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ENGSO CALENDAR

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- ENGSO GA April 24-25, Paris
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Dr. Winfried Wortmann, President, European Lotteries and Toto Association and Birgitta Kervinen, ENGSO President

A priority for ENGSO's work that was adopted in the Strategic Plan and Actions for the 2007-2011 period is to influence sports political agenda by implementing a strategic approach for acting within the sports policy-making area in Europe. In this respect ENGSO's aim is to have an impact mostly at the European Union and the Council of Europe. Within the EU, the European Commission's Sport

Unit is in the main centre of activity regarding decision-making. After the last ENGSO General Assembly held in Istanbul, ENGSO's influence within the politics of sport increased. During the French EU Presidency in 2008, ENGSO was invited to all meetings related to sports. We actively got our views across in the EU Sports Directors Meeting in Versailles, the European Sports Forum and in the informal Meeting of EU Ministers Responsible for Sport in Biarritz.

Structural dialogue, the re-launch of the EU Sport Forum and the bilateral meetings with the Sport Unit have been important steps in implementing common dialogue for ENGSO. As ENGSO President, I gave a speech under the theme "Support for grassroots sport in Europe" in the Sport Forum. The speech underlined that the aim of ENGSO is to give every European citizen an opportunity to be physically active and to have open access to participate in various

activities of sport clubs. This can only be guaranteed through strong and consistent public funding for sport.

The Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) was established by the Council of Europe in May 2007. Through EPAS, the connections between the ENGSO member organisations', governments and the sports organisations can and will be maintained and also further promoted. ENGSO participated in the work of the Governing Board and will actively continue its influence and dialogue with the Council of Europe. We also took a part in the 11th Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers Responsible for Sport, which was held in Athens on 11 December 2008. In the Conference ENGSO delivered a speech under the theme "Ethics in Sport, Sports movement perspective". There will always be new challenges to sports ethics and the sports movement needs to be well prepared to react quickly to these new challenges.

As the fruitful collaboration with the EU institutions and the Council of Europe continues, ENGSO has also made other new commitments. The cooperation agreement between European Lotteries and Toto Association, EL and ENGSO was signed at the beginning of the current year. With this agreement the parties will strengthen the link between voluntary non-profit sports organisations and the national lotteries. The common aim of the parties is to protect the national lotteries and gambling systems and also the integrity and viability of sports in the EU member states. Publicly secured funding from state-run and state-licensed gambling operators are the most significant contributors to sport.

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ENGSO continued its active cooperation with the EU Office of German Sports in 2008. Following its decision taken in Torshavn during the ENGSO Forum in 2007, ENGSO applied for membership in the EU Office of German Sports. The EU Office went through a reorganisation process and it is now the EOC EU Office. I had the honour to participate in the inauguration of the office, which was held in February 2009 in Brussels. Now I have the pleasure to announce that ENGSO has been accepted as an associate partner for the EOC EU Office since 1 January 2009.

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The main goal of all these actions is to safeguard the operational situations of ENGSO members. ENGSO members and their work is by far the most precious asset for increasing the physical activity and enhancing the health of European Citizens. ENGSO members are the heart of our actions and I truly hope to see you all at our General Assembly in Paris on 24 and 25 April. The General Assembly starts with a Pre-Seminar **Future of European Sport - Cooperation and Diversity** in which ENGSO's Manifesto, "Sport for an Active and Competitive Europe" will be given. The Manifesto is a part of ENGSO's agenda aimed at having its own impact on the coming European Parliament Elections in June 2009. The Manifesto's themes will be discussed by MEP candidates in the panel discussion of the Pre-Seminar.

I'm pleased to invite all ENGSO members and partners to attend the ENGSO Pre-Seminar and the ENGSO General Assembly 2009. Looking forward to meeting you in Paris in April!

