

Presentation of Morten Juel Hansen as a candidate for the European Rowing board in European Rowing Confederation.

Dear Rowing friends, I would like to briefly introduce myself as the Nordic countries' candidate for the European Rowing Board.

I started my rowing career in 1983 when I was 11 years old. As a junior I spent my time on recreational rowing but quickly found an interest in competitive rowing. As a U/23 and senior athlete I trained in and around the Danish Rowing Center but stopped my career in 2001.

After my career stop, I spent 3 years in the national competitive commission, as team manager and selection of national teams for the U19 and U23 championships. In 2009 I passed the international exam as an international umpire in Budapest, Hungary. After that I was part of the national umpire commission for approx. 4 years.

In 2021, I was elected as vice president of the Danish rowing federation and served until 2024. During this period, more precisely in 2022, I was appointed by World Rowing to the World Rowing Umpire Commission, where I still is appointed.

From 2021 to 2024 I have served as a high-performance coach for junior athletes at national team level. I am also a very active masters rower and participate every year in WRMR, HOCR, and national regattas.

In my life outside of rowing, I have a university degree in management and have been employed as Deputy Chief Superintendent at the Copenhagen Police for 25 years with extensive experience in event planning, crisis management and conflict management, and of course management at a strategic level.

Rowing is part of me and my family's DNA and always has been. By choosing me for the board, I can contribute with 42 years of experience in rowing at national and international level. Furthermore, I can offer many years of experience in management and board work. I have a great political understanding and experience from working in a politically controlled organization. I am a good networker and have a very large international work and rowing network.

I am a development-oriented person by nature and see opportunities instead of challenges. I believe that leadership is largely about communication and the ability to create meaning through communication. Working on an international board is also about cultural understanding and seeing diversity and using it as strengths.

By choosing me for the board, you will get someone who will work for you all across borders. Rowing is an international language and movement where the top priority is to remain a strong partner in an Olympic movement. So, with my Nordic background and my Scottish roots I will work very hard to ensure that rowing continues to be an attractive and up-to-date sport on the Olympic and European program.



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