



ENGSO – an organisation based on solidarity

Reflections by the Treasurer of ENGSO, Mr Marco Blatter

In 1995, when ENGSO in its actual structure was founded in London, I was elected as a member of the Executive Committee (ExCom) and assigned, at the same time, as the Treasurer of ENGSO.

This was for me the beginning of a period of very serious labour on the one hand and of precious experience on the other hand. First of all, a comfortable financial basis had to be created in order to enable the organisation to realise the planned projects. Relying on my long experience as a CFO in private companies as well as at the Swiss Olympic Association, I soon learned that a European Umbrella Organisation, deprived of the five rings, had practically no chance on the sponsoring market. Thus, the exclusive source of income consisted of the membership fees. Sometimes it was difficult to motivate members for a punctual fulfilment of their



duties. But in most cases, I felt there was an understanding for this contribution as an act of solidarity. I may now, at the end of my terms in the ExCom, emphasise that ENGSO disposes of solid financial foundation based on highly developed sense of solidarity. Furthermore, I could help open the doors to the Olympic Solidarity by obtaining

the official recognition of the IOC.

This solidarity, in the domain of ENGSO finances, has been confirmed by the adoption of the ENGSO Financial Code. The travel and accommodation expenses, in the ordinary functions of the ExCom members, had to be taken care of by the organisations delegating them. Only for one function – the General Secretary – a partial compensation of the occurring costs was accorded. This meant and means that these member organisations contribute once more to the ENGSO Family.

A very special challenge for me was the elaboration of the guidelines and the ENGSO policy in a working group during a weekend near the Zurich Airport. Sharing my views of sports development in Europe with friends from every part of the old continent was a substantial personal enrichment.

As long as ENGSO will be a professionally managed organisation, operated by volunteers who are able to share experience and know-how with other members and who will be constantly aiming to improve quality in the good governance of sports organisations, it will safeguard the position of a very important pillar of European Sports linking Olympic and non-Olympic umbrella organisations. I would like to express my gratitude to my colleagues of the ExCom as well as to all the representatives of the member countries for the friendship and confidence I have experienced during my eight years of office.

Marco Blatter
Treasurer of ENGSO

ENGSO Vice-president Birgitta Kervinen elected to represent the NGOs in the Bureau of the CDDS

ENGSO Vice-president Ms Birgitta Kervinen (Finland) was elected to represent the non-governmental organisations in the Bureau of the Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS) of the Council of Europe for the two years 2003-2004. The 26th Meeting of the CDDS Steering Committee was held in Strasbourg 27-28 February 2003.

Mr John Scott (UK) was elected to act

as Chair and Ms Krisztina Gönter (Hungary) as Vice-Chair for the year 2003. Elected Bureau members (geographical groups) for 2003-2004 include Ms Mila Andreeva (Bulgaria), Mr Tamas Tevzadze (Georgia), Mr Mariano Ravazzolo (Italy), Mr Jean Krantz (Luxembourg), Mr Per Kristian Asmundstad (Norway) and Mr Manuel Moreno (Spain).



Welcome to ENGSO Youth Conference and Youth Assembly 24-27 April 2003

The very first ENGSO Youth Assembly will be held in Stockholm 24-27 April 2003, hosted by the Swedish Sports Confederation. A Youth Conference will be organised in conjunction with the ENGSO Youth Assembly. It is an educational venue for the participants of the assembly.

The aims of the Youth Assembly and conference are as follows:

1. develop democracy among young people involved in sport in Europe
2. inspire to start or improve the work with youth sports in the participant's own organisation and on a European level
3. increase the knowledge of youth sport in Europe
4. exchange ideas and experiences about youth sport
5. elect the ENGSO Youth Committee
6. make an action plan for the ENGSO Youth for the next two years

We hope the ENGSO member organisations will gather together the most willing and able young representatives to take part in the development of children and youth sports in Europe. We hope you can find one young woman and one young man under the age of 35 as your delegates.

How to prepare for the Youth Assembly?

