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ENGSO CALENDAR

- ENGSO FORUM on health and volunteering, 24-26 October 2008, Stockholm, Sweden
- EU working group meeting, 23 October 2008, Stockholm, Sweden
- C&M working group meeting, 26 October, Stockholm, Sweden
- ENGSO Youth Committee meeting, 26-28 September
- EU-Sports Forum, 26-27 November 2008, Biarritz, France

ENGSO discusses vital sport issues with European Commission



Birgitta Kervinen, Pierre Mairesse, Susanne Hollmann (Sports Unit) and Pedro Velazquez (Deputy Head Sports Unit)

Brussels, 17 July 2008 – Birgitta KERVINEN, ENGSO-President, met today Mr. Pierre MAIRESSE director for sport in the European Commission to discuss pressing sport topics on the agenda for 2008.

Ms. KERVINEN stated: "There are several issues of concern. Probably the most important one is the Lisbon Treaty and the future development of

sport at European level. In my view, the promotion and the development – not regulation – of sport can best be assured via the recognition of sport in the EU-Treaties. Therefore, we want to make sure that regardless of the name of a future treaty sport is referred to in it."

Mr. MAIRESSE underlined the important role ENGSO plays in European sports and is very pleased with the good cooperation.

Talking about the White Paper on Sport, Ms. KERVINEN assured Mr. MAIRESSE about ENGSO's support for its implementation. "As ENGSO is the voice of sport in Europe, we can contribute a lot to the development of sport in Europe in cooperation with the European Commission", concluded the ENGSO-President the meeting.

White Paper on Sport on web: http://ec.europa.eu/sport/white-paper/index_en.htm

ENGSO supports to declare 2011 as the European Year of Volunteers

Voluntary work is of utmost importance for European societies in general and for sport organisations in particular. Without the work of volunteers sport events could not be organised or certain services of sport organisations provided. Thus, voluntary work has to be supported politically and economically. A framework has to be created and guaranteed where voluntary work can thrive because the public budget could never cover the costs of voluntary work in Europe.

Due to the important role voluntary work plays in sport, ENGSO supports to declare 2011 as the European Year of Volunteers and decided to make volunteering a priority theme of its work programme in 2008. The ENGSO Forum 2008 will host a workshop on volunteering.



EU working group meets ExCom and C&M working group in Vienna

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The EU working group met with the ExCom and Communication and marketing working group in Vienna on the 8 September 2008 to discuss and decide on ENGSO's position with regard to current European sporting issues. "Due to the implementation of the European Commission's White Paper on Sport, ENGSO's view on numerous sport policy questions is sought quite often these days", Birgitta Kervinen, ENGSO-President, stated.

The members of the EU working group discussed crucial, political questions such as the structured dialogue with the European Commission, the 6+5 rule, the consequences of the article on sport in the EU-treaties, the European Year of Volunteering 2011 and the financing of grassroots sport and how to communicate these issues with the members, other stakeholders and the public.

The EU working group entrusted James MacDougall (CCPR) with drafting a position paper on volunteering. Marije Dippel (NOC-NSF) will be active in the field of financing of grassroots sport. Other working group members will work on the structured dia-

logue, the sport budget 2009 and the article on sport in the Lisbon Treaty. After the approval of the ExCom the position papers will be made accessible via ENGSO's website.

"The EU working group has a lot of work to do. If someone is interested and would like to become an active member of the group, she/he is very welcome", advertises Michael Trinker, Chairman of the EU working group. "The next EU working group meeting is scheduled prior to the ENGSO Forum, on the 23 October 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden. You are welcome to join."



ExCom and EU working group members

ENGSO Forum 2008 will focus on Health and Volunteering

With heightened attention on obesity prevention efforts, ENGSO – as by far the most representative body of European sports – has proven very right to promote grassroots sport and physical activity in Europe already at a very early stage. Being member of the EU platform on diet, physical activity and health as well as of the working group of the EU sports unit on Sport and Health, ENGSO contributed constructively to these European discussions on how to develop a healthy and active society.

Following this pioneer work, ENGSO decided to focus in 2008 on health and volunteering during its Forum to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, from the 24 to 26 October 2008.

"That sport and physical activity is a key component for health, is uncontested" said Birgitta Kervinen, ENGSO-President, and continued, "therefore we will focus at this year's Forum on best practice examples and try to work on recommendations both at strategic and operational level not only for our members but also for policy makers".

Two workshops – the first day on health, the second on volunteering – will produce concrete results which will be communicated to ENGSO members and to the wider ENGSO-family.

Study on Volunteering in the European Union – Open Call for Tenders

The White Paper on Sport of the European Commission proposed to launch a study on volunteering in Europe. Recently, the European Commission published an open call for tender for a study on volunteering in the European Union.

