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# NEW ESF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WAS ELECTED Gabriel Waage elected President

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The General election to the European Softball Federation (ESF) Executive Council took place on February 4th, at the ESF Congress in Belgrade, Serbia.

**Gabriel Waage was elected the ESF president by acclamation.**

**Gabriel Waage** (CZE) has been involved with the ESF since 2004 and spent the last four years as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Waage stated that his focus will be on marketing and promoting softball as a sport. "I want the ESF to become a strong brand, that everybody wants to be a part of," said Waage.

Waage succeeds outgoing President, Andre van Overbeek (NED) who has completed his maximum two terms (8 years) at the helm of European softball.





**Elections were also held for the positions of Secretary General, Treasurer and six Vice Presidents.**

**Ami Baran** (ISR) was re-elected as the Secretary General, and **Eddy van Straelen** (BEL) reconfirmed as Treasurer.

The six remaining Executive Council members are:

**Youri Alkalay** (BUL) – re-elected, elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

**Petra Arends** (NED)

**John Austin** (IRE) – re-elected

**Daniela Castellani** (ITA)

**Mette Nissen-Jakobsen** (DEN) – re-elected

**Kristian Pälviä** (SWE)

More details available [here](#).



From the left: Eddy van Straelen (treasurer), Kristian Pälviä (VP), Mette Nissen-Jakobsen (VP), Youri Alkalay (1st VP), Daniela Castellani (VP), Gabriel Waage (President), Petra Arends (VP), John Austin (VP), Ami Baran (Secretary General)

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