (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football, Tennis and Travelling

Latvian Football Federation (LFF) - Latvia
General Secretary



Antony GAUTIER
French

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Mayor, City of Bailleul (France)
- Vice-President, Coeur de Flandre Agglomeration (France)
- Professional Football Referee, FFF-FIFA-UEFA
- Deputy Mayor, in charge of sports, City of Lille (France)
- Metropolitan councilor, European Metropolis of Lille (France)
- Associate Professor in mathematics, University of Lille (France)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- PhD in Applied Mathematics, University of Lille (France)
- Master's Degree in Mathematics and Economics, University of Lille (France)
- Certificate in Management, EDHEC (France)
- Certificate in Politicial and Territorial Management Strategy, Higher Institute for Elected Officials (France)

LANGUAGES
- French (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Running, Padel tennis and Reading

French Football Federation (FFF) - France
Refereeing Chief Executive Officer



Dobrin GIONOV
Bulgarian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Member of Players' Status, Transfer and Agents and Match Agents Committee, UEFA (Switzerland)
- Liaison Officer for Bulgaria, European Football Clubs, ECA (Switzerland)
- Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, CSKA 1948 (Bulgaria)
- Member of the Executive board, Bulgarian Professional Football League (Bulgaria)
- Member of the Executive Board, Bulgarian Fencing Federation (Bulgaria)
- Member of the Finance Working Group, ECA (Switzerland)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- PhD Candidate in Sport Management, NSA Vasil Levski (Bulgaria)
- UEFA CFM, University of Lausanne (Switzerland)
- Master's Degree in Economic Science, University of Padua (Italy)
- Bachelor of Political Science: International Economics, University of Padua (Italy)

LANGUAGES
- Bulgarian (native)
- English (fluent)
- Italian (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Fencing, fitness and other sports; spending time with my family.

Bulgarian Football Union (BFU) - Bulgaria
Deputy General Secretary



Maria GKOUMA
Greek

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Chief Operations Officer, Next Mile (Greece)
- Marketing & PR Manager, Panathinaikos BSA (Greece)
- Marketing Manager, AEL Limassol FC (Cyprus)
- Marketing & Communications Manager, AEK Larnaca FC (Cyprus)
- Marketing & Event Manager, The Football Team (Greece)
- Marketing Executive, Ethnikos FC (Greece)
- Football Sales Department, Puma Hellas SA (Greece)
- Media Servicing Team, Olympic Games Athens 2004 (Greece)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- MBA Football Industries, University of Liverpool (United Kingdom)
- BSc in Statistics, Athens University of Economics and Business (Greece)

LANGUAGES
- Greek (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Running, Tennis, Pilates, CrossFit, Travelling and Reading

Hellenic Football Federation - Greece
Chief Marketing & Commercial Officer



Christina KENNY
Irish

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Member Board of Directors Federation of Irish Sport (Ireland)
- UEFA AAA Mentor (Ireland)
- Independent Board Committee Member Football Association of Ireland (Ireland)
- Chief Operating Officer, Social Talent (Ireland)
- Chief People Officer & Executive Vice President Corporate Affairs (Ireland & USA)
- Chief People Officer, Abtran (Ireland)
- Chief People Officer, Voxpro (Ireland & USA)
- Chief Administration Officer – NTR plc (USA)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- UEFA WFLP, IMD (Switzerland)
- FIFA Agents License 2024
- Executive MBA – Dublin City University (Ireland)
- BA in Finance & Human Resource Management – NCI (Ireland)

LANGUAGES
- English (native)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Sea Swimming, Hiking, Interior Architecture & Design and Cooking

Football Association of Ireland - Ireland
Chief Operating Officer



Aslı E. KOÇ TIRYAKI
Turkish

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Commercial & Sustainability Manager, International Affairs, Istanbul Basaksehir Football Club (Türkiye)
- Corporate Communications Executive, beIN Media Group (Türkiye)
- Events & Sponsorship Manager, Dogus Group (Türkiye)
- Agency & Consultancy Roles, Several (Türkiye)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Masters in Sports Management, Bahcesehir University (Türkiye)
- EFC Club Management Program (Switzerland)
- EFC Women on Board Program (Switzerland)

LANGUAGES
- Turkish (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Pilates, Reading and Travelling

LOBA, Strategy, Growing & Impact in Sports - Türkiye
CEO and Co-Founder



Nicolas KRÄNZLE
Swiss

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Media Officer, Men's A National Team – FIFA World Cup 2026, Swiss Football Association (Switzerland, USA & Canada)
- Project Manager, Trainer & PMO, TriSolutions Coaching, Project Management & Training AG (Switzerland)
- Project Manager, Department of Sports Basel-Landschaft (Switzerland)
- Intern Elite Sport & Sports Camps, Department of Sports Basel-Landschaft (Switzerland)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- BSc in Business Administration, Major in Sport Management, University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons (Switzerland)
- UEFA CFM, University of Lausanne (Switzerland)

