



IPC GOVERNING BOARD BIOGRAPHY

- **Name:** Vladyslava Kravchenko PLY
- **IPC position:** IPC Athletes' Council Chairperson
- **Elected:** 2024 (as IPC Athlete's Council Chair)
- **Position (outside of IPC GB):** Treasurer and International Relations of the Malta Paralympic Committee,
- **Nationality:** Malta
- **Languages spoken:** English, Russian, Ukrainian (fluent) / Maltese, French (working)
- **Paralympic Games competed in:** Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020
- **Social media channels:** [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)



Vladyslava Kravchenko was elected to the IPC Athletes' Council during the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games and subsequently elected as Chair by her fellow Council members. She became Malta's first female swimmer—and the first female athlete since 1980—to compete at the Paralympic Games, representing the country at both Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020.

In Malta, Vladyslava played a central role in strengthening the national Para sport governance framework. As a member of the Steering Committee appointed by the Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, she contributed to establishing the first formal legal structures of the Malta Paralympic Committee and its Athletes' Council. Through her leadership—first as Athletes' Council Chair and now as Committee Treasurer—she oversaw the successful implementation of *I'mPOSSIBLE*, the Paralympic Movement's official educational programme, expanding its reach to thousands of students and educators nationwide.

Her policy and development work includes contributing to Malta's National Para Sport Strategy for the Ministry of Education and collaborating with the University of Malta to integrate Para sport within coach education and

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professional development. Internationally, she led the creation of UK Sport's Para Athlete Development Framework, a joint initiative with Loughborough University's Peter Harrison Centre for Disability Sport, Loughborough Sport, and Loughborough University London.

Alongside her contributions to sport, Vladyslava is a Certified Public Accountant with a decade of experience at PwC in Malta and the United Kingdom. She holds a Master of Science with Distinction in Sport Management, Politics, and International Development from Loughborough University and is currently pursuing a PhD in Diplomacy and International Governance, specialising in sport diplomacy.

In recognition for her work, she received the Queen Elizabeth II Young Leader Award in 2017 and the IPC's Emerging Leadership Award on International Women's Day in 2023. In 2024, she was selected as part of the Obama Foundation's Obama Leaders Europe cohort.

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