



## From Stockholm to Serbia and Montenegro The first year of ENGSO Youth

*One year has passed since the election of the first ENGSO Youth Committee in Stockholm in April 2003. In the ENGSO General Assembly in Belgrade, 17-18 April 2004, ENGSO Youth Committee Chair **Rosemary Paul Chopin** and Youth Committee member **Nemanja Miroslavjević** guided the ENGSO members through the way from Stockholm to Serbia and Montenegro. Action plan for 2005 was accepted as well.*

the European crossroads in Strasbourg. We are pleased to announce that ENGSO Youth will try to organise a youth conference in April 2005 in connection with ENGSO GA in Latvia.

For our action plan 2004-2005, we are following the process begun in 2003 in Stockholm by focusing on four guidelines:

- Links between sports organisation and the school system
- Training and competition
- Quality assurance of the training and education of teachers, coaches and leaders
- Right of co-determination for children and young people.

We are trying to promote and illustrate these themes with projects in different ways and

fields including:

- Communications: renewal of the *Book of good ideas*, new web page, flyers or a circular
- Organising seminars, youth conferences or cooperating with the Council of Europe - as we did during



ENGSO Youth wishes to give special thanks to the Olympic Committee of Serbia and Montenegro for their excellent welcome during the ENGSO General Assembly. We also say many thanks to the ENGSO ExCom for the opportunities to participate in the pre-GA seminar organised by the University of Belgrade and in the press conference. The many encouragements that we have received will help us follow our visions.

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## Welcome to the 7th ENGSO Forum in Arnhem, 22-24 October 2004

**A**s we can expect sport to be formally included in the EU Constitution later on this year - either under the Irish or Dutch EU presidency - the next challenge is awaiting sports already. It is the challenge to build a bridge between article III-182 in the new Treaty and the everyday reality of sports. European sports structures, including ENGSO, is involved in this process. In the up-coming ENGSO Forum, developments concerning sports and the EU will be an important subject of debate and deliberation.

The 7th ENGSO Forum will take place in Arnhem, the Netherlands, Fri-Sun 22-24 October 2004, hosted and organised by NOC\*NSF. Three themes determined by the ENGSO ExCom will be on the Forum's agenda:

1. Sports and education
2. Sports development
3. Sports and taxes.

The different themes will be related to recent developments in the EU, but there will also be opportunities to bring forward national developments. The themes will be introduced by experts from the field followed by facilitated discussion by the participating ENGSO members. More information about the programme will be provided this summer.

We hope to welcome many of you at the National Sports Centre Papendal in Arnhem in October 2004!

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A warm Thank you  
from the ENGSO members  
to the Olympic Committee  
of Serbia and Montenegro

ENGSO is particularly grateful to the hosts of the 12th ENGSO General Assembly held in Belgrade, 16-18 April 2004, under the guidance of the Olympic Committee of Serbia and Montenegro. The Olympic Committee of Serbia and Montenegro gave us an outstanding example of great hospitality, warm friendship and an excellent working environment.



## European crossroads highlighted Sports as a tool to develop social values, Strasbourg, 13-14 May 2004

The European Crossroads "Sport - Front Door to Democracy" was a successful event thanks to the excellent cooperation between the different partners from non-governmental and governmental sports organisations working in sport and youth: Council of Europe, European Commission, City of Strasbourg, ENGSO and ENGSO YOUTH and the European Olympic Committees.

150 people from all over Europe participated in the European Crossroads with a number of good national examples in sport and youth activities. The event had the presence of high-level politicians supporting sports at the European level. Top athletes promoted discussion of sport's values and sport for all.

We are satisfied that ENGSO and ENGSO Youth can offer their experience and networks in such an event - build links between governmental and non-governmental organisations. ENGSO

president **Bengt Sevelius** discussed sport policies at the European level and the functions of ENGSO. ENGSO Youth Chair **Rosemary Paul Chopin** gave facts and figures about youth and sport as background information for workshops lead by three ENGSO Youth members **Mattias Hjelmsberg**, **Ilonda Luse** and **Päivi Laihonon** (in the picture).



The summary of the event with all the presentations will be available in mid-June. There will also be a book of good ideas to illustrate the good experiences in European countries: how to use sport as a tool to develop social values.

Last but not least, as the Chair of ENGSO Youth I want to say special thanks to the entire professional team of the Council of Europe for the very good cooperation.

