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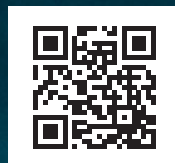
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Global CEO, SIGA | Chairman &amp; CEO, SIGA AMERICA

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# SIGA: The Time is Now!

## INTRODUCTION

As we conclude the first third of 2025, it is both inspiring and gratifying to witness that SIGA's global movement continues advancing at a fast pace. This year has already been defined by extraordinary achievements and significant milestones that not only underscore our coalition's growing influence but also reaffirm SIGA's unwavering position as the world's leading force in Sport Integrity.

Reflecting on the progress we've made thus far, we take a moment to celebrate the momentum we have built together. While the road ahead is filled with even greater possibilities, today we acknowledge the remarkable strides we've already made in our mission to reshape the future of Sport.

The world of Sport is grappling with increasingly complex challenges, and, in this

landscape, visionary leadership, coupled with an unyielding commitment to Integrity, has never been more vital. Fully cognizant of these challenges, SIGA embraces its pivotal role in driving enduring, meaningful reform throughout the global sports ecosystem.

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One powerful example of this commitment is the recent recognition of SIGA member **European Aquatics**, which was awarded the **SIRVS Bronze Certificate for Good Governance in Sport**. This groundbreaking achievement cements their accountability and enhances their credibility within the sport. A heartfelt congratulations to European Aquatics and its President, Antonio José Silva, for leading with integrity and ensuring the integrity of the certification process.

As we look to the future, SIGA remains steadfast in its global mission,

relentlessly pursuing both global solutions and locally tailored initiatives. A defining moment occurred earlier this year in the United Arab Emirates, where our decision to launch **SIGA ASIA** was publicly unveiled — a monumental step in our international expansion.

In 2025, we also marked the creation of the **SIGAWomen Council**, an inspiring new body that unites influential female leaders from around the world, to drive greater gender equity and female leadership in Sport. With the support of this elite group and our growing network of female leaders and institutional partners, SIGA successfully hosted the **International Summit on Female Leadership in Sport** in Dubai, this April, further reinforcing our commitment to foster those priorities in the region and globally.

Another big moment was when, in January, Financial Integrity and Transparency in Sport took center stage at the **FITS Forum** in Lisbon, an event co-organized by **SIGA EUROPE** and hosted by PwC Portugal. This prestigious gathering of international policymakers, thought leaders, and experts, tackled the pervasive issues of corruption and money laundering in sport, fostering swift, collective action for reform.

SIGA's thought leadership is resonating more powerfully than ever, reflected in our ever-expanding membership. We are proud to welcome **Chiliz**, a global leader in blockchain technology, to our diverse and dynamic community.

Meanwhile, **SIGA LATIN AMERICA** continues to be a beacon leadership. From the approval of its 2025 Strategy

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and Action Plan to the launch of the **FAIR Platform** — designed to enhance betting integrity — and a groundbreaking Cooperation Agreement with **Brazil's General Comptroller of the Union (CGU)**, SIGA LATIN AMERICA remains at the forefront of our collective efforts. The upcoming **SIGA Summit on Female Leadership in Sport** in São Paulo, and celebration of a new Cooperation Agreement with the **Minister of Sport** will further solidify the region's pivotal role in advancing these critical initiatives.

Rooted in our steadfast values of integrity, transparency, and accountability, SIGA remains a driving force for change — leading the global movement for Sport Integrity with purpose and resolve. For eight years, we have championed this mission not just for today, but for the future of sport: for the better, and for all.

The achievements of the past four months, outlined in the pages ahead, are a testament to what is possible when vision meets action. But we are not finished — not even close. The challenges ahead demand our collective strength, bold leadership, and unshakable commitment.

Now is the time to **#SideWithSIGA**. To support this Cause. To be part of the transformation. Because, together, we will shape a sporting world that is worthy of its ideals — and the best is yet to come.

I wish you an enjoyable reading.

editorial



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**EUROPEAN  
AQUATICS**

## European Aquatics Achieves SIRVS Bronze Certification for Good Governance

**T**he Sport Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA) has awarded European Aquatics the Bronze Certification for Good Governance in Sport, under the SIGA Independent Rating and Verification System (SIRVS).

