

President's Report

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Vilnius and Sofia were, since last year, chosen to be the highest moments of 2016 ENGSO corporate working strategy. Actually while we are waiting now for the well-known Bulgarian hospitality, the country in which capital ENGSO Forum will be held next October, we were in mid-May in Lithuania for the annual ENGSO General Assembly.

Fifty nine representatives from twenty three countries got together in the beautiful capital of Lithuania, Vilnius. Under the patronage of local sport authorities and the excellent organisation of the Lithuanian Union of Sports Federations, ENGSO secretariat found a positive ambience to put in place the 24th ENGSO General Assembly.

Like it has happened in recent years in conjunction with the GA, the ENGSO EU Seminar was also held where the new developments on EU sports policy were presented and discussed. The work of the Council Expert Groups and the expectations from the conclusions of the two High Level Groups, one on Sports Diplomacy, and the other on Grassroots Sport, were the main topics. These High Level Groups, in which ENGSO was represented, were established

by EU Commissioner Tibor Navracsics.

In fact almost coinciding with the launch of the ENGSO June Newsletter the "High Level Groups Final Meeting and Handing-Over Ceremony" was held on the 29th of June in Brussels in which the conclusions of the two High Level Groups were presented to the EU Commissioner at almost the same time when the Netherlands was handing over the EU Presidency to Slovakia.

ENGSO played an important role on the organisation and construction of both documents which I believe will be fundamental on the preparation of the new EU Work Plan for Sport. Treasurer Karin Mattsson Weijber as member of the HLG on Sports Diplomacy and myself as Rapporteur of the HLG on Grassroots Sport, contributed actively to the outcomes of the Groups, and we both had on our work the fundamental support of ENGSO Policy Director Heidi Pekkola.

The ENGSO General Assembly adopted new statutes, approved yearly budget and activities for 2016, voted on the accession of Cyprus Sport Organisation into ENGSO and the formal integration of the European Women and Sport Network's work into ENGSO's structure, as well as elected a new ExCom Member. In fact the 2016 GA was not supposed to be an electoral one, but due to the resignation as Member of Mrs. Sallie Barker, an election for one ExCom Member had to be open. All of us must be really grateful for her excellent work on many areas including as an example ENGSO Action Plan and relations with the European Women and Sport Network. Fortunately, Sallie Barker will continue working closely with ENGSO in future as well.

The new elected ENGSO Executive Committee Member is Mr. Stavri Bello, the Secretary General of the Albanian National Olympic Committee. I enthusiastically welcome Mr. Bello in our Executive Committee and look forward to work with him.

Carlos Cardoso
ENGSO President



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European Developments

Slovakia takes over the EU Presidency from 1 July

As of 1 July, Slovakia will be the motor of the EU, including EU Sport policy. During the second half of the year, Slovakia will focus on four priority areas as the Slovakian Minister for Foreign and European Affairs Miroslav Lajcak outlined:

- (1) to strengthen the EU's economy,
- (2) modernize and deepen the common market in the areas of energy and digital economy,
- (3) work on sustainable migration and asylum policy and
- (4) engage in the EU's external relations in the context of trade agreements and the enlargement policy,

The Sports Ministers in the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council configuration with Slovak chairmanship will gather on 22 November 2016 in Brussels. Corresponding to the main priorities, the Slovakian Presidency will focus on education in and through sport as well as sport diplomacy.

At their previous meeting on 31 May 2016, Ministers responsible for sport discussed how to enhance integrity, transparency and good governance in major sport events. They also adopted conclusions in this field.

Link:

[Council conclusions on enhancing integrity, transparency and good governance in major sport events.](#)

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Council Expert Group discusses match-fixing scenarios



The Council Expert Group on Match-fixing began its work in September 2014 with the main task to deliver recommendations on best practices in the prevention and combatting of betting-related match fixing by June 2016. The 5th and last meeting of the Council Expert Group took place on 8-9 June 2016 in Helsinki, Finland. ENGSO was represented by Honorary President Birgitta Kervinen.

