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BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS – KEY TO SUCCESS

The world around us is changing fast and to be able to survive in this changing environment we need to be more proactive, change our ways of working and start thinking more out of the box. One key element to build a success story in today's world is to build partnerships. We cannot survive and most of all develop our organisations on our own. This was one of the reasons why building partnership to create effective change was the topic our ENGSO Forum in Copenhagen 19 – 20 October 2012. The Forum offered our members and partners the possibility to share some great examples of innovative partnerships in very energetic and inspiring atmosphere that our host, the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark, had created for us.

The sport chapter in the Erasmus for All -programme is currently under discussion in the European Parliament. ENGSO will be arranging a Hearing on the programme and on the ENGSO initiative of the European Year of Sport. This will offer the possibility to change views with different stakeholders and decision-makers. It is of utmost importance that we, the sport movement, will be ready to start to realize the programme as soon as it in all likelihood begins in 2014.

The preparatory actions in the field of sport funded by the European Commission have made it possible to build up projects together with different partners already during several years. The most recent project, where ENGSO is a partner, is a project on Fight against Match-Fixing led by the Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques (IRIS). This will be a great opportunity to promote awareness about this serious problem and at the same time create new partnerships in different European countries.

Birgitta Kervinen
ENGSO President



EU SPORT FORUM



The EU Sport Forum, the annually organised consultation platform between the EU and the sport movement, which coincided with an informal meeting of EU Sport Ministers, took place on 19-20 September in

Nicosia, the capital city of the present Cyprian EU Presidency.

The first EU Sport Forum held in Biarritz in 2008 was called into existence by the White Paper on Sport, the first comprehensive policy-document on sport-related issues published by the European Commission in 2007. However, there have been constant consultations on sport matters between the European Commission and the international and European sport organisations much earlier than 2008. Since the 1990's, the Commission have organised high-level debates on relevant European sport issues and have given opportunity to the sport movement to present its views.

This year, more than 250 delegates representing international and European federations and Olympic Committees, sport for all organisation as well as organisations of leagues, clubs and athletes visited the EU Sport Forum at the beautiful premises in Nicosia.

The representatives of ENGSO were not only guests: some of them took actively part in the programme. In the second section of the first day's Forum dealing with the results of the 2010 Preparatory Action in the field of sport,

ENGSO Executive Committee Member Sallie Barker and ENGSO Policy and Communication Officer Heidi Pekkola presented the results of the "Creating a Level Playing Field" ENGSO project. Earlier that day, Michal Krejza, Head of Sport Unit had given speech on the Commission's recent activities in the field of sport and other speakers had held presentations on EU level developments.

On the second day, topics such as developing principles of good governance in sport, the European social dialogue in the field of sport, the contribution of sport and health-enhancing physical activity to Europe's economy and the fight against match-fixing were discussed. One of the main outcomes of the EU Sport Forum was the Declaration of the fight against match-fixing. In her speech, Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner responsible for sport, stressed the health benefits of sport and the importance of sport for the well-being of the European citizens.

Besides the presentation of the "Creating a Level Playing Field" project, ENGSO representatives including ENGSO President Birgitta Kervinen and the ENGSO Executive Committee Members took actively part in the discussions to be a creditable voice of the sport for all. ENGSO was especially interested in contributing to consultations on topics such as the future EU funding for grassroots sport, good governance in sport or the contribution of sport and physical activity to the EU economy.

ENGSO PARTICIPATES IN THE EU EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING

ENGSO is an official observer in the EU Expert Group on education and training. The aim of the Expert Group is to come up with recommendations regarding EU action when it comes to sport and education.

The second meeting of the group took place at the end of September in Poznan, Poland. Besides representatives from the EU Member States, Claudia Bokel, the chair of the IOC Athlete Committee and a member of the IOC Executive Committee participated as well. ENGSO was represented by the chair of the ENGSO EU Working Group, Poul Broberg.

The agenda of the meeting was divided into two. On the first part of the meeting, the Expert Group discussed how there can be a mutual recognition of sports related educations and competences across EU, which will secure that EU citizens who have completed a recognized education in sports and training will be able to have their education recognized in the rest of EU Member States, thereby will be able to work. For example, a skiing instructor should have his or her education recognized in every EU Member State and be able to work at the Alps although the formal education is completed, for instance, in Britain.

