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## PRESIDENTS ' S REPORT

Dear friends,

An interesting sports year, 2012 is now almost behind us. ENGSO has been actively influencing the sports political agenda and promoting the interest of voluntary sport organisations in Europe. The sport chapter in Erasmus for All has recently been under discussion in the European Parliament and ENGSO has done its utmost to make sure that grassroots sport and volunteering will be included. So far the results have been positive, but the discussions and negotiation with the European Commission and the member states will continue next year and it is important to be able to influence into the final decision.

ENGSO's initiative on the European Year of Sport has been discussed on several occasions with different stakeholders, latest in the ENGSO Hearing arranged in the European Parliament at the end of November. The feedback has been positive and we will carry on also with this initiative next year. We think that the legal recognition of sport as well as the future EU funding programme for sport is something to celebrate.

Finally I would like to express my sincere thanks to ENGSO member organisations, to ENGSO Youth and to all our partners for your hard work, active involvement and constant support during the year 2012. We value especially the long-time partnership we have with the European Olympic Committees EOC and with the European Lotteries and Toto Association (EL). ENGSO will continue its efforts to promote the European voluntary sports movement together with you also in the future.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Birgitta Kervinen

ENGSO President



In the field of sport, the Cyprus EU Presidency has left a busy half of the year behind. Next to the Council Expert Groups meetings in the field of sport, the Informal Meeting of EU Sport Ministers and the EU Sport Forum; the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council (EYCS) and the Meeting of Sport Directors took place at the end of November 2012.

Within the EYCS Council, ministers responsible for sport met in Brussels on 27 November in order to carry out discussions about the European Week of Sport, the representation of the EU Member States in the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Board and to adopt conclusions on several sport-related issues.

The Council adopted the proposal of the Cyprus Presidency on the organisation of a European Week of Sport, which is an initiative aiming at promoting physical education through sport among children and young people. Now, it is the turn of the European Commission to implement it. Mrs. Androulla Vassiliou, the European Commissioner for Education,

Culture, Youth and Multilingualism, stated that “we should make it a week of inclusion to give the opportunity to all people who do not have the means to be involved with sports”. She added that it is likely to launch the first European Week of Sport in 2014.

Regarding the representation of the EU Member States in the WADA, the three ministers who are designated to take the three seats available for EU countries from 1 January 2013 are Mr Leo Varadkar from Ireland, Mr Romain Schneider from Luxemburg and Mr Alexander Miguel Mestre from Portugal.

On the EYCS Council meeting, a Council Conclusion on promoting health-enhancing physical activity and another on strengthening the evidence-base for sport policy making were adopted by the ministers responsible for sport. In addition, they also voted through a Presidency Conclusion on establishing a strategy to combat the manipulation of sport results.

*Orsolya Tolnay*

### THE IRISH PRESIDENCY PROGRAMME FOR SPORT



On 1 January 2013, Ireland takes over the EU Presidency for six months. In the field of sport, the Programme was introduced on the Sport Directors Meet-

ing at the end of November in Nicosia. Depending on the output from the Council Expert Groups, the Irish Presidency plans to adopt Council Conclusions on Dual Careers of Athletes and Good Governance Principles.

Regarding the next Sport Directors Meeting, the conference will take place on 7-8 March 2013. The main

topics of the event will be the sustainable financing of sport and the economic contribution of sport.

The Presidency will be active in the field of anti-doping as well. It will prepare the EU contribution to WADA Code Review and will co-ordinate for the WADA Foundation Board Meeting, which will be organised in May 2013. The Irish Presidency will also continue the work to resolve the data protection issues in anti-doping.

The website of the Irish Presidency has been launched in December 2012, on which you may find information on the key priorities, policy areas and meetings. Visit [www.eu2013.ie](http://www.eu2013.ie).

*Orsolya Tolnay*

## MEETING OF EU SPORT DIRECTORS ON 29-30 NOVEMBER IN NICOSIA, CYPRUS

Sport directors who gathered from the EU Member States on 29.11.2012 - 30.11.2012 in Nicosia had a full schedule covering several topics including the application of EU State aid law to sport, the EU participation in the negotiations on a Council of Europe Convention against match-fixing, sport integrity – fight against doping, evidence-based sport policy as well as the presentation of the Irish Presidency programme for sport. The sport directors also took part in a joint dinner with the participants of the European Youth and Sport Forum, which took place between 25 November and 1 December in Larnaca, Cyprus.

