

**To:** UEC - Affiliated National Federations

**Subject:** Application for UEC Management Board Position

Dear National Federations,

Israel Cycling is honored to present the candidacy of its President, Ms. Dafna Lang for the position of UEC Management Board member. As a dedicated cycling executive with a strong background in governance, legal advocacy, and grassroots development, Ms. Lang is eager to contribute her expertise to further advance European cycling.

## Professional Background & Contributions to Cycling

As President of the Israel Cycling Federation since 2022, she has led the organization through a period of unprecedented growth, achieving historic milestones such as:

- Hosting the 2022 UCI Junior Track World Championships – bringing international cycling to new audiences.
- Securing Israel's first-ever World and European Championship medals and sending Israel's largest ever cycling team to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- Launching Cycling For All initiatives for underrepresented communities, including:
  - An excellence program for Arab cyclists in partnership with the Israeli Olympic Committee.
  - Competitive leagues for at-risk youth in youth villages and the Bedouin Community.
- Doubling the Federation's budget through sponsorships and private-sector collaborations, strengthening financial sustainability.
- Implementing a new organizational structure, increasing operational efficiency and expanding professional staffing.

Beyond her role in cycling governance, Ms. Lang has extensive legal experience in sports litigation, including representing women's sports federations and teams in Israel's Supreme Court, securing landmark rulings on gender-equal funding policies. Additionally, as a Board Member of the Israel Olympic Committee, she contributes to financial oversight and gender equality initiatives at the national level.

## Commitment to the UEC & European Cycling Development

Ms. Lang firmly believes that the future of European cycling lies in accessibility, inclusion, and strategic growth. Her experience in:

- Expanding youth participation and talent development.
- Enhancing financial resilience through sponsorship strategies.
- Strengthening governance structures.
- Co-initiator of Israel's leading platform for advancing girls and women in sports, recognized by the Ministry of Sport. This initiative has been the central driver of gender equality in Israeli sports for over a decade.

equips her to contribute meaningfully to the UEC's objectives. As an active competitive cyclist and 2024 Israel Masters MTB Enduro Vice Champion, she brings both a strategic leadership perspective and firsthand experience as a cyclist. She is eager to collaborate with the UEC leadership to strengthen European cycling's competitive, financial, and developmental foundations.

Ms. Lang welcomes the opportunity to further discuss how her experience aligns with the UEC's goals, and can be reached at:  
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Thank you for your time and consideration.