

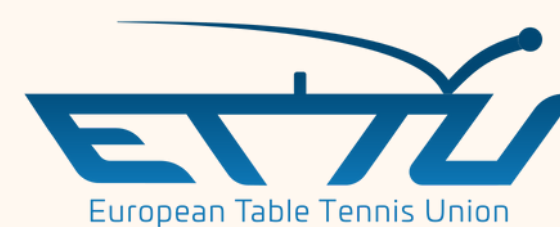


ETTU Athletes' Commission Elections 2025

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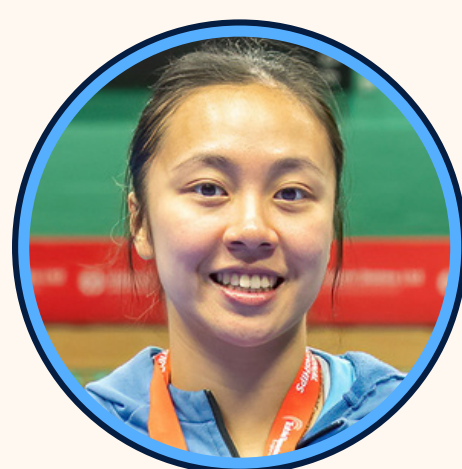
Able-bodied athletes:



**Frane Tomislav
KOJIC**
CROATIA



**Martin Buch
ANDERSEN**
DENMARK



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ENGLAND



**Marina
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**Ricardo
WALTHER**
GERMANY



**Daniels
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ROMANIA



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SERBIA



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SWEDEN

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HUNTER-SPIVEY**
ENGLAND



**Luka
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MONTENEGRO



**Martin
PERRY**
SCOTLAND

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**Frane Tomislav
KOJIC**
CROATIA

Date of Birth:
08/01/1992

Languages spoken: English, Croatian

Professional work: professional table tennis player

Educational qualification: Master's degree University of international relations and diplomacy

Sport achievements: Two times Olympian with Croatian national team (Tokyo 2021, Paris 2024), bronze at European Team Championships Lisbon 2014

Candidate's personal statement: As a dedicated table tennis athlete, I am committed to representing the interests and rights of players at all levels of our sport. By joining the Athletes' Commission, I hope to be a strong and reliable voice for athletes, ensuring that their perspectives are heard in all decision making processes. My goal is to actively contribute to the development of fairer conditions for all players, on and off the court, especially concerning transparency, communication, and equal opportunities. I believe that athletes deserve to be involved in shaping the policies that directly affect them, and I am ready to work towards building a more inclusive, supportive, and professional environment for everyone in the table tennis community.



**Martin Buch
ANDERSEN**
DENMARK

Date of Birth:
13/11/2000

Languages Spoken:
Danish, English, German.

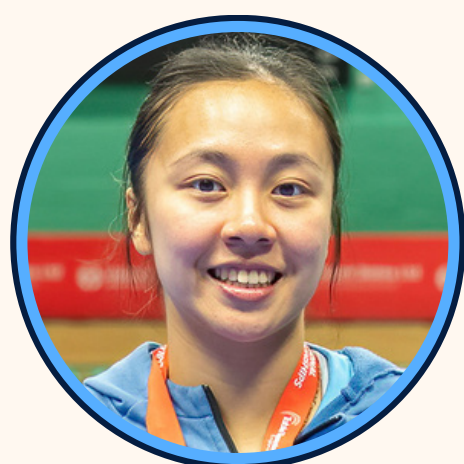
Educational Qualification:
Finished high school, currently studying to be building constructor.

Sports Achievements:
Olympian and National champion.

Candidate's Personal Statement:
Achieve fairness from the players' perspective, both for top level players, but also the players around 200–300 in the world.