Birgitta Kervinen

ENGSO President

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Volunteering is one of the priorities of the Czech EU Presidency. EU Sports Directors are invited to discuss the specificity of non-profit sport structures based on voluntary activity in Europe. With a view to the possible coming into force of the Lisbon Treaty, the discussion should also contribute to the reflections on preparing the future implementation of the new competence for sport that calls on the EU to promote "structures based on voluntary activity". Until now, the debate on specificity has concentrated on the area of competitive and professional sport, presumably because most of the conflicts and challenges relating to EU

law can be found in that area. However, one of the specificities of European sport is the central role of non-profit sport structures that are based on voluntary work. One of the main questions among others should be – what are the main challenges in the grassroots sport sector, for non-profit organisations and for volunteering in these organisations (e.g. financial, legal, political, social, economic aspects, etc.).

The White Paper on Sport underlines the importance of ensuring sustainable financing of grassroots sport structures and proposes action in the form of an EU study on the financing of sport. In light of ongoing economic developments, there are possible new challenges for the funding of grassroots sport. The main topics for discussion of directors will be how could the possible future EU Sport Programme, the preparatory actions in 2010 and 2011, and the European Year of Volunteering 2011, as well as other EU funds, promote sport structures based on voluntary activity (e.g. in the fields of training and recognition, networks).

ENGSO was invited to take part in this meeting and will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion. The Executive Committee confirmed that ENGSO will be represented by Birgitta Kervinen, ENGSO President, as well as by Jan Boháč, ENGSO Executive member, who had been from the beginning involved in preparation of the meeting as key person in the Czech EU Presidency Team.

Jan Boháč, ExCom Member

ENGSO Questions to the European Political Groups

ENGSO takes the opportunity of the elections to the European Parliament to ask the parties represented there of their sport political views. To do so, ENGSO sent out eight questions to selected Members of the European Parliament and will present the results of this initiative in a special ENGSO newsletter. Birgitta Kervinen says: "ENGSO is the first organisation of making such an inventory of the sport political views at EU level. This initiative will show in which way the European political groups will support sport and its development."

The special edition of the ENGSO newsletter is scheduled to be ready for the General Assembly in Paris on April 24th, 2009.





EU:SPORT:FUTURE enters Second Phase

The first phase of the EU wide discussion project EU:SPORT:FUTURE is now over with the online questionnaire having been closed on March 31st. 815 successfully submitted questionnaires from all over Europe are being analyzed presently. "We are very happy with this high number of responses for this questionnaire", states Birgitta Kervinen, ENGSO President and project leader. "It shows that this project actually reached out to European citizens interested in sport."

The second phase of EU:SPORT:FUTURE consists of implementing five workshops on the topics education, employment, health, society and volunteering from May until September 2009. The workshops' objective is to draft concrete recommendations for a future EU sport policy in the respective, topical fields. The discussions in the different workshops will be based on the results of the online questionnaire.

During the third and last phase of the project a final conference will be organized prior to the ENGSO Forum in Portugal in October 2009. The workshop recommendations on the future EU sport policy will be presented and handed over to representatives of the European Commission.

For more information on the project please visit the following website: www.eusportfuture.eu

Michael Trinker

17th ENGSO General Assembly coming up soon!

17th ENGSO General Assembly will be held on April 24 and 25, 2009, in the House of Sports, seat of the French Olympic and Sport Committee in Paris.

On the agenda will be a summary of the main working results, regarding ENGSO's plan of action during the past mandatory period, and the achievements of ENGSO in the past year, as well as the financial report regarding the budget for ENGSO and ENGSO Youth for the year 2008. The proposal for the Budget for 2009 will be presented in view of the additional funding and activities planned for the forthcoming short-term period, taking into account the ENGSO Strategic and Action Plan.

President Birgitta Kervinen will focus on what was set as ENGSO Strategic Plan in 2007, as well as the Action Plan for the four-year period and present further possibilities of improving the present situation and role of ENGSO.

The forthcoming General Assembly will hold elections for ENGSO Executive Committee.