Experts from EU Member States and observers, such as ENGSO and the European Lotteries as examples for the latter, were finalizing the group's deliverable, which calls for concrete measures against illegal

betting, and also makes reference to the special role Lotteries occupy in many Member States in terms of education and prevention.

The European Commission and the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of the Council of Europe have also been involved in the Expert Group. While the European Commission provides the secretariat, EPAS were providing regular updates on the EPAS Convention against the manipulation of sport competitions. At the meeting in Helsinki, Member States were urged to proceed to the signing of the Convention.

In terms of monitoring and detecting irregular betting activity, the significant role of the Global Lottery Monitoring System (GLMS) was highlighted by many participants, who were split into five working groups to discuss certain match-fixing scenarios.

ENGSO underlined the role of the sport movement. Although most match-fixing cases happen at elite and professional level, the scandals always influence the voluntary grassroots sport. The sport movement has to safeguard the image of sport in which education has a great role to play.



Handover of High-Level Groups' reports to Commissioner Navracsics

The European Commission, under the political leadership of Commissioner Navracsics, set up new High Level Groups in the summer of 2015: one on Grassroots Sport and another one on Sport Diplomacy. ENGSO President Carlos Cardoso has been the Co-Rapporteur of the Group on Grassroots Sport and ENGSO Treasurer Karin Mattsson Weijber has been selected as member of the High-Level Group on Sport Diplomacy.

The aim of the High Level Group on Grassroots Sport has been to evaluate the place and role of grassroots sport in European society and provide ideas on how the EU could better support grassroots sport and strengthen the network of sport clubs. In the final report it highlights 10 main recommendations, and in addition lists additional recommendations in the following areas:

- Health
- Social Inclusion
- Informal learning / skills development



- Volunteering
- Economic impact of grassroots sport
- Sustainable financing of grassroots sport
- Urban planning / infrastructure

While the High Level Group on Sport Diplomacy has been set up to explore sport's potential to contribute to better international relations. It has assessed the value of sport in EU external relations and identified how sport can help the EU to embody and communicate European values. The group has also explored ways in which the EU could support the development of sport and capacity building in third countries. The report of the Group on Sport Diplomacy has listed recommendations in three main areas:

- EU external relations
- Promotion of EU values in the context of major sport events and advocacy
- Development of an organisational culture of sport diplomacy

The reports and set of recommendations of both High-Level Groups were presented to Commissioner Tibor Navracsics on 29 June at a high-level handing-over ceremony in Brussels.

The two HLG reports are available on the Sport unit [website](#).

#BEACTIVE

The second edition of the European Week of Sport is starting in September across Europe

The second edition of the European Week of Sport is taking place in September at EU, national, regional and local levels with more than 11,000 events to inspire Europeans to #BeActive on a regular basis and exercise more.

The 2016 Week will be officially opened from Kosice, Slovakia, in the morning of Saturday 10 September, but it will be headlined in Brussels from 10 to 17 September. At the heart of the week will be the Flagship Event on Good Governance in Sport in Brussels on 15 September.

The European Week of Sport is structured around four themes that appeal to all audiences, namely education environment, workplace, outdoors as well as sport clubs and fitness centres.

ENGSO is a partner of the Week, highlighting the role of sport clubs as traditional settings for citizens to #BeActive. As its contribution to the activities of the Week, ENGSO will organise a Hearing at the European Parliament in Brussels on 7 September on the implementation of the High Level Group Grassroots Sport's recommendations.

The [European Week of Sport website](#) is now live. Discover what is happening in [your country](#) and show the world how you choose to #BeActive by taking part in the European Week of Sport [photo competition](#).

