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TOPICS OF THE 13TH ENGSO FORUM: SOCIAL INCLUSION AND DUAL TRAINING



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The ENGSO Forum is an annual platform for changing ideas and opinions, organised by the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation ENGSO for its member organisations and partners. This year we have the wonderful opportunity to have the ENGSO Forum in the beautiful and historically inspiring city of Dubrovnik.

Volunteering and social inclusion are the main priorities of the ENGSO in 2010. Last May in our General Assembly we adopted the ENGSO Manifesto on a Truly Inclusive Sport. In that document ENGSO encourages its member organisations, in cooperation with public authorities on both the national and European level, to take action in eight areas; the Manifesto touches upon the inclusion of immigrant populations, social exclusion, solidarity between generations, gender equality, racism, sexual orientation, violence, and disability. This Manifesto was welcomed with satisfaction by the European Commission. Head of the Sport Unit, Mr Michal Krejza, voiced his appreciation for the Manifesto remarking that it's one of the best papers on this topic.

It is hoped that the Manifesto will raise awareness and impact relevant policies of sport organisations as well as to contribute to discussions on the inclusive role of sport in society. Recommended measures include supporting educational initiatives, creating guidelines, improving cooperation and embracing projects in various areas, among others.

In the 13th ENGSO Forum, we want to deepen our view on social inclusion and dual training and deal with those issues on more practical level. ENGSO member organisations will have the floor to present their best practices. In this way we all get the chance to change practical ideas and acquire new ways to promote social inclusion

and dual training on a practical level. We are happy to host one of the workshops of the European Olympic Committee's project, "Athletes2Business".

The sport movement does valuable work, which is very beneficial to society as a whole. However sport organisations have to compete the resources with other sectors of society. ENGSO wants to support its member organisations in their important work. ENGSO's aim is to be a stronger lobbyist of the voluntary non-profit grassroots sports and a means of communication. Next year marks the European Year of Volunteering, which is a great possibility for the sport movement to promote the societal role of sports. ENGSO wants to use this opportunity, and we hope that, together with our partners we can highlight the significance of sports during the next year. We want to be a bridge builder between our members, partners and political decision-makers. Our goal is to see physically more active, healthier, more democratic and competitive citizen's Europe. ENGSO Fora are a crucial part of this work.

I'm pleased to invite all ENGSO members and partners to attend the ENGSO Forum 2010. I'm looking forward to meeting you all in the beautiful city of Dubrovnik!

Birgitta Kervinen

ENGSO President

**13TH ENGSO FORUM IN
DUBROVNIK IS COMING UP!**

October 7th to 10th, 2010

For further information please go to
<http://www.engso.eu/clanek.php?id=6&tab=activities>
or contact the Croatian Olympic Committee at
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ENGSO STRATEGIC PLAN PREPARATIONS LAUNCHED

Following the contributions from the ENGSO Policy Review Working Group led by Olafur Rafnsson, ENGSO has initiated a process that will lead to the adoption of a new ENGSO strategy at the General Assembly in May 2011 in Tallinn. A task force with representatives from Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Finland, Norway, Serbia and United Kingdom met on 2nd September to discuss the next steps of the process. To ensure that all the members will have their say in the preparations of the new strategy, a consultation will be launched in October. Meanwhile, ideas, comments and questions can be directed to Executive Committee member Sallie Barker, SBarker@ccpr.org.uk.

ENGSO CALLS FOR INCLUSION OF GRASSROOTS SPORTS IN EU STRUCTURED DIALOGUE

On the eve of the informal meeting of the EU sport directors, ENGSO approached the Belgian minister responsible for sport, Philippe Muyters, with a letter encouraging the Belgian Presidency of the EU to ensure that the voice of grassroots sports is heard in the planned high-level structured dialogue in sport.

"Given ENGSO's role as a European umbrella sport organisation covering the national umbrella sport organisations in 41 European countries, and given its activities in promoting grassroots sports and the work of voluntary-based sport organisations, ENGSO is the natural choice to be the representative of grassroots sports in a European high-level dialogue", underlined the ENGSO President, Birgitta Kervinen.

