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INFORMAL MEETING OF EU DIRECTORS GENERAL FOR SPORT

Spain took 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 Informal Meeting of Directors General for Sport took place in Barcelona on 25th and 26th February 2010 and the main topic was the social aspect of sport.

The full programme is available in clicking [here](#).

The meeting was structured in eight Working Sessions tackling the topics of 1) Structured Dialogue, 2) Good governance in Sport, 3) Sport and Health, 4) Social inclusion, 5) Non-profit sport organisations, 6) Doping, 7) Economic Dimension and 8) Education, Training and Qualifications.

As mentioned in the programme, one of the key notes was a presentation by the European Commission (DGEAC) on "EU developments regarding sport: Impact of the Lisbon Treaty on sport" held by Mr. Pierre Mairesse, Director of Youth, Sport and Citizenship, followed by a turn of table discussion on the consequences of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

As soon as available, the conclusions of this event will be posted on [EOSE Website](#).



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STUDY ON SPORT AGENTS IN THE EU

Executive summary and final chapter now available in English

As stated in our Bulletin of December 2009, as a follow-up to the Action 41 in the "Pierre de Coubertin" Action Plan annexed to the White Paper on Sport, the "Study on Sports Agents in the European Union" was awarded by the Commission to a consortium composed of KEA European Affairs, the CDES and EOSE, in order to provide an overview of the activities of players' agents in the EU and an evaluation of whether action at EU level is necessary.

The results of the Study on Sports Agents in the EU were so far only available in [French](#).

English translation has been managed and the following parts of the study are now also available in English:

- [Executive Summary](#)
- [Part 4: Summary and Recommendations](#)

The main results and recommendations were presented during the Meeting of Directors General for Sport which took place in Barcelona on 25th and 26th February 2010.



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Click [here](#) to access to the final report of the Study on Sport Agents in the European Union

EU 2020 STRATEGY MUST GO LOCAL – LLL SPORT PROJECT

The EU's new strategy for growth and jobs will not succeed unless it maintains structural funds and gives regions real responsibility, outgoing Committee of the Regions (CoR) President Luc Van den Brande told EurActiv stated in an interview.

Including the regions is key, he claimed, arguing that "our research has shown that countries which followed the Lisbon Strategy objectives from a central plan without input from their regions are faring worse than those which consulted regional and urban communities"



In this regards, the new project to be started by the European Observatoire of Sport and Employment (EOSE) entitled "**Actions towards the Lifelong Learning Strategy for Sport - LLLSPORT**" perfectly matches this point.

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The European project has started on 01/03/2010 and its aim is not only to further foster awareness-raising on the outcomes of the [EQF-Sport project](#) (Lifelong Learning Strategy developed for the whole Sport and Active Leisure sector in Europe), which is regarded as crucial on national, regional and local level, but also to contribute to better coherence and coordination in the establishment and implementation of comprehensive National Lifelong Learning Strategies within the sector of Sport and Active Leisure with a strong focus down to regional and local level.

Further information regarding that European project will be available soon on the [EOSE website](#)

EU STUDY ON VOLUNTEERING: RESULTS NOW AVAILABLE

The key findings of the Study on Volunteering in the EU contracted by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) to GHK and managed by the Directorate General for Education and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission are now [available online](#).

The aim of this study was to help the Commission to consider ways in which the voluntary sector could be further promoted at EU level and the extent to which volunteering could help the EU in achieving its wider strategic objectives set out in for example the Social Agenda and the Lisbon Strategy.

The study includes a Sector Study on Volunteering in Sport (starting on page 171), as well as 27 national fiches describing the situation regarding volunteering in sport in the EU Member States.

An [Executive Summary](#) of the study is available in English and will soon become available also in German and French. The Full Study can be downloaded [here](#).



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Further information regarding that European Study can be found on the [Sports Unit Website](#).

STUDY ON THE EQUAL TREATMENT OF NON-NATIONALS IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS AWARDED

Based on Action 40 in the Pierre de Coubertin Action Plan annexed to the White Paper on Sport stating that "As regards access to individual competitions for non-nationals, the Commission intends to launch a study to analyse all aspects of this complex issue", contract for a study on the equal treatment of non-nationals in individual sports competitions has been awarded to TMC ASSER Instituut (Contract Award Notice 2010/S 31-043484).

The general objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To map the situation concerning discrimination on grounds of nationality related to the access and to any other aspect of individual sports competitions in the European Union;
2. To identify and analyse the nature and objectives of the discrimination;
3. To analyse the identified discrimination taking into account the diversity and specific features of the different sport disciplines affected by the discrimination;
4. To analyse the compatibility of the existing discriminatory measures with the Community legal framework;
5. To assess to what extent action at the level of the European Union is needed in order to remedy the possible breaches of Community law deriving from the cases examined.

Detailed information is available in the [Contract Award Notice posted on TED – Tenders Electronic Daily](#) where other language versions are also available, and [news item 'Public contract EAC/19/2009'](#).



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Please click [here](#) if you wish to obtain further information on that European Study

CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODELS FOR GRASSROOTS SPORTS IN THE INTERNAL MARKET

On 16 February 2010, the Commission organised a conference to give all interested parties the opportunity to give their views on the financing of grassroots sports (i.e. sport for all). The aim was to present the various financing systems across sports disciplines and Member states, to discuss the impact of the economic crisis on grassroots sports financing and identify possible future challenges. The agenda of the conference together with all presentations made during that day are [available here](#).

In addition, a number of disciplines and countries were selected to be analysed in more detail in the next phase of the study on the financing of grassroots sports. Indeed, in line with [White Paper](#) on Sport accompanied by the [Pierre de Coubertin Action Plan](#) the European Commission launched a study on the funding of grassroots sport in the 27 Member States. The study aims at analysing barriers to sport funding and identifying means of strengthening the development of grassroots sport across the European Union. The results of the study are expected by the end of 2010.



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Further information about that European Conference available [here](#)

NEXT EVENTS

- Becoming the Hub Full Partner Meeting – 03 March 2010, London (GB)
- EA-Fitness Full Partner Meeting – 25-26 March 2010, Rome (IT)
- EU Sport Forum – 19-20 April 2010, Madrid (ES)
- Informal meeting EU Ministers responsible for sport - 20-21 April 2010, Madrid (ES)
- EUCAPA Conference – 06-08 May 2010, Jyvaskyla (FI)
- EASS Conference – 05-09 May 2010, Porto (PT)
- EHFA 3rd European Fitness Forum – 10-11 May 2010, Madrid (ES)
- CLO2 Full Partner Meeting – 20-21 May 2010, Thessaloniki (EL)
- European Sport Congress – 03-05 June 2010, Madrid (ES)
- EA-Fitness Full Partner Meeting – 17-18 June 2010, Kaunas (LT)
- ECSS 15th Annual Congress – 23-26 June 2010, Antalya (TR)

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