The second part of the meeting concentrated on a draft of common European recommendations regarding athletes and their access to dual career, where they are able to combine their elite sport career with education or work. The draft of the recommendations on dual career for European athletes have been written by a group of experts mainly from elite sport institutions across the EU Member States. Generally, only a few of the recommendations were discussed at the meeting. When it comes to making demand on sports organizations for offering dual career opportunities to elite athletes, the only remarks from ENGSO's perspective were the recommendations should take notice of the fact that a lot of European sports organizations, especially in minor sports, are only administrated by volunteers. Referring to this, a one size fits all model should not be recommended.

Due to the few remarks, it is expected that the final recommendations to Member States and sports organizations on how to improve the possibilities for the dual career of elite athletes can be adopted at the next Expert Group meeting taking place at the end of January in Dublin.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE CYPRUS PRESIDENCY WITH REGARD TO SPORT



Next to the EU Sport Forum and the informal meeting of EU Sport Ministers, the Cyprus Presidency will organise two other main events relating to sport: The Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council (EYCS) and the Meeting of EU Sport Directors.

The Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council is one of the configurations of the Council of the European Union. Depending on the agenda, it brings together Ministers responsible for education, culture, youth, media, communication and sport. As the areas covered fall mainly within the remits of Member States, the role of the EYCS is therefore to encourage the cooperation between them.

The priorities of the Cyprus Presidency in the field of sport are to address threats to the integrity of sport such as doping and match-fixing, to prioritize the social, societal and economic dimensions of sport as well as to promote quality of life, health enhancing physical activities and volunteering. Some of these topics will be discussed at the next Council meeting, which will take place on 26-27 November 2012 in Brussels. According to the agenda, the ministers will try to adopt council conclusions on the fight against match-fixing, health-enhancing physical activity and evidence base policy.

THE MAIN PRIORITIES OF THE IRISH EU PRESIDENCY IN THE FIELD OF SPORT



From January the 1st for a 6-month period, Ireland takes over the EU Presidency. The seventh Irish Presidency coincides with the 40th anniversary of Ireland's membership in the European Union.

The full Presidency programme will be published in

December, but much of the work on identifying key issues and priorities has already taken place. In the field of sport, the priorities which have already been proposed include dual careers, anti-doping, sustainable financing of sport and good governance. The Irish Presidency is planning to adopt resolutions on dual career, good governance and sport agents. Around 170 meetings will be held in Ireland during the Presidency. This figure includes up to 11 informal Ministerial meetings that will take place across a range of policy areas.

STUDY ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SPORT

In the summer of 2010, the European Commission launched an invitation to a tender for a study on the sport's impact on the economy and employment of the EU. The main goal was to help design policies that contribute more effectively to the overarching aims of the 'Europe 2020' strategy for growth and jobs and to give sport a higher profile in policy-making.

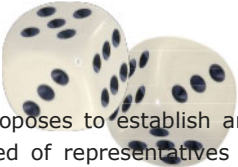
The impact of sport is growing due to the diversification of sport activities, the developing leisure society and the professionalisation and commercialisation of sport. The sport sector has also strong synergies with other economic fields, such as production, retail, tourism, education, media, betting and many others. Sport therefore contribute to industrial output and could be used as a tool for regional development and job creation.

While there are existing methods to measure the economic significance of sport, policy makers have lacked of EU-wide data until now. The study has developed a methodological framework that takes into account the economic impact of sport at national level in the EU-27 member states. In addition, a separate analysis has been also provided, which sets out similarities and differences between countries.

The main findings of the study have been presented already in the EU Sport Forum, however the publication is yet to come.

COMMUNICATION ON ONLINE-GAMBLING

The European Commission published the Communication "Towards a comprehensive European framework on online gambling" on 23 October. This initiative is presented by Michel Barnier, the European Commissioner in charge of Internal Market and Services. This Communication has an action plan for two years (until the end of 2014) and there are actions covering five topics. These topics are 1) compliance of the national regulatory frameworks with EU law; 2) improve the administrative cooperation and the concrete respect of the rules; 3) protection of consumers and citizens, minors and vulnerable groups; 4) prevention of fraud and money laundering and 5) preserving the integrity of sport and the fight against match-fixing.



The action plan proposes to establish an expert group on gambling, composed of representatives of Member States but also to accelerate completion of its assessment of national provisions in the pending infringements cases and complaints against several Member States. This means that the assessment of the compliance of national legislations on online gambling with the EU law will be continued.