The announcement was made by SIGA's Global CEO, Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros, during the European Aquatics Board meeting in Antalya, Turkey. The certification process began in 2022 with a detailed gap analysis to assess governance practices and

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identify areas for improvement under SIGA's Universal Standards on Good Governance in Sport. European Aquatics collaborated closely with independent auditors to implement necessary reforms and achieve Bronze Certification, demonstrating a strong commitment to transparency, accountability, and good governance. With this milestone, European Aquatics joins other leading organisations that have completed the SIRVS process, such as the European Rugby League and Liga Portugal, while others, including FIDE and São Paulo FC, are currently undergoing certification.



→ António José Silva receives the certificate from Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros hands

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↳ **European Rugby League**  
Silver Certification  
November 2021



↳ **Liga Portugal**  
Bronze Certification  
August 2023



## What is **SIRVS**?

- SIRVS stands for SIGA Independent Rating and Verification System.
- It is the only independent rating and certification system for the sports industry.
- It assesses sports organisations' internal practices against SIGA Universal Standards on Sport Integrity.

## The **SIGA** Universal Standards

- The Universal Standards cover four pillars: Good Governance, Financial Integrity, Sports Betting Integrity, and Youth Development and Protection.
- SIRVS certification levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold (Good, Better, Best).
- Each level is cumulative, requiring compliance with previous stages.

## The **Audit and Certification Process**

- A confidential gap analysis audit is available as a preparatory step.
- SIGA offers training to support the understanding and implementation of the Standards.
- The SIRVS audit is conducted by independent, trained auditors.

## Why **SIRVS** Matters

- SIRVS demonstrates commitment to integrity, transparency, and accountability.
- It helps mitigate reputational risks for organisations and their stakeholders.
- SIRVS certification strengthens trust among fans, sponsors, investors, and the broader community.

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ANTONIO  
JOSÉ SILVA

President, European Aquatics



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European Aquatics outstanding accomplishment underscores their unwavering commitment to improving governance and fostering accountability within the Sport. We are proud to witness their leadership and the exemplary standard they have set for other sports organizations to follow. I have no doubt that their example has been noted by the entire sports industry and will motivate other sports organizations to embark on their own governance journeys.

**The SIRVS Bronze Certification marks the beginning of a long-term commitment to excellence and SIGA is excited to continue supporting European Aquatics in their pursuit.**

It is also rewarding to witness, once again, the importance of SIGA's Universal Standards and the SIRVS system in driving meaningful change within global Sport. We look forward to seeing what the future holds as European Aquatics, and their national federations continue to push the boundaries of governance excellence.

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Since I was first elected as President in 2022 I was determined to work hard to transform and enhance the governance capabilities of this organisation, firstly by engaging in a rigorous evaluation process with SIGA as set out in their SIRVS certification process, and then doing everything in our power to address our deficiencies and make concrete improvements. This has been a team effort, for which I thank my Bureau colleagues, National Federation and other stakeholders since good governance and integrity in sport is something that requires team effort.

**I am very proud that our practical and ongoing efforts have placed integrity at the heart of everything we do. While we are delighted to have achieved the bronze standard of the SIRVS certification, this is just the start, and we are committed to moving a step up on the podium to achieve Silver status as soon as possible.**

I would like to thank Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros and his SIGA team for all their support and for continuing to accompany us on this journey.





## Expansion. SIGA to Launch SIGA ASIA in 2025



**S**IGA ASIA will be launched in 2025, marking a major step in SIGA's global expansion. The announcement was made by Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros, SIGA's Co-Founder and Global CEO, during the inaugural Summit on Female Leadership in Sport – Dubai Edition, held in April. The United Arab Emirates has been shortlisted as a potential host for SIGA ASIA's headquarters.

