



## **DEJAN BODIROGA BIO**

Dejan Bodiroga is a Serbian basketball executive and former professional player.

A EuroLeague icon of the early part of the 2000s, Bodiroga was named to the 50 Greatest EuroLeague Contributors, EuroLeague 2000–10 All-Decade Team and was voted by fans the EuroLeague's 2000–2010 Player of the Decade. Bodiroga lifted three EuroLeague trophies with Panathinaikos and FC Barcelona (2000, 2002 and 2003) while earning multiple MVP awards among his extensive list of individual honors. He also won the three major European domestic basketball titles – Spanish, Italian and Greek.

Bodiroga led the senior FR Yugoslavian national team to two FIBA World Cup titles (1998 and 2002), earning MVP honors in the former. In addition, he won three EuroBasket gold medals (1995, 1997, 2001), and a bronze (1999), as well as an Olympic silver medal in 1996. In 1998 and 2002, he received the Golden Badge award for the best athlete of Yugoslavia, and the Yugoslav Olympic Committee declared him the Sportsman of the Year.

After leaving the courts in 2007, Bodiroga was named General Manager of Virtus Roma, the same club from which he retired, developing his executive career there until 2009.

In 2011, he returned to his home country to serve as Vice-President of the Serbian Basketball Federation until 2015. He subsequently served as President of the Competition Commission of FIBA Europe.