ENGSO is disappointed that the Communication doesn't mention the importance of the revenues of lottery and gambling sector generated for good causes but it accelerates the infringement procedures against the Member States on the compliance of national legislations with the EU law.

DEVELOPMENTS ON ERASMUS FOR ALL

**Erasmus
for All**

European Commission published their proposal for the future EU funding programme Erasmus for All for education, training, youth and sport in November 2011. This programme is a sector-specific programme of the next Multiannual Financial Framework, which is the budget of the EU for the period of 2014-2020. After the discussions in the Council of the European Union, the European Parliament published its opinion on the Commission's proposal in July 2012. The Rapporteur of this opinion was Mrs Doris Pack, chair of the Culture and Education Committee (CULT) of the Parliament. In her draft report, Mrs Pack highlights that focus of the programme's objectives and activities should be on grassroots level. She agrees with the Commission on the objectives, however, adding that voluntary activities should be also targeted with the programme. Regarding the activities she agrees in general with the the Commission's proposal that the supported activities should be projects, events, evidence based policy (namely studies), support to capacity building and dialogue with the European stakeholders. However, she has added that the supported events should be aimed at promoting social inclusion and equal opportunities. Mrs Pack has also added voluntary activities to be supported which were not mentioned in the Commission proposal.

Other MEPs have proposed amendments after Mrs Pack report. Many of these amendments also highlight that the programme should focus on grassroots level and that voluntary activities should be supported. There are also amendments on the budget that it should be at least EUR 238 827 000 as proposed by the Commission. These amendments and the draft report of Mrs Pack are supposed to be voted in the CULT Committee's meeting on Tuesday 27 November. ENGSO warmly welcomes the amendments on the focus of the programme to be at grassroots level and that the voluntary activities should be also supported. ENGSO closely follows the developments of the programme and organizes a Hearing at the European Parliament on 26 November, a day before the voting at the CULT Committee.

In the Erasmus for All Programme, a whole chapter is dedicated to sport. Chapter III, the Sport Chapter comprises of two articles, which contain the specific objectives and the activities proposed by the Commission in the field of sport. There are three areas listed as specific objectives: (a) to tackle transnational threats to sport such as doping, match fixing, violence, racism and intolerance; (b) to support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes; (c) to promote social inclusion, equal opportunities and health-enhancing physical activity through increased participation in sport. The activities supported by the Commission include projects, non-commercial European sport events, evidence base for policy making, capacity building of sport organisations and dialogue with stakeholders. According to the proposal, sport organisations should find partners from the private sector in order to leverage supplementary funding.

ENGSO EU SEMINAR: EU SPORT POLICY AND THE FUTURE EU FUNDING PROGRAMME

On 19 October within the framework of the 15th ENGSO Forum, the ENGSO EU Seminar was dedicated to EU sport policy and the future EU funding programme. After the welcoming speech of ENGSO President Birgitta Kervinen and Chair of ENGSO EU Working Group Poul Broberg, the seminar started with the presentation of Deputy Head of the Sport Unit in the European Commission Pedro Velazquez on current EU Sport Policy developments. After that, Heidi Pekkola, ENGSO Policy and Communication Officer had the chance to reflect on this topic as well as to express ENGSO's position on the future EU funding programme. The agenda of the Seminar continued with four workshops organised parallel, dealing with the developments of the four Council Expert Groups in which ENGSO holds an observer status, namely the Council Expert Group "Sport, Health and Participation", "Sustainable Financing of Sport", "Good Governance" and "Education and Training". Last but not least, Karin Mattsson Weijberg, President of the Swedish Sports Confederation and ENGSO Executive Committee Member informed the participants about the Swedish Court Case on the Loyalty Clause, which deals with the question "Who has the right to organise sport events in Sweden?".

Deputy Head of the Sport Unit explained in his presentation how the European Commission takes steps to develop the European dimension of sport. There are two available tools in the hands of the European Commission: policy activity and funding programme. By policy activity, Mr Velazquez meant the work of the EU Institutions. According to the EU Working Plan adopted during the Hungarian EU Presidency, the European Council Expert Groups work fruitfully on six different areas (1. sport, health and participation, 2. anti-doping, 3. sport statistics, 4. sustainable financing of sport, 5. good governance, 6. education and training in sport), which feed the policy activity of the European Commission to propose guidelines and recommendations. Even if recommendations are non-binding instruments within EU's secondary legislation, which means that the Member States have their own choice to accept them or not, Member States can not adopt any laws at national level which would not be in line with EU recommendations.