### **State aid and sport**

After the welcoming remarks of the Chair of the Cyprus Sport Organisation, Pambos Stylianou, the recent developments on the application of EU state aid law to sport were introduced by the representatives of the European Commission. As an example, the Hungarian sport support scheme was also presented to the participants.

On 1 October 2012, all Member States were asked by the Directorate General for Competition (DG Competition) to provide an overview on public financing of professional football. Prior to that on 21 March 2012, Commission Vice President Joaquin Almunia and UEFA President Michel Platini published a joint statement on the Financial Fair Play rules and the control of State aid in professional football.

When pursuing economic activity, professional football clubs fall under EU rules. Public financial support by authorities, namely State aid to such clubs is, in principle, incompatible with the internal market because it is likely to distort competition. However, not all of the aids given to sport clubs fall under Article 107 of the Lisbon Treaty, which regulates State aid. The Commission has had to deal with an increasing number of disputes in the sport sector and now it would like to map the application of EU State aid law to sport in the EU Member States. In Hungary, a new scheme has been introduced in 2011, which complies with EU rules, at the same time channels additional funds to the sport sector by incentivizing commercial undertakings through tax benefits if they contribute to sport development.

### **Sport integrity – fight against doping**

Regarding the issue of the fight against doping, sport directors were updated on the changes in the WADA Code and new trends on contamination of nutritional supplements. The results of a pilot study of the Cyprus Anti-Doping Authority, in which the objective had been to examine the problem of nutritional supplement contamination in Cyprus, show that 10 out of 30 products were contaminated with doping substances. 9 out of the 10 contaminated products were manufactured in the USA and the remaining one in Canada. All products entered Cyprus legally. Another study conducted by IOC in Cologne in 2003 shows that 14.8% of 634 analysed nutritional supplements freely available on the market contain anabolic agents that were not declared on the label of the product.

The study indicates that there is a problem with nutritional supplements as they contain doping substances without being labelled on the products, thus causing inadvertent doping risk for athletes and health risk for all users. The study also tries to raise awareness and provide a solution to this problem: regulations should be introduced which reduce the availability of contaminated nutritional supplements; athletes should be allowed to use only such nutritional supplements which have been tested and found doping-free and athletes should be informed in order to be able to make the right choice when choosing nutritional supplements.

### **Evidence-based sport policy**

At the meeting, the findings of the study on sport's contribution to economic growth and employment in the EU as well as the study on a possible future sport monitoring function in the EU were also revealed to the sport directors.

The latter study, which was carried out by the Mulier Institute, the Sport Industry Research Centre of the Sheffield Hallam University, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and the TNO: Netherland Organisation for Applied Scientific Research, aimed at discovering the desired extent of sport monitoring function and possible establishment of such a function in order to support policy making in the EU. According to the results, 64% of the respondents have found it very important to improve sport monitoring in the EU. Among the relevant components of sport monitoring, there is the need for better data and figures on sport trends, easier access to existing information on policies and best practices, better exchange of information and the need for information about EU funding opportunities.

Unfortunately, there is a lack of time trends and comparability between the various studies in the Member States. There is no single, easy-to-use overview of data and outcomes at European level. Referring to these, a 2-phased process should be launched in 2014. During the first phase between 2014 and 2020, an EU sport monitoring function should be built out and evaluated, thus data collection and dissemination should be improved. This would allow a move from gathering basic facts and figures (sport monitoring function) to a research structure for sport in the second phase, which could start in 2021.

*Orsolya Tolnay*

## CULT COMMITTEE MEETING ON ERASMUS FOR ALL AND EUROPE FOR CITIZENS



On 26-27 November 2012, the Committee on Culture and Education (CULT) of the European Parliament had a meeting where they voted on the new EU Programme for Youth, Education, Training and Sport and the Europe for Citizens Programme for the next multi-annual financial period 2014-2020. First of all, the Committee adopted a position that the name of the EU programme for Youth, Education, Training and Sport should be "YES Europe" instead of "Erasmus for All" as proposed by the Commission.

