

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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Section 2: Go Instruction Activity

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.	Number of Active Students (U18 Only): almost 50 in total / 15 in EGF, plus more than 30 without a rank (they didn't play in competitions, mainly because of the distance (they live in villages or small towns))
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.	Short History of Your Activity:
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Starting Year (teaching & promoting Go): ▪ 1992-1993 in Baia Mare town; ▪ 2010-2011 Timisoara city (projects in partnership with Viorel Arsinoaia 2 Dan); ▪ 2017-2022 Sag (village); ▪ 2016-2023 in Sannicolau Mare (town), Dudestii Noi (commune), Recas (parish),

Giroc (commune); ▪ 2022 - almost 100 pupils initiated in Go to Timisoara city (in cooperation with my former student Dobridoreanu Daniel), during the Week of Japanese Culture organized by Kizuna Association

- **Highlights:** ▪ three Go clubs settled in Romania, Timis county: CS Timisul Sag, CSC Duestii Noi, CS Unirea Sannicolau Mare ▪ more than 300 kids initiated in Go in 1992-1993, in Baia Mare town ▪ more than 500 kids from Timis County, Romania, initiated in Go in the clubs, schools and various projects, starting with 2010 until 2023; ▪ Dobridoreanu Daniel was initiated in Go starting with April 2017, at CS Timisul Sag, one of my Go clubs; he attended *Shodan* in 2022 and he took the helm of this club in March 2023, as *Go instructor*; ▪ I obtained financial support and organized the participation of my pupils to numerous Go competitions and other events, mainly from 2017 until 2023, in Romania (Vatra Dornei, Bucharest, Bistrița, Sibiu, Felix) and Serbia (Nis, Belgrade); ▪ organizer or co-organizer of various Go competitions and training camps in Timis county, Romania, during 2017-2023 (Walter Schmidt Cup, Timisoara 2017 / other events in Timisoara, Sannicolau Mare, Duestii Noi, Sag, Giroc).

Calendar of Organized Events:

- August 2017, Timisoara, Walter Schmidt Cup, international open
- November 2017, Giroc, training camp led by Taranu Catalin & contest
- November 2018, Duestii Noi, training camp led by Burzo Cornel & contest
- December 2019, Sanandrei, Go tournament
- August 2021, Sag, Go tournament
- August 2022, Sag, Go tournament
- August 2023, Sag, Go tournament
- November 2023, Timisoara, Kizuna Cup
- November 2023, Timisoara, National Go Team Championship

Teaching Structure:

- Lesson Duration: 3 hours
- Lesson Frequency: weekly, once each club
- Number of Age Groups: 6-18

Participation at Other Events:

- October 2016, Felix / Radu Baciú – Grand Prix
- April 2017, Felix / National Go Junior Championships
- December 2017, Bucharest, Hikaru Cup
- March 2018, Nis Open – Serbia
- April 2018, Sibiu / National Go Junior Championships

- September 2018, Vatra Dornei, Radu Baciu Prize
- December 2018, Bucharest, Hikaru Open
- February 2019, Vatra Dornei Go Festival (including SEYGO)
- June 2029, Saturn, National Go Rapid, 13x13, 9x9 Championships
- August 2019, Vatra Dornei, Cup of Romania, semifinal
- October 2019, Bucharest, Shodan tournament / player Dobridoreanu Daniel
- October 2019, Bucharest, National Go Junior Championships
- February 2020, Vatra Dornei Go Festival (including SEYGO)
- November 2021, Bistrita / National Go Junior Championship – finals
- December 2022, Bistrita / National Go Junior Championship – finals
- December 2023, Bistrita / Romanian Cup for Juniors and Youth

Notable Results from Students:

- Dobridoreanu Daniel, 3rd place at National Go Junior Championship 2022
- Dobridoreanu Daniel, Shodan after European Go Congres, Vatra Dornei 2023
- Dobridoreanu Daniel, 1st place at National Go Team Championship 2023
- Dobridoreanu Daniel, 2nd place at Youth Romanian Cup 2023

Plans for the Future:

- To settle a National Go Team Championship U14 and organize at least the first edition.
- Launching some “School Teachers Learning Go” camps – in order to initiate the teachers from the schools in Go (the sport teachers, but not only).
- To improve myself in Go and get at least the Shodan rank.
- Raise another young Go instructor, in order to cover one of the two Go clubs which I am managing now.
- Engage in Go literature projects, as an author or co-author (fiction, history of Go).

Section 3: Support and Challenges

Travel abroad. Meet People. Documentation. Improve my own skills in Go.

How Can NA or EGF Help Improve Local Activity:

- More official competitions dedicated mainly to the ages under 14 are needed.
- Go instructors should be helped to improve their own level in Go.

Challenges Encountered:

- The main problem is the lack of Go instructors in the territory.
- Another serious problem is the lack of qualified Go arbiters. Without them, we cannot organise official tournaments in small towns and villages.
- Regional phases of the national Go championaships for kids and juniors are also needed, in order to allow a much higher number of kids to participate in national official competitions and obtain medals which may leverage a higher support from local authorities, sponsors, parents and local community.

Additional Topics:

- How can we find documentaries and books about Go history and great Go players and about the history of great Go championships?

Section 4: Additional Information and Links

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It is very important to involve in Go more teachers from the schools.

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Media Links:

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- If available, please provide links to pictures, videos, websites, or social networks related to your Go instruction activities.

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,

Moldovan Gheorghe Zamfir [31.12.2023]

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