



# Annual Report 2018

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# Foreword

Carlos Cardoso  
ENGSO President



Dear ENGSO friends,

Another year has passed, and the 27th ENGSO General Assembly (GA) is at hand. As ENGSO President, I have the great pleasure to address to you some words in conjunction with this document. I must start by expressing our deep gratitude to all of you dedicated Members for your contributions over the year that helped us once more to achieve the goals laid down for 2018.

The 27th GA, where this Annual Report 2018 will be adopted, has the special flavour of being an electoral one. The time has come once again for another considerable change in our organisation. I will take this opportunity to let you know that after serving our organisation for more than one decade and having had even the honour of being ENGSO President for a four-year period, it is the time to say farewell. Soon I will join the group of former Executive Committee (ExCom) members, led by our founder, the unforgettable Bengt Sevelius, of the organisation that all of us cherish.

I am writing this Foreword in April, just a couple of days after the closing ceremony of what – at least in my opinion – was the best of all EU Sport Forums organised by the European Commission, not only in what concerns organisation, but above all the highly interesting matters discussed and the quality of the invited speakers. During this event in Bucharest, we discussed sport, and many real matters of interest to those that on sport fields follow the sports principles and the sports philosophy to “fight” for the happiness of a victory.

“The role of sport federations in the promotion of European Sport”, “Challenges of less popular sports”, “How will Europeans engage in sport in the future” or “Are rights and interest of athletes sufficiently taken into account by sport governing bodies” were some of the conference topics that attracted the interest of the more than four hundred participants. These are matters, which grassroots level clubs have to deal with daily, and which are in line with the principles of the European Sports Charter which all of us in sport must preserve. They are matters that all of us should be aware of during the difficult times that sport is going through.

I take here the opportunity to remember that only a few months ago, on the occasion of the European Olympic Committees GA in Marbella, Spain, the IOC president, Thomas Bach called upon National Olympic Committees to work with their Governments to defend the “European sports model” from the perceived threat of commercial enterprises.

A model based on solidarity, inclusivity and to which millions of volunteers across all continents happily contribute with their work, can only be built and developed under the traditional sports club structure. In fact, the solidarity model prevailed in sport since the late 19th century and has been the pedestal of sports’ evolution, making sport one of the most significantly developed sociological fields of the last century.

Devaluating the importance of the solidarity model could be fatal for the sport as a whole.

In response to these challenges, we organised the first European Sport Platform, which offered ENGSO members and the wider sport movement to debate the topics of “the modern sports club” and “esports meets sports clubs” in November 2018 in Budapest.

In 2018, ENGSO also initiated the CHAMP (Clubs for Health-enhancement, Activation, Modernisation and Participation) project, which has been recognised and financed by the Erasmus + funding programme. CHAMP’s aim is exactly to create tools to improve and modernise clubs, the basic cells of the sports network.

CHAMP continues the legacy of former ENGSO projects. 2018 saw the second year of the ENGSO-led ASPIRE project, an initiative that has strengthened ENGSO’s profile as an advocate for sport that welcomes

everyone. In 2018 we continued to lobby for European sport policy that enables the development of a thriving sports culture by adopting the ENGSO Policy Programme. One of its first implementations was a Position Paper on the EU funding for sport post-2020, which has been our tool in

demanding better EU funding opportunities for grassroots sport in the next EU funding period.

To be fit for future ourselves, last year we initiated the process to build a new ENGSO Strategy 2020–2023, which is, aside of the elections, another point on the GA agenda vital for the continued success of ENGSO for the years to come. With these words of hope for better and more supportive sport, I invite you to the 27th ENGSO General Assembly.

**Carlos Cardoso**  
ENGSO President

**ENGSO has been growing to become an ever stronger “bridge-builder” between the grassroots sports movement and the leading players of European sports policy.**

# Organisation



## Membership

ENGSO is the European Sports NGO, a not-for-profit umbrella organisation of National Sport Confederations and National Olympic Committees from 33 European countries, advocating for grassroots sport within European sports policy. In 2018, the Hellenic Paralympic Committee from Greece became an ENGSO member, while ENGSO also got its fourth associated member: the European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF).

## Leadership

The Executive Committee is responsible for – among other duties – the execution of decisions taken by the General Assembly, the management of the budget, and ensuring the delivery of planned activities based on the Strategic Plan 2015-2019. At its meetings, the Committee discusses and prepares issues that are under its responsibility as indicated in the ENGSO Statutes.

## How to become a member?

The members of ENGSO shall be:

- National Confederations of Sport
- National Olympic Committees
- European Sport Federations
- European organisations related to sport

Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary General. Every Member shall agree to be bound by the ENGSO Statutes and shall agree to further the aims, objectives and interest of ENGSO with the best of their ability.

For more details, please visit our website or scan the QR code below:

[engso.eu/membership](http://engso.eu/membership)





Executive Committee meetings in 2018: 26-27 January, Copenhagen, Denmark; 20-21 April, Frankfurt, Germany; 8 June, Visby, Sweden; 28-29 September, Lisbon, Portugal; 23 November, Skype meeting

Composition of the Executive Committee:



President  
Carlos Cardoso, Portuguese Sports Confederation



Vice-President  
Agnė Vanagienė, Lithuanian Union of Sports Federations



Secretary General  
Stefan Bergh, Swedish Sports Confederation



Treasurer  
Karin Mattsson Weijber, Swedish Sports Confederation



Member  
Lotte Büchert, National Olympic Committee & Sports Confederation of Denmark



Member  
Stavri Bello, Olympic Committee of Albania



Member  
Ilva Ciemite, Latvian Sports Federations Council



Member  
Nataša Janković, Olympic Committee of Serbia



Member  
Michael Leyendecker, ENGSO Youth Chair

## Staff

All of the ENGSO activities and events are organised with the help of the ENGSO professional staff, providing support in the running of the organisation. They all took part in and contributed to the preparation of ENGSO events, meetings, activities and projects. They helped with the implementation of communication activities, the preparation and delivery of political initiatives, the implementation of the ENGSO Strategic Plan and Work Plan. The staff also provides support to our members with their inquiries.

The staff in 2018:



Policy Director  
Heidi Pekkola  
(until April 2018)



Policy Director  
Kaisa Larjomaa  
(from May 2018)



Office Director  
Marie Denitton



Communication Officer  
Mariann Bardocz-Bencsik



Web Manager &  
Digital Designer  
Filip Filipić



ENGSO Intern &  
ASPIRE Assistant  
Niels de Fraguier

## ASPIRE Project

Activity, Sport, Play  
for the Inclusion of  
Refugees



Project Manager  
Orsolya Tolnay



Special Advisor  
Sallie Barker



Communication  
Katarzyna Harasim



## ENGSO Youth Secretariat moved from Serbia to Hungary

The Hungarian member of ENGSO, the Hungarian Competitive Sport Federation (HCSF), took up the task of hosting the ENGSO Youth Secretariat, after the Serbian Olympic Committee stated they would hand over this honour to another country.