Regarding the content of the "YES Europe" Programme and its Sport Chapter, the CULT Committee adopted amendments stating that the focus of the programme should be at grassroots level. Voluntary activities and non-profit European sport events were also included as eligible activities. In addition, the CULT Committee also approved an amendment, in which it is stated that sport activities may, where appropriate, have some funding from private third parties. With regard to the budget of the Sport Chapter, it was agreed that it should be 1.8 percent of the total budget of the whole YES Europe Programme but at least 238 827 000 euro. The report still has to pass the voting in the plenary session of the European Parliament which will take place most likely during the spring 2013.

ENGSO warmly welcomes the position of the parliament. ENGSO has been lobbying strongly for the inclusion of voluntary activities and for the focus of the programme being at grassroots level. The adopted amendment on the budget is also in line with ENGSO's position. However, ENGSO wants to highlight once again that the private funding by third parties should not be compulsory in any case.

The CULT Committee also amended and adopted a report on Europe for Citizens programme. The most interesting amendments relating to sport were that sport organisations are mentioned as stakeholders of the programme to which the programme should be open, and that there should be important synergies with other Union programmes, namely in the areas of employment, social affairs, education, youth and culture, **sport**, justice, equality between women and men and non-discrimination, and regional policy. It was also decided that the budget of the Europe for Citizens should be 229 million euro.

ENGSO also welcomes the report of the CULT Committee on Europe for Citizens Programme. However, there is a disagreement on the legal basis of the programme between the Commission and the Parliament. The Commission is of the opinion that the Parliament could only approve or reject the programme as a whole, not amend it. Parliament's position is that there is a co-decision on the programme and according to this position which they adopted as their own report on the programme. The impact of the CULT Committee report is still unclear as there is no agreement on the decision procedure yet.

*Heidi Pekkola*

## COUNCIL EXPERT GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF SPORT FINALISES ITS TASK

Council Expert Group on Sustainable Financing of Sport had its last meeting, at least with this mandate, on 14 November 2012. The task of the Expert Group was to draft recommendations on sustainable financing of sport for the Council. The group, consisting of member states and three observers – ENGSO, EOC EU Office and the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, came up with recommendations that strengthen the financial solidarity mechanism within sport.

The document has four main recommendations 1) Provide guidance on the application of EU State Aid law to sport following on from the 2011 Communication on sport. This must take account of the sector's needs and the specificity of sport, 2) The specific nature of sport should be ensured when the VAT system is reviewed, 3) Highlight the value of sport as a contributor to the economic and social development of Europe's regions and 4) Ensure the protection of sports commercial property rights and encouraging a return to grassroots sports through solidarity mechanisms within sport.

In addition to these main recommendations there is a list of more specific recommendations regarding all main financial contributors to sport: Household expenditure and volunteering, public sector subventions, sponsorship and donations, lotteries, betting and gambling and media rights.

These recommendations will be handed to the Council for the further discussions by the EU member states. ENGSO is happy with the work of the Expert Group and the outcome which concentrates on improving sustainable financing of grassroots level sports. ENGSO would like to thank the Council and the Chair of the Group James MacDougall for the work and for the possibility to contribute to the work of this group.

*Heidi Pekkola*

## UPDATES ON THE ENLARGED PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON SPORT

The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), established in 2007 in order to give fresh momentum to pan-European sports co-operation and address the current challenges sport is facing in Europe, provides a platform for intergovernmental sports cooperation between the public authorities of member states of the agreement. EPAS, building on more than 30 years of activity in the field of sport, also encourages dialogue between public authorities, sports federations and NGOs. This contributes to better governance, with the aim of making sport healthier and fairer, and ensuring that it conforms to high ethical standards.

EPAS aims to promote the development of sport in modern society, while emphasising its positive values. It develops policies and standards, monitors them and helps with capacity building and the exchange of good practices. It uses Council of Europe sports standards such as the European Sports Charter, the Code of Sports Ethics, the European Convention on Spectator Violence and the Anti-Doping Convention as the basis for drawing up its own strategies. Its activities are developed in line with political priorities expressed at ministerial meetings.

### Priorities for 2012-2013

The suggested priorities of EPAS for 2012/2013 are built on the programme of activities carried out in 2012 and include ongoing activities as well as new issues to be included following the consultation of the EPAS Governing Board and political inputs from the 12th formal Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, held in Belgrade earlier this year.

In 2013, the EPAS Secretariat plans to provide an intergovernmental platform to promote the Council of Europe values in and through sport at pan-European level, in co-operation with other relevant bodies and organisations from the civil society.