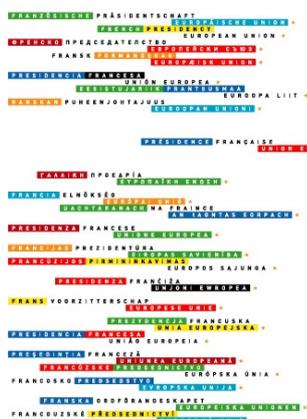
The study shall help the European Commission and European policy makers to better understand the challenges and issues of volunteering in Europe. Furthermore, it shall identify synergies and ways of how to better harness volunteering for achieving its strategic objectives.

The terms of reference of the study provide a special focus on volunteering in sport in order to address the specific characteristics of this sector. ENGSO is explicitly mentioned there as an important dialogue partner.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/procurement/2008/07/call_en.htm

OPEN CALL FOR TENDERS

Sport Political Actions under the French EU Presidency



France chairs the Council of Ministers of the European Union since 1st July 2008 until 31st December 2008.

The priorities of the French Presidency in the field of sport are the societal role of sport, sport and economy and sports governance. The Presidency will particularly focus on the issue "sport and health" with the adoption of the "guidelines for physical activity" by the EU sports Ministers, foreseen in November 2008. The French sports Ministry launched a study on the public and private

financing of sport in the European Union. The results will be published in October 2008 and should be linked to the study on sports financing that will be launched by the European Commission in the coming months. The Presidency will namely follow the work on the sports agents' status, which is currently the object of a study launched by the European Commission. The French Presidency will also implement the recommendations of the European White Paper on sport and its action plan Pierre de Coubertin.

The following events should be organised:

Experts meeting on networking and data sharing in the sport sector 25-26 September 2008 in Paris. ENGSO - represented by its President - was invited to attend this meeting, as well as the EU sport office, which reported about its know-how in the field of monitoring the EU legislation.

Sports Directors meeting 30-31 October 2008 in Versailles.

European sports forum 26-27 November 2008 in Biarritz.

Informal sports Ministers meeting 26-27 November 2008 in Biarritz.

More information:
<http://www.ue2008.fr/>
Sophie Christ, CNOSF – EU sports office, ENGSO EU Working Group

Thank you for your support! Many members help to communicate ENGSO's work

Communication is one key element for success. Therefore, ENGSO's Communication and Marketing Working Group (C&M working group) asked ENGSO members to help spread information about ENGSO's work and to publish important press releases on their national websites. Many ENGSO members responded very positively to this call and got active.

Special thanks is going to the

- Austrian Sports Federation (BSO)
- Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR)
- Czech Sports Confederation (CSTV)
- Finnish Sports Confederation (SLU)
- Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (NOCSC)
- Swedish Sports Confederation (RF)
- Slovak Sports Confederation (KSZ)

The C&M working group will publish its next press release after the Forum and counts on your support to disseminate the work of ENGSO to the European public.

If you report on ENGSO, please inform us by sending an e-mail to the C&M working group: eszanto@nssz.hu.



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ENGSOEDU Network

The Best Way to Promote Education in Sport

The White Paper on Sport contains a number of proposed actions. One of the important parts of the societal role of sport is education and training. With the purpose to show more about the actual state of educational process in sport of our ENGSO members, we have provided the analysis by the ENGSOEDU Questionnaire. Beside the answers we got from the ENGSOEDU Questionnaire we included and used the information given in ENGSO Country Reports in the chapters 8 (training/ education in sport) and 9 (voluntary leadership). We have received 13 answers from the following members: Austrian Sports Confederation, Croatian Olympic Committee, Czech Sports Federation, Sports and Olympic Committee of France, Greenland, Hungarian Sports Confederation, National Olympic and Sports Association of Iceland, Lithuanian Union of Sports Federations, Olympic and Sport Committee of Luxemburg, Confederation of the Slovak Sports Federations, Swedish Sports Confederation, National Olympic Committee of Turkey and CCPR of United Kingdom.

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Following the analysis of the educational programme of ENGSO members, depending on participants, it can be divided in educational programmes for the sports experts such us: coaches, leaders and administration (16 members), programmes for young athletes after their active sports career, and educational programmes regarding sports policy, management, fair-play, and gender equality in sport.

Different structures and various GOs and NGOs responsible for education in sport make the analysis of the financing education in sport practically impossible. One of the most frequent problems in fact is insufficient funding for education in sports.

Furthermore, the most frequent problems that our members pointed out are that the education programmes are not considered to be a priority, there is a lack of infrastructure and fruitful cooperation between all subjects responsible for education, the areas of responsibility are not clearly defined as various institutions provide educational and training programmes, especially for coaches and sports instructors.

According to this analysis and discussions during the ENGSO GA, we can identify key challenge for ENGSO members; to establish ENGSO educational network and to make a working programme for the 2008 – 2010.

Finally, read this message, be more active and come to build our first internal network together!

Romana Caput-Jogunica, ExCom member