Newly arrived migrants and their integration via sport

On 2-3 June 2016 in the Austrian House of Sports in Vienna, the Council of Europe's Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) in co-operation with the Ministry of Defense and Sports of Austria has gathered stakeholders from international, national and local levels to discuss one of the biggest challenges of Europe today: how to harvest the power of sport to integrate migrants, especially refugees.



The conference on newly arrived migrants and their integration via sport kicked off with a high-level panel that looked at integration, sport and values from a holistic point of view. Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni reinforced the role of the Council of Europe that is to act as a guardian of the human rights of the refugees arriving to Europe. In the three aspects of the integration process presented by the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Gert Westerveen, namely legal, economic and social aspects, sport has social power when it comes to integration. As in every integration process, there are intercultural challenges, but diversity shall be considered as an advantage. Through the universal rules of sport, newly arrived refugees can easier accept the hosts' social and cultural rules on co-existence. Each panelist agreed on the power of sport. More than that, the representatives of the Albanian, Austrian and Slovenian ministries joined the panel to outline how their countries are using sport to integrate newly arrived migrants. These countries also signed the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions that is designed to prevent, detect and sanction match-fixing.



The next day, three round tables were organized starting with the presentation of national and international policies and projects in place that use sport as a tool for integration. Director of Youth and Sport in the European Commission Antnio Silva Mendes called on better co-operation between different policies concerned, such as education, youth and sport. ENGSO fully agrees with this position. Furthermore, ENGSO is of the opinion that the co-operation between national governments and sports organisations is of even greater importance in order to develop and implement realistic and successful programmes.

With the second panel, the focus moved to local level, and the role of sport clubs in the integration process was highlighted. The project of one of ENGSO's partners in the Creating a Level Playing Field project, Caritas Styria's Sport-Integration-Qualification, was also presented as a good example from Austria. The third round table elaborated the challenges and obstacles that may prevent people from accessing sport and the difficulties of implementing local programmes.

As closing remarks, EPAS Executive Director Stanislas Frossard emphasized areas of possible actions for national governments and sports organisations, such as sharing knowledge and experience, advocating on the potential of sport, funding projects in the field, raising awareness on volunteering and developing evidence-base on newly arrived migrants.

For more information on the conference, visit [ENGSO Youth's Young Delegate Marco Begovic's blog](#).

News from ENGSO and ENGSO Network

Welcome Cyprus and EWS in ENGSO and Albania in the ENGSO Executive Committee

On 13-15 May 2016, 59 representatives of ENGSO members and partners from 23 countries gathered in the city of Vilnius, Lithuania, to participate in the statutory meeting of the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisations. The General Assembly gave an opportunity to member organisations to influence the work of ENGSO.

The 24th General Assembly elected new ENGSO and ENGSO Executive Committee Members

Among others, a position in the ENGSO Executive Committee was open for election, but new statutes, yearly budget and activities for 2015 were also adopted. The Assembly also voted on the accession of Cyprus Sport Organisation and the formal integration of the European Women and Sport Network's work into ENGSO's structure.

ENGSO is glad to welcome the Cyprus Sport Organisation as new ENGSO Member and Stavri Bello, the Secretary General of the Albanian National Olympic Committee, as a new ENGSO Executive Committee Member. We are also happy to announce that the work of the European Women and Sport network (EWS) was formally integrated into ENGSO. EWS has been an independent Europe-wide informal network of experts on gender equality, and it is a great honour for ENGSO that EWS decided to join one specific organisation: ENGSO.

Lively discussion about future EU Council Work Plan on Sport at the ENGSO EU Seminar



Prior to the General Assembly, the traditional ENGSO EU Seminar was organised on 13 May 2016. Although Friday the 13th is considered as an unlucky day, this did not apply to our EU Seminar: We have not only auspiciously informed ENGSO Members about recent European sport policy developments, but we have also encouraged real interaction and debate between European governmental institutions and non-governmental sports organisations.