This programme will be implemented through three of the main following priorities:

#### 1) Addressing new challenges to sport ethics through standard setting activities

In the programme for the next period, based on the decision CM/Del/Dec/1145/8.1 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe dated 13 June 2012, following Resolution No. 1 adopted by the 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, held last March in Belgrade, the Committee of Ministers will be presented with a draft convention of the Council of Europe. Depending on the Committee of Ministers' decision, the draft document will be finalised as an international convention to combat the manipulation of sports results, notably match-fixing, and submitted to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe for opinion, or referred to EPAS so that it can be finalised as a non-binding legal instrument.

The framework set by EPAS specified the setting up of a drafting group involving, on an equal footing, representatives from the different authorities concerned (Sport/Law enforce-

ment/Betting regulation). It also aims at achieving a fair balance between acknowledging the coordination role of EPAS (supported by EPAS members) and allowing the involvement of non-EPAS representatives as full members of the Drafting group. According to the Council of Europe procedures, the process foresees that the draft convention be submitted to the Deputies when the drafting group's work is finished, firstly to decide on possibly submitting the project to the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly for opinion and comments and, secondly, for possible approval and opening for signature probably in September 2014, during the 13th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for sport in Magglingen (Switzerland), on 17-19 September 2014.

#### 2) Promoting diversity through co-operation activities

a. Diversity in Sport is promoted and Sport is used as a vector to promote diversity in societies (e.g. with political conferences, awareness raising events, handbooks, and networking between authorities and civil society - on specific groups such as ethnic minorities, Roma, disabled people, etc.)

b. Issues like gender equality or children and youth participation are mainstreamed in sport (e.g. with a standard or a plan of action).

Diversity and tolerance in and through sport is promoted by EPAS public authorities, in cooperation with other authorities (children protection, justice, gender equality), to develop a political standard related to diversity in sport, where public authorities from at least 75% of EPAS member states attend at least one activity on diversity, with two practical handbooks published and three training activities are organised at the request of member states.

#### 3) Reinforcing partnership with the European Union

In co-operation with the Division of the Sports Conventions, a partnership is set up between the Council of Europe and the European Union in the field of sport, in particular in areas where the pan-European scale is relevant or where both organisations have complementary competences and assets (e.g. with co-operation mechanisms and joint projects running in the field of sport).

Partnership with the European Union in the field of sport is promoted to ensure mutual complementarity of activities. A regular co-ordination meeting has been established, involving representatives of intergovernmental and parliamentary bodies. The CoE and the EU published a joint study and promoted a joint initiative. An agreement is found on the co-ordination of dates and venues of ministerial meetings and regular participation to key meetings (ministerial conferences, meetings of GB and working groups) has been agreed and is implemented. The new draft EU Sports Programme includes a section on inter-institutional co-operation with the CoE and a formal project is submitted to the Commission by EPAS.

*Snezana Mistic*

## COUNCIL EXPERT GROUP ON GOOD GOVERNANCE DISCUSSES THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council Expert Group on Good Governance meeting was organised on 13 December 2012. It was a second meeting regarding the second topic of the group, good governance in sport organisations. First topic of the group was the fight against match-fixing on which the group came up with recommendations in summer 2012. The third topic, players' transfers and agents, will be discussed later in 2013.

Member states together with several observers from the sport movement discussed recommendations on good governance. In general the draft recommendations were acknowledged as a good and comprehensive document. However, there were some concerns raised that sport organisations vary regarding their size and resources and that this should be taken into account by categorizing the recommendations. ENGSO also highlighted the reality of sport organisations at grassroots level where clubs are many times run only by volunteers and that these recommendations shouldn't deter these volunteers. The need for actions to increase gender equality in sport was also mentioned by several participants.

Recommendations will be updated according to the discussion and the final meeting to finalise the recommendations will be held in June or July 2013. This guarantees that the results of currently running Preparatory Action projects on good governance will be available to feed into the recommendations as the projects finish at the latest in the end of June 2013. Discussion on the third topic, transfer of players and sport agents, will start in the meeting on 14 March 2013.

