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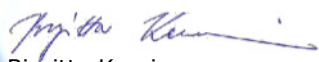
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ADVOCACY AND ACTIVE COOPERATION

The route to success in sports often begins in sports clubs, with the encouragement and support of volunteers. Our top athletes came from those millions who participate in sports. However world-class sport and medals are not sufficient to guard sport's interests: we also need broader sport-policy work. Along with its partners and with the support of its members ENGSO is dedicating itself vigorously to this work. Due to our active policy work the ENGSO Policy and Communication Officer is well-established at the EOC EU Office in Brussels. ENGSO's revised strategy, the work of ENGSO Youth and measures that promote health and education as well as gender equality have enhanced member participation and the sharing and implementation of good practices. Our members regard the promotion of democracy, fair play, good governance and cooperation as important tasks in the future. There's plenty of work, but it is important and inspiring as we have the support of our active members. I would also like to thank our partners for their support and the appreciation they show towards our work.

I wish you Happy Holidays and an active Sports Year 2012!



Birgitta Kervinen
ENGSO President

EUROPEAN YEAR OF VOLUNTEERING 2011 - TIME FOR FINAL CONCLUSIONS



European Year of Volunteering Alliance Steering Group had its meeting on 17 November 2011 to adopt the so called P.A.V.E., Policy

Agenda on Volunteering in Europe, as a legacy of the year. During the year six Working Groups and Steering Group meetings have worked on volunteering issues to identify crucial factors of volunteering and P.A.V.E. is a result of this work. It will be introduced to the Commission and other stakeholders in the final conference of the European Year of Volunteering, which will be organized by the Commission in Warsaw on 1-2 December.

At its meeting Alliance also decided that it will continue its work even after the European Year of Volunteering has finished. Among the Alliance members there's a common interest to continue the cooperation on volunteering issues, although the structure and form of cooperation will be decided later.

3rd EU-level Thematic Conference of Volunteering 2011

From 3 to 4 November around 200 participants representing public authorities and non-profit voluntary organiza-

tions met in Athens, Greece, to share experiences, learn and explore possible next steps to support the further development of volunteering in Europe.

Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, emphasized that volunteering is an act of solidarity and contributes to social cohesion. The European Commission's study on "Volunteering in the European Union" estimated that in 2010 some 100 million Europeans out of 500 were engaged in voluntary activities. Ways and strategies have to be found and developed to motivate the other 400 million Europeans to volunteer as well. The EU can bring added value to volunteering by providing support to networks and platforms which facilitate raising awareness on relevant topical issues, exchanging information, sharing good practices and supporting capacity building, added Commissioner Reding.

In the plenary discussions, participants agreed that voluntary activities need to be clearly distinguished from paid employment and should by no means replace it.

Heidi Pekkola/Michael Trinker



THE EUROPEAN WOMEN AND SPORT CONFERENCE

The European Women and Sport Conference was held in September 2011 in London. The event was well received and resulted in a new communique with much shared learning between delegates and across nations. Sallie Barker, ENGSO ExCom member was recognised with a special award from EWS for her outstanding contribution over many years.

Key messages included:

"Gender equality in sport is not just good for women but good for sport." Amanda Bennett, Chair, EWS

"Great leaders lift others and smile often." Genevieve Shore, CIO & Director of Digital Strategy, Pearson Publishing

"Physical Education in sport has to engage every young woman, listen and let them lead the way." Baroness Sue

Campbell CBE, Chair, UK Sport

"Not enough women in football top jobs, but have gone from Stone Age to Ipad 2 in ten years" William Gaillard, Advisor to the President, UEFA

The close of the conference is just the starting point. Now the information needs to be taken away and utilised.

Presentations from the event can be found at <http://en.ews2011.com/conference-programme/presentations/>

The declaration is published at <http://en.ews2011.com/conference-programme/PrinciplesOnly.pdf>

SPORT PROGRAMME 2014-2020



The new potential upcoming sport programme is based on the article 165 in the Lisbon treaty, the White Paper on Sport implemented in 2007 and the European Commission's Communication "Developing the European Dimension on Sport" published in January 2011. The programme's purpose is to contribute to the promotion of European sporting issues while taking account of the specific nature of sport, structures based on voluntary activity, as well as social and educational function of sport. The programme should develop a European dimension in sport by promoting fairness and openness in sporting competitions as well as promoting cooperation between bodies responsible for sport, and also protecting the physical and moral integrity of sportspeople.