LANGUAGES
- German/Swiss (native)
- English (fluent)
- French (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Triathlon, Trekking and Football

Swiss Football Association - Switzerland
Assistant to the President & General Secretary



Michael LEAHY
Irish

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Policy Advisor, Global Policy & Strategic Projects, FIFPRO (Netherlands)
- Legal Officer, Football Federation Australia (Australia)
- Professional Football Player (League of Ireland & UEFA EL)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Business Strategy & Financial Performance, INSEAD
- MSc in Business Management Consulting, University College Dublin (Ireland)
- Master in Law, University College Dublin (Ireland)
- BA in Economics & Politics, University College Dublin (Ireland)

LANGUAGES
- English (native)
- German (advanced)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football, Gym, Padel, Travelling and Watching Sport

FIFPRO - Netherlands
Senior Manager, Global Policy & Strategy



Felipe LEGRAZIE EZABELLA
Brazilian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Lawyer for sports organizations, clubs, athletes and agents (Brazil)
- Founder and currently Legal Director of the National Futsal League (Brazil)
- Legal counsel for the Brazilian Ice Sports Confederation (Brazil)
- Sports Legal counsel for Esporte Clube Pinheiros (Brazil)
- Elected member of the Deliberative Council, Fiscalization Council and former Sports Vice President of Sport Club Corinthians Paulista (Brazil)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Master's degree in law, University of São Paulo (Brazil)
- Doctorate Degree in law, University of São Paulo (Brazil)
- Specialization in administration for sports professionals, FGV (Brazil)
- FIFA Diploma in Football Law

LANGUAGES
- Portuguese (native)
- English (fluent)
- Spanish (advanced)
- Italian (advanced)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Tennis, Football/Futsal and Basketball

Goffi Scartezzini Law Firm - Brazil
Founding Partner



Gintaras LEONAVICIUS
Lithuanian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Competitions Manager, FIBA Europe in Munich (Germany)
- Competitions Coordinator FIBA Europe in Munich (Germany)
- Professional Basketball Player 2002-2019 (Europe)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Bachelor's Degree in Law, Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)

LANGUAGES
- Lithuanian (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Travelling, Skiing and Fitness

FIBA Europe - Germany
Senior Competitions Manager



Ian MAXWELL
Scottish

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Director, UK & Ireland Euro 2028 Board (UK)
- Director, The International Football Association Board (IFAB)
- Chief Executive, Partick Thistle Football Club (Scotland)
- Professional Footballer, from 1998 to 2011 (Scotland)
- Civil Engineer, West of Scotland Water (Scotland)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Civil Engineering, Glasgow Caledonian University (Scotland)

LANGUAGES
- English (native)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Golf and Football

Scottish Football Association - Scotland
Chief Executive



Maximilian MÜLLER
German

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Media & Communications Manager, IFAB (Switzerland)
- Coordinator Football Services, VAR & Communications, IFAB (Switzerland)
- Football Journalist, Kicker Sportmagazin (Germany)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Bachelor in Communication Sciences, University of Mainz (Germany) and University of Valencia (Spain)
- Bachelor in Political Sciences, University of Mainz (Germany)

LANGUAGES
- German (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football, Fitness, Padel and Travelling

IFAB - Switzerland
Head of Media & Communications



Vincenzo MUSUMECI
Italian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- MACH MBA Summer Intern, Microsoft (Italy)
- Strategy Analyst, Accenture (Italy)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- Master of Business Administration (MBA), IESE Business School (Spain)
- MSc in Economics and Management in Innovation and Technology, Bocconi University (Italy)
- Bachelor in Economics and Finance, Bocconi University (Italy)

LANGUAGES
- Italian (native)
- English (fluent)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football, Padel tennis, Golf, Sailing and Traveling

strategy& Part of the PwC network

Strategy& - UAE
Director



Siobhán O'BRIEN
Irish

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Chairperson, Irish Football Supporters Partnership (Ireland)
- Assistant Principal, Luttrellstown Community College (Ireland)
- Teacher, Maryfield College (Ireland)
- Researcher, CASTeL – Centre for the Advancement of STEM Teaching and Learning (Ireland)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
- UEFA CFM, University of Lausanne (Switzerland)
- Women in Football - Emerging Leaders Programme, UEFA/FIFA (Ireland)
- Advanced Proffessional Diploma in Mathematics, University of Limerick (Ireland)
- B.SC in Science Education, Dublin City University, (Ireland)

LANGUAGES
- English (native)
- Irish (intermediate)

SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football, Reading and Travelling

UEFA - Switzerland
Senior Fans Relations Manager



Pirje ORASSON
Estonian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Chair, European Handball Federation Women's Nations Board (Austria)
- Vice Chair, European Handball Federation Nations Board (Austria)
- Founding Member, Baltic Handball Association, (Estonia)
- Member of the General Assembly, Estonian Olympic Committee (Estonia)

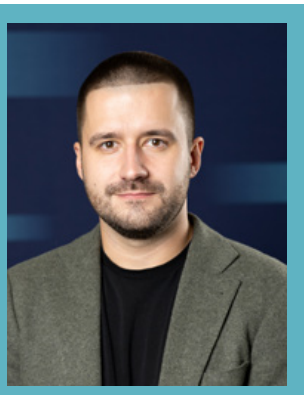
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LANGUAGES
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SPORT AND LEISURE
- Walking and Reading

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General Secretary



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WORK EXPERIENCE
- Strategy Development Manager, Football Club Zenit (Russia)
- Consultant, Strategy & Transformation, Ernst & Young (Russia)
- Consultant, Performance Improvement, Ernst & Young (Russia)
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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS
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SPORT AND LEISURE
- Surfing, Hiking, Crossfit and Road trips

Russian Football Union - Russia
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- Chief of Operations, UEFA Women's EURO 2025 SA (Switzerland)
- Chief of Host Relations and Event Experience, UEFA Events SA (Switzerland)
- Head of UEFA EURO 2020 Host Relations, UEFA Events SA (Switzerland)
- Senior Manager Club Competitions Commercial Operations, UEFA Events SA (Switzerland)
- Project Leader - UEFA Champions League Final, TEAM Marketing AG (Switzerland)
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- Legal and Tax Adviser, PWC (Cameroon)

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- Master's degree, International Business Law, Université Toulouse 1 Capitole (France)
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- French (native)
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SPORT AND LEISURE
- Ski touring, Swimming and Involved in local politics

UEFA Events SA - Switzerland
Chief of Operations – UEFA Tournament Operations Division



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WORK EXPERIENCE
- Vice Chairman, Clubs Contracts & Negotiation Committee, Ministry of Sports (Qatar)
- Investigator & Prosecutor, International Boxing Association - IBA (Switzerland)
- Legal Director, QAT/UAE Joint Competitions (Qatar/UAE)
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LANGUAGES
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SPORT AND LEISURE
- Walking, Swimming and Travelling

Qatar Stars League - Qatar
Legal & International Relations Counsel



Giovanni SPITALERI
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WORK EXPERIENCE
- Safety & Security Senior Expert, UEFA (Switzerland)
- Head of Competitions Dept, FIGC (Italy)
- Head of International Events, Infrastructures, Security and Integrity Dept, FIGC (Italy)
- Managing Director, UEFA EURO 2020 - Rome / UCL Rome 2009 & Milan 2016 (Italy)
- LOC Director, UEFA European Under-21 Championship Italy 2019 (Italy)
- Member of the Council of Europe Committee on Safety and Security at Sports Events | Saint-Denis Convention (France)
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- Member of the National Observatory of Sporting Events, Italian Ministry of the Interior (Italy)

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- Integrated Master's Degree in Sociology and Mass Communication, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)
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LANGUAGES
- Italian (native)
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SPORT AND LEISURE
- Football, Reading and Cinema

Italian Football Federation - Italy
Head of Innovation Dept



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Serbian

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Production division coordinator, Interpress (Serbia)
- International football journalist, Sportski Zurnal (Serbia)
- Public and Foreign Affairs, International player transfers, Head of strategic planning, Serbian League Committee - FK Partizan (Serbia)
- Executive ECA Board member, Club competition Committee, Youth Champion League Committee European Club Associations (Switzerland)
- Member of the group for International affairs and cooperation, Serbian Olympic Committee (Serbia)
- Board member Basketball club Partizan (Serbia)
- Executive Director and owner Capital Sports (UAE)
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- Master Degree, University of Belgrade (Serbia)
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LANGUAGES
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SPORT AND LEISURE
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Capital Sports - UAE
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- Master of Science in Sports, Business & Law, University of Bayreuth (Germany)
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LANGUAGES
- German (native)
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SPORT AND LEISURE
- Basketball, Wakeboarding and International travel

DFB (German Football Association) - Germany
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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Chief Finance Officer, Football Association of Wales (UK)
- Finance Director, GFG Alliance (UK)
- Group Finance Manager, Celsa Steel (UK)
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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- BSc Mathematics, Cardiff University (UK)
- ACCA qualified, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK)

LANGUAGES

- English (native)

SPORT AND LEISURE

- Football, Golf, Running and Cycling

Football Association of Wales - UK
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