



THE EUROPEAN HANDBALL COURT OF ARBITRATION

Michele Colucci - President

THE ECA COUNCIL & ECA ARBITRATORS TO YOUR SERVICE

- Key Responsibilities of the Council:
 - Safeguard independence
 - Oversee administration
 - Manage arbitrators
 - Make procedural decisions
- ECA Arbitrators:
 - 68 registered arbitrators
 - 33 newly registered since 2023
 - Broad expertise and understanding of handball law
 - Arbitrators selected for independence, legal skills, and sport-specific knowledge

Current members of the ECA Council



Michele Colucci
President (ITA)

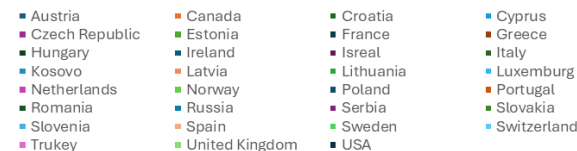
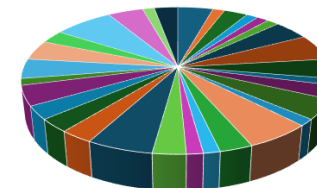


Marta Utor
Vice-President (ESP)



Matea Horvat
Vice-President (CRO)

Arbitrators' countries of origin



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THE ECA & NEW AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURAL RULES

- Independent dispute resolution body
- **Legal Scope : Employment – Commercial** disputes in European handball (clubs, players, officials, federations)
- **Fair, impartial, and timely proceedings**
- Strengthens **trust** and **stability** within the handball community
- New amendments to ECA Procedural rules:
 - New time limits to submit a case (**3 years**)
 - Enforcement of ECA awards
 - Implementation of **ex aequo et bono** as a principle

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WHY ECA?

ADVANTAGES	ECA (European Handball Court of Arbitration)
 TIME EFFICIENT	Expedited procedure; decisions typically reached within a few months
 COST EFFECTIVE	Accessible, especially for stakeholders with limited resources
 HANDBALL ORIENTED	More responsive and tailored to parties' needs
 SPORT-SPECIFIC EXPERTISE	Arbitrators with direct experience in handball and strong sports law background
 ENFORCEABILITY	Strong enforcement ensured by EHF regulations
 APPEAL POSSIBILITY	Awards can be challenged before the Austrian Supreme Court under Austrian procedural law
 EU LEGALFRAMEWORK	Based in Austria (EU); possibility for referral to ECJ by Austrian Supreme Court on EU law matters

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