

Competing Under Pressure The Klitschko Leadership Program

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About

Use proven frameworks from Dr. Wladimir Klitschko and his team at Klitschko Ventures, along with business knowledge from WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management.

Learn how to anticipate disruption, translate it into strategic advantage, and lead teams with clarity through competitive situations in high-pressure markets.

Duration: 3 modules, 3 days each

Language: English

Start date: November 2026

Location: WHU Campus Düsseldorf

Benefits

- Experience WHU's academic excellence combined with sports and industry expertise.
- Translate insights into immediate impact for your organization and role.
- Develop systematic approaches for navigating challenges under pressure.
- Connect with senior executives who lead in disruptive, complex environments.



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Overview

From reactive response to proactive execution, **Competing Under Pressure – The Klitschko Leadership Program** interprets the principles of championship performance and combines them with academic insight to build powerful executive capability.

Module I – Proactive Positioning

Build the foundation of Adaptive Leadership and develop a forward-looking leadership stance. Strengthen your challenge mindset and use Corporate Foresight to define a clear position in evolving competitive environments.

Module II – Competing in Complex Systems

Read the arena and power dynamics. Decide between optimization and strategic repositioning. Mobilize the organization for adaptive change and sustainable progress in contested markets.

Module III – Execution Under Pressure

Lead in moments that define performance. Navigate crises with clarity, leverage failure as a source of learning, and build resilient, high-performance cultures.

This program equips you with the mindset and tools to

- anticipate structural change and disruption
- shift crises into strategic advantage
- turn innovation into a competitive edge
- lead decisively and execute decisions under pressure
- compete assertively while upholding integrity and fairness

Faculty & Speakers



Professor Sascha L. Schmidt
WHU Center for Sports and Management



Dr. Wladimir Klitschko
Klitschko Ventures, Founder



Professor Miriam Müthel
WHU Chair of Organizational Behavior



Tatjana Kiel
Klitschko Ventures, CEO



Professor Yuval Kalish
WHU Chair of Leadership, Networks, and Organizations



Ingo Sauer
Dirk Nowitzki Foundation, Board Member



Today's competitive environment is being reshaped by artificial intelligence, geopolitical shifts and saturated markets. Growth often comes from outperforming competitors and gaining market share. Leaders must move beyond reacting to change. This program strengthens their ability to anticipate disruption, think entrepreneurially and position their organizations proactively.

About WHU

WHU Executive Education is a leading provider of premium executive development programs. As one of Germany's top private business schools, WHU ranks among Europe's finest. Since 1984, the school has championed excellence and entrepreneurial thinking, producing innovative research that drives progress across society and industry.



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Economic competition has become a permanent stress test. The blows come from everywhere: shifting markets, ever-changing technologies, relentless competitors. Knowing that the hardest opponent is sometimes yourself. This program brings my knowledge of performing under pressure directly to leaders, helping them manage their emotions, think clearly, and face their challenges.

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About Klitschko Ventures

The core of Klitschko Ventures' activities is the FACE the Challenge method, developed by Dr. Wladimir Klitschko, Tatjana Kiel and their team. It makes his expertise from 30 years of elite sports accessible to individuals, teams, and organizations. Based on this method, Klitschko Ventures delivers tailored consulting projects for companies and coaching and education formats.