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Dear Future Leaders,

Exciting times are ahead as the UEFA EURO 2024 will be held from 14th June – 14th July 2024 in 10 different cities in Germany. The competition will showcase the biggest talents in European football and will bring 24 teams and millions of supporters for a celebration and a spectacle of the power of football.

In this connection, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) along with the German Football Association (DFB), UEFA Assist, Volkswagen AG and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is offering the leaders of tomorrow to lay that foundation and be part of the fourth edition of

Future Leaders in Football (FLF) – Female Edition Developing Skills to tackle Challenges in Sport and Society

With growing social challenges around the globe, young people can take the lead towards sustainable and positive social change, on and off the field. As a universal language and a passion shared all over the world, football can play a part in developing the skills and competencies to become socially responsible leaders, build bridges and connect people and cultures.

Increasingly young people are taking leadership roles, addressing global challenges, and taking space in shaping their future. In terms of Gender Equality, women and girls are still facing problems and obstacles worldwide which prevent them from reaching their potential. This is also reflected in the sporting field where women are underrepresented, whether as players, officials or in leadership positions in associations. Through football, it is possible to change the narrative by providing skills and competencies to create equality in sports.

With the EURO 2024 in mind, the organisers have decided to put special emphasis on the growth of female leaders in the region of Western Balkans. The 5-day-course will take place in Durrës, Albania, and will look at all relevant dimensions of leadership, its methodological basis and the application of concepts such as diversity, inclusion and sustainability within the sport context.

Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from experts in leadership, organisational and personal development. Besides theoretical knowledge and methods, participants will jointly develop strategies for approaching diverse challenges and receive guidance on the application of newly acquired skills within their specific settings. FLF will enable participants to lead social change within their respective organisations.



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Key Facts

- 20-25 Future Leaders in Football from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.
- 5 days of learning and exchange for the development of female leadership competencies.
- Expert lecturers in female leadership, sport, organisational and personal development
- Date: 01 October 2023 – 07 October 2023.
- FLF is planned to take place in Durrës, Albania.
- Course participation, transport and accommodation costs are fully covered.

Your Profile

- You are female.
- You are motivated to develop a leadership skillset to further strengthen positive social change in your organisation.
- You are an administrator, manager or educator in a football federation, sport club or any other institution related to sports.
- You have at least one year of administrative or management experience.
- You are required to make leadership decisions as part of your role or are preparing for a leadership career within your organisation.
- You are between 18 and 29 years old.
- You have fluent English language skills.
- You are willing to travel internationally and have a passport.
- You have regular access to a computer and internet.

Do you want to become a Future Leader in Football?

Please apply by sending the following documents as a PDF file to FLF@giz.de by June 5th 2023:

- Completed application form.
- Completed reference form by your current or former supervisor.

Interviews with potential participants will be conducted in mid-June 2023. Please do not hesitate to contact FLF@giz.de in case of any questions regarding the application process or Future Leaders in Football.