The new potential sport programme will be a sub-programme or "Sport chapter" under an umbrella programme called "Erasmus for All" (E4A), which gathers different programmes from education, youth and sport under one easily recognizable name. The sport sub-programme is part of the new Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 which is in preparation phase. The European Commission is expected to present the proposal on the 23rd of November. The next steps would be adoption of the programme by the European Parliament and the European Council in 2013, and finally the implementation starting from 2014 onwards.

The sub-programme will focus on three different entities. Firstly, on developing European coopera-

tion in sport through e.g. guidelines for dual careers of athletes or benchmarks for good governance of sporting organizations. Secondly, on tackling transnational threats that are specific to sport such as doping, violence, racism and intolerance, or issues relating to the integrity of competitions and sportspersons. Thirdly, on supporting grassroots sports organizations which can play a role in addressing wider socioeconomic challenges, such as social inclusion.

One of the important tasks of the programme is to recognize and make sure that the programme creates added value to the EU Member States. As an EU-wide programme it has to respect the autonomy of sport governing bodies, which basically refers to the subsidiarity rule. The programme should also address transnational challenges, provide a platform for exchange and dialogue, promote the creation and development of European networks and support and coordinate Member States' policies and actions.

The budget to be directed for the sport sub-programme is not known yet, as the EU budget negotiations for the next budget period are still in progress. However, it has to be taken into consideration that sport in the EU is still a fairly small sector, thus the budget will not be very big. For this reason it should not be forgotten that there are also other more substantial funds, like the structural funds, which can also finance sport and sport related projects, as it has been done hitherto. Yet, the symbolic value of the first own programme for sport should not be undervalued.

Mirja Ajanko

GUIDELINES TO PREVENT SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ABUSE IN SPORTS

The Norwegian olympic and paralympic committee and confederation of sports have published the Guidelines to prevent sexual harassment and abuse in sports.

Sexual abuse and sexual harassment are completely incompatible with the intrinsic values of sport. Within Norwegian sports there is Zero tolerance for discrimination and harassment irrespective of gender, ethnic background, religious faith, sexual orientation and disability.

It is an important goal to develop tolerance and understanding and to establish recognition of people's equality in order to avoid discrimination, harassment and bullying. Everyone within sport should seek to establish secure settings and a secure atmosphere for children, youth and adults alike.

Read the Guidelines at

http://www.idrett.no/tema/lover/retningslinjer/Documents/BROSJYRE_seksuell%20trakassering_ENGELSK_WEB.pdf

ENGSO FORUM CALLS FOR A EUROPEAN YEAR OF SPORT IN 2014

During the Forum of October 2011 ENGSO decided to start setting up a coalition of interested organizations which shall advocate a European Year of sport 2014 – ten years after the European Year of Education through Sport 2004 (EYES).

“2014 represents an excellent opportunity to celebrate the health benefits, the legal recognition and the EU funding programme of sport as well as the legacy of 2004,” remarked Birgitta Kervinen, ENGSO President. The idea for such a measure was born during the ENGSO project EU:SPORT:FUTURE of 2009 in which participants expressed their wish to have such a year in 2014. “We hope that with strong partners we are able to realize this initiative”, declared Ms Kervinen.

A constituent meeting of this coalition will be organized early at the beginning of 2012. If you are interested to get active, please get in touch with ENGSO.

Michael Trinker

ENGSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011 IN THE EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

The 19th ENGSO General Assembly and Youth Assembly were hosted by the Estonian Olympic Committee in the European Capital of Culture 2011, Tallinn, on 19–21 May 2011. The General Assembly renewed the mandate of ENGSO President Birgitta Kervinen, who has served as president since 2007. During the meeting, a new Treasurer and two members of the Executive Committee were also elected. Former Executive Committee member Carlos Cardoso (Portuguese Sports Confederation) was elected Treasurer, and Romana Caput-Jogunica (Croatian Olympic Committee) and Michael Trinker (Austrian Sports Confederation) were elected Executive Committee members.

Parallel to the ENGSO General Assembly, the Youth Assembly took place. The Youth Assembly elected the new ENGSO Youth Committee for a two-year mandate, with Jan Holze (Germany) as Chair and Karine Teow (France) as Vice Chair.

