

### ENGSO STRATEGIC PLAN STEAMS AHEAD



For ENGSO, 2010 started actively. We are looking forward to the upcoming EU Sport Forum in Madrid in April. Its discussions will be interesting especially with regards to the Lisbon Treaty, which encompasses sport and has now been in force for a few months.

At the beginning of February Vice-President Jan Bohac and I met the President of the European Olympic Committees (EOC), Mr Patrick Hickey. We had fruitful discussions about future cooperation and about European Sports Policy. The most positive outcome was an agreement to have an ENGSO employee in the EOC EU Office located in Brussels. For the moment, the agreement is for a one year period beginning in early May or even earlier.

We have also been pleased with the negotiations with 'The Association For International Sport for All' (TAFISA) over a Memorandum of Understanding. Both our organisations are strong bodies in Europe in the field of voluntary sports movement and sport policy, including the Sport for All sector. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to define the principles of cooperation in order to create a stronger and more powerful European voice for the Sport for All principle.

Regarding ENGSO's internal issues our Executive Committee had its first meeting this year in Berlin at the end of January. The second ENGSO Executive Committee meeting was held in Sarajevo in March. It is one of the aims of the ENGSO Policy Review Working Group to promote the full participation of all our members and increase ENGSO's ac-

tivities across Europe uniformly. The ENGSO Executive Committee will be having more such visits in order to bring ENGCO work closer to its members.

ENGSO working groups are keeping busy. For example, the EU working group is preparing a Manifesto on Social Inclusion, which is one of the two stated ENGSO priorities for 2010: the other being volunteering. The Manifesto will be published in the EU Seminar "ENGSO Manifesto for a truly Inclusive Sport" prior to the 18th ENGSO General Assembly. The EU Seminar and the ENGSO GA will be held in Belgrade, Serbia on 14-16 May. The venue will be suitably festive as the hosting organisation, the Serbian Olympic Committee, will be celebrating their 100th anniversary.

It is my great pleasure to invite all ENGSO members and partners to attend the 18th ENGSO General Assembly 2010 and EU Seminar "ENGSO Manifesto for a truly Inclusive Sport". I'm looking forward to meeting you all in Belgrade!



Birgitta Kervinen

ENGSO President

### ENGSO AND TAFISA TO SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



ENGSO and TAFISA, The Association For International Sport for All, have now agreed the content of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations. TAFISA, operating within the Sport for All sector, and ENGSO, operating in the field of voluntary sports movement and sport policy including the Sport for All sector, are two of the strong organisations in Europe.

Whilst respecting each other's history, traditions, autonomy and differences in activities and member profiles, there is recognition of the commonality in relation to their philosophies, aims and objectives.

Ms. Birgitta Kervinen, ENGSO President with her colleagues Ms. Terhi Heinila and Heidi Pekkola met on 14th December 2010 in Helsinki with the TAFISA Secretary General, Mr. Wolfgang Baumann, and Vice President for Europe, Dr. Ewa Suska to discuss the potential cooperation between the two bodies into the future.

Terhi Heinila

## 18TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY – BELGRADE, MAY 14-16, 2010

ENGSO invites you to the 18th General Assembly on May 14 – 16. This year, the NOC Serbia, celebrating its 100th anniversary, invited ENGSO, its members, partners and guests to come to Belgrade, Serbia. The venue of ENGSO General Assembly and the ENGSO Youth Forum and Assembly will be the halls of the hotel Continental-Belgrade.

In its efforts to provide to its members more content, participants are invited to attend and be involved in various seminars and events, beside the regular ENGSO General Assembly. There will be the Women and Sports Seminar of Serbia organised and supported by the NOC Serbia and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Serbia, with European speakers, as well as the traditional EU Pre-Seminar, stressing the topic of integration and social inclusion, and focusing on the current position of sport in Europe. The Minister of Youth and Sports of Serbia will also officially open the 18th ENGSO General Assembly.

Belgrade is known for its hospitality and warm heart, as they say, and there will be many other social activities going on. Host will provide local transportation, including transfers from and to airport and social programme activities during the stay of its guests. All participants of the ENGSO General Assembly in connection with the ENGSO GA, will be accommodated in hotel Continental-Belgrade and the ENGSO Youth Assembly/Forum participants in hotel Prag in Belgrade.