ENGSO Youth's new home became operational in January 2018 and former ENGSO Youth Young Delegate, Dóra Faragó, took the position of Operations Manager of ENGSO Youth.

Our heartfelt thanks once again to the Serbian Olympic Committee for hosting our Secretariat for the past years!

Growth of our youth force with the employment of a Communication Officer, Youth Officer and a Policy and Projects Manager.



## Partnership Highlight

ENGSO Youth has been supporting the Special Olympics 'Unified Sports®' and 'inclusive Youth Activation' initiatives for the last 6 years. Since the beginning of the partnership in 2011, ENGSO Youth has provided Special Olympics with trainers and facilitators to support youth initiatives at the Youth Summit in Europe and on the international level. Whereas, Special Olympics contributed to study sessions of ENGSO Youth with expertise in inclusive sports training and inclusive leadership.

In 2016, Special Olympics Europe Eurasia and ENGSO Youth expanded their partnership to include new areas of collaboration beyond the Youth Summit – including Unified Sports® and inclusive Youth Activation, advocacy for inclusion on the EU level and sharing and coordinating EU projects together. In 2018, the partners signed a Memorandum of Understanding in order to keep mutual cooperation and promote ongoing collaboration in the years ahead.

Our Facebook audience increased by 4260 followers. Join them: [fb.me/engsoyouth](https://fb.me/engsoyouth)

## Event Highlight: Yo!Fest 2018 Strasbourg

This year ENGSO Youth was represented by 12 Young Delegates, 4 Committee Members and 2 Staff members at the European Youth Event.

ENGSO Youth organised yoga sessions on both days for the participants of the event, a #SportforAll17: 'Sport for Sustainable Development' workshop and a panel discussion on the topic of 'The legacy of mega-sports events'.

Our Young Delegate Sandra Zwick said about the event: „Thank you ENGSO Youth Team for organising everything, I and the other delegates too, had a good time and we all were able to make our Organisation and its values more known in Europe!”

ENGSO Youth has been actively working on current youth sport issues through the following working groups: Sustainable Development, Education & Employability, Inclusion, Health and Sport Diplomacy with its member organisations, European institutions and partners from civil society.



## ENGSO Youth's Projects

ENGSO Youth as a project partner:

### Creating Opportunity for sport Members at grassroots level to Enable Inclusion (COME-IN)

The project's intention is continuing to foster inclusive sports programmes for young people with or without disabilities.

### Voices for truth and dignity (VOICE)

The project „Voices for truth and dignity - combatting sexual violence in European Sport through the voices of those affected” generates crucial research data for the European sport community by listening to the voices of those that have been affected by sexual violence in sport.

### Activity, Sport and Play for the Inclusion of Refugees in Europe (ASPIRE)

ASPIRE has the main aim of offering suitable participation opportunities for refugees in and through sport, physical activity and play. This aim can be best achieved by the development and implementation of a training module that is informed by underpinning evidence and enhances the skills and competences of facilitators in sport organisations how to adapt to the specific context of refugees and migrants. The training module promotes the psychosocial support of refugees and intercultural dialogue.



Our Committee during the 2017-2019 Mandate:



Chair  
Michael Leyendecker,  
German Sport Youth



Committee Member  
Rachel May,  
Sport and Recreation Alliance



Committee Member  
Bence Garamvölgyi,  
Hungarian Competitive Sport  
Federation (until Oct. 2018)



Vice-Chair  
Nevena Vukašinić,  
Olympic Committee of Serbia



Committee Member  
Filipa Godinho, Portuguese  
Sports Confederation



Committee Member  
Erika Juhász,  
Hungarian Competitive Sport  
Federation (from Oct. 2018)



Committee Member  
Yoann Soiro, French Olympic  
Committee (until Feb. 2019)



Committee Member  
Gerda Katschinka, Austrian  
Sport Organisation



Committee Member  
Fredrika Lindström, Swedish  
Sports Confederation  
(until Oct. 2018)



Committee Member  
Niels de Fraguier, French  
Olympic Committee  
(from Feb. 2019)



Committee Member  
Ugnė Chmeliauskaitė,  
Lithuanian Union of Sports  
Federations



Committee Member  
Lovisa Broms, Swedish Sports  
Confederation (from Oct. 2018)

## Our ENGSO Youth Staff

ENGSO Youth has also had a dedicated staff members, who have supported the Committee in activities necessary for the implementation of their initiatives.

The list of staff members can be found here:



Youth Officer  
Danijela Sviricic  
(Oct. 2018- June 2019)



Communication Officer  
Polona Fonda  
(Oct. 2018 - June 2019)



Policy and Projects Manager  
Bence Garamvölgyi  
(Oct. 2018 - June 2019)



Operations Manager  
Dóra Faragó  
(Jan. 2018 - June 2019)



Project and Partnership  
Manager  
Nenad Borković  
(June 2017 - Feb. 2019)

## Young Delegates

The Young Delegates Initiative commenced in 2013 with aim to gather young leaders interested in joining ENGSO Youth as the forefront of youth sport advocacy at the European level. Back then, it counted a total of 13 Young Delegates in a two year mandate. The number more than doubled in the period 2015 - 2017 and grew up to 36 Young Delegates from across Europe. In the following two years, it kept the same trend with 23 of Young Delegates who have extended their previous mandate, and 27 of newly elected ones - resulting in a total of 50 Young Delegates for the period 2017-2019.

To find out more about the Young Delegates Initiative, as well as to stay up-to-date with the latest ENGSO Youth's developments, please visit our ENGSO Youth website or scan the QR code below: [youth-sport.net](http://youth-sport.net)



# EWS



## Equality Within Sport (EWS) Committee

The ENGSO Equality Within Sport (EWS) Committee operates at a strategic level, advising the ENGSO Executive Committee on equality matters to ensure a coordinated and smooth working procedure in the equality area. The mission for the Committee is to play an active role in promoting and implementing equality in sport in Europe.

The new ENGSO EWS Committee started its mandate in June 2018 and cleared the mission statement to: Activate and inspire European Sport Organisations to succeed reaching equality.

The vision of the EWS is to be the leading voice for equality within sports in Europe.

