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Sport in Cyprus

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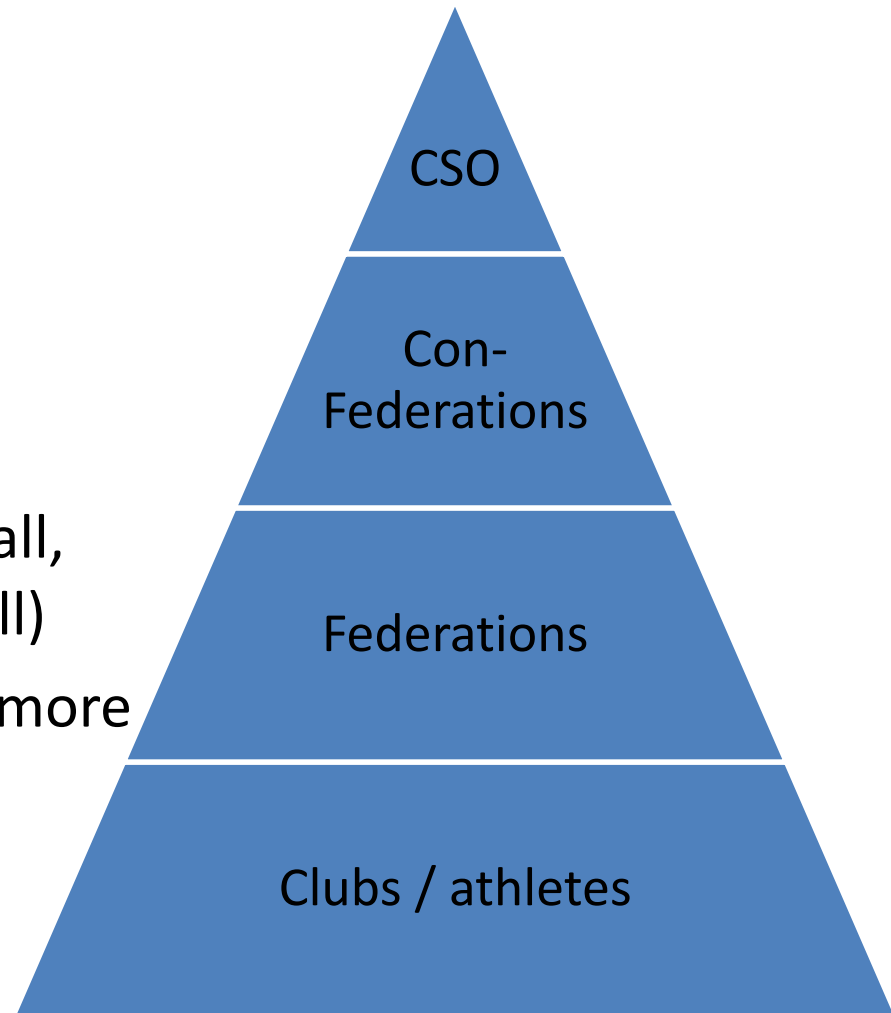
History of sport in Cyprus

- Long tradition
- Sports have been a part of social life in our island for more than 3,000 years
- [Short video](#)



Organisational model

- **Typical European Model**
 - Cyprus Sport Organisation, Governmental Agency
- 6 Con-Federations (including National Olympic Committee)
- 78 Federations (biggest Football, Basketball, Handball, Volleyball)
- 600 clubs approximately with more than 55,000 athletes



CYPRUS SPORT ORGANISATION (CSO)