*Heidi Pekkola*

## ENGSO GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES ON INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP IN SPORT - IMPROVEMENTS

At the 15th ENGSO Forum in October 2012, ENGSO published the booklet "Building Partnership to Create Effective Change", which contains good practice examples on innovative partnership in sport. The booklet is the result of the contribution of ENGSO Member Organisations. The good practices have been selected to demonstrate the economical, societal and educational potential of sport as means of innovation and to help Member Organisations and other interested stakeholders improving their recent cooperation and the scale of their services they could offer citizens.

Since several projects are still ongoing, ENGSO has been curious about the improvements. Below, you may read what we have found out.

Orsolya Tolnay

### Firvaldar



Firvaldar, the "Butterfly" project of the Ljosid Faroese local gymnastic club and the Faroese Cancer Society offers cancer patients under treatment sporting possibilities in a regular sports environment and helps recovered people easier integrating into society after illness. The

project started in September 2012, when a set of questions were asked from the participants. The project ends in December, so a new round of questionnaire will be distributed in January. ENGSO is anxious about the results!

### Energy Smart Sport



The co-operation of the Swedish Sports Confederation with the Swedish Energy Agency was driven by the commitment to build a greener society. The Energy Smart Sport project aims at cutting down the energy usage of sport facilities and the climate effect of transportation. The duration of the project is from 15 February

2012 until 1 October 2014. During this period, the partners will implement several actions, among others, the analysis of facility energy use. At the moment, the regional Energy Agencies in 8 regions of Sweden are working on the development plans to be able to start the work with the participating sports clubs in January 2013.

### Legal Panel Framework



## LEGAL PANEL FRAMEWORK

The Legal Panel Framework is a partnership between public sports organisations and private legal firms in the UK in order to provide legal service to National Governing Bodies of sport and recreation organisations.

Recently, Sport and Recreation Alliance, Sport England, UK Sport and Sport Wales appointed the ten selected law firms and published the available services. As part of the Legal panel Framework ([www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/projects-programmes-and-initiatives/legalpanel](http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/projects-programmes-and-initiatives/legalpanel)), each of the firms has committed to provide a free 20-minute helpline and a Pro-Bono Fund for sport has been launched.

The Fund comes in the shape of a commitment from each of the ten law firms to provide up to £5,000 worth of advice. This way, sports bodies have created £150,000 legal advice pot for sport and recreation organisations. The Pro-Bono Fund will enable small NGBs and sport and recreation organisations to access free legal advice through a central application process coordinated by the Sport and Recreation Alliance.

### The Youth Sport Exchange Program (YSEP)



YSEP is an exchange programme for sport facilitators from Norway and several African countries in order to develop sport structures. It is also a great opportunity for cultural exchange and understanding. The project has been going on since

1997. During winter time, the Norwegian volunteers work at their host organisations in Zambia and Zimbabwe, and the African participants work in Norwegian activity schools and local sport communities.

### Prevention of sexualised violence in sports



In 2012, the Confederation has launched the European project "PrevGerman Sports Youth as part of the German Olympic Sports ention of sexualized violence in sports - Impulses for an open, secure and sound sporting environment in Europe". The project is founded by the Sport

Unit of the European Commission and being implemented in close cooperation with the Youth Organisation of ENGSO, the Institute of Social Work and Social Education and 11 scientific advisors from 10 European countries.

On 21-22 November, the final conference was held in Berlin to address stakeholders and to encourage the prevention of sexualised harassment and abuse in sports. Read more under article **Safer, better, stronger! Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse.**

## SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY THE OPERATIONAL GRANT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION



In January 2012, ENGSO was selected as a successful applicant for the Annual Operating Grant from the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Commission.

The Europe for Citizens Programme has the aim to encourage citizens to contribute to and participate in European matters, among others, through civil society organisations. That is why the EU supports civil society organisations through the Annual Operating Grant, which is a support to the operating costs of organisation which invigorate the involvement of citizens.

The various events of ENGSO bring together people from all over Europe allowing them to interact and develop a sense of togetherness. This year, ENGSO organised the 20th General Assembly in Bulgaria and the 15th ENGSO Forum in Denmark. An ENGSO EU Seminar accompanied both of the events promoting participation in democratic life through sport and encouraging debate about the future EU sport policy and actions. Next to these events, a Hearing at the European Parliament hosted by MEP Emma McClarkin and a Round Table Meeting initiating the establishment of a Coalition for the European Year of Sport have been organised. The ENGSO Executive Committee convened six times, while the ENGSO EU Working Group and the ENGSO Communication and Marketing Working Group sat together three times this year. In addition, ENGSO was represented on several external events.