Download the letter on the ENGSO website http://www.engso.eu/clanek.php?id=44&tab=latest_news

VISIBILITY FOR SPORT DURING THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF VOLUNTEERING 2011

After active influence from civil society organisations, the EU designated 2011 as "The European Year of Volunteering" (EYV2011). Many of the activities will be taking place on national level, which offers national, regional and even local sport organisations good opportunities for promoting their volunteering activities and volunteering in sports in general. Therefore ENGSO encourages sport organisations to be active in taking part in the EYV2011 activities.



The EYV2011 is implemented together by several actors. Some of the activities are run by the EYV2011 Alliance, which is a group of European civil society organisations active in volunteering. ENGSO is the only sport organisation among the Alliance members, and will be contributing to its work – for example, ENGSO will nominate its representatives to the working groups which prepare policy recommendations on volunteering. The EYV2011 Alliance website www.eyv2011.eu gives more information about its activities.

On national level, the EYV2011 is coordinated by national coordinating bodies (NCB). Sport organisations are advised to contact their NCB to find out about activities planned for each EU Member State. Contact details of the NCBs can be found on the Commission website www.eyvolunteering.eu.

THE COMMISSION LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON NEXT GENERATION EU PROGRAMMES

While the sports world is still anticipating the launch of an interim sport programme in 2012, the Commission has already started consultations for the next EU programme period which is due to start in 2014. The consultations cover three different programmes which are currently run by the Directorate-General for Education and Culture: Lifelong Learning, Youth in Action and the Erasmus Mundus Programme. The consultations are open for everybody – for individuals just as well as for associations and other interested parties. To give your opinion on how these programmes could benefit sport and your organisation in the future, take part in the consultations on the Commission website

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/consult/index_en.html.

You can submit your replies until the end of November 2010.

ENGSO SUPPORTS EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DECLARATION ON GRASSROOTS SPORTS

The European Parliament is currently discussing a declaration calling for increased European Union support for grassroots sports. The declaration, initiated by MEPs Joanna Senyszyn, Ivo Belet, Mary Honeyball, Seán Kelly and Hannu Takkula, highlights the possible impact of the economic crisis on sports funding at this level, the contribution of physical activity to key policy areas and the educational role of sport.



ENGSO supports the initiative which reflects its position towards supporting grassroots sports as illustrated through various initiatives and statements. "The aim of ENGSO is that every citizen in Europe will have the opportunity to be physically active and to access the various activities of sports clubs. This can only be guaranteed through strong public support for grassroots sports", pointed out the ENGSO president Birgitta Kervinen. "This declaration has great significance especially at this critical time when funding for sport is being cut in many countries, while at the same time the new EU sport programme is being prepared. Funding for grassroots sports can bring true European added value to the EU programme."

In order to be adopted, the declaration needs to be signed by half of the MEPs by 6 December. To promote the decla-

ENGSO PRESENT AT THE EU PLATFORM ON DIET, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTH

The last meeting of 2010 of the EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health took place on 9 September in Brussels. Among the 33 members of the platform, ENGSO is one of the six organisations that has their principal interest in physical activity, and attended the meeting where the main topics discussed were marketing and advertising and future actions. The platform is currently revising its objectives and the system of monitoring. ENGSO will continue to promote physical activity as an important aspect of health in the following meetings of the platform, which include a high-level conference on 8-9 December in Brussels and a meeting in February 2011.



ration, you can contact your MEP and ask him/her to support this declaration on grassroots sports. More information can be found on the ENGSO website

www.engso.eu/clanek.php?id=43&tab=latest_news.

ENGSO YOUTH NEWSLETTER KEEPS YOU UPDATED ABOUT YOUTH SPORT



Did you know that youth sport also has its own newsletter? The ENGSO Youth Newsletter has been created to keep ENGSO Youth members and other organisations involved in youth sport up to date with recent developments, to share information about interesting events and to disseminate best practice examples. To subscribe to the newsletter, please send an email to engso-youth@dsj.de.

ENGSO CALENDER

ENGSO ExCom Meetings

- October 6-7, 2010, Dubrovnik, Croatia

ENGSO Youth

- ENGSO Youth Committee meeting, October 7-9, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- ENGSO Youth Committee meeting, December 11-12, Vienna, Austria

19th ENGSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 19-21 May, 2011, Tallin, Estonia

13th ENGSO FORUM

- October 6-10, 2010, Dubrovnik, Croatia

EOC

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

EFPM

- General Assembly, Prague, Czech Republic, October 28

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- Place and Role of Physical Educators in promoting an active lifestyle, A Coruna, Spain, October 26-29

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