



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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Greek sport structure towards 2030

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Vision



Vision

Development of sport is an issue of public interest due to its contribution to social and national welfare, mainly for four reasons:

Health

- Promotion of the health of society. From children to pensioners. Resources that go to sports are an investment, not a cost

Values

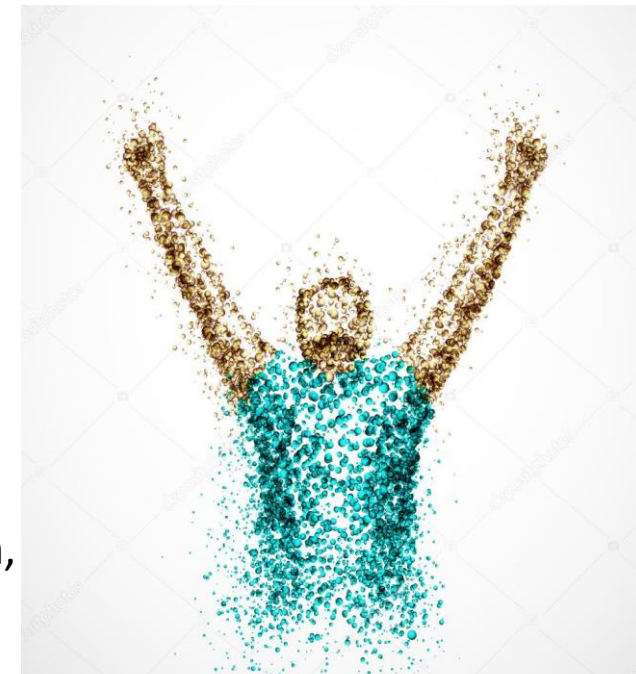
- Sport as a social tool. Empowering values and skills (especially in young generations), addressing threats in sport, emphasis on sports integrity.

Development

- Sports tourism, hosting of events, exploitation of competitive advantages (tradition, climate, morphology, infrastructure, know-how...)

Country image

- Competitive sports, active participation in decision-making centres



Basic documents



Constitution

- Article 16, Paragraph 9 of the Greek Constitution:
- *"Sport is under the **protection** and **supreme supervision** of the State. The State subsidizes and controls the associations of sports clubs of all kinds, as defined by law. The law also determines the allocation of the aid granted each time to the subsidized associations according to their intended purpose."*



Laws

- Law 2725/1999
 - Basic sport law originated in 1999 and seriously amended since then
 - 140 articles, > 200 pages A4
- Law 4639/2019
 - Ratification of Macolin Convention, Statue of Hellenic Olympic Committee
- Law 4726/2020, law 4809/2021
 - EPATHLA: National platform against manipulation of sport competitions
- Law 4901/2022
 - Ratification of Saint denis Convention



Governmental documents

- Governmental Strategy
 - Basic directions for all Ministries for next 3 years
 - <https://gsco.gov.gr/eskyp/>
- Annual Action Plan
 - Detailed work plan for each Ministry with specific timetable and milestones per project
 - <https://gsco.gov.gr/esd/#----->
- Collaboration with National Transparency Authority
 - Strategic plan for fostering integrity and combating corruption in sport