In 2012, ENGSO was not for lack of activities. It worked on the implementation of ENGSO Manifesto on a Truly Inclusive Sport and was active on the EU Platform: Diet, Physical Activity and Health. The sport organisation contributed to the work of the European Year of Volunteering 2011 Alliance and that of the EY2012 Coalition for the European Year of Active Aging and Solidarity between Generations. The Creating a

Level Playing Field project, which promotes social inclusion of migrants and people of foreign origin in and through sport, was also a part of the 2012 ENGSO Working Programme, just as the participation in the Sport4GoodGovernance project of the EOC EU Office and the four Council Expert Groups (Sport, Health and Participation, Sustainable Financing of Sport, Good Governance, Education and Training in Sport), in which ENGSO has an observer status.

The clear and regular communication both externally and internally, is an important method for ENGSO to build partnership for effective change. The Operational Grant of the European Union has made it possible for ENGSO to employ a part-time assistant from the 1st of June to assist with communication and policy issues.

Since June, the articles published on the ENGSO website doubled, while the posts on the ENGSO facebook site quadrupled compared to the previous six months. ENGSO reached 12935 people through facebook between June and November, while this number was 5815 within 6 months prior to that. ENGSO facebook site got 51 likes in the first half of the year and 105 between June and November, which adds up to an increase of 50% this year. Including the December Newsletter, ENGSO sent out four Newsletters in 2012. Since the start of the online publication of ENGSO Newsletters in 2002, this number has only been reached in 2005 and 2009.

Regarding publications, two booklets have been published this year: the booklet on the "Creating a Level Playing Field" project and one on good practice examples on innovative partnership in sport.

ENGSO has started to develop a communication strategy; it plans to make improvements on its website and tries to explore new ways of communication.

*Orsolya Tolnay*

## SPORTS ORGANISATIONS RAISED THEIR VOICE AT THE EUROPEAN

ENGSO organised a Hearing at the European Parliament on 26 November shortly before the start of the European Parliament's Culture and Education Committee meeting, on which the voting on the amendments of the Erasmus for All Programme took place on 27 November 2012.

On the Hearing, sports organisations could share their views in connection with the Sport Chapter of the future EU funding Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport as well as the ENGSO initiative "European Year of Sport". The host of the event, MEP Emma McClarkin informed the participants about the position of the European Parliament on the Programme, which opened the floor for discussions. According to several sports organisations present, grassroots sports organisations face several challenges. The crisis and the failed budget talks can affect the budget purposed for sport as it is expressed in the percentage of the total amount of the Erasmus for All Programme. An eligibility criterion which obliges sports organisations to find third party partnership for funding project is also a challenge for most of the grassroots sports organisations. All of the participants agreed that the third party criterion can jeopardise the possibility of many sports organisations in participating in and become beneficiaries of the Programme.

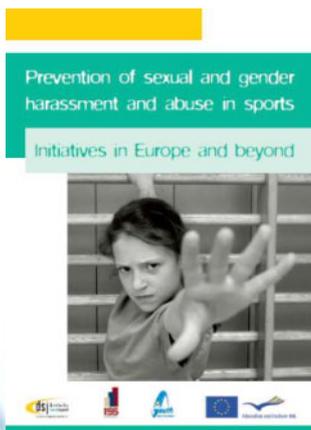
Participants also agreed that a European Year of Sport could raise the profile of sport at European level and attract the attention of local, regional and national governments on the importance and benefits of investing in grassroots sport. On the initiative of ENGSO to have a European Year of Sport in the future, the participants of the Hearing concluded that the title should reflect a wider range of possible partners and activities, such as the participation of the whole sport movement and health enhancing physical activities. At the same time, there should be more specificity regarding the goals, which should be more measurable, and the schedule of the preparation, which should be more specific and structured.

ENGSO would like to express its great gratitude to MEP Emma McClarkin for hosting the ENGSO Hearing and the participants for taking part on the Hearing.