## Actions

The new ENGSO Equality Within Sport Network (EWS) Committee formed the core actions to be:

1. "Hub" of expertise and knowledge on equality
2. Advocacy (Discuss and lobby sport political issues related to equality)

3. Education & Awareness
4. Strengthen cooperation with our member organisations and other sports bodies in topics related to equality.

It was agreed that in order to be successful in the actions, we need to clear and clarify our long-term goals. Several goal options were presented; however, the final clarification was left for the early year of 2019.

Nevertheless, the committee decided that in order to be a leading voice and a motivator for the members to succeed reaching equality, EWS must be recognised, known and attractive through strong communication.

A new communication plan was drafted with the focus on:

- ENGSO Website
- Social Media (own Facebook group)
- ENGSO Newsletter
- Seek other relevant channels on equality to follow, comment and be an active voice.
- Common hashtags #EngsoEWS #Equality



Equality to the EWS means that sport is a human right that belongs to everyone regardless of gender, religion, sexual orientation, physical ability, ethnic group, race, age or economic status.

## EWS Committee Members

The new Committee started its work after the General Assembly 2018. The new members are listed here.



Chair  
Niina Toroi  
Finnish Olympic Committee



Rachel May  
ENGSO Youth



David Hofstetter  
European Gay and Lesbian  
Sport Federation



Ioanna Karyofylli  
Hellenic Paralympic  
Committee

**“We want to celebrate diversity. We want to advocate that everyone can practise sport safely and freely. We want to promote equal opportunities in all levels and sectors of sport. We believe that sport wins with Equality.”**



Anabela Sousa Vaz dos Reis  
Portuguese Sports  
Confederation

## International Working Group on Women And Sport (IWG)

The Chair of the EWS was selected as the member of the IWG Global Executive Board. The role of the EWS is to represent Europe in the IWG.

### EWS Events

- 30.8.2018 EWS information package from the previous committee forwarded, Helsinki, Finland
  - Previous ENGSO EWS Chair Kristina Thurée informed the new Chair about the past activities and history
- 18.9.2018 Online meeting
  - Introductions and individual expectations for the committee work
- 28.-30.9.2018 Joint meeting in Portugal together with the ExCom
  - Drafting on mission, vision, goals and actions

- 25.10.2018 Invited speaker at the EPAS conference: Breaking the cycle of inequality in sport, Zagreb, Croatia
  - Topic: How to break through the glass ceiling in sports organisations? Niina Toroi delivered a speech and represented ENGSO EWS

- 31.10.2018 ENGSO Strategy meeting in Stockholm

- 3.12.2018 Online meeting IWG-EWS
  - Introduction of EWS
  - EWS expectations towards IWG
  - Discussion on upcoming meeting in 2019

- 14.12.2019 Online meeting
  - Clarification of vision, mission and actions

- Several skype calls with ENGSO Staff members regarding the strategic communication plan for EWS





# EU Advisory Committee

## EU Advisory Committee

According to the terms of reference, the ENGSO EU Advisory Committee operates at a strategic level, advising the Executive Committee on EU matters to ensure a coordinated approach to ENGSO's lobbying activities and smooth working procedures. The EU Advisory Committee utilises EU policy expertise and facilitates the involvement of ENGSO members.

The daily policy work is led by the ENGSO Policy Director, and the EU Advisory Committee works to complement the political activities of ENGSO.

During 2018, the Committee had two face to face meetings – 9 June in Visby (informal) and 17 November in Budapest (formal). Also one online meeting was organised on 19 September.

Additionally, the EU Advisory Committee co-chairs met ENGSO Policy Director once, on 31 July in Brussels.

## Scope of Work

During 2018, the EU Advisory Committee has worked mainly with the following:

### ENGSO Policy Programme

In 2017, co-chair Mikkel Larsen came up with the idea to put together an ENGSO Sport Policy Programme. Mikkel together with the other Committee members and ENGSO Policy Director finalised the draft document, which was presented to the ENGSO GA 2018 in Visby, Sweden. A lively and fruitful workshop was organised in conjunction with the GA, amending the document before its adoption. Published on 19 October, the document compiles and updates the different ENGSO policy papers from the past years and serves as a catalogue of ENGSO positions to different sports policy topics.

Since Visby, the EU Advisory Committee was tasked by the ENGSO ExCom to propose ways to implement the ENGSO Policy Programme. In 2018, a position paper on the future EU funding for sport was constructed, and several other ideas were proposed.

## Future EU funding for sport

The EU Advisory Committee was working together with ENGSO Policy Director to construct the position paper on the EU funding for sport post-2020, as well as drafting a strategy to promote the ENGSO position. The document focused not only on Erasmus+ but also the other EU funding programmes, including the European Social Fund + and the European Regional Development Fund.

A small survey was constructed in order to determine the priorities. After the publication of the position paper, the document was circulated amongst key decision-makers in the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council Working Party on Sport, as well as other important stakeholders such as the EOC EU Office. ENGSO members were invited to share their connections to MEPs in order to promote the ENGSO position.

The composition of the EU Advisory Committee is as follows:



Co-Chair, Mikkel Larsen,  
National Olympic Committee  
and Sports Confederation of  
Denmark



Member, Julie Ravlo,  
Norwegian Olympic and  
Paralympic Committee and  
Confederation of Sports



Member (ENGSO Youth)  
Bence Garamvölgyi,  
Hungarian Competitive Sport  
Federation



Co-Chair, Leigh Thompson,  
Sport and Recreation Alliance,  
UK



Member, Dominic Kuhn,  
German Olympic Sports  
Confederation



Member, Filip Filipić,  
Olympic Committee of Serbia



Member, Essi Puistonen,  
Finnish Olympic Committee



Member, Ilmari Nalbantoglu,  
Finnish Olympic Committee



Member, Niina Toroi,  
Finnish Olympic Committee



# Activities

## Advocacy

ENGSO is a bridge-building organisation, and its activities are based on two pillars. First of all, ENGSO provides its member organisations with information about current developments related to sport in Europe. Encouraging debate, discussion and reflection on European sport policy and actions among sports organisations, individuals and decision-makers. Secondly, ENGSO promotes the interest of sport organisations in Europe, as it has been defining the general interest of the voluntary sports movement since the 1960's. ENGSO advocates for sport issues to European decision-makers that are relevant in the European sports arena. ENGSO's main targets include the Council of Europe, especially its Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), and EU institutions, namely the European Commission, the Council of the EU and the European Parliament.

Most of the activities described in this report have in some way contributed to our advocacy work in the listed areas.