Participants could gain insight into current issues of the European Commission and the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport of the Council of Europe (EPAS) from Policy Officer of the European Commission's Sport Unit Paola Ottonello and Member of EPAS Governing Board Bureau Marko Begovic, respectively. After that, updates on the EU High-Level Groups on Grassroots Sport and Sport Diplomacy followed given by ENGSO President Carlos Cardoso and Treasurer Karin Mattsson Weijber. Last but not least, the EU Seminar included a brainstorming session on the future EU Council Work Plan on Sport. The lively discussion produces promising results what will feed into ENGSO's position.

We would like to thank all our members and partners who graced us with their presence. We really appreciate that the representatives of the European Commission, Council of Europe, European Lotteries and European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation were with us. ENGSO would especially thank the Lithuanian Union of Sports Federations for hosting and co-organising the event.

Furthermore, it is our great pleasure to welcome you on 28-29 October 2016 at our ENGSO Forum in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Interview with new ENGSO Executive Committee Member Stavri Bello from the Albanian Olympic Committee



Please tell me how you got involved in sport. What kind of sports have you done in what level? What sports or physical activity do you do at the moment?

I started to practice sport at age 13 and I started with basketball. My sport career was full of commitment and I have learned many useful skills from sport for which I am very thankful. My basketball team was Tirana Sports Club in the city I was born and grew up, and still live there. In my sports career I have reached several national trophies and cups. Actually I am still involved in basketball as FIBA commissar. In my free time I try to get engaged with physical activities and during the winter time I prefer to go for skiing.

The passion for sport oriented me to follow studies in the field of sport and physical education. So, I studied at the High Institute of Physical Culture and Sports "Vojo Kushi" in Tirana (today the University of Sports in Tirana) from 1978-1981.

Then, when I finished my studies, I began my career as a physical education teacher in a high school. The research in the field of sport was something fascinating for me, and after four years as a teacher I turned my focus towards research in sports, working for three years at the Sports Centre for Scientific Research.

In 1990 I was elected as Secretary General of the Albanian Basketball Federation, it was the time when my sport administration career started. Later in 1994 I was appointed as Director of sports in the Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sports.

In 1996 I was elected as the Secretary General of the Albanian National Olympic Committee which position I still keep today.

Please list the turning points in your career that you find most important.

One of the most important turning points in my career is the support given by IOC to get further qualifications in sport management, initially Diploma in Sport Management at the University of Lyon and then Executive Master in Sport Management (MEMOS).

Why did you apply for the position of ENGSO Executive Committee Member? What is important in ENGSO for you?

One of the key contributions sport has to society is voluntarism. In my sports career I have personally valued this thing. Today when Europe is becoming part of our identity and the barriers and stereotypes are fortunately falling, sport has a very special contribution to this change. Diversity is a significant value of our continent and I would like to offer my experience in the ENGSO Executive Committee to promote these values, having a common strong voice for sport advocacy and sports development in Europe.

What is/are your goal/goals that you would like to reach in this position?

- Inclusion in and access of all to sports
- Collaboration and inter-institutional partnerships with the Council of Europe, especially with the Enlarged Partial Agreement in Sport
- Promoting volunteering in sport as a value for today's society
- Promoting the participation of youth not only in sport activities but also in decision-making and in organisations where they belong

Seventeen young leaders in sports represented ENGSO Youth at the European Youth Event in Strasbourg

ENGSO Youth attended the European Youth Event in Strasbourg for the second time this May. It has been a unique opportunity for thousands of young Europeans to make their voices heard directly at the European Parliament. We have asked some of our representatives, ENGSO Youth's young delegates about their experiences. Read how #EYE2016 time was great for youth in sports!

