

ENGSO – THE EUROPEAN SPORTS NGO

ENGSO is the European Sports NGO and the leading voice for voluntary-based grassroots sport in Europe. Together with our 38 members – National Sports Confederations, National Olympic Committees and other sports organisations from 34 European countries – we form a network that brings together people of different ages and backgrounds that share a passion for sport.

We aspire to grassroots sport that promotes stronger communities, with the mission to represent, develop and advocate for voluntary-based sport in Europe – guided by our values: democracy, equality, inclusion, sustainability, integrity and education.

Activities

ENGSO **advocates** for European policy that enables a thriving civil society of sport and the modernisation of the sports movement. We are shaping the European sports policy agenda by seeking and promoting the common positions of the voluntary-based sports movement with regards to policy areas such as:

- Health-enhancing physical activity
- Sport and social inclusion
- Gender equality and diversity
- Youth development and involvement
- Education, training, employment and volunteering
- Modern, safe and sustainable funding for sport
- Safeguarding the European model of sport
- Good governance
- Sustainable development, environment and climate

Through our **events**, we are actively building a grassroots sports movement that drives positive change in communities and societies. Our annual events include:

- ENGSO General Assembly and the member seminar
- European Sport Platform
- Other seminars

ENGSO leads and supports a range of European **projects** that help us reach our strategic goals and promote our values. Our current and most recent ENGSO-led projects include:

- Clubs for Health-enhancement, Activation, Modernisation and Participation (CHAMP)
 - Goal: giving the organised sports movement innovative tools and education for modernisation;
- Sport & Psycho-social Initiative for Inclusive Training (SPIRIT)
 - Goal: making sports clubs more accessible by developing a framework for humane, inclusive and empowering coaching that nurtures good mental health
- Activity, Sport and Play for the Inclusion of Refugees in Europe (ASPIRE)
 - Goal: offering participation opportunities for refugees in and through sport by developing a training module.



We are currently partnering in the following initiatives:

- **PLAYING GREEN:** volunteering for greener sports events (PlayGreen)
 - Goal: creating volunteering opportunities for young people, focusing on sport and environment
- **Play'In Together**
 - Goal: advancing the inclusion of persons with disabilities in society by promoting Olympic, Paralympic and European values in sport games
 - Integration of Newly Arrived Migrants through Organised Sport - From European policy to local Sports Club Practice
 - Goal: developing a deeper understanding of policy implementation as well as the impact of interventions related to the inclusion of newly arrived migrants



Alongside the ENGSO Secretariat and staff, stationed in Stockholm, Brussels and around Europe, we rely on our volunteers. The **ENGSO Youth Committee** is in charge of our independent youth branch, giving youth a real say in sports. The ENGSO **Equality within Sport (EWS) Committee** inspires and motivates sports organisations to succeed in reaching equality.

To promote grassroots sport, ENGSO works together with its extensive network of partners, including – among others – EU institutions, the Council of Europe, the European Lotteries and the European Olympic Committees' EU Office.

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