**S**IGA ASIA will join continental branches SIGA AMERICA, SIGA EUROPE and SIGA LATIN

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AMERICA, strengthening SIGA's global structure and regional impact. Following the summit, SIGA's delegation engaged with key sports leaders in the region, including Walled Ebrahim Alhosani, CEO of the Emirates Pro League, and Her Excellency Noora Aljasmi, President of the UAE Badminton Federation and Executive Board Member of the Olympic Council of Asia. SIGA's Ambassador for Asia, Mohammed Abdulla, participated in the meetings, reinforcing the organisation's growing presence and commitment to promoting integrity and good governance across Asia.

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*The time has come to plant the seeds, to plant the flag — not just to embrace the UAE and the Middle East, but the whole of Asia. I am proud to announce our firm decision to start moving the needle and take concrete steps to create SIGA ASIA. A global vision and a global mission require boots on the ground — a culture of proximity, trust and confidence. We stand side by side with those who share our vision of sport and entrust us with their faith and support, as we strive to improve lives, move sport forward, and act as a beacon of light and a catalyst for human, social, and sustainable economic development. This is why we are here. This is why we say yes to SIGA ASIA.*



[Watch the launch video >>](#)





**EMANUEL MACEDO DE MEDEIROS**  
Global CEO, SIGA

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We are pleased to welcome Chiliz to our independent global coalition. As a pioneering force in fan engagement and digital innovation, Chiliz brings invaluable expertise in emerging areas that are shaping the future of sport. Their admission marks an important step forward in our shared mission to advance integrity in Sport and sets a powerful example for the entire sector.



**JAMES NEWMAN**  
Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Chiliz

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We are very proud to be joining SIGA and play our part in supporting SIGA and all its members to promote and safeguard the highest standards of integrity in sport. As pioneers in Web3, we understand that integrity and transparency are essential in this digital era. Our Fan Tokens have connected clubs with supporters through transparent interactions, and we're excited to contribute our blockchain expertise to SIGA's important work implementing universal standards.”

## Expansion. Chiliz Joins as a Member



**C**hiliz, a global leader in blockchain technology for the sports and entertainment industry, has officially joined the Sport Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA). This new partnership reinforces SIGA's commitment to promoting integrity, transparency, and innovation across the global sports sector.

**C**hiliz will actively support the implementation of SIGA's Universal Standards on Sport Integrity, with particular focus on Financial Integrity, Good

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Governance, Sports Betting Integrity, and Youth Development. As a pioneer in blockchain-based fan engagement, Chiliz brings valuable expertise and a new dimension to SIGA's mission. Through partnerships with major clubs like FC Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain, Juventus, and Flamengo, Chiliz has transformed how fans interact with sport, offering them new ways to participate and engage. Their inclusion in SIGA's growing community of over 200 members further expands the Alliance's reach and strengthens its multi-stakeholder approach.

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**SIGA**  
SPORT INTEGRITY  
GLOBAL ALLIANCE

# JOIN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

**CONTACT US** TODAY TO FIND OUT MORE ON HOW TO **JOIN SIGA**



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LEADING THE WAY FOR SPORT **WORLDWIDE**



# SIGAWomen Council Launched



KATIE  
SIMMONDS

Chair, SIGAWomen Council

Chief Commercial Officer, SIGA



SIGA has launched the SIGAWomen Council, a high-level advisory body dedicated to promoting good governance and gender equity in sport. The Council will guide the implementation of SIGA's Universal Standards on Good Governance, ensuring more inclusive decision-making in sports organisations.

The Council brings together senior leaders from all continents, including executives, mentors, athletes, and experts in sports, business, and governance. Chaired by Katie Simmonds, SIGA's Global CCO, the Council is a driving force behind the SIGAWomen initiative and a key instrument to ensure that female leadership thrives at the highest levels of sport.