I had been passionate about ENGSO Youth for quite some time and was super excited to be part of the delegation to the EYE 2016! It was great meeting like-minded young people from all over Europe who are passionate about sports and politics and I really enjoyed the positive vibe the group was surrounded by. At the EYE 2016, it became evident that young people do care about the EU and that they want to make their voices heard. I was particularly struck by the constructive and passionate participation of young people in the various workshops, which was very inspiring. - Daniel Marchi, ENGSO Youth Young Delegate from Germany

The best moments during EYE were those ones when we had some team-building games and common activities with fellow ENGSO Youth delegates! I would like to see in the future if it's possible, ENGSO Youth to organize daily sport activities in the YO village. Just as we have seen in the case of yoga, many young people were interested in these activities. We could introduce different sport and leisure time activities next time. - Bence Garamvgyi, ENGSO Youth Young Delegate from Hungary

I liked meeting new people, and to feel like a part of a big European family. - Concluded Vanja Kulik, while Jovana Radovanovi, both ENGSO Youth Young Delegates coming from Serbia added: I will indeed be very happy and grateful if I get the opportunity to attend the next EYE and I would be the happiest to participate as part of the ENGSO Youth family.



Turkish Olympic Committee expands Olympic Day activities to reach new record

Turkish Olympic Committee celebrates Olympic Day with record-breaking 10,000 children across Turkey

The Turkish Olympic Committee (TOC) visited the north-western city of Eskiehir on 4th of June to complete its 2016 programme of Olympic Day activities which has seen the Committee engage with a record-breaking 10,000 children across Turkey.

The TOC, with the support of main sponsor Ko Holding for a third year running, expanded this year's activities to four cities, more than doubling participation from 4,000 to 10,000 children as part of its ongoing commitment to promote sport and Olympism around the country.

The activities, which took place from 15 May to 4 June in the cities of Istanbul, Mersin, Gaziantep and Eskiehir, are designed to promote healthy lifestyles, environmental awareness, and the Olympic values amongst Turkey's young generation. Children learned about nutrition, the environment, sport ethics and Olympic history and also took part in a wide range of outdoor activities including an eleven-team Dragon Race on the Porsuk River in Eskiehir.



At the end of the programme participants were awarded certificates signed by IOC President Thomas Bach and TOC President Professor Dr. Uur Erdener, who said:

"Every year for the past 29 years the IOC, Turkey and more than 4 million people worldwide have been celebrating Olympic Day. As we all gear up for what will surely be a magical Olympic Games, the TOC wants to encourage people to support our athletes in Rio but also to take part in sporting activities themselves. It is our mission to promote physical wellbeing amongst our young population and educate them on the Olympic values of friendship, excellence and respect.

"Thanks to support from our sponsor Ko Holding, we were able to double the number of cities we visited reaching more children across Turkey than ever before. We will continue to expand our activities year on year and promote the vital role sport plays in the development of our society".

Olympic Day is a global celebration of the Olympic Movement which seeks to promote fitness, well-being, culture and education through the three Olympic Day pillars – move, learn and discover.

The core lottery values as a driver of promotion of Olympic values!

The core lottery values, *solidarity, integrity and precaution* being fully in line with the Olympic values, *excellence, friendship and respect*, have enabled Lotteries in Europe to sustainably support the Olympic movement. Indeed, Lotteries in Europe perceive Olympism as a philosophy of life which places sport at the service of humanity and have been enthusiastically supporting the Olympic movement in many different ways.

Supporting directly the hosting of the Olympics and the Olympic participation

The Olympics is by far the biggest sporting event in the world. Hosting the Olympics is a great honour and privilege for the hosting state, but also requires a lot of costs. On the occasion of the London 2012 Olympics, *Camelot UK*, offered 2,1 bn pounds to the organisation of the Olympics, a support which made possible the huge venture of hosting the Games. Camelot UK has also traditionally supported the UK's elite athletes. It is characteristic that in the 1996 Olympics, the UK won only one gold medal. Since lottery funding was awarded to elite athletes in 1997, 633 Olympic and Paralympic medals have been won. In Norway, also, very recently, the Norwegian Lottery, *Norsk Tipping*, was a national sponsor of the Winter Youth Olympic Games in

Lillehammer. In addition to that, Norsk Tipping is also the main sponsor of the Norwegian Paralympic team, which is currently preparing for the Rio Paralympic Games.