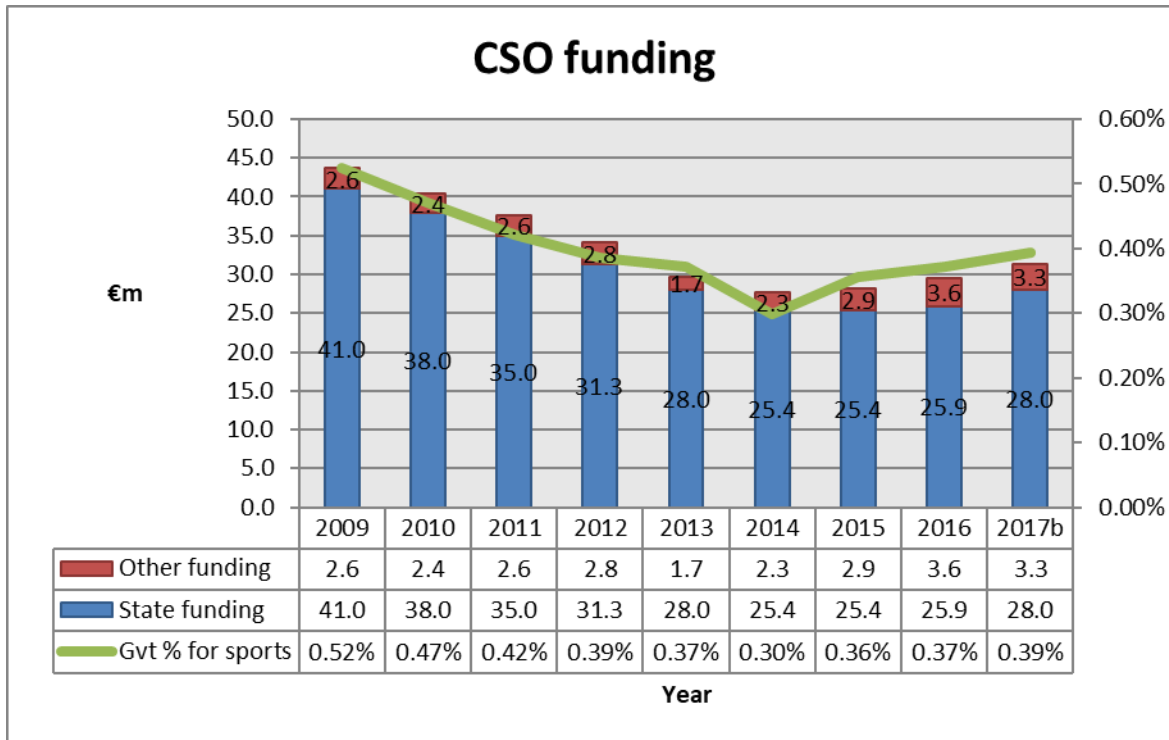
- The highest sports authority in the Republic of Cyprus
- Was established in 1969
- A semi-governmental, non profit organization
- Politically supervised by the Ministry of Education and Culture
 - Minister – Dr Costas Kadis

Aims:

- The development of extra curriculum school sports
- The coordination of sports activities in the island
- The cultivation of the Olympic ideals
- The promotion of Cyprus in the international sports scene



CSO Funding



- From the €43.6m of 2009 to €33.3 in 2017 (est.) (about 0,4% of state budget)
- 90% financed by the state
- (lottery and gambling proceeds go to the national budget)
- ↓ in infrastructure
- ↓ in sport funding