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*I am thrilled that the members of the newly formed SIGAWomen Council, consisting of female leaders from all sides of the sports industry with representation from each continent, have said yes! They play a key role in the global expansion of our mission and on behalf of SIGA, I thank them for accepting our invitation and being agents of change. SIGAWomen's mission is unstoppable, and I invite you to join us as we make 2025 our biggest and best mentorship programme to date!”*

[Learn More >>](#)

  <b>SIGAWomen Council Members</b>		<p><b>CHAIR</b></p> <b>Katie Simmonds</b> <small>Global Chief Commercial Officer, SIGA Chair, SIGAWomen Council UK</small>					
		<p><b>MEMBERS</b></p> <div>   <b>Amanda Vandervort</b>  <small>President, USL Super League USA</small> </div> <div>   <b>Athena Constantinou</b>  <small>Director, Sports Financial Literacy Academy Cyprus</small> </div> <div>   <b>Audrey Mothupi-Palmstierna</b>  <small>CEO, Systemic Logic Group South Africa</small> </div> <div>   <b>Cecilia Perez Rivas</b>  <small>Former Justice Minister, Paraguay; Member, Permanent Mission of the Paraguayan Republic, OEA Paraguay</small> </div> <div>   <b>Chantal Pillet</b>  <small>Director, Kroll Associates Brazil</small> </div>					
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ANDRÉ  
MEGALE

Director of Good Governance and Integrity, SIGA LATIN AMERICA



# SIGA Latin America Announces New Director of Good Governance and Integrity

SIGA LATIN AMERICA has appointed André Megale as Director of Good Governance and Integrity. With over 20 years of experience in Corporate Law, Compliance, and Sports Law, Megale plays a key role in strengthening integrity practices across Brazilian and Latin American Sport. His appointment reflects SIGA's commitment to its members and partners in the region and its determination to address emerging challenges, including the regulation of sports betting. A graduate of PUC/SP and holder of the FIFA Master, Megale has held senior roles at CBF, BSM, and major sporting events like the 2014 FIFA World Cup.

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*It is with great enthusiasm that I assume the role of Director of Governance and Integrity at SIGA. I thank Dr. Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros and the entire leadership of the organization for the trust placed in my work. With my experience in the sector, I reaffirm my commitment to the ongoing mission of fostering an environment of integrity and transparency within sports entities and the betting market, thereby strengthening the pillars of integrity, fair play, and responsible governance*



## SIGA Latin America Approves 2025 Strategy and Budget

The SIGA LATIN AMERICA General Assembly unanimously approved the 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statement, as well as the 2025 Global Strategy, Action Plan, and Budget. Led by CEO Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros, the meeting highlighted structural consolidation, operational efficiency, and institutional expansion. Notable milestones included the admission of new Brazilian betting operators as members, the financial autonomy of the organization, and the upcoming SIGAWomen Summit in São Paulo. Members reaffirmed their collective commitment to transparency, integrity, and gender equity in sport.





## SIGA Latin America and Brazil's CGU Sign Landmark Agreement

**S**IGA LATIN AMERICA and Brazil's Office of the Comptroller General (CGU) signed a landmark Technical Cooperation Agreement at the OECD headquarters in Paris. The agreement formalizes their strategic alignment to promote transparency, integrity, and anti-corruption in Sport. Signed by SIGA Global CEO Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros and CGU Minister Vinícius Marques de Carvalho, the partnership builds

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upon SIGA's New York Declaration and leverages CGU's Brazil Pact for Corporate Integrity. It aims to mobilize sports organizations to adopt SIGA's Universal Standards and strengthen governance across the sector. Key cooperation areas include the development of educational tools, joint events, regulatory guidelines, and private sector engagement. This alliance marks a new phase for integrity-led governance in Sport, starting in Brazil and extending globally.



VINICIUS  
MARQUES DE CARVALHO

*Brazil's Minister of State for the Comptroller General's Office*

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*We believe this partnership will foster the adoption of transparency and integrity measures in the field of sports, through concrete actions between the institutions, to support stakeholders in the sector, as well as companies and organizations engaged in this cause.*

### :: INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS ::



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*This agreement symbolises more than the consecration of mutual recognition between our organisations; it represents a decisive and proactive evolution towards eliminating corruption and other crimes from the face of Sport and wider industry. The signing of this agreement, occurring quite aptly at the OECD Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum, renews our full commitment to work together to ensure that Sport is governed and operates in accordance with the highest integrity standards, free from corruption, money laundering, tax evasion, and other deep-rooted and widespread global threats. It is precisely this type of affirmative action that is needed to ensure Sport can exert its positive and critical role as a core component of the social and economic stimulus sorely needed in today's current global climate.”*