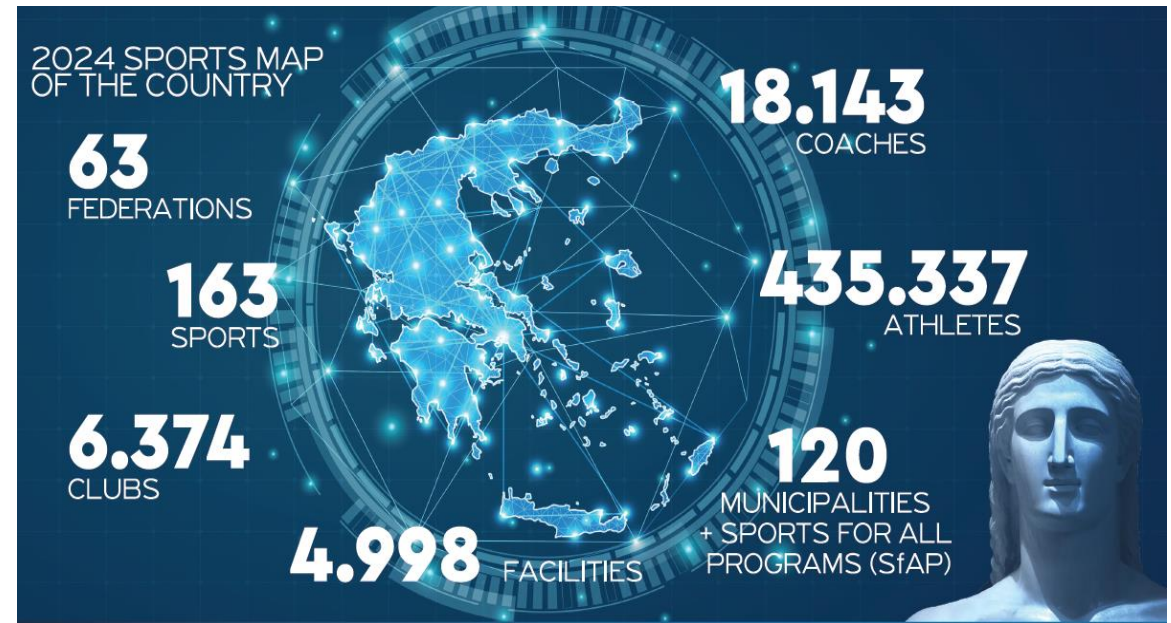


Sport typology



Sport classification

- Competitive sport
 - Amateur sport
 - Professional sport
- Sport for all
 - State or municipal programs sport for all
 - Sport events for all
 - Private gyms



Amateur sport

- Hellenic Olympic Committee
- Hellenic Paralympic Committee
- 63 sport federations – 163 sports
 - 33 Olympic, 24 Non-Olympic, 6 Sport for Disabled
- 6,374 sport clubs
 - 5,317 single sport, 1,057 multisport
- 435,337 registered athletes
- 18,143 coaches



Professional sport

According to Law 2725

- Super League 1 (football) → 14 teams
- Super League 2 (football) → 20 teams
- Basket League (first basketball division–men) → 12 teams
- Volley League (first volleyball division–men) → 10 teams



Sport for all

- Program “Sport for all” with municipalities
 - 109 Municipalities
 - 6,508 programs
 - 163,400 citizens
- Organization of Sport events across Greece
 - Running, Swimming, Trekking, Cycling, Triathlon, ...
- Private gyms
 - ~ 1500 across Greece



Sport facilities



Sport facilities

- ~5000 sport facilities across Greece
 - Stadiums, arenas, gyms, swimming pools,...
- 60% Municipalities
- 30% Private
- 10% State

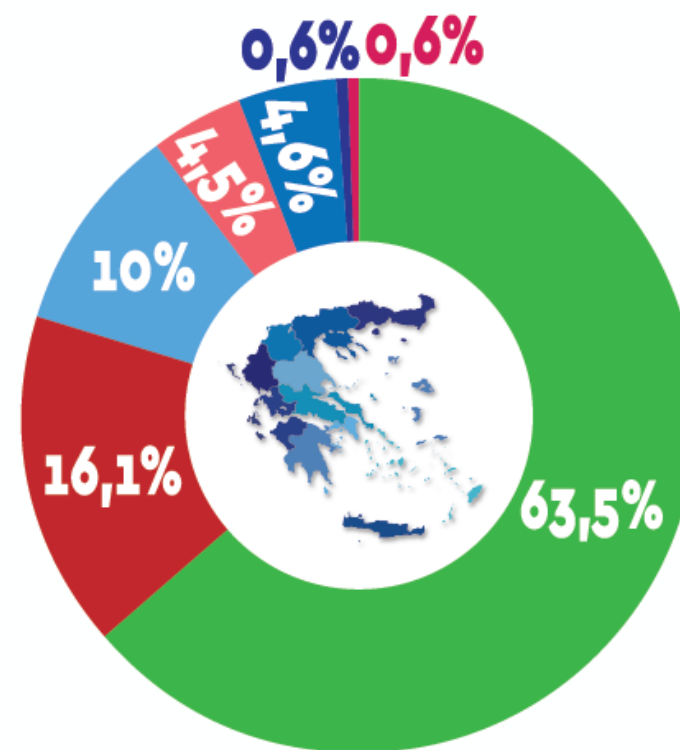


SPORTS FACILITIES ALL OVER GREECE

TOTAL 4.998



TRAINING ATHLETES BY %



State funding



Sources

Annual figures

- Regular budget of GSS 55,000,000 €
 - Sport bodies (HOC, HPC, federations, Antidoping...) 35%
 - National Sport Facilities 40%
 - General expenses 25%
- Betting taxation 66,000,000 €
 - Sport clubs 82%
 - Sport federations (national teams) 14%
 - Organization committees 4%