In order to make sure that the first Youth Committee reach their destinations within two years the young delegates are asked to set priorities and tasks for the Youth Committee 2003-2005 prior to the assembly. Out of the twelve recommendations of the *Guidelines for Children and Youth Sport* (see <http://www.engso.com>)

1. Choose 3 -4 recommendations.
2. Argue why these recommendations should be prioritised.
3. Suggest concrete actions to implement the recommendations in European sport.



ENGSO Youth applied for grants

The German Sports Youth has applied for a grant from the European Commission on behalf of the ENGSO Youth working group.

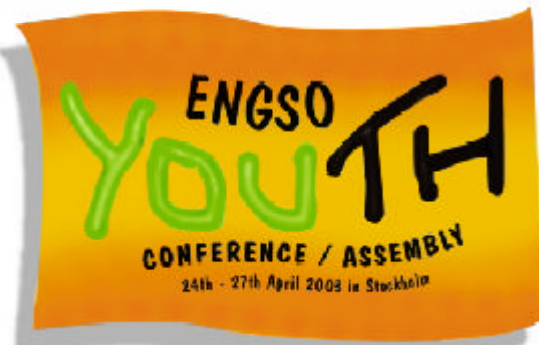
The Commission called under Article A-3029 of the general budget of the European Communities for "Support for international non-governmental youth organisations". The purpose of the grant is setting-up and running a secretary office:

- to support the activities of the ENGSO Youth Committee
- to deal with all member organisations
- to supervise the day-to-day activities in furthering the aims of ENGSO.

In addition, the grant shall benefit the meetings of the ENGSO Youth Committee by reimbursing the costs for accommodation and travel.

The application was worked out in close co-operation with the EU-office of German Sports. The decision over the distribution of the support will be made in March and the applicants will be informed finally in April 2003.

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Suggestions for the Youth Committee priorities by 15 March 2003

Please submit your suggestions to britt-karen.Spjeld@nif.idrett.no or fax +47 55 59 58 99.

Registrations to the Youth Assembly and Youth Conference by 15 March 2003

Please confirm your participation in the Youth Assembly and Conference by returning the registration form by 15 March 2003 to Kristin.gustafsson@rf.se

Questions?

If you have any questions please contact Britt Karen Spjeld at britt-karen.Spjeld@nif.idrett.no or phone +47 419 00 298.

The ENGSO Youth working group are looking forward to welcoming your representative(s) at the ENGSO Youth Conference and Youth Assembly in Stockholm in April!

Kristin Berthelsen Chair
Britt Karen Spjeld Project leader

Elections for the ENGSO Youth Committee 2003-2005

Altogether 10 ENGSO member organisations sent their applications to the ENGSO Youth Committee 2003-2005 by the due date 17 January 2003. The candidates are:

- Ms Ulrike Gruber, *BSO – Austrian Sports Federation*
- Mr Igor Boraska, *Croatian Olympic Committee*
- Ms Päivi Laihonon, *Finnish Sports Federation*
- Ms Rosemary Paul, *French Olympic Committee*
- Mr Jan Holze, *German Sports Confederation*
- Mr Dainis Dambeniaks, *Sports Federations Council of Latvia*
- Mr Eric van der Veen, *NOC*NSF of the Netherlands*
- Ms Rikke Lia, *Norwegian Olympic Committee and Confederation of Sports*
- Mr Mattias Hjelmberg, *Swedish Sports Confederation*
- Mr Nemanja Miroslavljev, *Yugoslav Olympic Committee*

Nominations from the floor at the Youth Assembly in Stockholm are also welcomed, but they must have a supportive letter from their organisation. (ENGSO Youth, Standing Order 7: "All members of the ENGSO Youth Committee have to represent their National Sport Confederation or National Olympic Committee.")

The election will take place on Saturday 26 April 2003. Candidates that have been nominated in time will be presented on posters and in a PowerPoint presentation during the Youth Assembly. Others only have a chance to briefly introduce themselves.

The European Year of Education through Sport 2004 adopted

Good practices promoting the educational significance of sport will be shared next year as the year 2004 will be the European Year of Education through Sport 2004. How could your organisation, school or sport club strengthen its wholesome sports activities and increase awareness of the social abilities sports can develop in children and adults? It is worth starting the preparations now as there will be the possibility to start projects already in 2003.