ENGSO is especially advocating for:

- The important social role of sport in health-enhancing physical activity, education, training, employment and volunteering, active citizenship and social inclusion.
- The sustainable financing of grassroots sport.
- The integrity of sport in order to promote good governance and equality, defend the specificity of sport and the integrity of sporting competitions by fighting against match-fixing.

## Communication

Communication is an essential part of ENGSO's work, as its mission is to promote the interest of grassroots sport in Europe and its goals are to provide development updates on European sport policy and to share information on the initiatives and activities of its members and partners. In 2018, ENGSO continued its communication work to reach these goals with its Communication Officer and Website Administrator & Digital Designer, supervised by the Policy Director and supported by other ENGSO staff and volunteers.

In 2018 ENGSO maintained its strong online presence and communication on the following platforms: engso.eu, social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) and its own Newsletter.

Over the year, ENGSO has been publishing its news on its homepage on a continuous basis, wrapping them up every three months in its regular newsletter. In total, 75 articles were published on engso.eu in 2018, covering news from ENGSO, ENGSO Youth, our partners and members.

Apart from the above-mentioned four regular newsletters, ENGSO sent out four special newsletters as well.

Each year it gets more and more difficult to encourage people to subscribe to newsletters, but ENGSO has some increasing figures regarding its quarterly newsletter.

At the end of 2017, it had 328 subscribers, and this number went up to 343 by the end of 2018. This 4,6% growth is a good achievement, taking into account the generally decreasing interest in newsletters.

In 2018, ENGSO was active on social media in two ways: by promoting its own activities and by joining the online conversation on topics of its interest. Therefore, ENGSO engaged in conversations on social media using the #BeActive, #sport4refugees, #genderequality and #IDSDP2018 hashtags, among others.

Over the year, ENGSO posted 299 times on Facebook, and its highest performing post reached over 4100 people. By the end of 2018, ENGSO had 1589 followers, that is a 18,5% increase from the same time in 2017.

ENGSO promoted its events on Facebook in multiple ways. For the General Assembly, the #BeActive squat and talk and the inaugural European Sport Platform a Facebook event was created, where Facebook users of ENGSO's network were invited. On these pages, we shared information on the events beforehand, meanwhile and afterwards as well. We also used hashtags for these events on our social media platforms (namely #ENGSOGA2018, #BeActive and #ESP2018) to make it easier for social media users to engage in conversations about them. We created Facebook galleries for each event, where we shared high-quality photos taken at the events.

The number of ENGSO's Twitter followers has increased significantly in the course of 2018, to 1867 from 1298, which is 43,8% increase. September and November were the highest-performing months in this regard, as ENGSO's Twitter account got 69-69 new followers these months.

2018 was the second year of the ENGSO-led ASPIRE project. The project's own website (aspireport.eu) and its Facebook community page (/ASPIREsportEU) was constantly fed with content about the project and related topics. The number of followers on its Facebook page grew from 183 to 552 in 2018, which is a 301% increase. The project's own hashtag (#ASPIREsportEU) was widely used on Twitter, 162 times over 2018.

It is ENGSO's great pleasure to receive the news of its members and partners and to share them on our communication platforms. Therefore, we encourage the members of our network to pro-actively share their news with us, so we could further distribute them on our platforms for the benefit of everyone.



# Projects

## ASPIRE Sport

The main aim of the ASPIRE Sport project is to offer safe participation opportunities for migrants and refugees, to integrate in a new environment through participation in sport, physical activity and play.

To achieve this goal, the ASPIRE Sport training module has been developed. The manual supports people involved in sport in adapting their existing activities to the specific context of refugees.

The training module enhances skills and competences in the field of migration, intercultural dialogue, psycho-social aspects of inclusive coaching and accessible sports organisations.

### 2018

The year 2018 was fully dedicated to the finalisation of the training module, including testing, and organisation of training sessions.

The training module, a manual offering theoretical foundations and practical advice for people that would like to work with sport and migrants, was sent to

testing organisations in the beginning of 2018.

After finalisation, the second half of the year was dedicated to the implementation of the training module. Three European countries – Serbia, Sweden and Finland hosted the first workshops. Each session was tailored to meet the special situation of the respective country, aimed to sensitise coaches on their role in society and cover deeply the topic of intercultural dialogue through sport.

Training sessions were also an excellent moment of meeting the ASPIRE Sport project team and National Partners. Exchange of observations and opinions was an important start to broader cooperation.

Training sessions were also a place to meet the inspiring local athletes, who serve as role models on how sport supports inclusion in a new reality. Football player Mehmet Hetemaj, who shared his story on how sport helped him to adapt after moving to Finland was among the speakers.

## Meetings

The project continued also its communication and dissemination activities.

We are really proud of that the ASPIRE project could serve as a good project example in the field of social inclusion at the EU Sport Info Day, the most important event on EU funding opportunities for sport.

ASPIRE Project Manager Orsolya Tolnay took also part in different events in the field of social inclusion for refugees. The Responsiball Forum in Lausanne, the Final Conference of the Sport for Inclusion Network (SPIN) and the “Sport, Migrants and Inclusion Meeting” of the Sport Migrant Integration were platforms to share information about the ASPIRE activities and their outcomes. Also ASPIRE Work Package Leader on Dissemination and Sustainability, Niels de Fraguier presented the Project during the Youth Forum on migration organised by the United Nations Major Group on Children and Youth (UNMGCY).

Project activities can be followed on dynamic Facebook profile ([fb.me/ASPIRESportEU](https://fb.me/ASPIRESportEU)) and the project’s own website ([aspire sport.eu](http://aspire sport.eu)).

## ALL IN - Towards Gender Balance in Sport

“ALL IN - Towards Gender Balance in Sport” is a European Union (EU) and Council of Europe (COE) joint project. Its aim is to provide support to public authorities and sport organisations when designing and implementing policies and programmes addressing gender inequalities in sport.

ENGSO’s role in the project is to assist in the collection of information, resources and examples of good practice from our members, which will be included in the online library.

Organised on the 31st May & 1st of June, the kick-off meeting and experts’ first workshop focused on data collection process and toolkit development. In addition, the project group started discussing how to raise awareness of gender equality in sport through different media forms.

More information on the project can be found on its Twitter account ([twitter.com/all\\_in\\_coe](https://twitter.com/all_in_coe)).



## Closing of the VOICE Project

Erasmus+ Sport co-financed VOICE project concluded in June 2018 after running for 2,5 years. The initiative aimed at combating sexual violence in European sport and was led by the German Sport University Cologne supported by seven research partners and four sports organisation partners from Europe.

The VOICE research team took 72 in-depth interviews with people who have been affected by sexual violence in sport. By listening to these voices, a deep understanding was gained.

