

2026 PVE CONVENTION ACTIVATION THROUGH COACHING



2026 PARAVOLLEY EUROPE CONVENTION

“Activation Through Coaching”

20-22 February 2026 | Hotel Malak, Sarajevo (BIH)

Supported by World ParaVolley

Agenda

DAY 1 - FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

12:00 – 18:00 - Arrivals, Accreditation & Check-In

Participants settle into Hotel Malak and meet the organising team.

18:00 – 19:30 - Welcome Dinner

Informal opening dinner for all participants.

19:30 – 21:00 - Welcome Gathering & Networking

Short welcome speeches:

- ParaVolley Europe representative
- World ParaVolley representative

- **Host Federation (BIH)**
Opportunity for new countries to be introduced to the community.

DAY 2 - SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

07:00 – 08:30 - Breakfast @Hotel Restaurant

09:00 – 12:45 - Theoretical Session Block (questions during/after each presentation)

09:00 – 09:30 - The Growing Force of ParaVolley - A summary of where ParaVolley is today and the changes made in Europe in the last 5 years

Branko Mihorko (PVE President) & Jürgen Schrapp (WPV President)

09:30 – 09:50 - Understanding the Global Picture - An overview and growing of ParaVolley world wide

Anton Raimondo (WPV Development Director)

09:50 – 10:10 - Sporting Governance and Competitions Development - Taking ownership, ParaVolley membership and PVE Competitions

Nello Calleja (PVE General Manager)

10:10 – 10:40 - Growing the Game - Building the Foundations for ParaVolley to thrive (coaching methodology, inclusion, and athlete pathway development)

Robin de Haan - The Netherlands (WPV Coach Tutor)

20 minute break

11:00 – 11:30 - Coaches are the Drivers - Volleyball Sitting Down

(focusing on the key differences from Volleyball and creating a sustainable club structure)

Massimo Beretta - Italy (WPV Coach Tutor)

11:30 – 12:00 - Learning from those who Lead - Insights from BIH's long-term success
(National team programme overview and secrets to success)
Ifet Mahmutović - Bosnia & Herzegovina (WPV Coach Tutor)

12:00-12:30 - Defining the Impact - Utilising EU Funds to develop our sport
Onur Hosnut (PVE Development Director)

12:30 Lunch @Hotel Restaurant

13:45 – 14:00 - Transition to sports hall for Practical Session

14:00 – 19:00 - Practical Sessions

14:00 – 15:00 - Practical Session 1 - Setting up your Sitting Volleyball environment and Grassroots Training Tips for new Paravolley Teams and Athletes,
Robin de Haan (The Netherlands)

10 minute break

15:10 - 16:10 - Practical Session 2 - Coaching Progressions and Small-Sided Games to maximise Engagement
Massimo Beretta (Italy)

10 minutes Coffee Break

16:20 – 17:20 Practical Session 3 - Building a team - Technical/Tactical Development in Sitting Volleyball (BIH players to join the session to demo and play with the participants - as their warm up for their match)

Ifet Mahmutovic (Bosnia & Herzegovina)

10 minute break

17:30 – 18:45 3 Set Demonstration Match with BIH National Team / Club teams
- participants observe and sit next to experienced people to discuss what is happening

18:45 Group Photo Session (participants with BIH team)

20:00 – 23:00 - Networking Dinner @Hotel Restaurant

Dinner for coaches, experts, and delegates to connect, exchange experience, and form future collaborations.

DAY 3 - SUNDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

07:00 – 08:30 - Breakfast @Hotel Restaurant

09:00 – 11:00 Roundtables

Tables available:

- PVE Opportunities - Branko Mihorko (SLO)
- Competition Outlets - Zdravko Hranić (CRO) & Nello Calleja (MLT)
- Communications - Isabelle Collot (FRA)
- Marketing and Partnerships - Helen Veermäe (EST)
- Development & EU Funds - Onur Hosnut (TUR) & Tanja Gasic (SRB)
- Classification - Dr Axel Ruetz (GER)
- Coaching Development within the country - Guido Pasciari (ITA) & Lorenzo Giacobbi (ITA)

- Global Support for ParaVolleyball Programmes - Anton Raimondo (RSA)
- WPV Coach Tutor Grassroots Development - Robin de Haan (NED)
- Coach Education - Massimo Beretta (ITA)
- Working towards High Performance Sitting Volleyball - Ifet Mahmutovic (BIH)
- Networking opportunities - Victoria Georgieva (BUL)

11:00 - 11:30 - Question Time

Q&A Panel of all presenters/speakers

11:30 - 12:00 Key learnings

The Action Plan: What You'll Take Home: 2-3 Learnings You Can Start Implementing Right Away

12:00 - 13:30 - Closing Lunch @Hotel Restaurant

Farewell remarks and official closing of the first-ever PVE Convention.