



## The WBSC Europe Executive Board has been elected

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The WBSC Europe General Congress elected the new Executive Board during the 2022 WBSC Europe Congress in the Austria Trend Hotel in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on February 12, 2022.

Mr. Kruno **Karin** is the first-ever elected **President of WBSC Europe**. Mr. Karin, running against Mr. Andrea Marcon, won the Election of WBSC Europe President at the first round, 44-26, reaching the absolute majority at the General Congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on February 12, 2022.

WBSC Europe President Kruno Karin thanked the Congress and invited the European baseball, softball, and baseball5 community to be united: *"We can be united only if we work together, we are here because we love the greatest games in the world."*

Mr. Kruno Karin, 60, is Croatian. He is the former WBSC Europe Secretary General and the former CEB Secretary General.

Addressing the Congress, WBSC President Riccardo **Fraccari** said the start of this new era for WBSC Europe can help baseball and softball increase practitioners, fans, media attention, and sponsors in the continent.

Mr. Gabriel Waage, former WBSC Europe Co-President and former ESF President, has been declared **WBSC Europe Softball Vice President**.

Mr. Petr Ditrich, former WBSC Europe Member at Large and CEB Vice President, has been declared **WBSC Europe Baseball Vice President**.

Mr. Ami Baran, former WBSC Europe Legal Counselor, and ESF Secretary General, has been declared **WBSC Europe Secretary General**.

Mr. Eddy Van Straelen, ESF Treasurer since 1993, has been re-elected as **WBSC Europe Treasurer**.

In the first round of voting, Mr. François Collet and Mr. Vermidas Neverauskas were elected as **WBSC Europe Members at Large Baseball**. Mr. Juergen Elsishans was elected WBSC Europe Member at Large Baseball at the second round of voting.

Mr. Kristian Palvia, Ms. Mette Nissen-Jakobsen, and Mr. Youri Alkalay were elected as **WBSC Europe Members at Large Softball** in the first round.

WBSC Europe President Karin said the newly-elected WBSC Executive Board will welcome contributions from all members.

The vote for the two athletes' representatives is expected to take place at the first baseball and softball events of the year.



Newly-elected WBSC Europe Executive Board

WBSC Europe is a non-profit sports organisation that connects and represents all European National Baseball, Softball, and Baseball5 Federations on a European-wide level.

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