Based on this knowledge, an online platform for powerful knowledge, exchange opportunities and educational resources has been developed. Additionally, a unique educational package was created - seven VOICE Movies, translated into various languages (including English, Danish, German, Slovenian and Spanish), were published and complemented by manuals on how to use them in educational settings. The Project's final conference took place on 4-5th of May 2018 in Bergisch Gladbach, Germany.

For further information about the project visit the VOICE website ([voicesfortruthanddignity.eu](http://voicesfortruthanddignity.eu)).

## ENGSO Projects

We exist to be a proactive front-runner in the sports political field, a strong networking organisation for sport in Europe and a counterpart for European governmental institutions dealing directly or indirectly with sport. That is why ENGSO has been carrying out so many activities in the last decades.

ENGSO projects capture European grassroots sport issues and seek answers to common challenges facing today's sports organisations.

To find out more about the initiatives ENGSO leads or contributes to as partner, please visit our website: [engso.eu/projects](http://engso.eu/projects)



# 2018 Highlights



## Highlights of the year

ENGSO President, Carlos Cardoso elected to the Consultative Committee Bureau of EPAS, the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport of the Council of Europe

On the 14 May, ENGSO President, Carlos Cardoso was elected to the Consultative Committee (CC) Bureau of EPAS, the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport of the Council of Europe.

ENGSO President is a long-standing advocate for a strong, independent and fair sports movement, and aspires to continue his work in his new position: "ENGSO is once again in the Bureau of the Consultative Committee, to continue the work done in the past by Birgitta Kervinen and Predrag Manojlović, among others. For me, it is an honour and at the same time a challenge to serve in such an important committee."

The members of CC Bureau were elected for a period of 2 years.



#ENGSOGA2018, the ENGSO General Assembly in Visby, Sweden

The natural richness of Gotland Island and its capital Visby was the setting of the ENGSO General Assembly, organised on 8-9th of June. The highly intensive two days brought the opportunity to come together with all ENGSO members and partners to discuss topics that ENGSO advocates for: inclusion, equality and youth in grassroots sport.

The ENGSO and ENGSO Youth General Assemblies, together with two days of workshops, seminars and presentations gave members the opportunity to discuss the priorities of ENGSO in the years to come.

Further information can be found in the Timeline section.



### The European Week of Sport and #BEACTIVE squat & talk event

The European Week of Sport ran its 4th edition to promote sport and physical activity for everyone - regardless of age, background or fitness level.

From the 23-30th of September a Europe-wide movement promoted the benefits of sport and physical activity by inviting European Citizens to local sport events.

ENGSO, a proud partner of the European Week of Sport, along with the European Lotteries and Panathlon International organised a special, energetic #BEACTIVE squat & talk event.

The event offered a great chance to get inspired through mind-opening discussions on gender equality work in sports and challenged participants with a simple, endorphin-boosting Bring Sally up activity.

Further information can be found in the Timeline section.

### The first European Sport Platform, Budapest #ESP2018

The first, future-oriented European Sport Platform was organised on 16–17th of November 2018, in partnership with the European Lotteries.

The European Sport Platform, a new trend-setting concept, brought together ENGSO members and various European stakeholders to debate on topics including the sports club - its traditional and modern visions and esport revolution. With professionals from around Europe, the event offered excellent content, substantive managerial expertise and touched on issues that are very important for ENGSO members and the wider sports movement.

The event was hosted by the Hungarian member of ENGSO, the Hungarian Competitive Sport Federation. Further information can be found in the Timeline section.



# Activities / Events

## January

First ENGSO Executive Committee meeting in Copenhagen

The first meeting of ENGSO's Executive Committee in 2018 was held on 27th of January in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The new year started with productive discussions on strategic and governance topics, membership matters and proposals for the Erasmus+ Sport Programme. The Executive Committee meeting was also an occasion for the ENGSO "family" to meet and present reports from different working teams within and around ENGSO - ENGSO Youth, the ENGSO Equality Within Sport Committee and ENGSO's EU Advisory Committee.



## February

ENGSO Youth signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia.

The ENGSO family ended the winter season with a special signing - ENGSO Youth signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia. ENGSO Youth and SOEE agreed to raise the voice for better inclusion of Youth Leaders among European youth organisations, youth platforms and European Institutions in order to advocate for a more inclusive society in and through sport. "It's not about them if it's without them" ENGSO Youth and SOEE to call all sport bodies to give youth a role in shaping the agendas, needs and policies to all the young people.



## March

### European Sport Forum 2018 in Sofia

ENGSO participates at the EU Sport Forum in Bulgaria on 22-23 March. The role of sport in international relations was at the core of the discussion, while different sessions and workshops addressed other key questions: What is the impact of the Olympic games on the environment? What is the role of sport in fighting climate change and the Paris agreement? And what about in promoting European values?

ENGSO Secretary General Stefan Bergh introduced a very interesting session about gender equality and sport - "How can we break the glass ceiling and help promote gender equality in sport?"



## April

### Second ENGSO Executive Committee meeting in Frankfurt

On 20-21st of April, the ENGSO Executive Committee held its second meeting of the year in Frankfurt.

The two-day meeting was an important time to discuss strategic topics, such as ENGSO statutes, sport policy programme, upcoming events - including the ENGSO General Assembly and the 2019 workplan.

The board exchanged also thoughts during a joint meeting with the ENGSO Youth Committee, representatives of our Equality Within Sport (EWS) Committee and Sport Deutschland.



## May

### Young Researcher Award of the European Association for Sociology of Sport (EASS)

ENGSO Youth, long-standing partner of EASS, is the unique sponsor of the Young Researcher Award. The prize is handed to an outstanding young researcher each year at the EASS conference.

This year the conference was held on 23-26th of May in Bordeaux, France, where Sarah Metcalfe, from Durham University, won the competition with her outstanding paper with interesting theoretical focus and presentation of arguments on young people's attitude towards gender stereotyping in sport. The conference is an important annual event where researchers present their papers addressing a variety of topics from sport governance to gender perspectives of sport practice.



## ASPIRE project meeting in Berlin

Approaching the halfway mark of the project, the ASPIRE project team and steering group got together on 24–26 May 2018. The meeting was hosted by the Berlin-based International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE), one of the project partners.

The steering group discussed e.g. the results of the testing of the training module that is being developed. The training module is a manual offering theoretical background and practical advice to people that would like to work with sport and migrants.

Carlos Cardoso has been elected to the Consultative Committee (CC) Bureau of EPAS, the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport of the Council of Europe.

Further information can be found in Highlight section.