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## ENGSO YOUTH - Partner at the 1st European Youth Fair Play Congress in Vienna

*The 10th European Fair Play Congress will be organised in Vienna, 22-26 September, 2004 by the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM). Parallel to this event, the 1st European Youth Fair Play Congress will also be held for participants under the age of 30.*

Young people from different sports federations from all over Europe will have the chance to get to know various aspects of Fair Play: anti-racism, anti-discrimination & homophobia, integration through sports, anti-doping, etc. Models of good practice from different countries will be presented and discussed. Intercultural learning will also be the main part of this conference.

Until now, 20 sports federations from 16 different countries have declared their willingness to participate in this event. ENGSO Youth is one of them. Each partner organisation is invited to send two participants to Vienna.

For the first, time participants of the Youth Fair Play Congress will give a short presentation at the General Assembly of EFPM.

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## Handshake to develop youth sports in Sweden

*Beginning in 2004 and four years ahead, the Swedish sports movement is engaged in what is probably the biggest effort ever to develop youth sports. Last year the government decided to grant an extra billion SEK (1 MSEK = 108.650 €) during the coming four years if the sports movement agreed to open its doors to more **youngsters**, hold back **costs**, strengthen its commitment to **girls' sports**, participate in the fight against **drugs**, and cooperate with the **schools**.*

This united effort to develop youth sports is called the *Handshake*, which will involve the entire sports movement. The Swedish Sports Confederation coordinates the effort while the special sports federations and sports districts do the operational work. The emphasis is on the local level: the main part of the money will be directed to projects in local sports clubs. To date, some 1 200 sport clubs have become involved in the *Handshake*. The two most popular areas of work have been girls' sports and cooperation with schools.

The latter area is channeled through the sports districts and aimed at reaching young people that thus far have not been physically active. As in many other European countries, in Sweden we have during the past years debated on the health hazards rising from physical inactivity and the increasing number of inactive and overweight children and youth. Because of this the government last year commissioned schools to offer each student 30 minutes of physical activity each day. Sports clubs can play an important role in helping schools to reach this goal.

During the first year of the Handshake, 100 million SEK will be handed out to federations and sport clubs. The second year, the amount will increase to 200 million, the third to 300 million and 2006 it will be 400 million. The hope of the Swedish Sports Confederation is that this thereafter will be the new, and higher, level of state support to Swedish sports.

**Mona Meijer**  
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# Benefits of EU Funds

## for the members of the Finnish Sports Federation: over 20 million euros in 2000-2004

Since 2002, the Finnish Sports Federation (FSF) has, in cooperation with its regional Organisation in Ostrobothnia, encouraged sports people to seek EU funding. The aim is to increase knowledge of EU funds and combine new ideas and present projects with EU policies. Sports Coordinator **Timo Hämäläinen** helps FSF member organisations and their clubs to seek EU funding and organise the projects.

### Over 20 million euros to Finnish sports projects in 2000-2004

According to a survey done by the FSF and its regional organisation in Ostrobothnia, the budget of the Finnish EU projects amounted to approx. EUR 36 million in 2000-2004. Sixty percent of this figure accounts for EU and public national funds, i.e. over EUR 20 million.

In the framework of EU programmes, the development of local sports activities has had a good start. By means of the above-mentioned co-operational project, sports organisations have been encouraged to benefit from EU funding. Local organisations should be awake and ready to apply for funding. Small-

scale projects have shown that sport gains from networking at the local level.

### Functional sports projects are popular

The main part of the projects are small local projects aiming to improve sports conditions in the immediate surroundings. Village communities and small sport clubs have been particularly active. In addition to structural projects, functional sport projects have also become popular. Functional development by means of EU funds will also in the future be emphasised.

### EU Structural Funds until 2006

The EU Structural Funds remain

unchanged until the end of the year 2006. In the 21st century, sports organisations have applied for and received even more funding from the EU Structural Funds than before, but there are still unused opportunities. In 2004, the budget proposals for the year 2007 and onwards will be specified by the European Commission. At the same time, different programmes and their respective funds will be evaluated. During the present programme period, a lot of funding was already granted at the initial stages. Unfortunately, this means that we already have the best years behind us.

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## Sport, EU Enlargement and the European Constitution: Austria plays an active role

In May 2004, the Austrian Sport Federation organised the conference "Sport and the European Union in view of the EU Enlargement". Distinguished speakers, such as two Austrian Members of the European Parliament **Othmar Karas** and **Christa Prets**, representative of the European Commission, **Jacob Kornbeck**, and the honorary member of the German Sports Confederation **Erika Dienstl** attracted a large crowd of

interested sport officials. Amongst them was **Katarina Raczova**, the Slovak ambassador for Sports, Tolerance and Fair Play.