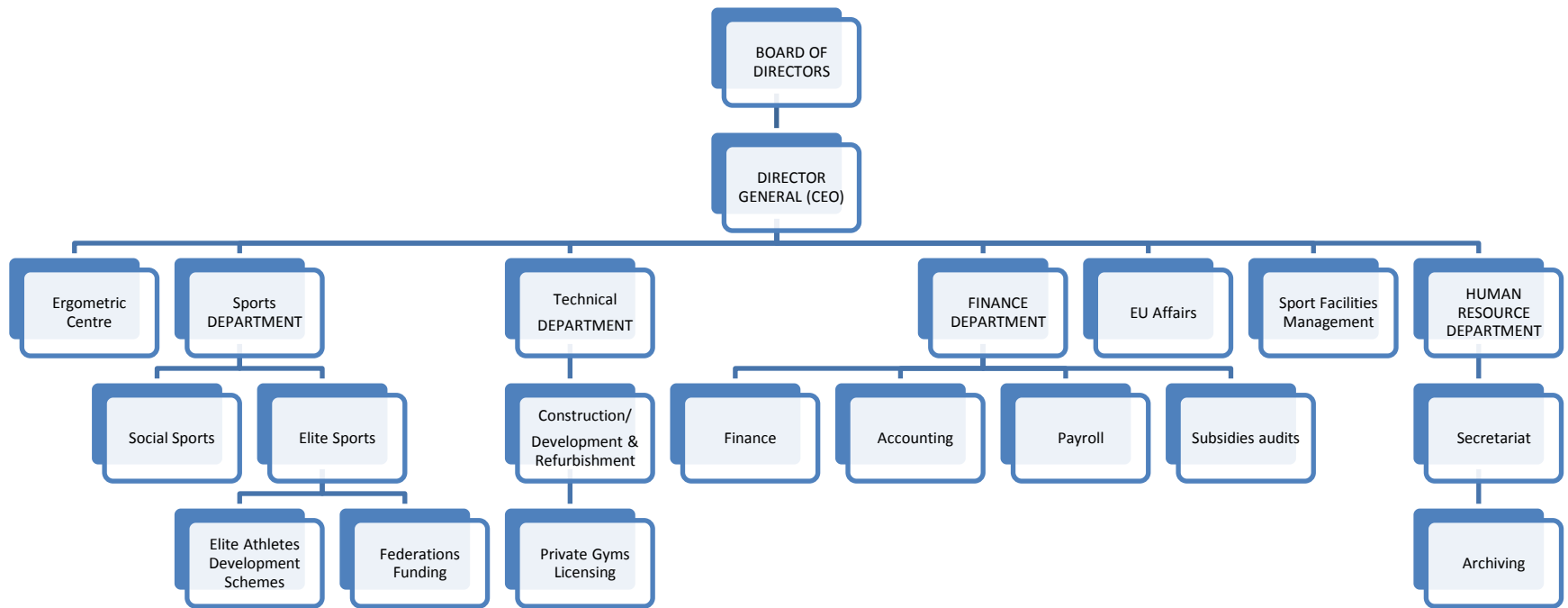


CSO Structure

- Governed by a board of 9 members, appointed by the President of the Republic every 30 months (non-executive board members), essentially volunteers
 - **Chairman => Mr Cleanthis Georgiades**
- Approximately 260 employees
 - 4 main departments
 - Sports
 - Sport infrastructure – Development & Management,
 - Finance
 - Human Resource
 - More than 140 work part time in various national programmes



CSO's Structure



Elite sports

- Elite or competitive sports is the responsibility of the federations.
- In Cyprus there are 78 sport federations
- Funded with more than €8m
 - Public money => rigorous checks (budgets, audits etc)
 - Good Governance code for sport organisations in Cyprus will be ready by the end of the year



Elite sports

- 3 national programmes for athletes' development to support federations:

Engage

- National Scheme for Sport Development

- Around 10,000 young athletes participate

Identify

- Talents identification program

Develop

- Elite athletes support



Elite sports

Despite it's small size, successes!!

- Silver in London 2012



- Gold medals in Paralympics
Commonwealth Games
Mediterranean Games
- Notable presence in
International Competitions







Elite sports (cont.)



Mass participation - Social sports

- Based on 2013 EU barometer on sports:

QD1. How often do you exercise or play sport?

Never or seldom	 EU28	 CY
TOTAL	59%	64%
 Gender		
Man	55%	57%
Woman	63%	72%
 Gender and Age		
Man 15-24	26%	28%
Man 25-39	49%	48%
Man 40-54	60%	65%
Man 55+	70%	77%
Women 15-24	44%	63%
Women 25-39	58%	71%
Women 40-54	63%	72%
Women 55+	71%	77%

- 64% of Cypriots stated that they don't exercise
- Below EU averages need for improvement

Social Sports Programmes

- 2 national programmes
 - Sports for All programme
 - Operated by CSO on a national level, centrally controlled and financed
 - Increased co-operation with municipalities
 - Annual cost approximately €2.7m
 - Including programmes for the elderly, **the army**, prisoners etc.
 - Around 15,0000 members of all ages
 - Social inclusion programme
 - Addressed to minorities, people with disabilities, special Olympics



Social Sports - Awareness

- European Week of Sport in Cyprus
 - an EU wide initiative that was agreed during the Cyprus Presidency of the EU in 2012
 - 2017 edition in Cyprus had:
 - 198,000 participants
 - 148 events
 - 66 organisations, including local authorities, across the Republic
 - Special focus on, Education, sport in the workplace, elderly people, people with disabilities



Where do people train?

- Facilities owned by CSO
 - 8 indoor arenas/training facilities
 - 6 swimming pools 25m and 50m
 - 2 football stadiums with Track and Field
 - Sailing Centre
 - National Tennis Centre
 - National Archery Centre



Where do people train?

- Public facilities subsidised by CSO

e.g.

- Football Stadiums with Track and Field owned by Gymnastic Associations



- Shooting ranges owned/operated by regional shooting clubs

- Municipalities facilities
- Facilities owned by clubs (including football stadiums)

Where do people train?

- Private training grounds (including hotels), especially golf, tennis, futsal and swimming pools.



How are these achieved?

- The CSO's Strategic Plan 2010-2020
- “Right to Physical Activity – Citizens in action”
- Centred around 8 strategies:
 1. Developing the Sport Infrastructure
 2. Supporting Federations and Clubs
 3. Developing National Projects
 4. The Social Role of Sports
 5. The CSO and the EU
 6. Sport's Economic Dimension
 7. Maximising the Internal Capacity
 8. Improving communication





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