## June

#ENGSOGA2018, the ENGSO General Assembly in Visby, Sweden.

On the 8 - 9 June, the ENGSO General Assembly was held in Visby, Sweden. Over 70 representatives from member and partner organisations travelled to the west coast of the island of Gotland for two intense working days.

One of the most important moments of the weekend was the adoption of the ENGSO Policy Programme. Sport and social inclusion, equality in and through sport, youth involvement, education, training and volunteering are some of the policy areas that were developed, discussed and adopted in Visby.

The new ENGSO Policy Programme compiles and updates the many policy documents produced by ENGSO over the years.

The ENGSO General Assembly was also the time to make decisions concerning the organisational running issues, including the 2019 Work Plan. In conjunction with the official gathering, all participants, not only ENGSO Members, had the chance to attend seminars, where a set of sport and political issues were presented and discussed, giving all participants the possibility to update their knowledge on these topics.

With the adoption of the ENGSO Policy Programme, the General Assembly in Visby was an important milestone in creating a strong basis for ENGSO advocacy work in the process of negotiating and adopting the multiannual budget of the European Union.



## September

### The European Week of Sport

Organised annually on 23–30 September, the 4th European Week of Sport brought together 32 countries and 41 European partners to promote sport and physical activity for everyone, regardless of age, background or fitness level.

On 24–25 September in Brussels, ENGSO, Panathlon International and the European Lotteries invited participants to take part in #BEACTIVE squat & talk event.

During the first day, the participants took part in endorphin-boosting physical games, and the Bring Sally Up Challenge. The second day was reserved for interesting discussions on gender equality and sport. The speakers and panellists of the event included keynote speaker Jenny Svender, expert on gender equality at the Swedish Sports Confederation, panellist Paola Ottonello, Policy Officer responsible for gender equality and good governance at the European Commission, and European champion sprinter, Eline Berings.

The #BEACTIVE squat & talk event brought not only interesting perspectives on the podium, but also evoked discussions that continued as questions from the audience, lunchtime and coffee break conversations, and on social media.



### Third ENGSO Executive Committee meeting in Lisbon

The ENGSO Executive Committee, ENGSO Youth Committee and the ENGSO Equality Within Sport (EWS) Committee gathered on 28–30 September 2018 to hold a series of meetings.

One of the main aims of the weekend was the start of work on the ENGSO Strategy for 2020–2023 and the follow up on the General Assembly 2018, Visby.

Another discussed topic was the selection results of the Erasmus+ Sport call for proposals. The results brought very good news to ENGSO - the proposal entitled “CHAMP” (Clubs for Health-enhancement, Activation, Modernisation and Participation) got selected under the Collaborative Partnerships scheme. On top, ENGSO will be partnering in two Collaborative Partnerships: one led by Asociacion Ecoserveis about volunteering for greener sports events (PLAYGREEN) and one led by Play International, entitled “Play’in Together”. The ExCom decided also to nominate Niina Toroi, the Chair of the ENGSO EWS Committee, as the regional representative of Europe to the International Working Group on Women and Sport (IWG).

The third ENGSO Executive Meeting continued the formula of intense and productive meetings, which delegates, participants and guests described with the words “vision”, “ambition”, “engagement” and “belonging”.



## The series of ASPIRE training sessions inaugurated in Serbia

In September, the ASPIRE project started its final phase with the implementation of national training sessions with two events hosted in Serbia and in Sweden. The first ASPIRE training took place on 11 September at the Sports Centre of the Football Association of Serbia. Teachers, sports coaches, interpreters as well as social and aid workers participated in a combination of physical activities, martial arts, creative arts and discussions. Recurring themes included the challenges facing immigrant children entering Europe, intercultural dialogue, psychological and social support.



## October

### ENGSO's position and recommendations for the post-2020 EU budget for sport

To contribute to the process of negotiating the European Union's financial framework for the upcoming period of 2021–2027, including its funding programmes such as Erasmus and the European Social Fund, ENGSO published its position and recommendations on the EU Funding for Sport post-2020 on 19 October. The position paper was widely circulated and drew attention amongst decision-makers and on social media.

## "Norwegian Mentoring Programme for Women Leaders" - second edition started in Norway

From autumn 2018 to spring 2019, the Norwegian ENGSO member, the Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NIF) is organising the second edition of the "Norwegian Mentoring Programme for Women Leaders".

The programme provides women leaders in Norwegian sports with the opportunity to gain a large network of male and female leaders; to improve self-esteem, confidence and communication skills; and also, to learn how to prepare and carry through large organisational and leadership processes.

## November

### The first European Sport Platform

On 16 – 17 November 2018, ENGSO organised the first edition of the European Sport Platform, a new future-oriented concept, proposed to the sports world as a forum in which clubs, federations, international stakeholders and other organisations are able to openly discuss ideas, new trends and emerging sports.



On the first day, discussions centred on innovations and emerging trends for sports clubs in the 21st century. Peter Mattsson of the Swedish Sports Confederation, focused on the “Modern Day Sports Club”, Ulla Nykänen presented an innovative and creative “Sports Club for Health” direction, while Hein Veerman and Maarten Van Yperen spoke about “Open Sports Clubs” solution that shifts traditional vision of a sport club. The day concluded with an introduction to e-sport and Hans Jagnow from eSport-Bund Deutschland, emphasising the importance of recognising e-sport players as athletes.

The second day took a closer look at e-sport and the potential for collaboration with traditional sport. Martin Fritzen of DGI, asked the question: Why should sports clubs be interested in e-sport?, Fruzsina Eszenyi shared her journey as a female e-sport player, and Renátó Besenczi spoke on the inherent inclusivity of e-sports.

The first edition of the European Sport Platform brought together more than 40 professionals, volunteers, policymakers and scholars in the field of sport. The participants welcomed the ENGSO initiative with enthusiasm and a very positive feedback and emphasised the need of such form, as we need to be more and more open to the challenges bringing new trends into the future sports “family”.



## December

### Third ASPIRE training session organised in Finland

The 3rd European ASPIRE Sport training session, co-organized by the Finnish Olympic Committee and ASPIRE Sports was held on the 12 December 2019 in Helsinki at the Taitotalo Centre. The Session focused on the topic how sports clubs can become more inclusive to minorities and how participation in sport can contribute to refugees bonding, linking and enhancing their active presence in society.

## Stay up to date

ENGSO Newsletter “Sports in Europe” provides updates on European sport policy, news from ENGSO and its network, as well as information on projects and past and upcoming events. It serves as a forum of sharing information and experience.