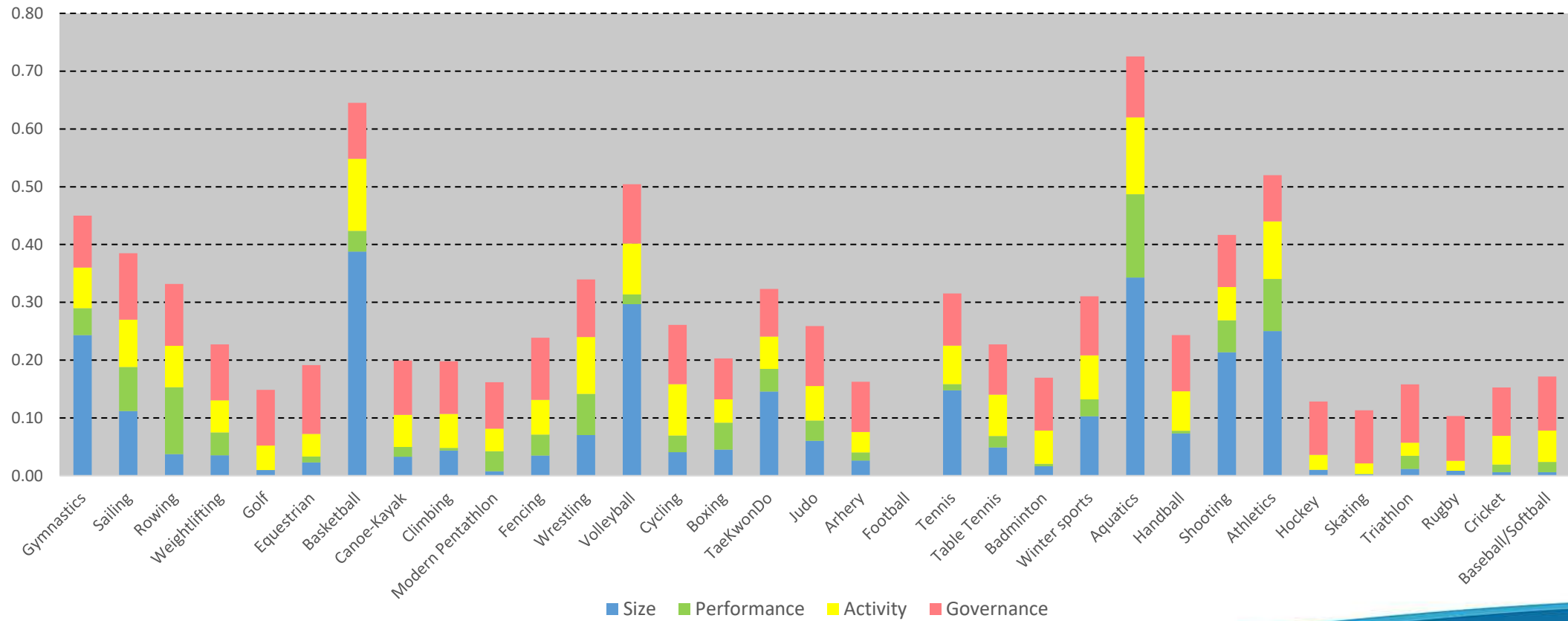
Distribution of regular budget to sport federations

- The Funding is linked to the evaluation based on previous year data
- CHILON system
 - Multicriteria evaluation system
 - 4 major criteria: size, performance, activity, governance
 - Hierarchical structure (4 criteria \leftarrow 18 sub-criteria \leftarrow 63 indices)
 - Aggregation using weight coefficients that express policy preferences
 - Comparative evaluation (33 Olympic, 24 Non Olympic, 6 Paralympic)
 - Final output: a score in $[0,1]$ for each federation



Olympic federations - 2024

weighted scores 50%-15%-20%-15%



Distribution of betting taxation (66 M€)