In Belgium through the recent initiative of the **Belgium National Lottery Be Gold**, young talents are identified and supported in view of their potential participation in the 2020 Olympics. Additional financial means have been provided this year for the participation of Belgian athletes in the Rio Games. In Israel, **TOTO**, over the last 2 years offered 3 million NIS for scholarship for young prospect Olympics athletes, 4 million NIS for equipment, and around 1 million for extra support to female Olympic athletes.

Many Lotteries have been also supporting the preparation of Paralympic athletes. For instance, the Greek Lottery, **OPAP SA**, prior to the 2012 Paralympic Games, strategically decided to be a standard supporter of the Hellenic Paralympic Track & Field Team. Recently at the 2015 IPC Athletics World Championships in Doha, Qatar, OPAP was the grand sponsor of the Greek team and this sponsorship is enhanced to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.



Direct Support to the National Olympic Committees

Of course, the Olympic movement needs constant support for its day to day operations as well as for the preparation of the Olympic athletes, etc. Switzerland is an excellent example with the 65% of the budget of the Swiss Olympic Committee coming from the 2 Swiss Lotteries, **Loterie Romande** and **Swisslos**. The Belgian National Lottery also finances every year the Belgian Olympic Committee and the Belgian Paralympic Committee up to more than € 2.000.000. What is also quite interesting is that in Slovenia, the Slovenian Lottery, **Sportna Loterija**, is actually owned by the Slovenian Olympic Committee.

Promoting the Olympic Values, Special Projects and the #BEACTIVE message

Most importantly, however, the Olympics is about the values, about spreading out the Olympic ideals and Lotteries in Europe, driven by their core values, have on many occasions supported special projects with the objective to promote the Olympic messages, to socially integrate and empower underprivileged groups and promote physical activity. One example is **Lottomatica** in Italy, which in cooperation with the Italian Olympic Committee has developed the project *Vincere Da Grandi*, with the objective to empower youth in underprivileged parts of Italy through sport activities. In the Netherlands also, **De Lotto**, in cooperation with the Dutch Olympic Committee since 2004 has been organising the National Sport Week, which through sport activities all over the country reaches out to more than 1 million citizens. Also, in Czech Republic, through



the **SAZKA** Olympic Combined events, children are introduced to physical activity, Olympic disciplines and Olympic values. All the aforementioned three Lotteries used these initiatives to promote the European Week of Sport and the #BEACTIVE message as well.

Joining forces with the Olympic movement to fight against negative phenomena

Both the lottery core values and the Olympic values are not in line with any sense of unfair play and any sort of manipulations. This is why in many countries the NOC and the Lottery work together to tackle negative phenomena. In France, **FDJ** has been collaborating with the French Olympic Committee – CNOSF – already since many years towards the fight against match-fixing and in the Netherlands **De Lotto** also has developed cooperation with the Dutch NOC about fighting match-fixing.

Sharing the same values, the lottery movement in Europe and the Olympic movement have been working hand in hand for the benefit of society, for the well-being of citizens and the safeguarding of the very credibility and true meaning of sport.

What might 'Brexit' mean for the UK sports sector?

With "Brexit" being the hot topic of the moment, Leigh Thompson, Policy Adviser, explains what an exit from Europe might mean for the UK sport sector. The entire article can be found [here](#).

Projects and Events

The core lottery values as a driver of employment opportunities in Europe

The European Commission adopted on 10 June a new and comprehensive **skills agenda for Europe**. The aim is to ensure that people develop a broad set of skills from early on in life and to make the most of Europe's human capital, which will ultimately boost employability, competitiveness and growth in Europe. In the **staff working document** that accompanies the comprehensive skills agenda for Europe, it is clearly stated that **participation in grassroots sport may also develop positive social attitudes and values, as well as individuals' skills and competences, including transversal skills**.