You may register online. If registering for ENGSO General Assembly and the associated events, please use this link: [http://www.oks.org.rs/?page\\_id=5167](http://www.oks.org.rs/?page_id=5167). If you intend to take part in the ENGSO Youth events, then use [http://www.oks.org.rs/?page\\_id=5169](http://www.oks.org.rs/?page_id=5169). If not, a written form is available on the ENGSO website which you can send both to the Serbian hosts and the ENGSO Secretariat by mail or by fax. All other information as well as the registration forms and eventually the annotated agenda will be available on the ENGSO website ([www.engso.com](http://www.engso.com) and [www.engso.eu](http://www.engso.eu)) and the ENGSO Youth Assembly and Forum site ([www.youth-sport.net](http://www.youth-sport.net)).

**All recommendations, motions and suggestions for the agenda should reach the ENGSO Secretariat before April 13th, 2010.**

And, please observe the **deadline of April 23**, as the deadline for **nominal registration**, and **April 30**, for **final registration**, as mentioned on the online registration and the registration form. But in order to provide all that is necessary for such a major event, we would be grateful if you would preliminarily indicate your participation. Let us know that you are coming!

**Belgrade awaits you, too!**

**Welcome to Belgrade!**

## REPORT ON SESSION 3 OF THE ENTER! PROJECT

The third session of the EU-funded ENTER! project took place on the 5-7 March 2010 on the sunny island of Malta. The session focused on Communication, looking at European customs and styles. Over 25 participants attended the session, from Hungary, Denmark, Finland, Malta, France and the UK.

The weekend began with an interactive ice-breaker session, from Adele Muscat, Sports Psychologist, which enabled the group to get to know one another. Saturday began with the Maltese participants outlining the situation of women leaders and participants in their country, a standing agenda item across all the sessions, to enable the women to understand the European situation. This was followed by Charles Camenzuli, Journalist, MOC Director of Media, discussing effective communication with the media and how best to get your messages across. Ida Hageman, a Communications Consultant from Denmark then took the floor to look at how internal communication can be improved through organisations and how this can be promoted.

The cultural visit for the group took place on the Saturday afternoon, aimed at giving the participants a taste of the history and way of life of the Maltese people. The visit took in Mdina, the walls of Valletta and the Mosta dome. Sunday morning saw the participants and coordinators take part in 5km fun run to celebrate International Women's Day alongside runners from all over Malta. After a quick shower and refreshments, it was back to the conference room for the final session on Crisis Management. Led by Sallie Barker, the session enabled the participants to work in small groups to decide what the actions they would take in a crisis situation. The groups then presented to the others their plans, and discussed these. Feedback from the session has been very positive, and thanks go to the Maltese Olympic Committee for their excellent hosting and organising.

The next session will take place in Helsinki in June covering Influencing Skills.

*Sallie Barker*  
ExCom Member

### ENGSO CALENDER

#### ENGSO ExCom Meetings

- May 13, 2010, Belgrade, Serbia

#### ENGSO Youth

- April 19-25, 2010, ENGSO Youth study session in cooperation with the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France
- May 14-16, 2010, ENGSO Youth Assembly/Youth Forum, Belgrade, Serbia

#### 18th ENGSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- May 14-16, 2010, Belgrade, Serbia

#### 13th ENGSO FORUM

- October 6-10, 2010, Dubrovnik, Croatia

#### 19th ENGSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- May 2011, Tallin, Estonia

#### Other:

#### EU

- April 19-20, 2010, EU Sport Forum, Madrid, Spain

#### EOC EU Office

- June 2010, Health WG meeting, Brussels, Belgium

#### EOC

- November 2010, 39th General Assembly, Belgrade, Serbia

## READY FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN IN SOUND COMMUNITIES



A weekly schedule for primary school children with a combination of physical education lessons at schools, co-curricular physical activities and one additional hour of health and nutrition education – this is the main element of the EU-project “Healthy children in sound communities”.

The first stage of the project between January – June 2010, is dedicated to preparing the cooperation with selected communities in the six participating countries: Poland, Czech Republic, Netherland, Great Britain, Italy, Germany.

Project partners in these countries are sport federations and scientific institutes whose representatives met in Frankfurt, Germany for the kick off of the project work. The activities are funded by the European Commission’s Sport Unit in the framework of the “preparatory actions in the field of Sport” and co-funded by German Sport Youth, Willibald Gebhardt Institute and ENGSO Youth

After summer 2010 the second project stage’s aim is to offer a daily time of physical activity for children plus health and nutrition education. The activities will run until March 2011 and have a scientific monitoring. [Read more](#)

*Jan Holze  
Executive Committee Member*

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND STUDY ON VOLUNTEERING



The European Commission has published the results of the study on volunteering in the EU. The study was conducted by GHK on behalf of the General Directorate for Education and Culture during 2009 and 2010.

