



3. Mr. PRAGALOS Athanasios (Sakis)

- Current Position: WT Vice President
- Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: August 20, 1964
- Nationality: Greece
- Language: Greek, German, English

A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

As a steadfast leader of European Taekwondo for over two decades, Sakis Pragalos brings a proven track record of vision, stability, and transformation. Under his presidency, the European Taekwondo Union (ETU) has become a model of excellence, with a legacy of innovation, athlete empowerment, and strong governance.

Now, as a candidate for Vice President of World Taekwondo, Sakis is ready to serve the global Taekwondo community with the same clarity of purpose and unwavering dedication. He intends to do this in full support of dr. Choue as President of World Taekwondo.

B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)

- 1990 – 1995: International Referee
- 1992 – 1996: Secretary General European Taekwondo Union
- 1999 – present: President European Taekwondo Union
- 1999 – 2017: Council member World Taekwondo Federation
- 2017 – present: Vice-president World Taekwondo

C. Education

- TEFAA - Science of Physical Education and Athletism

D. Vision for WT in next 4-years

- A Global Platform for Athletes

Sakis envisions a Taekwondo landscape where opportunities flourish across all levels. He will champion the expansion of competition formats for youth, para-athletes, and new audiences, ensuring World Taekwondo events reflect inclusivity and global reach. Building on his experience with the European Grand Prix and Cadet initiatives, he will promote fresh, engaging formats that appeal to athletes, fans, and broadcasters worldwide.

- Education, Technology & Broadcast Excellence

Having pioneered the digitalization and professional media coverage of European Championships, Sakis will bring this expertise to the global stage. He supports a unified platform for education, certification, and digital learning for referees, coaches, and administrators across continents. His goal is to make World Taekwondo the benchmark in media reach and stakeholder education.

- Good Governance & Federation Empowerment

A strong advocate of transparency and service-driven governance, Sakis will work to modernize World Taekwondo's administrative systems, making processes more efficient and federations better supported. He will advocate for standardized systems in Dan certification, club recognition, and merit-based award structures that uplift National Federations and encourage excellence.

- Recognition & Unity

With a vision of global solidarity, Sakis will initiate recognition frameworks that celebrate contributions from all member nations. Inspired by the ETU's Gala and Awards model, he plans to bring the global Taekwondo community together annually to honor its pioneers, emerging talent, and volunteers.

- A Steadfast Voice for Olympic Integrity

Sakis remains fully committed to Taekwondo's Olympic status and its global evolution. He will work to ensure that Taekwondo remains a dynamic, modern, and respected sport within the Olympic Movement, reflecting values of fairness, universality, and athlete focus.