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**Dr. Tin-Tin
HO**
OLY
ENGLAND

Date of Birth:
03/09/1998

Languages spoken: English (fluent), Cantonese (fluent), Mandarin (not fluent)

Professional work: Athlete

Educational qualification: Bachelor's degree – Medicine BMBS

Sport achievements: Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (qualified); Commonwealth Games Medalist (Silver x2 mixed doubles, bronze 1x team); 7 times English National women's singles champion, U21 European Doubles champion 2019; European Youth 4x medalist

Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

Having started table tennis from the age of 5 years and competed in multiple ETTU and ITTF events, my passion for the sport has evolved over the years. Coming from a family of table tennis, with my father as a coach and brother as a player, I have grown to understand the importance of community and integrity in table tennis. As both a doctor and athlete, I believe I have the qualities suitable to be on the ETTU Athlete's commission, which I will discuss below.

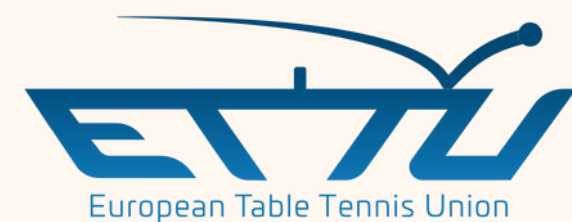
It would be an honour to have the opportunity to be on the ETTU Athlete's commission. In 2016 and 2017, I won the fair play award at the European Youth Championships and at the English National Championships respectively. I value honesty and integrity and believe that champions can be made without sacrificing these principles.

I enjoy working in a team and utilising both teamwork and leadership skills. The English women's team is currently comprised of younger players, and I was happy to lead the team to qualify for the European Championships in Zadar. I learnt that I was able to lead a team and remain positively calm in pressure situations. I hope to use these skills to be part of the growing movement of female table tennis and be a voice for the minority and all athletes.

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For the past 7 years, I have balanced table tennis with a medical degree and have recently graduated. Time management and organisational skills were crucial for me to be able to balance both careers, from administrative work to organising my own schedule. My comfort zone was also challenged, as I required exceptional communication skills during my hospital placements to converse with patients and other healthcare workers. I am experienced in having difficult conversations and relaying information to other members of the team. On the ETTU athlete's commission I would use these skills to voice any concerns experienced by other athletes, and also be a listening ear if anyone needs a helping hand.

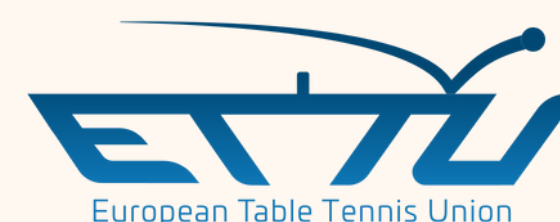
I was on the Athletes Panel for Table Tennis England from 2023–2024 which involved collating information and opinions from other table tennis players and sharing them with the panel to improve experiences and attempt to improve athlete retention. This experience opened me to other athlete's perspectives, and I learnt that everyone has their own unique experience. It is important to be empathetic and open-minded to understand other people's perspectives. I have a passion to improve the experience of table tennis for everyone.

With these skills, I hope to improve female participation in table tennis and improve opportunities for them to pursue table tennis as their full-time career. From my own experience, many female players pursue studies on the side of their sporting career. It is important that they have the opportunities in table tennis to be able to pursue it as their full-time career, as it is the passion for many. ETTU has a role in this, in their events and their systems to further improve the table tennis experience and to complement WTT events. In addition, I would also strive to improve table tennis participation in all genders and to be a support to all athletes in table tennis.

I have particularly enjoyed the ETTU events which brings European table tennis together and have made some lifelong friends throughout these years. I am proud to be European and I would love the opportunity to be a part of the future of ETTU.

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**Marina
DONNER**
FINLAND

Date of Birth:
26/09/1982

Languages spoken: fluent Swedish, English, Russian; basic Spanish

Professional work: Medical doctor

Educational qualification: 2 university degrees: Sports teacher and Medical Doctor

Sport achievements: 5 x Singles Finnish Champion (2021–2025), Veterans (40+) Singles European (2022 & 2023) & World Champion (2023 and 2024).

Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

I hope to help keep athletes in the sport, especially females, past the age of 25–30. One way of doing that is by creating more competitions that are in the “middle” level, especially suitable for those who are just under the National Team level in their countries or in the National Teams in the small countries. A good example is Finlandia Open with the U21 and senior competitions, creating more international matches for players who don't compete on WTT level (usually due to costs). There are good competitions on the youth level (Europe Youth Series), but past the U21 there is only WTT which is very costly and usually gives you 1–2 matches only.