*Orsolya Tolnay*

# SAFER, BETTER, STRONGER! PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ABUSE

## Project, conference and catalogue on European child protection



"Sport is currently a disputed social terrain: on the one hand it exposes individuals and society to positive values, but at the same time it also bears the potential to be harmful. Therefore, we believe that one of the main tasks of the European sporting movement is to work towards safeguarding the integrity of sport. Focusing on preventive measures and investing continuously into the education of European sportsmen

and women, especially in our European youth sector, plays a vital role in accomplishing this long-term goal. Concerted European action is required to effectively promote the ethical values inherent to sport and in order to truly offer all individuals and groups in society equal opportunities to participate in and enjoy the benefits of sport." - Jan Holze, chair of ENGSO Youth, states in his preface to the catalogue **"Prevention of sexual and gender harassment and abuse in sports - Initiatives in Europe and beyond"**. The catalogue lists 19 initiatives aiming to prevent harassment and abuse in various European countries and is available as a free download under: [www.youth-sport.net/childprotection](http://www.youth-sport.net/childprotection).

The catalogue is one outcome of the Preparatory Action project „Prevention of sexualized violence in sports – Impulses for an open, secure and sound sporting environment in Europe.“ Launched in 2012 by the German

Sports Youth, as part of the German Olympic Sports Confederation, the activities are funded by the Sport Unit of the European Commission and implemented in close cooperation with Youth Organisation of the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO), the Institute of Social Work and Social Education (ISS e.V.), 10 other partner organizations (see the complete list [www.youth-sport.net/childprotection](http://www.youth-sport.net/childprotection)) and 11 scientific advisors from 10 European countries.

Held in Berlin on 20-21 November 2012, the conference **"Safer, better, stronger! Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse"** was another integral part of the projects activities. It aimed to bring together and foster a transnational network of policy-makers, representatives of the sport organizations, national coaching foundations, media as well as those, who are willing to take decisive measures on different levels and contribute to the prevention of sexual harassment and abuse in sport. Offering an extensive two-day programme, the conference gave input on recent developments in this field in Europe, discussed various practical approaches on organisational and regional levels and addressed the challenges of monitoring and evaluation of preventive and controlling measures against sexual harassment and abuse in sport.

Recommendations will be edited for the end of the funding period in March 2013. ENGSO Youth and Deutsche Sportjugend plan to steer the process of appealing to more sport organizations for support of these recommendations. Please find more news here: [www.youth-sport.net/childprotection](http://www.youth-sport.net/childprotection) or [www.dsj.de/childprotection](http://www.dsj.de/childprotection) and contact [info@youth-sport.net](mailto:info@youth-sport.net) for further questions.

Agnès Kainz

## EUROPEAN YOUTH AND SPORT FORUM

The 2012 European Youth and Sport Forum (**EYSF2012**) took place from the 25<sup>th</sup> of November to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December in Larnaca, Cyprus, and acted as the perfect platform to bring together 83 young people from 28 European countries to discuss and debate issues across health, participation and volunteering.

Made up of enthusiastic and dynamic young sport leaders from grassroots sport organisations across Europe the participants had a wealth of experiences to share and build on, plus a rapport which made the **EYSF2012** both educational and inspirational for all who attended.

As a partner of the **EYSF2012**, we, ENGSO Youth, were proud to work with such dedicated and inspirational young leaders who worked together to voice their opinions and generate a common understanding which was reflected in the Declaration produced to leave a legacy and highlight the issues we as young sports leaders want to see implemented.

The Forum was organised during the Cyprus Presidency of the European Union, and provided the opportunity for the **EYSF2012** participants to deliver the Declaration to EU Sport Directors who were at a parallel meeting to the Forum.

Across the **EYSF2012** ENGSO Youth had representatives at organiser, participant and expert level and it was extremely promising to see the EU Sport Directors interacting with the young sport leaders and listening to the voices of young people.

The participants worked together to form a strong network across Europe and now the Declaration has been presented – the work has only just begun! Participants will be spreading the recommendations that were made, promoting the benefits of investing in sport and physical activity, and sharing how the recommendations can positively impact on the lives of young people. The three key themes of the EYSF2012: Health, Participation and Volunteering, and

A Futures Group has been initiated and will strive to ensure that the Declaration is not lost. It will continue to lobby with local Members of European Parliament and promote the voice of **EYSF2012** supporting all participants on a European level.