- Criteria for funding amateur clubs

- Last year's expenses (x 0.001)
- Number of sports (x 50)
- Number of coaches (x 25)
- Number of athletes (x 1)

Points per
sport club

Funding proportional
to points

- Criteria for funding federations for national teams

- Last year's expenses for national teams
- Performance (score from CHILON system)

- Criteria for club teams

- Additional funding for participation in European competitions

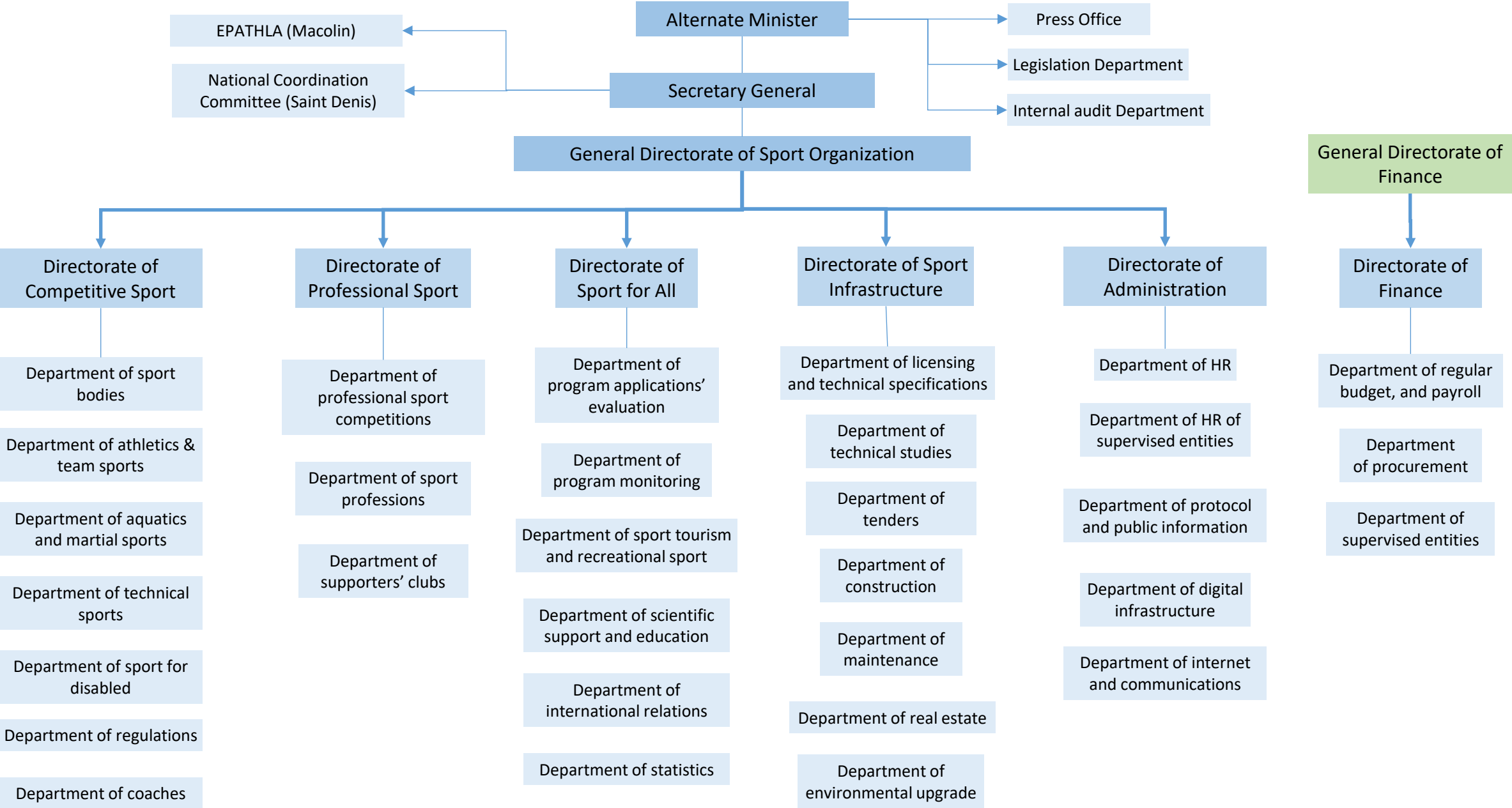


General Secretariat of Sport

- Structure
 - Presidential Decree PD4/2018
- Web site
 - <https://minsports.gov.gr/>
- About 350 employees
- Budget: 55,000,000 €