The study includes a detailed overview on volunteering in sport as well as 27 national reports describing the situation regarding volunteering in sport in the Member States of the European Union.

The full version of the study (sport starts at page 171) as well as the executive summary is available here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news900\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/news900_en.htm)

During 2010 the European Commission will publish a number of studies on grass-roots sport funding and a new "Eurobarometer" on sport. ENGSO welcomes these efforts to provide data for a more evidence based policy making, both at national and the European level.

*Jan Bohac  
ENGSO Vice-President*

## PROJECT LAUNCH: AthletesToBusiness



**AthletesToBusiness**

“How does one combine an athletic career with a successful professional career?” This question is at the centre of an international sport project implemented by the EOC EU office with its ten partner organisations (completion March 2011). The project aims to achieve and to fund better conditions for a dual career for athletes in Europe. The main focus is on the compilation and exchange of good practices in the area of “dual career”. Comprehensive information about the project can be found on the new website [www.athletestobusiness.eu](http://www.athletestobusiness.eu).

During the project’s initial stage the EOC EU Office has developed questionnaires for the project’s four target groups – education facilities, sport organisations, companies and athletes. Responses to these questionnaires are still being sought from representatives of sport federations. The questionnaires can be downloaded from the new website address given above until the beginning of April. Analysis of the questionnaires will be followed by study visits to selected countries and institutions, and by a series of workshops on each of the four target groups in which the results of the first part of the project will be discussed. One aim of the workshops will be the development of target group oriented guidelines for the promotion of dual careers.

The first visit is planned in the middle of April in Berlin and the first workshop, dealing with the subject “Athletes and Career Programmes”, is to be organised at the beginning of May in Paris. Further workshops are scheduled for June in Vienna and for October in Dubrovnik. The results of the project will be delivered to representatives of the European Sports Movement and the European Institutions during a final conference at the start of 2011. They will also be published on the project’s homepage.

*Michael Trinker*

With currently 33 member countries<sup>1</sup>, four observers<sup>2</sup>, and seven sports organisations<sup>3</sup> as non-governmental partners, EPAS (Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport) provides a platform for intergovernmental sports co-operation between the public authorities of member states of the agreement, encouraging dialogue between public authorities, sports federations and NGOs.

EPAS programme activities in 2009, mostly focused on ethics and autonomy in sport, including:

- the follow-up of the Ministers' Meeting (Athens, 2009),
- the topical study on the autonomy of sport (on paper in March) and the preparation of recommendations on autonomy,
- the consolidated version of the revised Code of Ethics and matters which had been given special attention such as trafficking of young athletes, match fixing (manipulation of results), migration.
- cooperation with the EU Commission

Regarding the priorities for 2010, EPAS will continue its geographical expansion and intensify its cooperation with the EU, concentrating generally on:

- intergovernmental cooperation and new standards (related e.g. to autonomy, manipulation of games, discrimination),
- the monitoring of the European Sports Charter in specific countries (mainly of east Europe)
- recommendations which are practised and implemented in different countries to solve visa problems for international competitions
- development of recommendations on migrations
- diversity and inclusion (e.g. fight against racism and discrimination of persons with special needs)
- preparation of final decision on the future of EPAS to be taken by the Ministers in 2010

At the meeting of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee last March, ENGSO was elected to the newly established Consultative Committee Bureau besides UEFA and ESFAN-TAFISA. For the next two years, ENGSO and its representative in the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee, Predrag Manojlovic (ENGSO Secretary General), will chair the Bureau (after this period, the chair is intended to rotate among the NGOs).

Considering its relation and historical influence within the Council of Europe, where it has a unique status, this gives an excellent opportunity to ENGSO to actively cooperate in the development of the pan-European sports policy and positively influence the work of EPAS along the lines of the concerns and priorities of ENGSO. This will positively contribute to the strengthening of the ENGSO's image within the framework of the Olympic movement and the work and activities of EU in the domain of sport.

*Predrag Manojlovic*  
*Secretary General*

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<sup>1</sup>Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia".

<sup>2</sup>Czech Republic, Germany, Lithuania and Ukraine.

<sup>3</sup>ENGSO, UEFA, ESFAN/TAFISA, EGLSF, Peace a& Sport Organisation, EJU, FIRA-AER

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