## SIGA and Sports Summit Sign Strategic Agreement

**S**IGA and Sports Summit have signed a strategic partnership in Barcelona to promote integrity in sport worldwide. Under the agreement, SIGA becomes the official Integrity Partner of the Sports Summit events and will curate high-level integrity panels at all global events. The collaboration kicks off at Sports Summit Madrid (in June)), followed by editions in Buenos Aires, Miami, and São Paulo. Sports Summit will also be a hosting partner of Sport Integrity Week 2025. SIGA Global CEO Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros stressed the urgency of business sector engagement, calling for sponsors and partners to embrace SIGA's Universal Standards and certification.



SEBASTIAN  
LATEULADE

Founder &  
President,  
Sports Summit



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*It is a great milestone for Sports Summit to celebrate the signing of this agreement alongside SIGA, as it confirms our commitment to promoting and strengthening all messages related to Sport Integrity on a global scale. Furthermore, we are determined to seek partnerships with SIGA that contribute to encouraging sports organizations to adopt integrity standards in Sport”*



### SIGA and EPIC Promote Responsible Gambling at SBC Summit Rio

Building on their landmark partnership launched in New York, SIGA and EPIC Global Solutions joined forces on 27 February at SBC Summit Rio — Brazil's first major betting event since market regulation. Together with government and industry leaders, they discussed Responsible Gambling in a high-level panel. José Francisco Manssur, Vinicius Sousa (SIGA LATIN AMERICA), Craig Cornforth and David Sproson (EPIC) explored global strategies to minimize harm and reduce regulatory risks. This session reaffirmed the alliance's ambition to set new standards for safer sports gambling. Through education, consultancy and lived experience programmes, SIGA and EPIC are working to foster a responsible betting environment and safeguard Sport Integrity.



:: PARTNERSHIPS ::

**1<sup>st</sup> 2025 SIGA LATIN AMERICA  
Permanent Committee Ordinary Meetings**  
May

**Summit on Female Leadership in Sport  
Brazil Edition**  
12 May

**Technical Cooperation Agreement Signature  
with Brazilian Ministry of Sport**  
14 May

**SIGA Members Club – Debate**  
Munich, Germany  
29 May

**SIGA LATIN AMERICA  
Sports Betting Integrity Forum**  
São Paulo, Brazil  
3 June

**Launch of the Sport Transparency Index**  
Brussels, Belgium  
18 June

**Sports Summit Madrid + SIGA Europe Cycle of Debates**  
Madrid, Spain  
18/19 June

**2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 SIGA Permanent Committees Week**  
online  
September

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Online  
September

**Football Integrity Match 2025**  
São Paulo, Brazil  
October

**Sport Integrity Week 2025**  
Global  
10 -16 November

**SIGA Sport Integrity Awards**  
TBD  
November

**Sport Integrity Forum Latin America 2025**  
São Paulo, Brazil  
November

**Independent Study on the Future of Football in Brazil – Final  
Conference**  
Brazil  
December

**SIGA 2025 Anti-Corruption Week**  
Online  
8-12 December

**SIGA Members Club: Dinner Debate**  
Paris, France  
10 December

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## Female Leadership in Sport Takes Global Stage at Landmark Summit in Dubai

**T**he inaugural Summit on Female Leadership in Sport brought SIGA to Dubai for the first time, marking a historic milestone for gender equity in the region and globally. Held in line with the UN's 2025 #AccelerateAction agenda, the event convened global leaders, changemakers, and athletes to drive reform and inclusivity in sport. Over two dynamic days, panels featured top voices from Mastercard, Coca-Cola, Formula E, ICC, Adidas and more, addressing critical themes from

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governance and commercial growth to sustainability and mentorship. The Summit was supported by **Mastercard** (Hosting Partner and SIGA Founding Member), **The Coca-Cola Company Middle East** (Official Partner), and **Hotel SIRO One Za'abeel** (Hotel Partner). SIGA's Global Mentorship Programme took centre stage, as did the unveiling of SIGA ASIA, to be launched in 2025. The Summit reflected SIGA's global mission: fostering leadership and empowering women through bold dialogue, inclusive actions, and strong alliances.

