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After participating more than 20 years for the German Canoe Sprint National Team, I would like to contribute my experience I have gained as an athlete during this time and become a member of the Athletes Commission at the ICF. It's a great chance to have an impact for the future generation of canoe sport.

Skills My history in Sport Teamwork Start paddling Mai 1996 Power to connect August 2000 Canoe Club Schwedt, Schwedt Empathy I started paddling in a canoe club in my hometown Schwedt/O. at Self experience the age of 8 years. I started in Kayak before I switched to canoe in 1999. Sprachen Sport School Potsdam September 2000 Deutsch August 2006 Potsdam Englisch In September 2000 I was selected to move to the Sport school in Potsdam. I went from my hometown to Potsdam and lived together International with other kids in a boarding school. At the age of 12, that was a Achivements huge step. 3x Olympic Champion In 2004 - 2006 I represented Germany for the first time at Junior 1x Olympic Bronze level. At this time I won 2 gold medals at the World Championships and 2 gold medals and a bronze at the European Championship. 13x World Champion 17x European Champion **Army Sport Division** September 2006 August 2008 Bundeswehr When I finished the school I was selected to be part of the german Army sport group. At this time I gualified for the first time for the senior World Championships in 2007 and had the chance to be the back up athlete for the German canoe team for the 2008 Olympic Games. **Federal Police Sport Unit** September 2008 **Bis heute** Bundespolizei, Kienbaum When the Federal Police opened the sport team for Canoe I was selected to be one of the first athletes at this sport division. The 5 years of doing the combination of a vocational training and the training for canoe sprint were tough. I finished the police training with the degree of a police sergeant. After the participation of the 2024 Olympic games I went back to the police academy an made the qualification to the position of

Chief Inspector Federal Police.

