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Keynote Lecture Regulating football: Not without the players!

Theo van Seggelen, Secretary General of FIFPro

20 years after the *Bosman* ruling, FIFPro is stronger than ever. It claims to represent more than 65 000 professional football players worldwide. Furthermore, FIFPro has become a key player in the regulation of football and more particularly of its transfer market.

In his lecture, Theo van Seggelen will outline the main policy achievements of FIFPro and discuss the challenges ahead for the regulation of football. Be it via the new FIFA regulation for intermediaries or the newly adopted TPO ban, FIFPro's voice has been influential recently. In the meantime, it is still dissatisfied with the way the transfer system works and is leading the drive for its new overhaul.



Theo van Seggelen is Secretary General of FIFPro. Previously, he was president of the VVCS, the Dutch union for professional football players. Apart from having a law degree, Theo also had a spell as a professional football player himself and played for the Dutch club Telstar. As Secretary General, Theo is responsible for the preparation of policy and implementation of the decisions of the board of FIFPro.

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