In its session in Strasbourg in December 2002, the European Parliament adopted the European Year of Education through Sport 2004. The decision has been adopted by all the EU instances and the Commission can now draft the call for the submission of proposals, which is likely to appear in the spring 2003 with two deadlines for 2003 and 2004. Preparatory Actions might already take place in 2003 in respect of the school term 2003-2004. National coordination offices are planned for the course of the year to carry out a preliminary selection of the projects submitted on the national level. The Commission will make final decisions for the projects to be supported.

The European Year of Education through Sport 2004 will pursue the following goals:

- to make **educational institutions and sports organisations** aware of the need for cooperation in order to develop education through sport and its European dimension
- to take advantage of the values conveyed through sport to develop knowledge and skills whereby young people in particular can develop their physical prowess and readiness for personal effort and also social abilities such as **teamwork, solidarity, tolerance and fair play in a multicultural framework**
- to promote awareness of the positive contribution that **voluntary activities** make to non-formal education
- to promote the educational value of **pupil mobility** and exchanges

particularly in a multicultural environment through the organisation of sporting and cultural contacts as part of school activity

- to encourage the exchange of good practice concerning the role sport can play in education systems to promote the **social inclusion of disadvantaged groups**
- to create a better **balance between intellectual and physical activity** in school life
- to consider the problems relating to the **education of young sportsmen and sportswomen** taking part in competitive sports.

The measures taken to attain the objectives include such activities:

- meetings, European educational competitions and events
- voluntary actions at European level
- information and promotional campaigns, including cooperation with the media

The overall budget for this European year is 11,5 Million EUR. Approximately 180 projects will be selected and co-financed by the Commission. Those can take place on local, regional, national and transnational (maximum 50 % co-financing) or on European (maximum 80 % co-financing) level.

We will keep you posted on upcoming news concerning 2004.

Nelli Koivisto with information from the EU-office of German sports

Sport is mentioned in the first draft of the constitutional treaty for Europe

A draft of the first 16 articles of the future constitutional treaty for Europe was presented by the praesidium of the convention in the beginning of February. Sport is mentioned under article 15, supporting actions. For more information, please see the convention's website:

<http://european-convention.eu.int/default.asp?lang=DE>

Sport and European Union - possibilities and challenges of EU membership

A pre-seminar in connection with the ENGSO General Assembly, 25 April 2003

The ENGSO EU working group has the pleasure to invite the ENGSO members to a seminar on EU in connection with the ENGSO General Assembly in Stockholm on Friday 25 April 2003. This seminar is the first opportunity for the new EU members of ENGSO to really get into the business of EU affairs.

It is a time of changes for the European Union. In 2004 more ENGSO members are full EU member states and the discussions of the future of the Union are at a crucial stage. It is therefore important for more ENGSO members to be informed about how the membership of EU affects sports and discuss the role of sport in the future EU.

The EU seminar will focus on general knowledge on how the EU works and affects sport today. It will also provide practical information on how the EU can work as a resource for development. We aim to give you practical experiences that you can bring home to your own country and adjust to your individual conditions and regulations.

For more information:

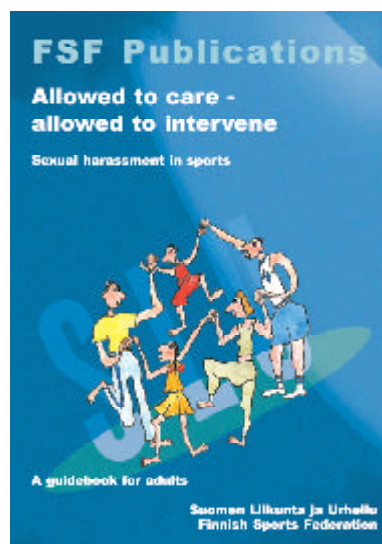
If you are interested in participating in the seminar and getting an invitation form, please contact Mattias Claesson, Senior Officer Department of Sports policy, Swedish Sports Confederation +46 8 605 61 54 or by e-mail mattias.claesson@rf.se or Kristin Gustavsson, kristin.gustavsson@rf.se

Allowed to care – allowed to intervene, a guidebook about sexual harassment in sports by the Finnish Sports Federation

The Finnish Sports Federation has in cooperation with its member organisations and specialists in child welfare and harassment composed a guidebook concerning sexual harassment in sports.

