

Dear prospective member of the European Go Instructors Network,

Thank you for your interest in joining the European Go Instructors Network. To help us understand your qualifications and aspirations as a Go instructor, please complete the following application form. Your responses will be instrumental in building a strong and supportive community of Go instructors in Europe.

### Section 1: Personal Information

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<b>Teaching Format:</b> Club & School
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### Section 2: Go Instruction Activity

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<b>Number of Active Students (U18 Only):</b>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Please provide the number of active students along with a list of their names. Ensure compliance with GDPR measures.</li></ul>
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<b>Short History of Your Activity:</b>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Starting Year: 2011</li><li>Highlights:</li></ul>

- Key achievements: over 100 students
- Results: National Champions in U10, U12 and Youth Category
- Milestones:
- Developing effective teaching techniques
- Learning how to adapt my teaching style to different learning preferences
- Developing materials and resources to aid in teaching
- Establishing a local community of Go players who are passionate about learning and improving
- Providing mentorship to aspiring Go players

### **Calendar of Organized Events:**

- Recent events: Dorgonian's Cup, Beginner's Tournament (club event with more than 30 players)
- Upcoming events: Winter Go Festival, Japanese Ambassador's Cup, World Youth Go Championship

### **Teaching Structure:**

- Lesson Duration: 1h
- Lesson Frequency: 2 times/week
- Number of Age Groups: Level Groups: Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners (Age 6-19 y.o.)

### **Participation at Other Events:**

- **2023 EGF events:**
- EYGC
- European Go Congress
- SEYGO Tour
- **2023 National events:**
- Youth National Championship
- Youth Romanian Go Cup
- Women National Go Championship
- Pair Go National Championship

### **Notable Results from Students:**

- **Sincari Matei:** member of the National Team
- **2023** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Youth National Championship U12
- **2022:** 4<sup>th</sup> place Youth National Championship U12
- 6<sup>th</sup> place European Youth Go Championship
- **2021:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Youth National Championship U12
- **2020:** 2<sup>nd</sup> place Youth Romanian GO Cup, Age group 2011-2014
- **Sincari Luca:** member of the National Team
  - **2023** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Youth National Championship U12
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Youth Romanian GO Cup
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Napoca GO Cup
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Youth Open Tournament
  - **2022:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Youth National Championship U12
  - **2021:** 4<sup>th</sup> place Youth National Championship U12
  - **2020:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Youth Romanian GO Cup, Age group 2011-2014
- **Taranu Gruia:** member of the National Team
  - **2023** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Youth National Championship U10
- **Petrescu Bianca:** member of the National Team
  - **2023** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Youth National Championship Youth
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place Napoca GO Cup
  - **2021** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place National Women Go Championship
- **Oprisan Alexandra:** member of the National Team
  - **2022** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place National Women Go Championship
- **Heidel David:** member of the National Team
  - **2022** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Youth Romanian GO Cup
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- **Ungureanu Eduard:** member of the National Team
  - **2020:** 1<sup>st</sup> place Youth Romanian GO Cup, Age group 2003-2007

#### Plans for the Future:

- **Community Engagement:** Organize regular meetups or workshops within the community to encourage peer learning and collaboration.
- **Collaboration with Local Institutions:** such as schools or local administration
- **Practical Projects with Local Impact:** 101 Dorgonians

- **Highlighting Success Stories:** Highlight success stories within the community to inspire others and highlight the practical applications of Go.
- **Community-Based Events:**

### Section 3: Support and Challenges

#### How Can NA or EGF Help Improve Local Activity:

- NA and EGF can play a crucial role in supporting and improving the local activity of a Go instructor by providing resources, funding, and a broader platform.
- **Grants and Sponsorships:** NA and EGF often offer grants or sponsorships to support educational initiatives. A Go instructor can apply for these funds to cover expenses such as teaching materials, equipment, and venue costs
- **Training Programs:** These organizations often organize training programs for educators. The Go instructor can participate in such programs to enhance their teaching skills, stay updated on the latest educational methodologies, and network with other educators
- **Curriculum Development** These organizations may offer funds for the development of innovative and effective teaching materials. The Go instructor can use these resources to create localized, engaging, and culturally relevant content.
- **Connect with Like-minded Organizations:** NA and EGF can facilitate connections with other organizations working towards similar goals. Collaborative efforts can amplify the impact of the Go instructor's initiatives and provide additional resources
- **Impact Assessment Tools:** These organizations often have tools and frameworks for assessing the impact of different Go teaching methods. The Go instructor can benefit from these resources to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching methods.

#### Challenges Encountered:

- **Inadequate Teaching Facilities:** A lack of suitable classrooms or teaching spaces can make it challenging to conduct hands-on programming sessions
- **Limited Budget for Teaching Materials:** Insufficient funds may hinder the ability to purchase quality teaching materials, books, etc. for a comprehensive learning experience.
- **Limited Awareness and Interest:** Generating interest and awareness within the local community about the benefits of learning Go might be a hurdle.
- **Logistical Challenges:** In remote areas, transportation challenges can make it difficult for both instructors and students to attend classes regularly
- **Long-Term Engagement:** Sustaining students' interest and commitment to learning Go over the long term can be challenging without a well-established and engaging curriculum or an event calendar.

**Additional Topics:**

- If you have any additional information or topics, you'd like to discuss, please share them here.

**Section 4: Additional Information and Links**

**Additional Information:**

- Please provide any additional information or comments you believe are relevant.

**Media Links:**

- <https://asociatiadornago.com/>

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that your information will be used for membership evaluation within the European Go Instructors Network. Membership is granted upon successful submission of this form and providing a yearly activity report is mandatory.

Thank you for your commitment to promoting Go among U18 youth in Europe and for your interest in joining our network. We look forward to welcoming you into our community of dedicated Go instructors.

Sincerely,

**Mihaela Taranu** [15.12.2023]

Please submit your completed application form to [catalin@eurogofed.org].