



Welcome to the 27th edition of the EOSE's E-Bulletin.

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**EOSE WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2009**

**JOINT CONFERENCE HOSTED BY EOSE AND THE EQF-SPORT
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The EOSE Association and EQF-Sport Projects joint European Conference entitled "**A common approach from the Sport and Active Leisure Sector to the tools of workforce development and worker mobility**" was organised in Brussels on 15/16 December 2008 and gathered more than 60 participants from 18 different EU countries.

The format of the event and mix of stakeholders gave the opportunity to exchange on the main characteristics, advancements, proposed methodologies and challenges of the Vocational Education and Training for the Sport and Active Leisure Sector in Europe. The debates and discussions during the 2 days were really intense, strongly beneficial for the advancement of the work and the consultation process, and we really believe that we can be optimistic for future cooperation in the Sport and Active Leisure sector.

Click to have access to the [Conference Programme](#)

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Working Day 1: Monday 15th December 2008

Key Note 1 - [Emerging EQF challenges from the EU White Paper on Sport?](#)

Andrzej Rogulski (European Commission Sport Unit)

Key Note 2 - [EQF: a tool for Sectors? The View from CEDEFOP](#)

Loukas Zahilas (CEDEFOP)

Key Note 3 - [EQF in action from another Sector](#)

Nigel Lloyd (Cambridge Professional Development)

[General overview and aims of the EQF-Sport Project](#)

Stephen Studd (EOSE President)

Round Table Debate 1:

[NEW European Sector Labour Market Classifications](#) as a common reference for activities and occupations with Occupational Map and Descriptions

Cristina Matos Almeida (IDP)

Round Table Debate 2:

[Guide to Developing and Using a Functional Map](#) in support of a sector competence structure within the EQF

Cristina Matos Almeida (IDP)

Working Day 2: Tuesday 16th December 2008

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Qualifications and the EQF

Anita Krémó (European Commission – DGEAC)

Round Table Debate 3:

Integrating Competence, Skills and Knowledge as Learning Outcomes with Credits to enhance Mobility

Allan Pilkington (EOSE)

Key Note 4: Practical look at a Sector Quality Assurance Strategy in Action lessons learnt and the potential for a European Register of Professionals

Paul Eigenmann (Quali-Cert)

Round Table Debate 4: Quality Assurance Tools

Jean-Ann Marnoch (SkillsActive/REPS)

Key Note 5: Do Sectors have a role in EQF? A view from a National Authority

James Calleja (Malta Qualification Council)

Round Table Debate 5: Findings from the report into the Relationships and barriers between National Qualification Authorities (NQA) and the Sport and Active Leisure sector

Jean-Louis Gouju (ONMAS)

Key Note 6: Sector Self Regulation or State Intervention

Armando Moreira-AGAP

ECVET Project Introduction: *Herman Rutgers-EHFA*

You can also have access to the [combined guide](#) and to the [script with questions](#) we used during the 2 days through the table discussions.

An Interacting Voting System was used and the results to the questions asked to the audience are now available – [Interactive Voting results](#)

You can also download the project leaflet in clicking [here](#) (other languages available and downloadable from the project website)

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STUDY ON SPORTS AGENTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

The public contract no. DG EAC/13/08 “**Study on Sports Agents in the European Union**” has been awarded to a consortium composed of a leader [KEA European Affairs](#) and 2 partners which are the “Centre de Droit et d’Economie du Sport” [CDES](#) and the “European Observatoire of Sport and Employment” [EOSE](#).

This contract follows the publication of a prior information notice on 26 March 2008 (OJ/S 2008/S 59-079210) and of the contract notice in the Official Journal of the European Union on 26 July 2008. Further information can be found [here](#).

The general objectives of that project which covers the 27 countries of the European Union can be listed as follows:

1. To draw up an inventory of the current situation as regards sports agents in the EU.
2. To identify, analyse and describe the problems arising from the activities of sports agents.
3. To identify the various public and private regulations and legislation which apply to sports agents in the EU.
4. To identify the various public and private stakeholders involved in the regulation of activities of sports agents in the EU.
5. To identify good practices regarding regulation of the activities of sports agents.
6. To assess the need for intervention, on the basis of an analysis of the problems arising, and the level and nature of any intervention necessary.

Summary: Impact assessment to provide a clear overview of the activities of players' agents in the EU and an evaluation of whether action at EU level is necessary, which will also analyse the different possible options.

Further information will be disseminated in the next version of the bulletin.

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CZECH PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

From 1 January to 30 June 2009, the Czech Republic will hold the six-month rotating presidency of the European Union, organising and chairing EU summits (European Councils) and meetings of the bloc's Council of Ministers. The Czech government has already announced the motto of its presidency, 'A Europe without barriers'.

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Prime Minister Topolánek used the occasion of the logo's presentation to outline the priorities of his country's EU presidency, namely the economy, energy and external relations, and insisted that his government would adopt a "flexible approach" to addressing issues of common concern.

Please visit the [official website](#) of the Czech Presidency if you wish to obtain further information on the priorities and main challenges for the next 6 months

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EU SPORT FORUM – Biarritz, 26-27 November 2008

The European Commission organised the first ever EU Sport Forum in Biarritz on 26 and 27 November. Key sport stakeholders discussed during 2 days the implementation of the 2007 White Paper on Sport, the financing of grassroots sport and the specificity of sport. The Forum took place in close connection with the informal meeting of EU Sport Ministers under the French EU Presidency on 27 and 28 November.

About 200 leading representatives from European sport organisations, national sport confederations, National Olympic Committees and international sport stakeholders were invited to attend and participated to the event.

The first session focused on progress made in implementing the White Paper on Sport in specific areas such as EU social dialogue and Education in sport.

As mentioned through the last bulletin, the President of EOSE Mr Stephen Studd was invited to make a presentation during that first session on "*Education and Sport*". This great opportunity gave EOSE the possibility to present the overall concept of the Alliance, the key Education and Training issues and challenges for the Sport and Active Leisure sector in Europe, EQF and ECVET, and also to deliver an overview of our scopes, methodologies developed and practical sub-sectoral works undertaken through EU projects.

[Click here to access Stephen Studd's presentation](#)

The Commission then organised two panel debates: the first one dedicated to the financing of grassroots sport and the second one covered the specificity of sport. After an introduction by the Commission, organisations which have made the main concrete contributions to the debate on this concept had the possibility to present their opinions.

An active exchange of views with representatives from a variety of sport and sport-related organisations during these two days contributed to ensuring the success of the event and has helped the Commission to identify future priorities for EU-level debates on sport.

[14 page report from the EU Sport Forum](#)

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