Organizational chart of General Secretariat of Sport (2018)

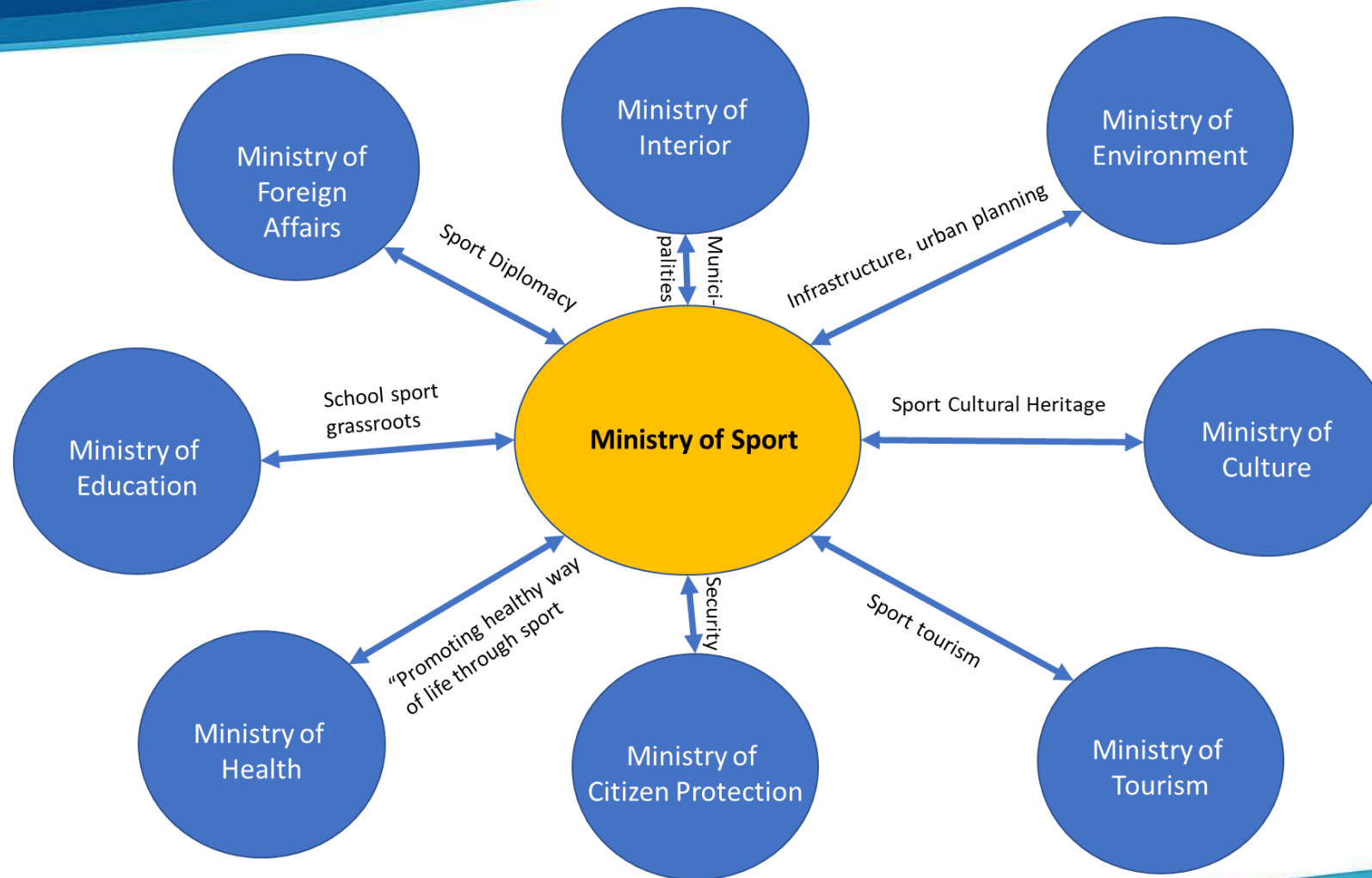


International cooperation

- Bilateral sport protocols
- Participation in EU, UNESCO sport bodies
- Participation in Council of Europe (EPAS)
- Sport conventions of Council of Europe
 - Anti doping Convention (1999)
 - Macolin Convention (2019)
 - Manipulation of sport competition
 - Saint Denis Convention (2022)
 - Integrated approach for safety, security and services during sport events