ENGSO wants to warmly thank the Estonian Olympic Committee for hosting the 19th General Assembly and for excellent arrangements and warm hospitality. The 20th ENGSO General Assembly will take place in Bulgaria on 23–26 May 2012, hosted by the Bulgarian Union for Physical Culture and Sports.

Heidi Pekkola

HOW TO PROMOTE HEALTH THROUGH GRASSROOTS SPORT?

To be active on the EU Platform Diet, Physical Activity and Health

The Platform Plenary Meeting on October 6, 2011 in Brussels was chaired by Principal Advisor Despina Spanou (DG SANCO), who gave a general overview of the outcome of the UN General Assembly (UNGA): EU Statement on the United Nations Political Declaration on Non-Communicable Diseases at the High Level Special Session on Non-Communicable Diseases. Commissioner Dalli spoke about his vision following the impetus of the UN GA declaration on NCDs in the context of the Platform at the joint HLG/Platform meeting in November 2011.

Platform members were asked to provide their input on their vision and expectations, including their proposals for future action.

ENGSO was represented by Prof. dr Roland Noul and Prof. dr Romana Caput-Jogunica, official ENGSO representative. Education is a component of the platform commitments and one of the objectives of the EU strategy regarding nutrition, overweight and obesity. A number of Platform commitments and initiatives were presented during the Meeting. Prof. Roland Noul has presented the main results of the Project Healthy Children in Sound Communities, a physical activity outreach programme taking place in six Member States organised by the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO). The project is considered as a new commitment on behalf of ENGSO or as future co-operation with the aim to develop this programme in other countries.

How to improve ENGSO members' communications related to health issue?

According to the ENGSO Strategic plan, it is necessary that we enhance the internal communication between ENGSO members in order to maintain the ENGSO position as a member of the EU Platform and as the observer on the EC WG Sport & Health. That is why it is important to have regular communication about the Platform activities and commitments and implementation of EU documents, i.e. the EU Physical Activity Guidelines. ENGSO members need to reflect upon the best means to exchange information about health issues, i.e. social media.

All documents and materials related to health are available on the ENGSO webpage: NETWORK – ENGSO PRO-HEALTH Network – accessible for all visitors!

Romana Caput-Jogunica



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THE 14TH ENGSO FORUM IN BRUSSELS



The annual 14th ENGSO Forum took place in Brussels on the 13th and 14th of October. Roughly 50 participants arrived to sunny Brussels ready to contribute, absorb and discuss over current topics and news on volunteering. The Forum's main body was built around the ENGSO Hearing on volunteering in the European Parliament on Thursday, followed by EU Seminar with presentations from the European Commission's Sport Unit and the Polish Presidency on Friday morning. Friday afternoon was dedicated to panel discussions on "Sport and employment" and "Sport as health promoter" in the ENGSO Forum.

The members of the European Parliament who attended the hearing session on Thursday were Katarina Nevedalova (Slovakia), Emma McClarkin (United Kingdom), Hannu Takkula (Finland), Edvard Kozusnik (Czech Republic) and Oldrich Vlasak (Czech Republic). They were all unanimous

about the great role volunteering and civic society plays in the field of sport. Perhaps the strongest announcement was made by Emma McClarkin when she quoted Mother Teresa and comprehensively stated that "Volunteers are not paid because they don't deserve to be paid, but because they are priceless".

On Friday in the morning session Pedro Velazquez, Deputy Head of the European Commission's Sport Unit, presented an overview of the recent developments in EU sports matters. (see an article about Sport Programme) Head of Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Section Joanna Doberszyc-Toulsaly from the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland presented an overview of actions and topics addressed regarding sports during the Polish Presidency. Key topics have been such as integrity of sport, social dimension of sport, economic dimension of sport and financing of sport. She also reminded of the EU Sport's Ministers' meeting on the 28th and 29th of November.

In the panel discussions on "Sport and employment" Teemu Japissou from the Finnish Sports Federation and Natasha Jankovic from the National Olympic Committee of Serbia gave presentations on their national projects how sports and the youth can both benefit from each other. Japissou concluded that employment doesn't replace volunteering, but quite opposite, helps clubs to keep their volunteers happy and active, by taking good care of them.

In the second panel discussion Eerika Laalo-Häikiö from the Finnish Sports for All Association and Kenneth Grønlund Rasmussen from the Danish Football Federation gave examples on how sports clubs could develop and widen the range of their services to offer more health enhancing physical activities. Laalo-Häikiö spoke about a project they had completed to form guidelines for sports clubs in order to add health enhancing physical activity. Grønlund Rasmussen introduced the Forum participants to Football Fitness, which is football for everybody, where the rules are modified to level with the participants and facilities in use.