David Tuner, Sports Coach UK Development Lead Officer, attended as a participant and is a member of the Futures Group to drive the Declaration forward:

*"For me EYSF 2012 was not only a fantastic opportunity to share some of the excellent practice on health, participation and volunteering already taking place in the UK, but also a once in a lifetime opportunity to observe and debate some inspirational practice from across Europe. Personally I found it reassuring to know that there are so many diverse young people across the continent all working towards the similar goals and most importantly, these people are now friends and colleagues". (David Turner, United Kingdom).*

To read the Declaration and join our mission for implementation visit [http://www.isca-web.org/files/eysf/EYSF\\_2012/EYSFDeclaration.pdf](http://www.isca-web.org/files/eysf/EYSF_2012/EYSFDeclaration.pdf) today and share it within your organisation and member state.

Francesca Kelly

## FOLLOW-UP PROJECT ON SOCIAL INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS – MULTICULTURAL TRAINING IS NEEDED

“Creating a Level Playing Field” was an EU project on social inclusion of migrants and ethnic minorities into mainstream sport, led by ENGSO together with 11 partner organisations. One of the outcomes of the project was that in many sport organisations within organised sport there is not enough expertise in this field. Thus more training, especially regarding multiculturalism and cultural sensitiveness is needed.

As a result ENGSO is planning a follow-up project of the “Creating a Level Playing Field” to develop a toolkit and to further implement this toolkit by training sessions. Idea of the project is to train national trainers to the partner countries who can multiply the effect of the project by providing training in their respective countries. ENGSO will apply EU funding for the project from the Life Long Learning programme and is seeking now partners for the project. All interested partner organisations are asked to be in contact with ENGSO Policy and Communication Officer Heidi Pekkola at [pekkola@euoffice.euolympic.org](mailto:pekkola@euoffice.euolympic.org).

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## ENGSO PARTICIPATES IN AN EU PROGRAM TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE FIGHT AGAINST MATCH-FIXING



Institute for International and Strategic Relations (IRIS) and its partners are currently starting the first phase of the 18 month program, financed by the European Commission together with the European State Lotteries and Toto Association (EL). The program called “Educating governments and sports authorities and raising their awareness on the threat posed by match-fixing” ([http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory\\_actions/documents/036-0560-iris.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/documents/036-0560-iris.pdf)), is carried out by the IRIS in partnership with SportAccord, ENGSO, the University of Salford and French think tank Sport and Citizenship.

This program is a response to the call for proposals of the Preparatory Actions in the Field of Sport in 2012, launched by the Sport Unit of the Directorate General for Education and Culture of the European Commission to set up transnational projects with the aim of implementing future actions regarding sports and its good practices on a European scale. One of the topics for the projects to be funded in 2012 was fight against match-fixing.

Given the heterogeneity of the methods used within the EU countries to tackle sports fraud and the huge differences in the way countries regulate sports betting, it seems essential to inform and educate public authorities as well as sports organisations on what is at stake when it comes to the integrity of sports, as well as on the means to preserve it.

The aim of this project is also to compare different national experiences regarding the fight against corruption, to highlight their singularities and to identify best practices. Another objective consists in creating a European network linking the people (from every European Union country) concerned by the fight against corruption.

### METHODOLOGY OF THE PROJECT

IRIS and its partners offer a four-phase project which is to be carried out within each European Union member states from 2013 to 2014.

- 1) Management of a questionnaire, the aim of which is to understand the singularities of each country (identification of match-fixing cases, existing sports fraud provisions, regulation of sports betting, enforcement of sports rules, ad hoc needs and demands, etc.);
- 2) Organising a seminar at a national level. This seminar does not only aim to inform and educate the participants on the different aspects of the issues related to the integrity of sports and betting, it will also represent an opportunity to gather various targeted people and to encourage better communications between stakeholders;
- 3) Drafting of a recommendation proposal adapted to the situation of each country. The aim will be to highlight the needs identified during the seminar, as well as priority actions to be developed at a national scale.
- 4) “Restitution conference” to be organised in Brussels, aimed at presenting the synthesis of the conclusions and recommendations drawn during the implementation of the project.

### ENGSO CONTRIBUTION

As a scientific partner within the program and a major European sport organisation, ENGSO will take a lead role in identifying relevant sport stakeholders and mobilising them to actively participate in the seminars. ENGSO will inform its members on the progress of the project. ENGSO members will be contacted regarding the national seminars that the national member organisations are able to play an active role in these seminars.

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