National cooperation

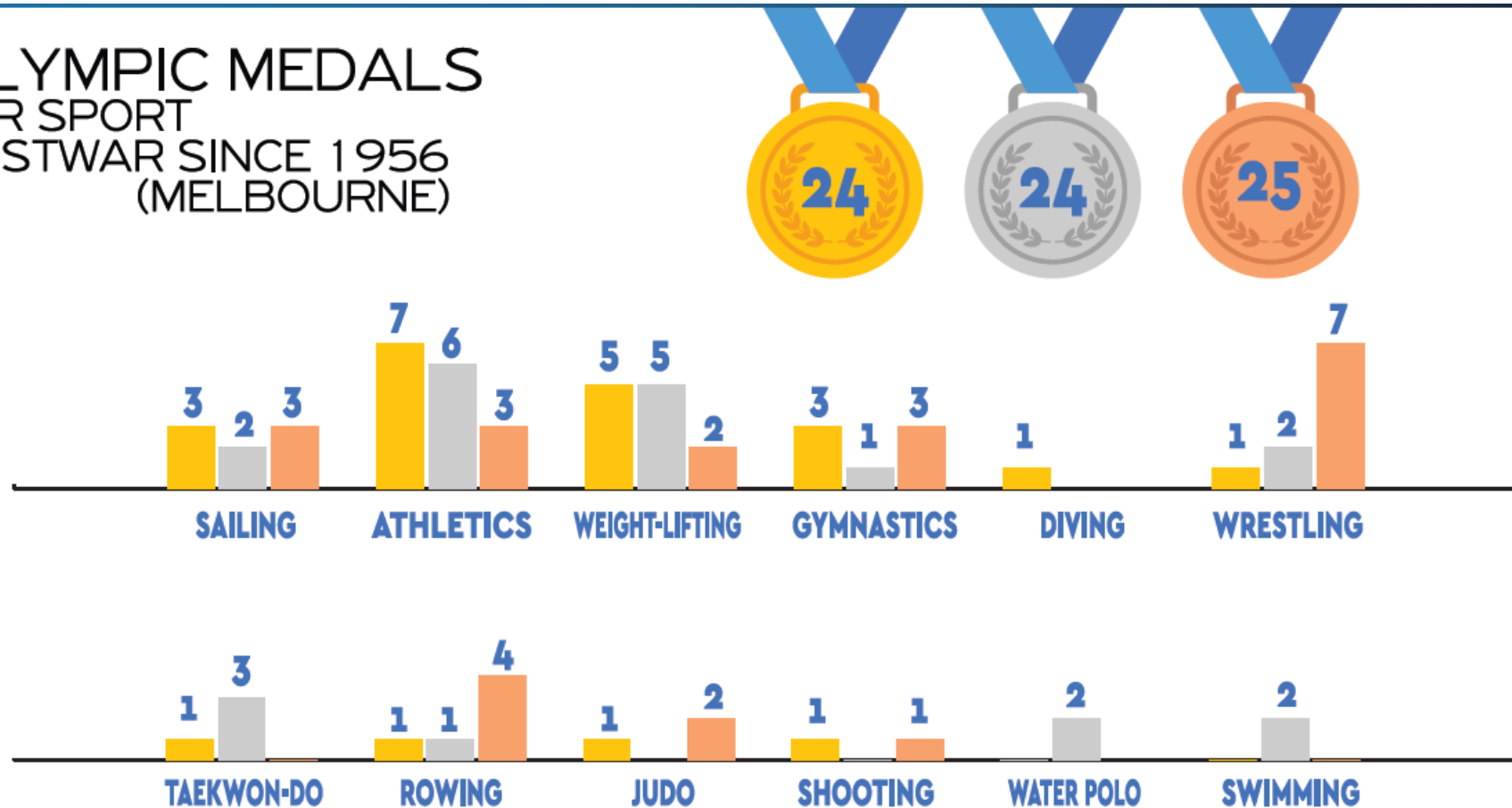


Olympic medals



Last 70 years...