**Ricardo
WALTHER**
GERMANY

Date of Birth:
30/11/1991

Languages spoken: German, English

Professional work: Table Tennis Player

Educational qualification: University of Applied Sciences Entrance Qualification (Fachhochschulreife, Germany)

Sport achievements:

- Vice World Champion Team 2022
- European Champion Team 2017
- German Champion 2020
- Champions League Winner 2020/21

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Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

As a professional table tennis player who has proudly represented Europe on both national and international stages, I am highly motivated to contribute to the development of our sport as a member of the ETTU Athletes' Commission.

My vision is to help strengthen the connection between athletes and officials, ensuring that players' voices are heard and actively considered in the decision-making processes. I strongly believe that by working together, we can make ETTU competitions even more attractive, raise the profile of European table tennis, and create new opportunities for growth at all levels of our sport.

I am committed to promoting initiatives that improve support for athletes, enhance communication within the table tennis community, and contribute to the continuous development of the ETTU. My goal is to help make European table tennis bigger, stronger, and more united than ever before.

I would be honored to represent my fellow athletes and work closely with the ETTU to achieve these goals.



**Daniels
KOGANS**
LATVIA

Date of Birth:
06/08/2003

Languages spoken: Latvian, Russian, English

Professional work: Riga Secondary School No. 21, Physical Education and Sports Teacher

Educational qualification: Student of Riga Technical University

Sport achievements:

2025 – ETC 2025, Stage 1 – participant; Latvian National Champion
2024 – NETU Championships, bronze in men's doubles; EC – participant
2023 – ETC 2023, Stage 1 – participant
2022 – Baltic Youth TOP-10 winner; NETU Youth winner / junior singles;
EYC – participant;
EC – participant

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Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

I am writing to express my strong interest in being elected to serve on the ETTU Athletes' Commission. This opportunity represents a meaningful step for me to deepen my engagement in the development of European table tennis, expand my knowledge of the sport's governance, and actively contribute to the advancement of athletes' interests across the continent.

Coming from a small country where table tennis is not a major sport, I understand the challenges that many mid-level and underrepresented athletes face. I am confident in my ability to bring their perspectives to the forefront and serve as a dedicated advocate for their needs and aspirations.

It would be a great honor to join the Commission and collaborate with fellow athletes to shape the future of table tennis in Europe. Thank you for considering my application—I look forward to the possibility of contributing to and learning from the valuable work of the ETTU Athletes' Commission.



**Elizabeta
SAMARA**
ROMANIA

Date of Birth:
15/04/1989

Languages spoken: Romanian, English, Italian, Spanish, French

Professional work: Table tennis player

Educational qualification: Coach – Faculty and Master Degree at the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport

Sport achievements:

- 23 medals – European Championships
- 2nd place – World Cup (2012)
- 5th place – Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (teams event)
- 5th place – World Team Championship
- 5 participations at the Olympic Games

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Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

- Improve communication between the athletes and the ETTU
- Represent the rights and interests of athletes ensuring that table tennis has a voice in the decision-making process
- Ensure gender equality by providing more opportunities for women in table tennis
- Support sustainable initiatives for the future of table tennis and the environment
- Promote a healthy lifestyle through table tennis
- Support the mental health of athletes



Polina
MIKHAILOVA
RUSSIA

Date of Birth:
31/08/1986

Languages spoken: Russian, English

Professional work: Athlete

Educational qualification: Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, State and municipal administration, Manager. P.F. Lesgaft National State University of Physical Culture, Sports and Health, Physical education and sports.

Sport achievements:

- 2012 – Won the singles stage of the ITTF World Tour in Minsk.
- 2016 – Won the stage of the World Tour in Slovenia in doubles (with Maria Dolgikh).
- 2019 – Won the singles stage of the ITTF Challenge Series in Lagos, Nigeria, and the doubles event there with Yana Noskova.
- 2015 – European Championships in Yekaterinburg: Bronze medal in singles.
- Bronze medal in the team event at the European Championships in 2013, 2015, and 2017.
- Participant at the Olympic Games 2016 and 2020.
- Russian singles champion in 2018.

