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EOSE WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2010

NEW EUROPEAN PROJECT SELECTED - ALL FOR SPORT FOR ALL
"Perspectives of Sport for People with a Disability in Europe"

Among **the 18 projects selected** under the 2009 call for proposals of the **Preparatory Action in the field of sport** we are really pleased to inform you that the European Observatoire of Sport and Employment (EOSE) together with the **European Paralympics Committee** (EPC) developed a successful application called **"All for Sport for All: *"Perspectives of Sport for People with a Disability in Europe"*.**

The project is going to start on 01/03/2010 and it aims to assess progress and highlight the future direction and perspectives for sport for people with a disability in Europe through several characteristics, such as participation, workforce, national policies, infrastructure and events. The project has the objective to contribute to better access to a wide network of opportunities in sport for people with a disability, in order to build self-confidence, motivation and learning skills through sport so that citizens and young people with disabilities can lead more independent lives.

The project will also target to develop the experience and awareness of able-bodied young people and adults with respect to people with a disability, to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities, to promote positive attitudes within the population and to withdraw any obstacles and barriers to increase opportunities for sport participation.

Desk research, fact sheets, guidelines and recommendations through a strategic action plan as well as the exploration of the feasibility for the establishment of a Strategic Working Group on Sport for People with disability will provide best overview in regards of any further action towards those goals within the next years.

Further elements regarding that project will be available on the EOSE website.

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Should you require any further information about the project or if you are interested in being involved in the work programme, please do not hesitate to contact our Secretariat.

STUDY ON SPORT AGENTS IN THE EU – Results now available

As a follow-up to the Action 41 in the "Pierre de Coubertin" Action Plan annexed to the White Paper on Sport, the public contract no. DG EAC/13/08 **"Study on Sports Agents in the European Union"** was awarded by the Commission 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.

The study has now been completed. The results of the study, which was carried out by a consortium composed of **KEA European Affairs**, the **CDES** and **EOSE**, are **available in French**. The English translation of the study will be published during the first quarter of 2010.

Although they do not constitute the Commission's official position, the Commission considers these results as useful input for future discussions with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in view of addressing the issues raised by activities of sport agents at EU level.

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Click here to access to the final report of the Study on Sport Agents in the European Union.

THE LIFE LONG LEARNING PROGRAMME: Funding Opportunities 2010

The Life Long Learning Programme (LLP) supports learning opportunities from childhood to old age in every single life situation. It has a budget of € 7 Billions for the period 2007-2013. The **Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency** (EACEA) is responsible for the implementation of the centralised Actions of the Lifelong learning Programme.

Funding opportunities though LLP for 2010 are composed of:

► **4 sectoral sub-programmes** which focus on different stages of education and training:

- **Comenius** for schools
- **Erasmus** for higher education
- **Leonardo da Vinci** for vocational education and training
- **Grundtvig** for adult education

Deadline for submission is 26/02/2010.

► **4 transversal programmes** that aim to complement the sectorial sub-programmes and to ensure that they achieve the best results possible. They aim to promote European cooperation in fields covering two or more of the sub-programmes. In addition, they seek to promote quality and transparency of Member States' education and training systems. The four key activities focus on:

- **Policy cooperation and innovation**
- **Languages**
- **Information and communication technologies - ICT**
- **Dissemination and exploitation of results**

Deadline for submission is 31/03/2010.

► The **Jean Monnet programme** also falls under the LLP umbrella, completing the sectorial and transversal programmes. The Jean Monnet programme stimulates teaching, reflection and debate on the European integration process at higher education institutions.

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Click here to obtain further information about the Life Long Learning Programme (LLP) and funding opportunities 2010.

THE LISBON TREATY ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 01ST DECEMBER 2009

The Treaty of Lisbon entered into force on 1st December 2009. It provides the EU with modern institutions and optimised working methods to tackle both efficiently and effectively today's challenges in world. In a rapidly changing world, Europeans look to the EU to address issues such as globalisation, climatic and demographic changes, security and energy. The Treaty of Lisbon reinforces democracy in the EU and its capacity to promote the interests of its citizens on a day-to-day basis.

"*The treaty of Lisbon puts citizens at the centre of the European project*"; "*I'm delighted that we now have the right institutions to act and a period of stability*" president Barroso said.

With the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty "*EU-level cooperation and dialogue in the field of sport have entered a new era*". The article 165 of the Treaty provides the European Union with a new competence with the goal to develop the European dimension in sport.

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To obtain further information on the Lisbon Treaty, please visit the EUROPA website.

SPAIN WILL TAKE OVER FOR 6 MONTHS THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU ON 1ST JANUARY 2010

Spain is going to take over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 1st January 2010 and 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 details work programme and objectives will be disseminated through the next bulletin.

Further information will follow within the next bulletin.

NEXT EVENTS

- CLO2 Full Partner Meeting – 14-15 January 2010, France
- EA-Fitness Full Partner Meeting – 28-29 January 2010, Amsterdam (NL)
- EU Sport Forum – 19/20 April 2010, Madrid (ES)
- EUCAPA Conference – 06-08 May 2010, Jyväskylä (FI)
- EHFA 3rd European Fitness Forum – 10-11 May 2010, Madrid (ES)
- ECSS 15th Annual Congress – 23-26 June 2010, Antalya (TR)

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