According to the presentation of Mr Velazquez, the Irish Presidency is planning to adopt resolutions on dual career, good governance and sport agents and the next EU

Sport Forum will be held on 30 September – 1 October 2013 in Vilnius during the Lithuanian Presidency. On behalf of the European Commission, the Deputy Head of the Sport Unit counts on the active participation of ENGSO.

Apart from the policy activity, the Commission provides financial support to the sport movement in order to develop the European dimension of sport. From 2009 to 2011, support was provided within the framework of the Preparatory Actions focusing on transnational projects. The Preparatory Actions of 2012 prioritize European partnerships in sport and international non-for profit sport events, which have to involve private sponsors as well. The compulsory private funding is strongly criticised by ENGSO, since "it would jeopardize the participation of many grassroots level actors in the sport funding activities" – stated Heidi Pekkola in her presentation.

In the period of 2014-2020, sport will be able to receive direct funding from the Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport of the Multiannual Financial Framework. The Sport Chapter of this Programme is still being negotiated among the EU institutions. At the moment, it is proposed to provide €34 million per year to sport. ENGSO considers the amount of €239 million in total for the period of 2014-2020 as a minimum, which is necessary to ensure the credibility of both the Programme and the EU. Sufficient pre-financing would also be crucial for grassroots sports; otherwise it could cause cash-flow problems.

Taking the specific objectives of the Sport Chapter into consideration, ENGSO's opinion is that themes such as volunteering, social inclusion, equal opportunities and health enhancing physical activity could reach grassroots sport to the greatest extent, therefore these themes should be in the main focus of the Programme. In the view of the Commission's proposed activities, ENGSO prioritises transnational collaborative projects, capacity building of sport organisations and non-profit European sport events. Projects should enable the participation of grassroots actors and funding should also be available for small scale projects. According to ENGSO, the events supported should take place at grassroots level involving as many European citizens as possible. Voluntary work as a contribution in kind should be among the eligibility criteria of the Programme.



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THE 15TH ENGSO FORUM – BUILDING PARTNERSHIP TO CREATE EFFECTIVE CHANGE

On 19-20 October, ENGSO has really given rise to building partnerships. The participants from ENGSO Member Organisations had the chance to meet representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, the European Lotteries, the Institute of International Relations and Strategy (IRIS- Institut de Relations Internationales et Strategiques) as well as several other sports organisations, e.g. the European Paralympic Committee, the International Workers and Amateurs in Sport Confederation or the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education.

After the opening remarks of ENGSO President Birgitta Kervinen and President of the NOC of Denmark Niels Nygaard, the first part of the Forum was dedicated to social inclusion of migrants and ethnic minorities in sport. In the framework of this, Emine Bozkurt, Member of the European Parliament gave an inspirational speech as an introduction to the topic, which was followed by an unconventionally interactive presentation of Gitta Axmann, Expert of Social Inclusion in and through Sport on the results of the ENGSO "Creating a Level Playing Field" project. During this section, all participants could experience that migration is a European reality and it affects the life of all of us. They could also share their views on culture and cultural challenges. The discussions on these issues helped participants to get to know each other and gave rise to an excellent atmosphere for further cooperation.

On the next day, the main focus was on building partnership to create effective change. First, ENGSO partner organisations presented their current issues and then, ENGSO Member Organisations gave insight into their innovative partnership projects. The Chair of EPAS, Ewa Markowicz started the second part of the Forum with her presentation on the current issues of EPAS (Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport) and the Council of Europe. Later, Pim Verschuuren from IRIS (Institut de Relations Internationales et Strategiques) presented their project on fight against match-fixing, which will be possibly supported by the Preparatory Actions in the Field of Sport 2012, and the Consultant of the European Lotteries, Christian Kalb introduced the European Lotteries Sport Charter 2012.

The second part of the day focused on good practice examples on innovative partnerships, which have been selected to demonstrate the economical, social and educational potential of sport as a means of innovation to help Member Organisations and other interested stakeholders improve their recent co-operation and the scale of the services they could offer citizens. The projects can also be found in the ENGSO Booklet "Building Partnership to Create Effective Change", which was distributed among the participants of the Forum. The booklet will be available in electronic form on ENGSO website soon. The presentations are available on ENGSO website [here](#).

The last activity of the Forum was a field study visit to show participants innovative partnership cases in Denmark. A dinner at Tivoli, the famous Danish amusement park was a worthy place for celebrating the end of the Forum.

