



# Bernadette Szocs

AGE

30

EU RANKING

3

NATION

ROMANIAN

PLAYING STYLE

OFFENSIVE

PLAYING HAND

RIGHT

CLUB

AHMEDABAD SG PIPERS

DATE OF BIRTH

5 MARCH 1995

HEIGHT

159 CM

PLACE OF BIRTH

TÂRGU MURES, ROMANIA

GRIP STYLE

SHAKEHAND

COACH

IONUT SENI

WORLD RANKING

25

CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)

AHMEDABAD SG PIPERS

## MEDALS AND TITLES

### European Championships

- 2024 Linz Singles – Silver medal – second place
- 2024 Linz Doubles (with Sofia Polcanova) – Silver medal – second place
- 2023 Malmö Team – Silver medal – second place
- 2022 Munich Doubles – Gold medal – first place
- 2022 Munich Mixed Doubles – Silver medal – second place
- 2019 Nantes Team – Gold medal – first place
- 2017 Luxembourg Team – Gold medal – first place
- 2015 Yekaterinburg Team – Silver medal – second place
- 2013 Schwechat Team – Silver medal – second place
- 2011 Gdańsk-Sopot Team – Silver medal – second place
- 2016 Budapest Mixed Doubles – Bronze medal – third place
- 2012 Buzău Mixed Doubles – Bronze medal – third place

### European Games

- 2023 Kraków-Małopolska, Gold medal – first place, Singles
- 2023 Kraków-Małopolska, Gold medal – first place, Team
- 2019 Minsk, Silver medal – second place, Mixed doubles
- 2019 Minsk, Silver medal – second place, Team
- 2023 Kraków-Małopolska, Bronze medal – third place, Mixed doubles

### Europe Top-16 Cup

- 2024 Montreux Singles – Bronze medal – third place
- 2022 Montreux Singles – Bronze medal – third place
- 2021 Thessaloniki Singles – Bronze medal – third place
- 2019 Montreux Singles – Silver medal – second place
- 2018 Montreux Singles – Gold medal – first place

### Universiade

- 2015 Gwangju Singles – Bronze medal – third place

### World Junior Championships

- 2013 Rabat Team – Bronze medal – third place



2025 Doha, Silver medal – second place, Women's Doubles (with Sofia Polcanova)

### **World Junior Championships:**

- 2011 Manama, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles
- 2012 Hyderabad, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles
- 2013 Rabat, Bronze medal – third place, Team

### **European Youth Championships:**

- 2011 Kazan, Gold medal – first place, Singles
- 2011 Kazan, Gold medal – first place, Doubles
- 2012 Schwechat, Gold medal – first place, Singles
- 2012 Schwechat, Gold medal – first place, Doubles
- 2012 Schwechat, Gold medal – first place, Team
- 2013 Ostrava, Gold medal – first place, Team
- 2011 Kazan, Silver medal – second place, Team
- 2013 Ostrava, Bronze medal – third place, Singles
- 2013 Ostrava, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles
- 2008 Terni, Gold medal – first place, Team
- 2009 Prague, Gold medal – first place, Doubles
- 2010 Istanbul, Gold medal – first place, Team
- 2010 Istanbul, Gold medal – first place, Singles
- 2010 Istanbul, Gold medal – first place, Doubles
- 2006 Sarajevo, Silver medal – second place, Team
- 2007 Bratislava, Silver medal – second place, Doubles
- 2008 Terni, Silver medal – second place, Singles
- 2008 Terni, Silver medal – second place, Mixed doubles
- 2006 Sarajevo, Bronze medal – third place, Mixed doubles
- 2007 Bratislava, Bronze medal – third place, Team
- 2008 Terni, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles
- 2009 Prague, Bronze medal – third place, Singles

### **Europe Youth Top-10**

- 2009 Rotterdam, Gold medal – first place, Cadet singles
- 2010 Topolčany, Gold medal – first place, Cadet singles
- 2012 Buzău, Gold medal – first place, Junior singles
- 2013 Terni, Gold medal – first place, Junior singles

### **Romanian National Championships**

- 2025 Bucharest, Gold medal – first place, Singles
- 2025 Bucharest, Gold medal – first place, Mixed Doubles (with Eduard Ionescu)



## PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Right-handed shakehand grip with an offensive, attack-oriented approach built on aggressive topspin, strong spin variation, and quick transition shots. Her tactical service and return patterns enable early control of rallies, and she maintains composure in pressure situations, showing mental resilience and competitive focus in tight matches. Off the table, she is regarded as professional, composed, and dedicated, respected for her consistency and commitment to elite performance.

## BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025

### World Championships, Doha

- Silver medal in Women's Doubles with Sofia Polcanova, marking a historic achievement as the first Romanian women's doubles World Championships medal in decades. Reached the Round of 16 in singles, reinforcing her global competitiveness.

### Romanian National Championships

- Won her 6th consecutive national singles title and secured mixed doubles gold (with Eduard Ionescu), demonstrating domestic dominance and consistency.

2024

### European Championships - Silver Medal

- Bernadette's performance at the European Championships in Linz was a standout achievement. She secured silver in Women's Doubles and demonstrated her competitive excellence.

### Paris Olympics - Deep Runs

- Competing in her third Olympics, Bernadette advanced to the Round of 16 in singles and reached the quarterfinals in Mixed Doubles, highlighting her ability to compete against top global players.

### WTT Champions (Bangkok)

- Bernadette Szőcs participated in the WTT Star Contender Bangkok 2024 event. She achieved a notable victory against Hoi Kem Doo, winning in straight sets: 11-5, 12-10, 11-6.

### Steady Presence in ITTF and WTT Events

- Throughout 2024, Bernadette maintained a high level of play, consistently advancing to the latter stages of tournaments and demonstrating her resilience and skill against various opponents.



2023

#### **European Games Double Gold**

- Winning women's singles and team gold medals in Kraków was monumental, confirming her as a leading force in European table tennis.

2018

#### **Europe Top 16 Cup Victory**

- This triumph marked her breakthrough on the continental level, ending Romania's long title drought in the competition and elevating her international status.

2017

#### **ITTF Challenge Brazil Open Title:**

- Her first senior international title in São Paulo was a launchpad for subsequent successes.

#### **Consistent Team Contributions:**

- Throughout multiple European Championships and World Team events, Bernadette has been a critical player for Romania, delivering clutch performances in high-pressure matches.

2012

#### **European Youth Championships (Schwechat, Austria):**

- Junior Girls' Singles: Bernadette Szőcs secured the gold medal, marking a significant milestone in her junior career.
- Junior Girls' Team: She played a pivotal role in Romania's team, contributing to their gold medal victory.

2011

#### **European Youth Championships (Kazan, Russia):**

- Mixed Doubles: Szőcs clinched the gold medal in mixed doubles, showcasing her versatility and skill in partnership events.