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# Representation at external events



## January

### 5th edition of the Erasmus+ Sport Info Day in Brussels

On 30 January, the European Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) organised the fifth edition of the Erasmus+ Sport Info Day in Brussels, to inform potential applicants about funding opportunities of the Sport Programme of Erasmus+.

ENGSO was represented by a strong delegation - the project co-ordinator of ENGSO Erasmus+ co-funded ASPIRE Sport project, Orsolya Tolnay was one of the speakers. ENGSO Policy Director Heidi Pekkola, Office Director, Marie Denitton and Communication Officer Mariann Bardocz-Bencsik were attending discussions during the networking sessions.

As ENGSO is a strong advocate of the Erasmus+ Sport funding opportunity for organisations using its power to create social change, we were proud to speak about the ASPIRE Sport project.

## February

### First meeting of the Expert Group on Skills and Human Resources Development in Sport

On 21 - 22 of February the University of Bath hosted the first meeting of the European Commission Expert Group, called "Skills and Human Resources Development in Sport". Our Policy Director, Heidi Pekkola, participated in the meeting as ENGSO representative.

## March

### ENGSO representatives active at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

ENGSO Secretary General, Stefan Bergh, Executive Committee member, Stavri Bello and Communication Officer, Mariann Bardocz-Bencsik were involved in the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in March.



### EU Forum 2018 in Sofia

On 22 - 23 March, the EU Sport Forum 2018 took place in Sofia, on the occasion of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council. The Forum topics included: role of sport in international relations, the impact on environment and climate change, and sport in promoting European values.

ENGSO was represented with a great delegation, including President Carlos Cardoso, Secretary General Stefan Bergh, Executive Committee member Ilva Ciemite, Policy Director Heidi Pekkola, and Office Director Marie Denitton.

Our Secretary General Stefan Bergh had the privilege to make an introductory speech in the session of gender equality in sport. In his speech he touched the topic of structures, culture and norms in sport that still attract more boys and men.

The EU Sport Forum was a great opportunity not only to exchange thoughts and networking, but also present the #BeActive morning activities.

## April

### Cluster meeting on the economic dimension of sport

On the 11th April a cluster meeting was held in Brussels in the framework of the EU Work Plan for Sport, entitled "The economic dimension of sport - Why sport matters?". ENGSO was represented there by our Executive Committee member, Ilva Ciemite, who was a speaker at the event. Ciemite presented a research about the impact on Latvia's economic sector of international sport events that were supported by the Latvian Sports Federations Council.

### General Assembly of European University Sports Association (EUSA) in Madrid, Spain.

On 12 - 13 April, the European University Sports Association (EUSA) held its General Assembly in Madrid, Spain.

EUSA General Assembly and accompanying events were an important moment to get updated on the university sport events in 2017, get acquainted with the progress reports for the upcoming European Universities Games in 2018 and 2020 and hear the candidates for the sixth and seventh edition of the Games in 2022 and 2024.

ENGSO President Carlos Cardoso took part in the event and continued his long-lasting commitment to university sports.



## May

### 7th IWG World Conference on Women and Sport

On 17 - 20 May, the International Working Group on Women and Sport held its world conference in Gaborone, Botswana. The event gathered 1300 participants from 85 countries, with 100 participants from 18 European countries.

ENGSO, a strong advocate for gender equality in all spheres of sport, had a high-level delegation at the event: Honorary President Birgitta Kervinen, the Chair of our Equality Within Sport (EWS) Committee Kristina Thurée, and Young Delegate Anett Fodor.

The Conference focused on the journey for equality in sport, including changing the leadership landscape of sports, leveraging media to advocate for women's sport and emphasising the importance of health and physical activity that are part of human rights.

During a powerful keynote speech, ENGSO Honorary President Birgitta Kervinen talked about the long journey for equality in sport, and that we not yet have arrived at our final destination. She highlighted mentoring as a tool to empower women to become great leaders, concrete actions, and that the work for equality is not a women's issue.



## VOICE project

The final conference of the VOICE project took place in Bergisch Gladbach, Cologne, Germany. Further information can be found in Project section.

### "ALL IN - Towards Gender Balance in Sport"

The Project started with a kick-off meeting and experts' first workshop in May, in Salzburg. Further information can be found in Project section.

## June

### Industry Days organized by the European Lotteries

On 4- 6 June, ENGSO's strategic partner European Lotteries organised its Industry Days.

The gathering of the lottery industry's managing directors and executives was a call to envision the future trends within the lottery sector. Industry Days offered three days of engaging and thought-provoking presentations on digital opportunities in a player's world and the importance of responsibly enhancing player experience.

ENGSO President Carlos Cardoso participated in the event and underlined the strong partnership between ENGSO and European Lotteries at all levels. "We are committed to expanding the scope of our partnership also on the grassroots level, and hope to see more collaboration also between the ENGSO members and lotteries at the national level in the near future."

## July

European Commission Expert Group "Skills and Human Resources Development in Sport" (HR XG) meets in Split, Croatia - Policy Director Kaisa Larjomaa participated in the meeting as observer on behalf of ENGSO. The HR XG group is an group working on recommendations on the basic requirements for skills and competences for coaches.

## August

### #GayGames2018

On 1–3 August, in the lead-up to the 10th Gay Games in Paris, several conferences were held about sport and diversity co-organised by the Organising Committee of the Games and the Think Tank Sport and Citizenship. On the last day of the academic debates, our Policy Director, Kaisa Larjomaa took part in the panel discussion on gender equality and diversity in sport ("Sport of tomorrow: diversity as horizon?" panel). Coaching is one of the many areas of sport lagging behind in terms of gender equality. Kaisa Larjomaa presented ENGSO's Erasmus+ co-funded SCORE project from 2015-2016, which aimed at increasing the number of female coaches in Europe. SCORE project created tools to help sports organisations attract more women as coaches, as well as mentoring to push forward individuals on their professional paths.



## September

### EU Presidency Conference and the Opening of the European Week of Sport

On 21 September, ahead of the opening of the European Week of Sport, a conference on the economic dimension of sport was organised by the Austrian EU Presidency in Vienna. During a panel discussion, ENGSO Secretary General Stefan Bergh presented the economic dimensions of volunteering in sport.

During the opening of the week on 22 September in Vienna, ENGSO had the chance to promote its initiatives, including the ASPIRE project, at the European Village of the traditional sports day fair, "Tag des Sports". During the opening, ENGSO Policy Director Kaisa Larjomaa also had the opportunity to speak with Commissioner Tibor Navacsics about the upcoming ENGSO activities.