ENGSO hopes that this Forum could bring the importance of innovative partnerships into focus and launch a debate in all ENGSO Member Organisation on future partnership possibilities. ENGSO also warmly thanks the Danish Olympic Committee and Confederation of Sports for hosting a successful 15th ENGSO Forum full of hospitality.

THE ROUND TABLE MEETING ON THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF SPORT

The European Union has chosen a theme of action for each year since 1983. The so called European Years aim at educating the widest possible audience and attracting the attention of governments and Member States on a chosen issue.

The European Year of Sport is a proposal by ENGSO. Its main aim is to attract the attention of European citizens and local, regional and national governments on the social benefits of sport and to change attitude and sporting behaviours. The objective of the Year would be to raise awareness of and disseminate information on the positive social effects of sport, to educate the widest possible audience about the contributions of sport to society, to encourage people to regularly participate in sport at grassroots level, to launch debate about who shall promote the societal, integrating and participational challenges in the field of sport in the 27 EU Member States and what meanings sport has in European society as well as to attract the attention of governments at all levels on the importance and benefits of investing in grassroots sport.

For the successful implementation of this initiative, ENGSO needs an alliance. That is the reason why it or-

ganised a Round Table Meeting before the 15th ENGSO Forum to bring together different stakeholders in the field of sport in order to launch discussions about this initiative.

On the Round Table Meeting, which took place on 18 October 2012 at the Danish House of Sports, ENGSO initiated dialogue about the main aims and the activities of the European Year of Sport in order to get an overview about the opinions and views of different organisations and to try to find a "common denominator". Discussions went on about the name and exact time of the Year as well.

The representatives of several international, European and national sports organisations took actively part in the discussions. ENGSO owes great thanks to the World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry, the International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation, the International Korfball Federation, the International Sport and Culture Association, the European Women in Sport, the European Paralympic Committee, the European Petanque Confederation as well as ENGSO's Member Organisations for honouring the event with their presence.

TRANSLATION OF THE ENGSO GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SPORT INTO FAROESE

The [ENGSO Guidelines for Children and Youth Sport](#) accepted by the General Assembly in 1998 is a document with 12 concrete recommendations for ENGSO Member Organisations how to improve children and young people sport opportunities. It does not only contain suggestions for access to sport and sport facilities, but also for developing responsibilities, co-determination in youngsters, quality assurance, insurance schemes, etc. The recommendations are even more relevant nowadays than before and should be taken into consideration by as much sports organisations as possible, just as it was done so by the Faroese National Association of Sport.

The Faroese National Association of Sports (ÍSF) considers it of great importance that our children and youth can practise their sport under good and safe conditions. Therefore they have chosen to put the ENGSO Guidelines for Children and Youth Sports into Faroese language.

ENGSO HEARING AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

ENGSO organises a Hearing at the European Parliament, which will start at 13:30 on November 26, 2012. The topics covered will include the sport chapter of the future EU Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport as well as the ENGSO initiative on the European Year of Sport.

The Hearing is hosted by MEP Emma McClarkin (ECR, UK), who is a member of the Committee on Culture and Education and one of the most active MEPs in the field of sport. Other MEPs will also honour the Hearing with their presence.

The Hearing is a chance to raise the voice of sport shortly before the voting on the Erasmus for All at the Committee on Culture and Education, which is planned to take place on November 27, 2012.

ENGSO warmly welcomes active participation of stakeholders.

Registration is available on ENGSO website under <http://www.engso.eu/registration-form2.php>.

This work was done by a group of eight young athletes and coaches assisted by a member of the board and one consultant.

The work was very interesting and challenging. Every topic was thoroughly discussed and put into a Faroese context. It was a very rewarding process to put in words the sports conditions of our children and youth.

The outcomes of this discussion and writing were put into a small and handy booklet and published. It can also be found as a PDF-file on our website (www.isf.fo).

The Faroese National Association of Sports hopes that this booklet can contribute to make our children's and youth's conditions to practise sports even better.

ENGSO CALENDAR

Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council

- November 26-27, 2012, Brussels

ENGSO Executive Committee Meeting

- November 25-26, 2012, Brussels

Council Expert Group on Sustainable Financing of Sport

- November 14, 2012

ENGSO Hearing

- November 26, 2012, Brussels

41st EOC General Assembly

- December 7-8, 2012, Eilat, Israel

Meeting of the EU Sport Directors

- 29-30 November 2012, Nicosia

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