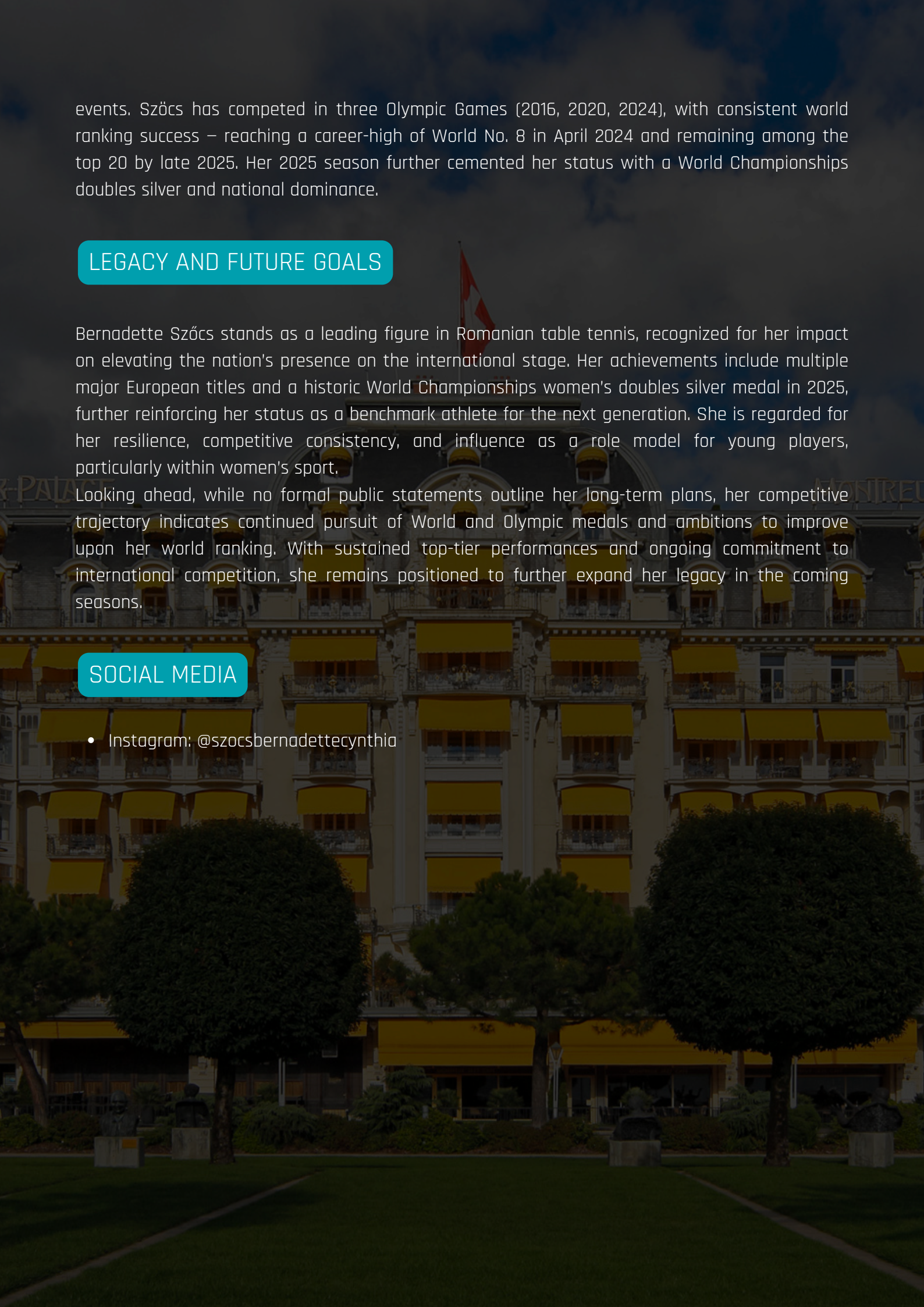
#### **European Youth Championships (Istanbul, Turkey):**

- Mixed Doubles: She achieved gold in the mixed doubles event, demonstrating her prowess in collaborative play.
- Junior Girls' Singles: Szőcs secured a bronze medal, highlighting her competitive edge in individual events.

### **CAREER**

Bernadette Szőcs began playing at a young age and rapidly rose through the youth ranks to become one of Europe's top table tennis players. She first broke through on the senior scene with international titles and continued to solidify her reputation with high finishes in ITTF and WTT





events. Szöcs has competed in three Olympic Games (2016, 2020, 2024), with consistent world ranking success – reaching a career-high of World No. 8 in April 2024 and remaining among the top 20 by late 2025. Her 2025 season further cemented her status with a World Championships doubles silver and national dominance.

## LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

Bernadette Szöcs stands as a leading figure in Romanian table tennis, recognized for her impact on elevating the nation's presence on the international stage. Her achievements include multiple major European titles and a historic World Championships women's doubles silver medal in 2025, further reinforcing her status as a benchmark athlete for the next generation. She is regarded for her resilience, competitive consistency, and influence as a role model for young players, particularly within women's sport.

Looking ahead, while no formal public statements outline her long-term plans, her competitive trajectory indicates continued pursuit of World and Olympic medals and ambitions to improve upon her world ranking. With sustained top-tier performances and ongoing commitment to international competition, she remains positioned to further expand her legacy in the coming seasons.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Instagram: @szocsbernadettecynthia