



EUROPEAN FOOTBALL STRATEGY SEMINAR

FOOTBALL STRATEGY DAYS

Football Association Delegates Conference

Venue: Villa Cagnola — Gazzada Schianno

Region: Varese, Lombardy - Italy

7 - 8 NOVEMBER 2026

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CONIFA - European Football Strategy Days



Welcome, Dear Participants

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

Dear participant,

The **European Football Strategy Days** serve as a vital platform for our European members to gather, exchange ideas, and strengthen their federations' operations — offering a **managerial perspective** for the challenges of "organized football".

This year's gathering holds special significance: an opportunity to discuss and outline the planned initiatives to strengthen CONIFA's activities across Europe.

Warm regards,

Alberto Rischio · Piotr Podlewski

SEMINAR AGENDA

- European Meeting — actions 2026-30
- Autonomous European entity (CONIFA Global)
- Future tournaments & host strategies
- Capacity building around social media
- Operational synergy: staff & partners
- Arbitration panels & disabled teams
- Culture: the key to CONIFA events
- Women's World Cup UK 2027 preview

Final daily schedule can be downloaded on our website from 31st October



Alberto Rischio
European President
CONIFA



Piotr Podlewski
European General Secretary
CONIFA

About Varese - The Garden City

A lakeside city at the foot of the **Sacro Monte**

Varese, known as the **Garden City**, lies at the foot of the Sacro Monte di Varese, part of the Campo dei Fiori range — home to an astronomical observatory and the Prealpino Geophysical Centre. The city sits on **seven hills** and looks over Lake Varese, hosting world-class sporting events from cycling to rowing.

79,228

City inhabitants

7

Historic hills of Varese

UNESCO

Sacro Monte pilgrimage site

Lake

Varese waterfront setting

More on the region: vareseturismo.it · varesedoyoulake.it



Daily Schedule - 7 - 8 November

SATURDAY

7 November

- 2:30 pm** Euro Committee Meeting
Pope Paul VI Room, Villa Cagnola
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- 3:30 pm** Opening Seminar - Europe FSD
Pope Paul VI Room, Villa Cagnola
-
- 7:00 pm** Session closing
-
- 8:30 pm** Joint dinner
Circolo Risorgimento, Gazzada Restaurant · 45 €/pers · dress code:
women in dresses, men in suits

SUNDAY

8 November

- 8:45 am** Opening Seminar - Europe FSD
Pope Paul VI Room, Villa Cagnola
-
- 12:15 pm** Session closing
-
- 12:30 pm** Joint lunch
Villa Cagnola garden · 30 €/pers
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- 2:30 pm** Tour of Villa Cagnola
Around 40 minutes · 10 €/pers

All sessions take place at Villa Cagnola unless otherwise stated.

Register Your Participation



Pope Paul VI Room - Villa Cagnola

1

 [REGISTER](#)

Registration

The first step is to register your participation. As usual, each Active Football Association member has the right to participate with one person for free. For any extra delegate or passive member, payment has to be done.

2

Payment

CONIFA uses a dedicated service called **Stripe**, where you pay for extra delegates or if you have passive membership status.

 [PAY HERE](#)

Book Your Room - Villa Cagnola Hotel

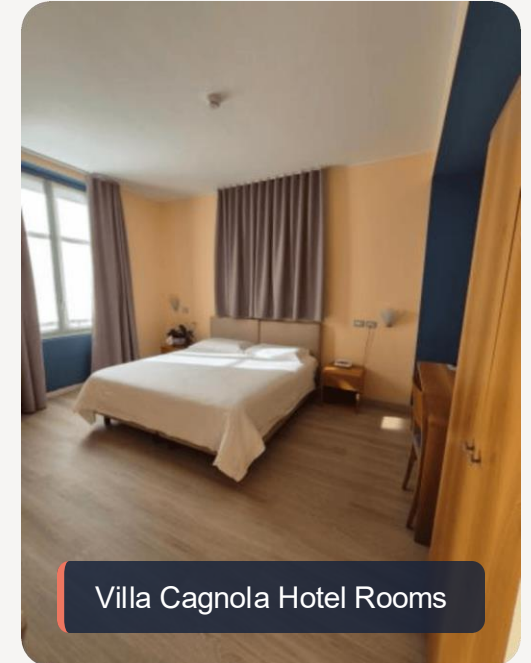
☐ Complimentary Stay
1 delegate per Football Association stays free

Extra Delegate Pricing & Fees

Option / Room	Same Room	Separate Room
Single room	—	€ 70.00
Double room, single use	—	€ 80.00
Double room	+ € 30.00	€ 95.00
Triple room	+ € 70.00	€ 135.00
Dinner 7 Nov	€ 45.00	€ 45.00
Lunch 8 Nov	€ 30.00	€ 30.00
Seminar fee	€ 40.00	€ 40.00
Tour of Villa Cagnola	€ 10.00	€ 10.00

Room rates include one night's accommodation + breakfast.

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Villa Cagnola Hotel Rooms

For extra delegates or more days, you have to contact and pay directly Hotel:

Ph. +39 0332 161 4000 Email: reception@villacagnola.it

If a Visa Is Needed



Official Information
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Visa Guidance

1

Check the requirement

Confirm whether you need a Schengen visa to enter Italy.

2

Apply online

Find all visa regulations on the official Ministry portal.

3

Allow processing time

Submit your application well before the seminar dates.

OFFICIAL VISA PORTAL

All visa regulations for entering Italy are available online.



vistoperitalia.esteri.it

Ministry of Foreign Affairs portal



[Visit Visa Portal](https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it)



Travel to Varese & Thanks



From the Airports

Route	Duration	Cost
Milan Malpensa (MXP T2) – train station	~ 43 min	€ 6.50
Milan Linate (LIN) – Milan Forlanini train Station	~ 83 min	€ 6.30

Train operator: trenord.it/en · to Gazzada - Schianno - Morazzone train station

Radio Taxi Varese: <https://www.radiotaxivarese.com/> Tel. +39 0332 241800

Grazie

Thank you for being part of the Football Strategy Days

We look forward to welcoming you to Villa Cagnola and sharing two days of strategy, collaboration and football with our European members.

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Venue & Local Map



◆ See you in Varese 7 - 8 November 2026

Gazzada Schianno · Villa Cagnola