

“My Gender. My Strength.” – Member Association Assistance Project for Women’s Development in Table Tennis 2024 Edition

Sport is one of the most powerful platforms for promoting gender equality and strengthening the position of women and girls from players to leaders. With this in mind, ITTF Development created an impactful project related to Women’s Development in Table Tennis called “My Gender. My Strength.”

For the 2024 edition, ETTU is proud to join the project and offer 2 spots for European female coaches.

AIM

The 2024 edition of the Project aims to enhance and advance women’s participation in table tennis by supporting ambitious and active female coaches in pursuing their coaching career to the next level and thus to contribute to table tennis development in their Member Associations.

OBJECTIVES

- To encourage Member Associations to identify female coaches that have the potential and will to advance in their role and contribute to table tennis development within their MA.
- To support selected female coaches in gaining theoretical knowledge, and practical coaching experience and to enhance and advance their management and leadership skills,
- To create a network among selected female coaches as well as local female coaches’ networks within their Member Associations,
- To leave a legacy and make a positive impact on women in table tennis in their Member Associations and beyond.

SUPPORT

Each selected candidate will receive the support, which will cover the following:

- expenses related to mentorship sessions,
- expenses related to participation in the agreed development activity,
- support towards a National Coaching Seminar organisation*

*The specific contribution will be decided and confirmed with the Member Association once the candidates are chosen, based on the type and scope of the proposed seminar.

HOW TO APPLY

Each Member Association is invited to apply with one female coach to benefit from the project and submit their application through the following link: [2024 MGMS](#)

DATES

Application Process Start Date: 29th March 2024
Application Process End Date: 16th April 2024
Results: 23rd April 2024 (World Table Tennis Day)

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

1st Stage: THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE

The successfully selected candidate will have a chance to learn from experienced, top-level expert in the area of coaching.

2nd Stage: PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

The candidate will have a chance to enhance the practical experience through participation in the agreed athletes and coaches focused activity like the ITTF Hopes Program or ETTU Development Camp where they can learn from the experienced Head

Coach of the activity. Airfare and hospitality will be covered through the “My Gender. My Strength.” Project budget.

3rd Stage: LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS

The candidate, under the umbrella and with the full support of the Member Association, will be responsible for the implementation of a minimum 2-day National Coaching Seminar for other female coaches within their Member Association. ETTU needs to be notified about the Seminar in advance.

Note: Dates of the relevant stages will be agreed upon with candidates on individual basis.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Part- or full-time coaches or retired elite athletes with relevant coaching (working) experience,
- Have an official, national coaching qualification or ITTF coaching certification,
- Demonstrate a minimum of two years of practical experience in regional/continental or international level,
- Up to date achievements of the coach,
- Endorsement from Member Association and Coach Motivational Letter,
- Candidates who participated in ETTU Development activities (Women Coaching Seminar, Annual Coaching Conference, Stages For Coaches, Eurotalents, etc), in athletes’ development activities (Hopes Program, Youth or Senior Training Camp, etc.), coaches of the Youth Grant/Scholarship holders, WFiM Scholarship Holders and retired or retiring elite athletes **will be prioritised**.

In addition, the candidate should:

- Be willing to commit sufficient time and engagement to “My Gender. My Strength.” Project to perform at their best throughout the project’s duration, including readiness to international travel,
- Be highly motivated and have a clear understanding of the goals,
- Posses good communication skills and at least a conversational level of English

CONCLUSION

The selected candidate will be responsible for submitting the post project report. Successfully assessed candidates may be considered for future development assignments or additional opportunities provided by ETTU and ITTF Sports and Development in 2024 and further.