:: THOUGHT LEADERSHIP ::

## THE SUMMIT IN NUMBERS



### SIGAWomen Summit – Next Stop: Brazil

On May 12th, Brazilian city São Paulo will host the inaugural Latin American edition of the Summit on Female Leadership in Sport at the headquarters of Pinheiro Neto Advogados, the event's Hosting Partner. Supported by Record News as Media Partner and Octagon Latin America as Social Media Partner, the forum highlights SIGA's commitment to advancing gender equity in sport.

Organised with key local leaders, including Christina Massis and Flávia Arantes de Nascimento, the event builds on the momentum from the November SIGAWomen Brazil Chapter. With 40 + global mentors confirmed and wide interest across Latin America, the Summit will unite global leaders to promote good governance, integrity, and the commercial growth of women's sport, with special focus on Brazil's upcoming FIFA Women's World Cup.

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### SIGAWomen Mentorship Doubles Impact and Welcomes 11 Portuguese Footballers

The 2025 SIGAWomen Global Mentorship Programme has officially begun with three "How To Mentor" sessions, marking its largest edition yet, to double the previous scope. With 300 participants from over 50 countries committed to advancing gender equity in sport, SIGAWomen team is currently pairing mentors and mentees, to ensure everyone gets the best from their experience. Strengthening this mission, 11 Portuguese footballers supported by the Portuguese Players' Union joined the programme, following a 2024 MoU. Their inclusion underscores SIGA's focus on empowering female athletes through mentorship, leadership training and new initiatives, including a Financial Literacy workshop for women in sport. While the programme is being finalized, there's still time for mentees to apply, and for your organization to partner with SIGA, by registering mentees, or sponsoring mentorship fees.



[+ info & Application >>](#)





➤ Cecilia Perez Rivas received the SIGA Anti-Corruption Award on behalf of the late Marcelo Pecci, from SIGA Chair Giovanni Tartaglia Polcini. Pecci, a prosecutor in Paraguay's Public Prosecution Office specializing in organized crime, money laundering, and terrorism financing, was assassinated while on his honeymoon in 2022.

## Thought Leadership. Anti-Corruption Takes Centre Stage at FITS Forum Lisbon 2025

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**M**arking a dynamic start to the year, SIGA hosted the **FITS Forum 2025** on January 27 in Lisbon, in partnership with PwC Portugal. Held during SIGA's 8th anniversary week, this high-level event convened policymakers, sports leaders, law enforcement experts, governments, and private sector representatives to address critical issues of financial integrity and transparency in sport. Building on the legacy of the inaugural **FITS Forum in New York (2024)** and its resulting **New York Declaration**,

**Discussions explored corruption in sport, international collaboration, and the vital role of private sector actors**

the Lisbon edition tackled global challenges through thought-provoking sessions. Discussions explored corruption in sport, international collaboration, and the vital role of private sector actors. Highlights included a keynote reflecting on FIFAgate's legacy, panels on safeguarding integrity and overcoming barriers to global cooperation, and the presentation of the SIGA Anti-Corruption Award to Richard Weber and the late Marcelo Pecci. The Forum reinforced SIGA's mission to drive systemic reform and inspire collective action for a cleaner, more transparent sports industry.

Watch the Sessions >>

:: THOUGHT LEADERSHIP ::



➤ Richard Weber, Former Chief of IRS Criminal Investigation at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Co-Chair of Financial Crimes Compliance at Winston & Strawn LLP, was honoured by SIGA Global CEO Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros with the SIGA Anti-Corruption Award, in recognition of his pivotal role in leading the 2015 FIFA investigations.



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# Sport Transparency Index Launches on 18 June

**S**IGA, alongside 13 partners and co-funded by the EU through Erasmus+, will launch the Sport Transparency Index on 18 June 2025 at Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The project benchmarks European sport stakeholders against integrity-related transparency indicators, aiming to raise standards through policy, training, and knowledge exchange. Open to all sport stakeholders, the launch event invites participants to discover best practices and join efforts to advance transparency and good governance in sport.