Driven by their core values, **solidarity, precaution and integrity**, Lotteries have indeed always considered sport as a vehicle for non-formal education and skills development. Lotteries in Europe have been a source for opportunities for young people through their sustainable financing of sport but also through the development of special projects that seek to provide young people with skills but also provide high level athletes with a career path following the end of their sport career.

In fact, a **recent study** (SportsEconAustria, 2015) has shown that thanks to the sustainable financing of Lotteries to sport (which amounts to more than 2 bn Euros per year), more than 40,000 direct and indirect jobs are secured every year. Therefore, thanks to the lottery funding, career opportunities are given to a big number of people around Europe, which shows the significance of Lotteries for the economy. Most importantly, Lotteries fully recognise the educational value of sport. Indeed, education and skills development can be achieved through sport, in the context of youth work and grassroots sport, based on the practice of non-formal education, experiential learning and active participation. A practical example of the way Lotteries have sought such objectives is the project of the Greek Lottery, **OPAP SA**. Through the network of 125 Amateur Sport Academies across Greece, young athletes are introduced to grassroots sport but also to values, principles, team-work and leadership skills that should accompany not only their sports career but also their professional life.

Furthermore, the academies that participate in the programme enjoy the benefits of an integrated educational programme that includes age-appropriate coaching directions, according to UEFA and FIFA international

standards, high quality sports gear and participation in football tournaments with an educational and entertaining profile.



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Programme supports athletes who are part of the Olympic preparation Programme for "Rio 2016" to combine their student life with their sporting career. The programme includes a scholarship scheme which enables Olympic athletes to access university education. In this way, high level athletes are supported to get a career path after the end of their sporting career.

To conclude, the core lottery values have enabled Lotteries to act as a driving force of opportunities for young people around Europe, be it through their significant contribution to sport and the subsequent impact to economy and employment or through the development of special projects that lead to skills development through participation in grassroots sport or promotion of dual careers for high level athletes. The special role of Lotteries, as a force for good in Europe, has to be promoted and safeguarded.

ENGSO Youth continues its active role in European Youth Forum's Migration and Human Rights Network

On 20 June, we have marked the World Refugee Day, while every day we are [#withrefugees](#).

ENGSO Youth is an active member of the Migration and Human Rights Network of the European Youth Forum, where we are trying to raise awareness on youth perspective in the discussion about refugees and young organizations' inclusive function together with diverse representatives of youth organisations Europe-wide. The Network runs diverse activities daily promoting the [Youth's Resolution on Protection and Integration of Young Refugees in Europe](#).

Lately, the Youth Network has been represented during two major events. One held by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris where ENGSO Youth Secretary General represented the Network and its aims at one of the [OECD Forum's Session](#), where prominent speakers were debating in Migration and Integration. While [Carina Autengruber](#) and [Raphael Ruppacher](#), have been actively participating at the [UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency](#) on annual consultations with youth NGO's. All young representatives highlighted several times that youth organisations need to be recognised as experts and financially supported as they play a unique role when it comes to the inclusion of young refugees.

[Here](#) you can read a full statement on Investing in solutions for refugees/migrants and creating quality jobs for young people.



ENGSO Youth: Where can you meet us next?