Mr Karas described the role of the European Parliament in the legislative procedure and made clear that although sport is part of several EU policies and affected by EU decision-making, its position in the EU institutions is rather neglected. Ms Prets informed about the work of the sport committee of the European Parliament, which has passed several sport-related reports and initiatives. The European Commission representative, Mr Kornbeck, gave an update on the *European Year of Education through Sport* and the EU Constitution which could



- if it is adopted - increase the role of sport at EU level. Ms Dienstl, responsible for EU affairs in the German Sport Federation, spoke about the impact of the EU enlargement on sports.

In the discussions with the participants it was concluded that the enlargement and the European Constitution entail major changes and challenges for sports. The multiple functions of sport bridging cultures and peoples can contribute positively to these important European developments. Therefore, the Austrian Sport Federation will continue to play an active role and be engaged in the discussions about the EU.

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## ENGSO CALENDAR

**ENGSO Executive Committee**  
10-11 September 2004, Helsinki

**ENGSO EU Working Group**  
21-22 October 2004, Brussels

**ENGSO Youth Committee**  
21-23 June 2004, Helsinki  
17-19 September 2004, Riga  
10-12 December 2004

**7<sup>th</sup> ENGSO Forum**  
22-24 October 2004, Arnhem

**European Fair Play Congress**  
22-26 September 2004, Vienna

**10<sup>th</sup> World Sport for All Congress 2004**  
11-14 November 2004, Rome

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# Agenda 21: sustainable development applied to sport

The French National Olympic and Sport Committee (CNOSF) adopted its own AGENDA 21 at the end of the year 2003. The process started from the decision of the International Olympic Committee to make of sustainable development the third pillar of Olympism at the opening of the twenty-first century.

The real aim of sustainable development is to "satisfy the needs of the present generation without compromising the chance for future generations to satisfy theirs" (Brundtland Report 1987).

**Henri Sérandour**, President of the French NOC, wrote that "sustainable development is not a solution for instant application but is more a way of life, a modern conception of what politics, including sport politics, are and how they should be applied."

### Why the name of AGENDA 21?

The French word "Agenda" comes from Latin "agendus", which means "what has to be done". By extension, it is nowadays the French name of diary. 21 is a reference to the 21st century.

During the past two years, a working group of the National Council of Nature related Sports, entrusted by the President, carried out the task of building the AGENDA 21. After having drawn up an inventory of all existing actions, a survey grid was proposed to all partners of sport movement.

The first draft was analysed by experts from

ministries of social, economic and ecological affairs and tourism. The final document was submitted to sport movement prior to being adopted by the NOC and officially presented to the Minister of Sport 18 December 2003.

The AGENDA 21 aims to be a practical and realistic document with 21 objectives. It is divided into four chapters including three key areas: social, environmental and economical:

- sustainable development - a new approach to sport politics
- sport solidarity in favour of sustainable development
- organisation and administration of sport in respect of the environment
- sport economy in favour of sustainable development .

The "objectives" are listed as "recommendations".

Now and during the up-coming two years, any sport organisation can adopt these objectives as they feel. In 2006, an assessment report will focus on good practices and low points and estimate the progress.

We are working on an English version but, for the moment, only the French readers can load the AGENDA 21 on the website: [www.franceolympique.com](http://www.franceolympique.com) (section: *developpement durable*).

**Jean-François Angles**  
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## Austria - new Chair of the European Women and Sport network 2004-2006

*Following the 6th European Women and Sport Conference held in Paris, 23-25 April 2004, Austria has taken over the Chair of the EWS group for the period 2004-2006. The new Chairwoman is **Liese Prokop**, vice-president of the Austrian Sports Federation (BSO) and **Erika König-Zenz** will lead the secretariat.*

Austria has already launched a new website on [www.ews-online.com](http://www.ews-online.com) serving as the platform for discussion and exchange of information.

Projects in the areas of top-sport, sport for all and sport structures will accompany the next two years on the national level. Interested people from all over Europe are invited to discuss these projects, strengthen the network and establish best practice examples. Another focus will be on the education of officials for decision-making positions. Austria has developed an educational program in this area, which can serve as an example of good practice.

Finally, a study dealing with the relation of girls and women towards sports will be launched.

Importance is given to communications and strengthening the existing network. Moreover - and as one result of the Paris Conference - contacts with European Sports Federations will be established.

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**Liese Prokop (left) with former EWS Chairwoman Chantal Amade-Escot**