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Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

As an athlete who has dedicated her life to table tennis, I am deeply aware of the importance of a female voice in the governance of our sport.

Developing young talents through the creation of support and mentoring programs is important to ensure a smooth transition from junior to adult sports, helping athletes adapt to new challenges. Increasing the availability of information about rules, regulations, and opportunities for athletes is a priority. I plan to work on simplifying access to important information for athletes of all levels. I also aim to promote innovations in the training process and organization of competitions, introducing modern technologies and techniques that will help improve the quality of the game and conditions for athletes.



**Kirill
SKACHKOV**
RUSSIA

Date of Birth:
06/08/1987

Languages spoken: Russian, English

Professional work: Athlete

Educational qualification: Orenburg State University, Psychological and pedagogical education, Master's degree

Sport achievements:

2005 – Silver medal at the World Youth Championships in Linz (Austria) in doubles

2011 – Silver medal at the European Championship in doubles (with Alexander Shibaev)

2012 – Silver medal at Euro Top-12; participant at the Olympic Games in London

2021 – Champion of Russia in singles

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Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

As an athlete who has dedicated his life to table tennis, I am deeply aware of the importance of a sportsman's voice in the governance of our sport. If I am lucky enough to become a member of the ETTU Athletes' Commission, I will make every effort to achieve the following goals:

- Representing the interests of athletes at all levels of ETTU management. I will actively collect and share the opinions of athletes on the organization of competitions, the training process, and the development of table tennis in Europe.
- Improving communication between athletes and the federation's leadership. I plan to create an effective platform for the exchange of opinions and suggestions so that the voice of each athlete is heard.



**Marko
JEVTOVIC**
SERBIA

Languages spoken: Serbian, English

Professional work: Longtime Director of STK Crvena Zvezda, Director of the Table Tennis Association of Serbia, and President of the Table Tennis Association of Belgrade.

Educational qualification: Completed Level IV degree at the Secondary School of Chemistry. Currently a final-year student at the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education (DIF), with graduation expected by the end of the current year.

Date of Birth:
05/01/1987

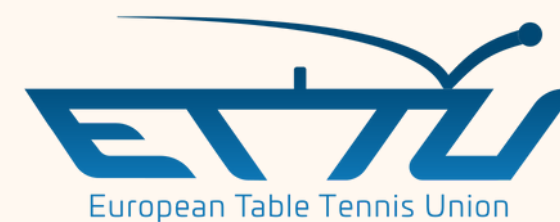
Sport achievements:

- Two-time Olympian – participated in the London 2012 and Tokyo 2021 Olympic Games; multiple-time participant at European and World Championships
- Multiple-time national champion and league winner with STK Crvena Zvezda, where he also served as team captain
- Longtime captain of the Serbian national table tennis team
- Many years competing in the German Bundesliga and French Pro A league
- Winner of numerous medals at Balkan Championships

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Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

With the experience I have gained by competing in two Olympic cycles and at numerous European and World Championships, I believe I am well positioned to understand — from an athlete's perspective — the importance of developing table tennis as a sport. Having also transitioned into the field of sports management, I am confident in my ability to comprehend the broader strategic role of table tennis within Europe.

If selected to serve on this commission, I am fully prepared to dedicate myself to the goals set before us. I am committed to active participation, constructive contribution, and close coordination with all relevant ETTU structures in order to support and advance the future of our sport.



