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Cyprus Sport Federations Multi-Criteria Evaluation System

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A service contract, after a closed tender, commissioned by the Cyprus Sports Organisation (CSO), was secured by UCLan Cyprus and his academic Dr. Christos Anagnostopoulos, Assistant Professor in Sport Management and Deputy Head of the School of Business and Management.

The scope of the contract concerns the development of a multi-criteria evaluation system, which captures data on the full activities of the national sport federations in Cyprus. The performance of the federations - based on indicators in terms of size, activity, sporting achievement and the level of good governance - is determined by reference values extracted from the federations themselves. In its final version, this system will form the basis upon which the annual public funding will be made, while at the same time, will signal areas for growth for each federation. It is thus anticipated that this reform, given that it is based on a transparent and objective set of mechanisms, will bring positive benefits to the wider Cypriot sports ecosystem.

At the end of the first consultation with representatives from Cypriot sports federations, Dr. Anagnostopoulos made the following statement:

"First of all, I would like to stress that it is a great honour for me - but also a big responsibility - to take on this important project. With the support of my good colleague Dr Ioanna Stylianiou, Ass. Professor in Econometrics, we presented today (23/02/2022) the ways in which 16 other countries finance their national sport federations, so as to put in a wider international context the ongoing multi-criteria evaluation formula. The "CHILON" program of Greece, however, is the base for what we are trying to create in Cyprus, since it appears to be the most well-designed and sophisticated system for such a complex exercise. The aim of the project for the Cyprus Sports Organisation is, on the one hand, to integrate international experience and good practices, and on the other hand, to address with realism and maturity the realities of the Cypriot sporting ecosystem. While we listen to the legitimate concerns of the federations' representatives as expressed today, it has become at the same time more than obvious their desire for the public funding to sport to be the result of a holistic evaluation that encompasses sporting and administrative parameters alike."