- European Athletics Young Leadership Forum, 8-10 July 2016, Amsterdam: ENGSO Youth is invited as speaker and will be represented by Xicu Colomar Marting, Sara Massini, Nevena Vukasinovic, Orsolya Tolnay and Francesco Fiorini
- Inaugural Meeting of Conseil Européen des Recherches en éducation Physique et Sportive, CEREPS, 29 June-1 July 2016, Luxembourg: ENGSO Youth is invited as collaborator and represented by Gerda Katschinka, ENGSO Youth Committee Member from Austria
- EUSA Summer Games Opening, 12-25 July 2016, Zagreb-Rijeka: ENGSO Youth represented by Paolo Emilio Adami, Chair
- NEXT Committee meeting, 15-17 July, Zagreb

Projects

SCORE project in its final stage: last training sessions taking place and 22 mentors educated around Europe

On 21st and 22nd of May, Satu Kaski, PhD and Sport Psychologist, from the Finnish Coaches Association closed the second step of the Education for Mentors programme with the objective of creating a pool of mentors around Europe dedicated to support female coaches in their work. The meeting ended by defining 8 national mentoring programmes to be implemented in the countries involved in the project: Germany, Finland, Sweden, UK, Portugal, Lithuania, Croatia and Cyprus. The implementation will be supported by the SCORE partner organisations as national coordinators, and some mentors teams, e.g. Portugal, Cyprus and Finland, have already started the activities within their organisations. The group of mentors from around Europe will remain connected and active during the whole duration of the project and even after. In fact, some of them are already planning new bilateral and multilateral cooperation in order to multiply the results and support each other to face the challenges in raising the number of female coaches in sport federations.



Last training sessions are taking place

SCORE Project Trainer Team has soon delivered all 8 national training sessions of the project. The latest meetings were held in Stockholm, Sweden on 8th of April, in Helsinki, Finland on 20th of May, in Frankfurt, Germany on 11th of June and in Portugal, Setubal on 16th of June. The one remaining will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania on 1st of July 2016.

Sarah Milner and Julie Mackintosh from sports coach UK, in charge of the toolkit work package and facilitators of the training sessions, together with Heidi Pekkola, Project Manager, and Sara Massini, Project Coordinator, were delivering the sessions. During the meetings representatives from different sport governing bodies such as athletics, football, biathlon, diving, fencing, snowboarding and swimming gathered together to discuss on good practices, barriers and obstacles related to gender equality in coaching.

The sessions were hosted by the SCORE partner organisations and national coordinators. Special guests such as high level women coaches were present at the meetings to give a speech on their personal experience in the field and inspire the further work to be implemented by the organisations and federations present.

The training sessions have the general objective to raise awareness and educate the representatives of sport federations to use properly the "awareness pack" toolkit, outcome of the first phase of the project. The "awareness pack" contains tools for sport organisations to create a more gender equal environment and facilitate the access of women into coaching. The toolkit contains also tools targeted to women who are interested in

coaching. The final version will be edited after collecting feedback from the participants of all training sessions and will be published in autumn 2016.



SCORE training session in Germany

For more information visit the project website <http://www.score-coaching.eu/> and follow the discussions on social media with #scorecoaching and #equalityincoaching.

"Balance in Sport" project

On Monday 11 April, the second meeting of the Council of Europe 'Balance in Sport' (BIS) project steering group was held, attended by representatives of member countries and European organisations. On behalf of ENGSO Sallie Barker was present. The aim of BIS is to develop tools to implement gender equality in sport. The project has been funded by the EU through an ERASMUS + grant.

The purpose of the steering group is to identify, test and implement indicators for gender equality in sports. At the meeting the group considered draft gender equality indicators, which will be used to enable a uniform approach for collecting relevant data and to develop tools to facilitate the use of pre-determined indicators by public authorities in charge of sports and sports organisations.

These indicators will be piloted by 4 member countries in July, and then at the ENGSO Forum in October, ENGSO members will be invited to consider these further and discuss how they can be implemented in their countries.

BIS aims to support the implementation of the EU's Gender Equality in Sport 'Proposals for strategic actions 2014-2020 and will also:

- Map the current situation of women's participation in sport at all levels including in leadership and coaching;
- Chart the portrayal of women athletes in the media;
- Research and highlight the prevalence of gender based violence in sports;
- Pave the way for defining relevant sport and gender policies to achieve gender balance in sport.