**Linda
BERGSTRÖM**
SWEDEN

Date of Birth:
12/01/1995

Languages spoken: Swedish, English, German

Professional work: Table Tennis Player

Educational qualification: Candidate in psychology

Sport achievements:

- Represented Sweden in European and World Championships for approximately 12 years.
- Represented Sweden in the Olympic Games: 2021 (Singles) and 2024 (Singles + Team)

Results last 3 years:

Singles:

Highest ranking: 28

Finalist – WTT Contender Brazil 2023

Round of 16 – WTT Champions Macao 2025

Round of 16 – WTT Champions Incheon 2024

Doubles:

Highest ranking: 1st in Europe – 5th in the world

Winner – WTT Feeder Doha 2023

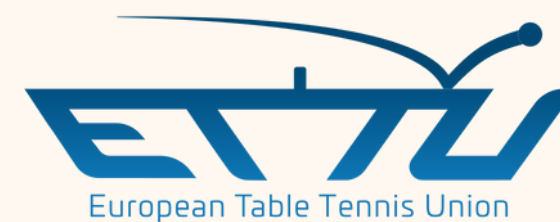
Semifinal – WTT Star Contender Goa 2023

Quarterfinal – WTT Finals 2023

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Team:

Quarterfinal – Olympic Games 2024

Round of 16 – World Championships 2024

Quarterfinal – European Championships 2023

Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

Dear fellow athletes,

My name is Linda Bergström, and I'm proud to stand as a candidate for the ETTU Athletes Commission. I've spent years competing in table tennis across the world, especially Europe, and I know firsthand the dedication, sacrifice, and passion it takes to perform at our best. But I also know that we, as athletes, deserve more—more support, more representation, and more influence in shaping the future of our sport.

I'm running because I want to make sure our voices are not only heard within Europe, but also at the international level. European players face unique challenges, and I believe it's time we advocate for better conditions, fairer opportunities, and stronger representation at the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

If elected, I will work to:

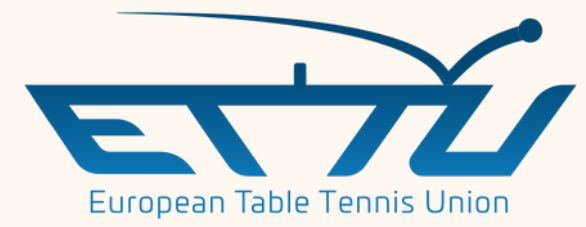
- Create open channels of communication so athletes can share concerns and ideas directly with the Commission.
- Strengthen the voice of European athletes within ETTU and ITTF decision-making.
- Push for improved conditions at tournaments—travel, scheduling, facilities, and athlete support.
- Promote gender equality and inclusion, ensuring women in table tennis have equal opportunities and visibility.

I'm not just here to represent—I'm here to act. I will listen to your concerns, fight for your interests, and work to make European table tennis as strong, fair, and united as it can be.

Let's raise our voices together. Let's build a better future for our sport

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**Jack
HUNTER-SPIVEY**
ENGLAND

Date of Birth:
11/05/1995

Languages spoken: English

Professional work: British Para Table Tennis Performance Squad Athlete

Educational qualification: 13 A-C GCSEs; Level 1 Table Tennis Coaching Qualification

Sport achievements:

Silver – 2023 European Championships (class 5 men's singles)

Gold – 2022 Commonwealth Games Champion (class 3–5 men's singles)

Bronze – Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (class 5 men's singles; held in 2021)

Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

I have had the privilege of competing as a professional para table tennis athlete in Class 5 for the past 12 years. Over this time, I've witnessed the sport evolve significantly and have become deeply passionate about contributing to its continued growth and development.

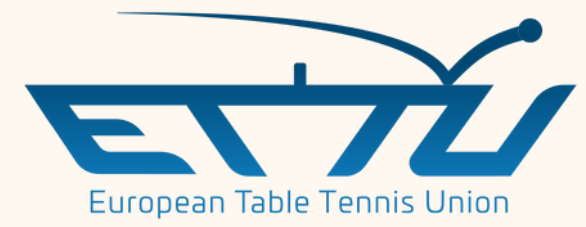
Throughout my career, I've competed in many major international competitions, proudly representing my country on the world stage. My accomplishments include winning a bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (held in 2021), a silver medal at the 2023 European Championships, and a gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

As a full-time wheelchair user, disability inclusion is not just a passion—it's a lived experience. I regularly deliver talks and keynote speeches to some of the world's leading companies, advocating for greater inclusivity and accessibility, and sharing insights on how we can collectively build a more inclusive world for disabled people. Last year, I was also voted in as an athlete representative for British Para Table Tennis. Within this role, I have been a voice for the athletes within the BPTT squads.

