

GOOD GOVERNANCE IN NATIONAL SPORT ORGANISATIONS: CASE OF LITHUANIA

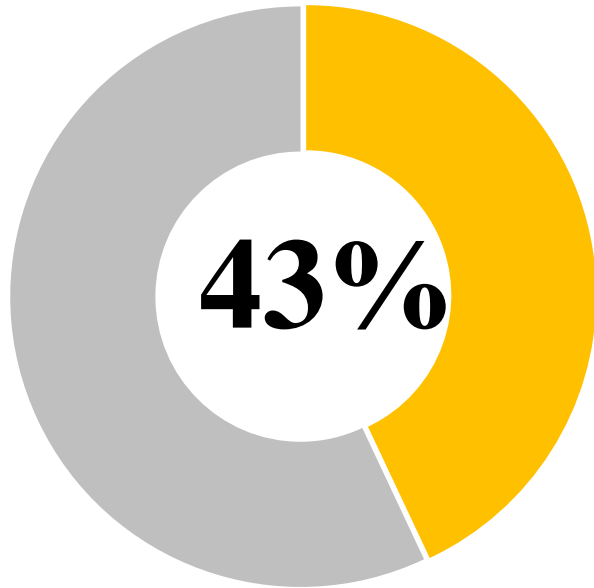
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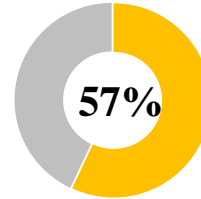
Research Brief

- **Research** on the good governance principles in Lithuanian sports federations applying the standardized set of indicators National Sport Governance Observer (NSGO) project (Geeraert, 2018).
- **Sport organizations** – seven Lithuanian sports federations covering boxing, cycling, hockey, kyokushin karate, basketball, rugby, modern pentathlon, and NOC of Lithuania.
- The data collection began in **October 2018** and interviews with a majority of sport organizations took place in **November and December 2018**.

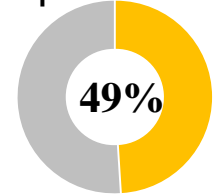
Lithuanian NSGO index score



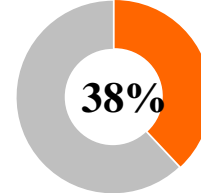
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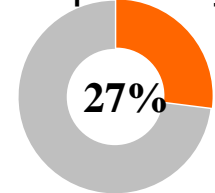
Democratic processes



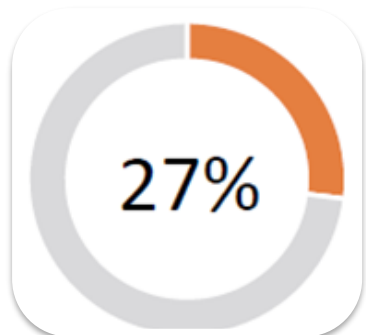
Internal accountability



Societal responsibility



Comparison with other countries



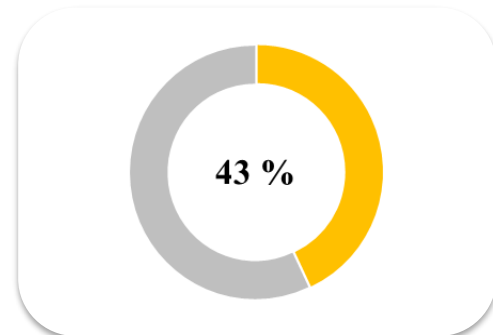
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Netherlands



Denmark



Norway

Comparison with other countries

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal and political documents are on websites• Clear and democratic electoral procedures for the members of the Executive Committee• Representation of all members in the General Assembly.• Anti-Doping Policy implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ignored conflicts of interest• Athletes are not included in policy and decision making processes• Lack of self-assessment procedures and practises• Non-implementation of gender equality policy• Unsecured fair treatment of professional athletes

Results

- The combined average NSGO index of the Lithuanian sport federations is 43%, which constitutes a **“moderate” score**.
- **Transparency and democratic processes** scored moderate, while **internal accountability and societal responsibility** dimensions were evaluated as weak.
- Organizations received particularly **higher scores** in areas where have been **implemented regulatory policies**.
- Generally, majority of the Lithuanian sport organizations have **similar strengths and weaknesses** related to good governance principles implementation.
- Though sport organizations are aware of the term of good governance, there is a **lack of profound knowledge and practical skills on how to implement good governance principles**.

Next steps

- **Standardization** using NSGO instrument
- **Benchmark** of Good Governance
 - Sports organizations in Lithuania
 - Good Governance overall level in Lithuania and in Europe
 - Follow the progress in time
- **Education and assistance** promoting good governance principles to sports organizations
- **Establishing a quality brand** of sports research in Lithuania