ENGSO ExCom Proposal to ENGSO members: Enhancing the Sport Social Matters - New ENGSO Working Group

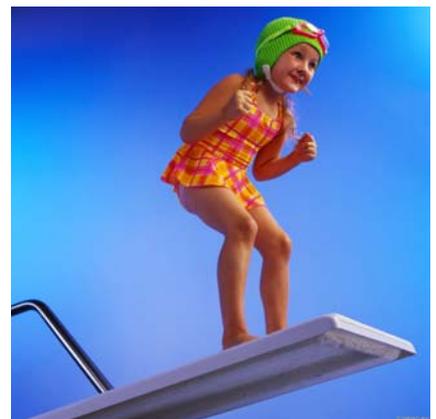
During the meetings in Prague and Paris ExCom analyzed the current situation regarding the ENGSO working groups, and focused on ENGSO Priorities in 2009. The main purpose to establish new working group was the need to improve cooperation with other European Sports Organizations responsible for social matters, such as EPAS (Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport), EWS, (women in sport), with those in charge of education in sport and through sport (both organizations and networks), then to get involved in educational programmes intended for active athletes and for those who have finished their competitive careers, and promote ENTER! Programme, Sport for senior citizens, etc.

The Working Group that would focus mostly on Sport Social Matters would create opportunity for motivating members who are not a part of EU to be more active, with the purpose of developing and improving some of these activities which could directly promote the social dialogue on national and international level.

The proposal of the new ENGSO working group will be presented during the next ENGSO GA, April 24-25, 2009 in Paris. The proposal will include suggested activities, namely, to strengthen and improve contacts with the European Organizations responsible for some of the mentioned

matters, to define the responsible person in WG for each segment, to give attention to, and motivate the ENGSO country members that aren't members of the EU to take part in this WG, to secure the conditions for ENGSO as a partner in some attractive projects in cooperation with other European Organizations, involving many more plans to follow.

This Group could also be in charge of collecting data on the topics mentioned and thus create a database, so necessary and important to share.



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European sports movement sets sights on EU



Ahead of the European Parliament elections in June, the sports world is asking the EU assembly's political groups to declare their intentions regarding the future EU competence on sport.

ENGSO is currently awaiting responses to a questionnaire sent to political groups regarding their views on EU sports policies and their planned programmes in this regard for the House's next term, from 2009-2014. Groups are expected to unveil their views on the autonomy and specific nature of sport, ethics, financing, volunteering, education and health. ENGSO's questionnaire results will be scrutinized and an inventory of responses will be communicated to its member organisations ahead of the June elections. A panel discussion of the initiative

and the results will take place during the ENGSO General Assembly on 24 April. Political group representatives are also invited to attend this EU seminar.

Related to the questionnaire, an ENGSO manifesto, entitled 'Sport for an Active and Competitive Europe', sets out a series of recommendations for European decision-makers to better take into account the challenges facing "the largest social activity in Europe".

"Despite the extent to which sport affects the lives of the European citizens, not enough is done to target and promote sport in Europe," reads the election manifesto, which calls on EU politicians, among other things, to respect the autonomy of sport organisations and the European sporting model as well as the specific nature of sport in EU law, prevent the EU interfering with national funding schemes, such as state-run lotteries, create additional tax incentives and cut red tape to promote volunteering in sport, recognise the role sport and physical activity play in public health and education, and use the supporting competence in the Lisbon Treaty to 'mainstream' sport into all EU policies.

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/sports/european-sports-movement-sets-sights-eu-elections/article-180729>

ENGSO as a part of Physical cross sector cooperation on the EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health

Last Plenary Session of EU Platform was on April 3, 2009. ENGSO was represented by Prof. Dr. Winfried Banzer and Romana Caput-Jogunica, Ph.D.

Physical activity members of the Platform, the European Confederation of Sport and Health – CESS, European Cyclists Federation – ECF, European Federation of Play Industry – FEPI, European Health and Fitness Association – EHFA, European Non-Governmental Sport Organizations - ENGSO and International Sport and Culture Association – ISCA are interested in physical activity cross sector cooperation.

According to Mr. M. Kirkeby from ISCA the idea is to establish the Forum with the main objective to involve as many stakeholders as possible from various sectors in the promotion and mobilization of activities which have been prescribed by the White Paper on Sport (Annex 2.2.1.). It should increase the level of understanding, support and acceptance of physical activity through promotion and mobilize stakeholders to share knowledge and best practices on practical and political level.



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