With my extensive experience in para table tennis, my commitment to disability advocacy, and my dedication to pushing the sport forward, I believe I would be a strong and effective voice on the ETTU Athletes' Commission.

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**Luka
BAKIC**
MONTENEGRO

Date of Birth:
06/06/1991

Languages spoken: Serbian, English

Professional work: Table tennis player

Educational qualification: Secondary School

Sport achievements:

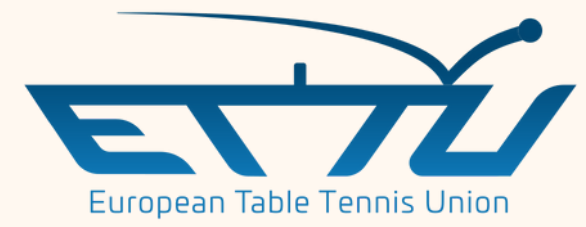
- Bronze medal – 3rd place, team event, European Championships, Helsingborg 2019
- Bronze medal – 3rd place, Elite tournament in Laško, Slovenia
- Silver medal – 2nd place, team event, Super League Serbia
- Gold medal – 1st place, Lignano Masters Para Open 2023
- Bronze medal – 3rd place, Egypt Open, Giza 2024
- 5th place at ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking – 2022

Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

- Representing the interests of athletes at all levels
- Advocating for the voices of athletes to be heard – from elite performers to those in lower ranks and less represented sports.
- Improving training and competition conditions
- Working towards better infrastructure, proper equipment, and access to modern training methods.
- Increasing support for athletes during and after their careers
- Developing programs that assist athletes in transitioning to life after professional sports.
- Promoting fair play, ethics, and mental health in sports
- Supporting initiatives that encourage healthy competition, mutual respect, and psychological support for athletes.
- Raising visibility and recognition of "smaller" sports
- Advocating for more equal media coverage and support for sports that receive less public attention.
- Involving athletes in decision-making processes
- Ensuring athletes have an active role in shaping the rules and policies that directly affect them.
- Strengthening collaboration among athletes from different disciplines
- Fostering connections and the exchange of experiences between athletes across various sports.
- Combating doping and unethical practices in sports
- Raising awareness and educating athletes on the importance of clean and fair competition.

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**Martin
PERRY**
SCOTLAND

Date of Birth:
08/05/1994

Languages spoken: English

Professional work: Athlete (table tennis)

Educational qualification: BSc Sports Development

Sport achievements:

- Para World Championships Singles Bronze 2022
- Para European Championships singles Bronze & doubles Bronze 2023
- Paris 2024 Paralympian

Candidate's personal statement (what the candidate hopes to achieve on the ETTU Athletes Commission):

I would like to stand for the ETTU Athletes Commission as I feel strongly about the future of our sport and I feel that having competed on the world stage for a number of years that I have a knowledgeable grasp on the wants and needs of the athletes and personnel involved within table tennis. Personally, I have a passion for sustainability and the environment and would hopefully be able to utilize the position on the Athletes Commission to garner change moving forward to make our sport more eco-friendly alongside raising the current concerns of the athletes.

How to vote

The ETTU Athletes' Commission represents the voice of athletes within European table tennis. Five members will be elected in 2025: four from the European Championships (able-bodied athletes) and one from the European Para Table Tennis Championships (para TT athletes).

In this document, you will find photos, background information, and personal statements from each candidate.

Able-Bodied Athletes (4 positions)

Who votes: Athletes participating in all stages of the 2025 European Championships.

Voting method:

- Stage 1 (Sarajevo): Athletes from Associations that did not qualify for the Final Stage will vote online via a secure platform.
- Final Stage (Zadar): In-person voting at the competition venue.

→ Elected: The top male and top female with the highest votes are elected, followed by the next two highest-voted athletes (regardless of gender). Only one athlete per country can be elected.

Para Athletes (1 position)

Who votes: All athletes participating in the 2025 European Para Table Tennis Championships.

Voting method:

In-person voting at the competition venue in Helsingborg.

→ Elected: The para athlete with the highest number of votes is elected.