## The Slovak Olympic and Sports Committee Sustainability Policy

As the National Olympic Committee of Slovakia, we are committed to supporting the mission of the Olympic Movement to build a better world through sport and the promotion of Olympic values. This is also highly relevant to sustainability, which is one of the greatest challenges of our time.

The seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals provide us with a specific framework to allow us to define what a 'better world' could look like by 2030. It is important that the UN recognises sport as an important

enabler of sustainable development as well as the role of Olympism in reaching young people and inspiring future generations.

As the umbrella organisation for Slovak sports, whose primary mission is to support the development of sport in Slovakia, we fully recognise the need for us to do whatever we can to improve our sustainability and to encourage and support others to do so too.

In 2020 we started the process of the creation of our

Sustainability Strategy. During the preparation process, we took inspiration from the sustainability strategy of the International Olympic Committee, the National Olympic Committee and Sport Confederation of Denmark as well as from information gained from the consultation with our partners and stakeholders.

The strategy reflects our goals in the area of sustainability until 2030 and represents the SOSC's contribution to the fulfilment of the global sustainability development goals of the United Nations.

The Strategy covers three spheres of responsibility:

The SOSC as an organisation
The SOSC as the leader of the Slovak sport movement
The SOSC as a member of the global Olympic movement

and five focus themes:

Workplace
Events
Infrastructure
Education
Communication

Through this Strategy we declare our commitment to transform the SOSC into a modern organisation and act as a trustworthy example and facilitator of sustainable change within the whole sports sector in Slovakia.

Our goal is to make sustainability an inherent part of our management system and working culture. Sustainability has become an important part of our system of values along with leadership, integrity, transparency and cooperation.

## We will ensure the delivery of this Strategy through:

- The designation/establishment of a department within the SOSC that will coordinate work in this field;
- The establishment of a "Sustainability Commission" and "Sustainability Team" that will support work in this field;
- Set goals and implement measures that reflect the five sustainability focus themes;
- Ensure our people understand this policy, the goals of the strategy and are encouraged to be champions of sustainability through their work;
- Collaborate with our stakeholders to deliver the goals and measures.

Our Executive Board is responsible for the approval of this Sustainability Strategy and to oversee its implementation. Our Executive Director and directors of departments are accountable for the delivery of sustainability and will ensure that adequate resources are available to deliver its goals. They fully support this Strategy and provide effective leadership within their areas of responsibility.

We hereby commit to openly and regularly report progress on the delivery of this Strategy and to continually strive for further improvements in the field of sustainability.

Approved by the Executive Board on 9th September 2021

Anton Siekel, SOSC President