Furthermore, when all the participants in the Forum supported the idea of forming a coalition of different organizations which will advocate a European Year of Sport 2014, the 14th ENGSO Forum was considered to be very successful. (see an article on coalition) ENGSO is very grateful to the National Olympic Committee of Belgium for hosting the 14th ENGSO Forum.

Mirja Ajanko

SPORTS CLUB FOR HEALTH – EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN PROGRESS



The need for health-enhancing sports activities has increased dramatically in the past decade. All the major Sport for All organisations have started to develop different ways to tackle the new demands. The Sports Club for Health Programme has been a good starting point to increase European level cooperation between HEPA and sport movement. ENGSO is one of the organisations supporting this project by following activities: participation in Project seminars (Vantaa, Amsterdam), presentation at the DG SANCO EU Platform Diet, Physical Activity and Health (May, 2011) and presentation by Eerika Laalo-Häikiö from the Finnish Sports for All Association at the ENGSO Forum, Brussels, October, 2011.

Sports Club for Health guidelines booklet has been published and is ready to be implemented in different countries. The SCforH-booklet can be downloaded at <http://www.kunto.fi/en/sports-club-for-health/>. SCforH-work continues in Europe by organising workshops and expert meetings. Everyone is welcome to join the team.

According to the results of the questionnaire (ENGSO GA), ENGSO members have expressed their interest for this project. With the aim to be part of HEPA family, ENGSO will continue the cooperation with the SCfH project managers and define the activities for 2012.

Romana Caput-Jogunica

MID-TERM CONFERENCE TO DEVELOP KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Organised by the Regional Ministry of Youth and Sports of Extremadura, the CLPF project team gathered on 4 and 5 October 2011 in El Anillo, Spain, to build upon experiences from the first round of study visits and to use expert knowledge at hand to develop recommendations on social inclusion in and through sports in the EU.

In workshop sessions, participants from nations including Norway, Slovenia, Germany, Austria, and Hungary discussed challenges in the field of multicultural sport, and mechanisms and circumstances which support participation of minorities. These discussions enabled the development of key messages to decision-makers. The conference was also a great opportunity to develop networking among the project partners and key witnesses who could share and learn from the initiatives carried out in the different countries.

During a study visit prior to the conference, delegations from the German Olympic Sports Confederation and the Regional Government of Styria (Austria) visited a sports adventure centre for socially disadvantaged people, and a centre for the integration of disabled people which is unique in Spain.

Project on Social Inclusion

"Creating a Level Playing Field" is a project on social inclusion steered by ENGSO. This project received an EU grant in 2010 as part of the preparatory actions in the field of sport under the theme of social inclusion in and through sport. It is implemented in cooperation with 11 organisations across Europe, including ENGSO member organisations Finnish Sports Federation, German Olympic Sports Confederation, Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports and Olympic Committee of Slovenia .

The project "Creating a Level Playing Field" aims at exchanging best practice examples on the inclusion of immigrants and people of foreign origin in sporting activities between sport organisations, public authorities and organisations working in the field of social inclusion and anti-discrimination. In addition, an analysis of best practice examples will be done, with the objective of identifying the successful elements of these examples and how they could be transferred



to other settings. As a result, a booklet of the best practice examples and analysis, as well as recommendations to decision-makers will be published at the final conference in Helsinki on 22-23 March 2012.

Heidi Pekkola

ENGSO CALENDER

20th ENGSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- May 22-26, 2012, Sunny Beach, Bulgaria

ENGSO "Creating a Level Playing Field" Project Final Conference

- March 22-23, Helsinki, Finland

ENGSO Youth Forum and Assembly 2012 "Mind the Movement"

- May 24-27, 2012, Sunny Beach, Bulgaria

European events

- European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity, May 6-8, 2012, Killarney, Ireland
- 2nd Global Forum for Physical Education and Pedagogy, May 9-11, 2012, Sportschloss at Velen, Germany
- 5th TAFISA World Sports for All Games, July 5-11, 2012, Lithuania
- International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport (ICSEMIS), July 19-24, 2012, Glasgow
- PORTVISION2012: Volunteering, Fitness doping, Financing & Health, March 19-20, 2012, Copenhagen, Denmark

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