The guidebook *Allowed to care – allowed to intervene* is targeted at all adults who are active in sports and especially those responsible for children and youth sports. The purpose of the guidebook is to offer information on sexual harassment and a set of guidelines to prevent sexual harassment in sports.

If you wish to order copies of the guidebook please contact: nelli.koivisto@slu.fi or tel. +358 9 3481 2605. The guidebook is free of charge.



ENGSO CALENDAR

ENGSO Executive Committee:

25 April, Stockholm, Sweden
16-18 June, Helsinki, Finland

ENGSO Youth:

22-23 March, Helsinki, Finland

ENGSO EU Working Group:

25 April, Stockholm, Sweden

ENGSO Youth Conference 2003:

24-25 April, Stockholm, Sweden

ENGSO Youth Assembly 2003:

25-27 April, Stockholm, Sweden

11th ENGSO General Assembly 2003:

25-26 April, Stockholm, Sweden

ENGSO FORUM 2003:

October 2003, United Kingdom

European Sports Conference 2003:

XVI ESC 24-26 September,
Dubrovnik, Croatia

XVII ESC in Greece 2005

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We would like to hear from you

The success of the ENGSO communications depends on the active participation of the ENGSO members. Should you have any ideas for articles about current topics, interviews and/or short news from your organisation, please contact Nelli Koivisto at the Finnish Sports Federation, SLU: nellyi.koivisto@slu.fi, tel. +358 9 3481 2605.

XVI European Sports Conference

Dubrovnik, Croatia, 24-26 September 2003

The Republic of Croatia organises and hosts the 16th European Sports Conference to be held in Dubrovnik 24-26 September 2003. The preparations are taken care of by the Ministry of Education and Sports under the patronage of the Government of the Republic of Croatia together with the Organising Committee.

Conference topic: *Making sport attractive for all*

Subtopics:

- 1 Sport for everybody — How to include as many people as possible?
- 2 Creativity, design, planning, urbanism and management in construction of sport facilities
- 3 Cooperation between governmental and non-governmental sport organisations
- 4 Role of professionals in sport development
- 5 Role and future of ESC

Call for papers:

Participants are invited to submit papers for podium presentations on the topics related to the announced themes. The papers, carefully edited and typed, are expected to the Conference Office by **1 June 2003** by surface mail or e-mail on one of the four official languages (English, German, French and Russian).

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The Games of the Small States of Europe 2003 in Malta

Preparations are underway for the 10th Games of the Small States of Europe in Malta starting with the Opening Ceremony on 2 June 2003. The Games will comprise ten disciplines: athletics, swimming, shooting, sailing, judo, tennis, table tennis, volleyball, squash and basketball.

In the early 1980's, the national Olympic committees of Europe's smallest countries were playing with the idea of mini-Olympics to ensure an even playground for athletes of small countries. After months of discussion, the first Games of the Small States of Europe were held in San Marino in 1985. The Maltese lined up with the other countries for the event: Cyprus, Luxembourg, Iceland, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Andorra and Monaco. The Games have been organised every two years ever since.

In 1993 Malta hosted the Games for the first time. This event mobilized the nation: the sporting community benefited from the new infrastructure including the swimming pool complex and the upgrading of the athletics tracks and shooting range.

The Malta Olympic Committee has always given a lot of importance to this event. Athletes undergo a gruelling training programme and minimum qualifying standards are established to ensure that only those who really make the grade will be chosen to represent Malta. In 2001 in San Marino, the Maltese athletes registered the best results ever notching a record number of medals including seven gold medals.

The Games will bring close to a thousand athletes and officials to Malta from seven European countries. Dignitaries including the President of the International Olympic Committee Jacques Rogge are also expected to pay a visit to Malta.

Volunteers are the backbone of any successful event: seven hundred individuals have registered to the Malta Olympic Committee to offer their services for the Games. The playing field is set. It is now up to the athletes to live up to the Olympic ideal in the spirit of fair play.

Visit our website to know more about Malta's elite sporting world and the Malta 2003 Games of the Small States of Europe: www.nocmalta.org



Malta Olympic Committee