We are delighted to invite you to the Launch Event of **The Sport Transparency Index**

[Register now >>](#)



**18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

Event Begins: 09:30 am

Vrije Universiteit Brussel,  
Brussels School of Governance,  
Pleinlaan 5, 1050 Elsene, Brussels  
(Lisbon and Rome rooms)

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:: MEDIA ::

## G&M News' Exclusive Interview with SIGA's Global CEO

[Read the interview >>](#)

In January, G&M News published an exclusive interview with Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros, Global CEO of SIGA, addressing key issues shaping the future of sport integrity in Brazil and beyond. The wide-ranging conversation explored the implementation and relevance of SIGA's Independent Rating and Verification System (SIRVS), as well as pressing topics such as the future of football and the regulation of sports betting in Brazil — a central theme following the country's recent regulatory developments. Emanuel also highlighted SIGA's ongoing commitment to strengthening transparency and sustainability in sport through its global initiatives and partnerships, particularly via SIGA LATIN AMERICA. The interview reinforces SIGA's active engagement in Brazil's evolving sports landscape and the organisation's leadership in promoting governance reforms across Latin America.



## SIGA Marks International Women's Day with Global Op-Ed

To mark International Women's Day 2025, SIGA published a powerful op-ed in partnership with leading media outlets across the globe — As (Spain), Record (Portugal), Inside World Football (USA and UK), and TwentyTwo13 (Malaysia). The article, written by Katie Simmonds, Chair of the SIGAWomen Council, highlighted the slow pace of change in achieving gender equity in sport and called for urgent action to accelerate female leadership in decision-making roles. Despite growing momentum — including record-breaking attendances at women's sports events and the increasing presence of female investors — only 11.65% of National Olympic Committees are presided by women, and most sports bodies remain male-dominated.

[Read the op-ed >>](#)



## SIGA Latin America Launches FAIR Platform

**S**IGA LATIN AMERICA has officially launched the FAIR Platform (Forum for Sports Betting, Integrity and Regulation), bringing together sports betting operators, government officials, and SIGA representatives. The initiative aims to foster dialogue, share best practices, and align industry activities with legislation and SIGA's Universal Standards. FAIR will support operators with insights, unified advocacy, and regulatory guidance, reinforcing SIGA LATIN AMERICA's commitment to integrity in Brazil's growing betting market.

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The launch of FAIR marks a major milestone in our collective commitment to promoting integrity in Brazil's sports betting industry. The FAIR collaborative platform provides a solid foundation for sports betting operators. By fostering a network based on shared values and mutual interests, FAIR empowers operators to stay ahead of emerging challenges while upholding the highest standards of integrity and governance. It enables the industry to self-regulate effectively and prevent — or at least mitigate — the growing threats facing the sector.

:: MEMBER'S INITIATIVES ::

## ANDIF to Host International Congress "Management, a New Paradigm"

**S**IGA member ANDIF (Portuguese National Association of Football, Futsal, and Beach Football Directors) will host the international congress "Management, a New Paradigm," an official event of Matosinhos European City of Sport 2025. The congress will take place on 30 and 31 May at the Cruise Terminal of the Port of Leixões, in Matosinhos (Portugal).

The event will feature renowned speakers in the field of management, including the President of the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF), Pedro

Proença; the President of Liga Portugal, Reinaldo Teixeira; the Global CEO of SIGA, Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros; as well as several high-profile guests, such as the Sports Directors of Barcelona, Flamengo, and Fenerbahçe, and the Presidents of several clubs, including SC Braga, FC Famalicão, and Rio Ave FC.

This congress aims to promote networking opportunities and foster the sharing of knowledge among football directors.

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## LP Avvocati Supports Roma Volley in Strengthening Safeguarding Measures

SIGA Member LP Avvocati recently assisted Roma Volley, a Serie A women's volleyball team, in



implementing a safeguarding model and code of conduct to prevent abuse, harassment, and violence

against vulnerable groups, including women and minors. These measures are mandatory under Italian law. The Italian law firm also hosted a public event at Roma Volley's arena to raise awareness and promote best practices in sports integrity.

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