### Baltic RECoord

Baltic RECoord is a new project on sustainable sports events that involves four ENGSO member organisations - the Swedish Sports Confederation, the Estonian Olympic Committee, the Latvian Sports Federations Council and the Union of Lithuanian Sports Federations.

The project aims to help sports federations and other sport organisers to create sustainable sport events.

## Sport Unit breakfast

On 18 September, the European Commission organised a breakfast conference on the topic of the “European Model of Sport”. ENGSO was represented by Kaisa Larjomaa, who emphasised the importance of the solidarity mechanism and the autonomy of the sports movement in her comment.

## October

### “New Leaders Programme” - implementing the IOC Gender Equality Recommendations into action.

A joint educational effort of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the European Olympic Committees (EOC) was launched on 6 October by the Finnish Olympic Committee, the Finnish ENGSO member. The initiative, titled “New Leaders”, is a legacy project of the 2017 IOC Women and Sport World Trophy Winner Birgitta Kervinen, Honorary President of ENGSO.

More than 50 highly qualified and motivated sports professionals from all across Europe applied for the programme. A total of 30 of them were selected (representing 26 countries), including three delegates of ENGSO Youth.



## SHARE initiative meeting

SHARE is an initiative of the European Commission, aimed at bringing together sports stakeholders at a regional, national and European level to discuss and collaborate around the topic of mainstreaming the funding of sport. ENGSO Policy Director Kaisa Larjomaa took part in the SHARE meeting on 23 October, organised in Brussels

## November

### General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees (EOC)

Three ENGSO representatives were present at the General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees (EOC), organised in Marbella, Spain on 9–10 November. ENGSO President Carlos Cardoso, ENGSO ExCom member Lotte Büchert and Policy Director Kaisa Larjomaa took the opportunity to network with important stakeholders and hold meetings with several ENGSO members.



### The third meeting of the XG group “Skills and HR Development in Sport”

The Expert Group meeting took place in Salzburg, Austria on 13–14 November. ENGSO was represented by Office Director Marie Denitton.

## Special Competence Seminar at the EOC EU Office

ENGSO Policy Director Kaisa Larjomaa and ENGSO Office Director Marie Denitton took actively part in the discussions during the Special Competence Seminar, organised for the Office's partner organisations on 21-22 November in Brussels.



## The Sport Migrant Integration Platform, Paris

ASPIRE Sport Project Manager Orsolya Tolnay represented ENGSO at the Sports, Migrants and Inclusion Meeting of the Sport Migrant Integration Platform. The platform is the initiative of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport of the Council of Europe.

## The Responsiball Forum in Lausanne

The Responsiball Forum took place in Lausanne on 8th November 2018. Orsolya Tolnay was one of the speakers sharing knowledge and promoting the ASPIRE Sport project.

## December

### ENGSO presented their views on the inclusion of people with disabilities in sport

ENGSO was one of the organisations representing the sports movement at the Sports Directors' meeting, organised on 13 December in Vienna, Austria. Policy Director Kaisa Larjomaa presented ENGSO's views on the inclusion of people with disabilities in sport, from the perspectives of e.g. recognition, coaching and funding.

### The Sporting Chance Forum, Paris.

ASPIRE Sport representatives, Orsolya Tolnay and Niels Fraguier discussed on human rights, refugees and equality in sport with experts from around the world.

## ENGSO Events

ENGSO organises events that bring together decision-makers, experts and ENGSO network. We raise awareness on relevant sport topics and equip members with tools to pass on to national and local levels, so visit our website or scan the qr code below: [engso.eu/events](http://engso.eu/events)





# Partners



## The European Lotteries

The European Lotteries (EL) is the umbrella organisation of national lotteries operating games of chance for the public benefit. Its members are primary contributors to sports for decades, providing sustainable funding of more than 2 billion EUR to European Sport each year. They are of the opinion that attention must be paid to the grassroots sport and the important role it plays in economic, health and societal terms. The European Lotteries and ENGSO have been co-operating since 2009. The main objective of the co-operation is to support each others' position in the area of EU Sports Policy at various meetings, conferences and events.



On 24-25 September we organised a joint event with the European Lotteries and Panathlon International in the framework of the European Week of Sport titled #BEACTIVE squat & talk. ENGSO and EL representatives held several meetings and continued to work together e.g. in the context of the ASPIRE project, where EL is a supporting partner. The aim of the collaboration is to further work on a common front to safeguard the integrity of sport and a steady funding base for grassroots sport.

## EOC and its EU Office

ENGSO has a long-standing partnership with the European Olympic Committees and its EU Office, which have the mission to develop and protect the Olympic Movement in Europe in accordance with the Olympic Charter. ENGSO Policy Director is based in the EOC EU Office in Brussels, and closely follows EU actions in the field of sport as well as contributes to the work of the Office as part of the duties. Throughout 2018 ENGSO has participated in both the Special Competence Seminar and the Annual Partner Meeting of the EOC EU Office.

Furthermore, ENGSO President Carlos Cardoso, ExCom member Lotte Büchert and Policy Director Kaisa Larjomaa participated in the General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees, which was held in Marbella, Spain in November.



## EUSA

During the past years ENGSO has had a fruitful collaboration with EUSA in the context of e.g. European projects, for example in the ENGSO-led SCORE project. ENGSO and EUSA have a Memorandum of Understanding, signed at the EUSA Conference in Denizli, Turkey. In 2018, EUSA was represented at our General Assembly in Visby on 7-9 June. ENGSO also participated at the EUSA General Assembly on 12-13 April in Madrid, Spain. During the European Universities Games 2018, organised on 15-28 July in Coimbra, Portugal, ENGSO Youth representatives had the chance to present ENGSO activities and organise a workshop on Sustainable Development Goals.



## Council of Europe and EPAS

For over four decades, the Council of Europe has advocated fair play and respect in sport, tackling corruption and helping make sport safe, ethical and accessible to all. ENGSO has been actively involved in the activities of the Council of Europe and its Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) for several years, and highly appreciates the fruitful cooperation, as the two bodies share common values.

Our Executive Committee member Nataša Janković represents ENGSO in the EPAS Consultative Committee. In 2018, ENGSO President Carlos Cardoso was selected as member of the EPAS Consultative Committee Bureau. ENGSO became a partner in the "ALL IN: Towards gender balance in sport" project, which is a joint CoE and EU initiative.

In addition to the afore-mentioned, ENGSO has also partnered with:

- TAFISA - The Association for International Sport for All
- EFPM - European Fair Play Movement
- EUPEA - European Physical Education Association
- CSIT - International Workers and Amateurs in Sport Confederation

To find out more, please visit our website: [engso.eu/partners](http://engso.eu/partners)





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