OLYMPIC MEDALS PER SPORT POSTWAR SINCE 1956 (MELBOURNE)



Mapping ESC to Sport Laws



Correspondence of ESC to Greek Sport Laws (1)

ESC Article	Greek Sport Law Reference	Relevant Content in Greek Law
Article 1 – Aim of the Charter	Constitution, Article 16.9	Defines national policy aims to promote personal and social development through sport.
Article 2 – Definition of “sport” and scope of the Charter	Sections 1 and 2 in the Law	Distinguishes between amateur and professional sport and sets boundaries of its regulatory scope.
Article 3 – Public authorities	Presidential Decree 4/2018 for General Secretariat of Sport The involvement of public administration is scattered throughout the articles of the law	Assigns key roles to the General Secretariat of Sports; provides for state funding and oversight.



Correspondence of ESC to Greek Sport Laws (2)

ESC Article	Greek Sport Law Reference	Relevant Content in Greek Law
Article 4 – The sports movement	Articles 1-48 for amateur sports Law 4639/2019 article 13 Hellenic Olympic Committee	Recognizes sports clubs and federations as primary stakeholders; supports autonomy and governance structures.
Article 5 – Corporate and professional sectors	Article 32 Articles 59 – 118A for professional sports	Regulates professional clubs and commercial rights; touches on corporate responsibilities.
Article 6 – Human rights	Article 23A and 23B (safeguarding) Article 29 sport for people with disabilities Article 33-36 (athletes)	Prohibits discrimination and ensures participation for persons with disabilities.



Correspondence of ESC to Greek Sport Laws (3)

ESC Article	Greek Sport Law Reference	Relevant Content in Greek Law
Article 7 – Education in values through sports ethics	Article 37 International Olympic Academy, Law 4639/2019 Hellenic Olympic Academy Article 53 creation of “Dimitrios Vikelas” Program	Encourages education through sport, including promotion of values like fair play and teamwork.
Article 8 – Integrity	Articles 132 (T-MC), 41A–41I (T-S4), 128C–128Θ (T-DO), 23A, 23B (safeguarding) Law 4639/2019 (Ratification of Macolin Convention) Law 4726/2020 (article 21) – Creation of EPATHLA Law 4809/2021 (article 16) amendments for EPATHLA Law 4901/2022 (Ratification of Saint Denis Convention)	Addresses match-fixing, bribery, and integrity in sport governance.
Article 9 – Sustainability	Articles 56, 56B	Mentions licensing of facilities and environmental considerations.



Correspondence of ESC to Greek Sport Laws (4)

ESC Article	Greek Sport Law Reference	Relevant Content in Greek Law
Article 10 – The right to sport	Articles 29 sport for disabled people Article 33 Article 39	Enshrines non-discrimination; mentions inclusive access for youth and people with disabilities.
Article 11 – Building the foundations for the practice of sport	Article 58	Includes physical education, facilities use, school partnerships, and youth motivation.
Article 12 – Developing participation	Articles 39, 58	Promotes general participation in sport and includes community-level engagement.
Article 13 – Improving performance	Articles 33, 34, 38	Covers athlete development, talent identification, coaching and medical support.
Article 14 – Supporting top-level and professional sport	Articles 33, 34, 53	Regulates top-tier sport, athlete support, dual careers and competition organization.



Correspondence of ESC to Greek Sport Laws (5)

ESC Article	Greek Sport Law Reference	Relevant Content in Greek Law
Article 15 – Facilities and activities	Article 56	Addresses construction, licensing and management of sports facilities.
Article 16 – Human resources	Articles 31	Covers training, certification, and responsibilities of coaches and volunteers.
Article 17 – Information and research	Articles 38	Includes some reference to sport science and monitoring.
Article 18 – Finance	Articles 50 – 55 Law 5025/2023 (article 21) for system CHILON Common Ministerial Decree GSS 3841/2025 for distribution of betting tax revenues to sport	Provides public funding mechanisms and some guidance on resource use.
Article 19 – Domestic and international co-operation	Article 39 (domestic) and 42 (international)	Encourages cooperation with international sports organisations.
Article 20 – Support and follow-up to the implementation of the Charter		Provides for evaluation bodies and mechanisms of regulatory compliance.



Thank you



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