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'ERASMUS FOR ALL' PROGRAMME PROPOSITION

The EU Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport

On 23rd November 2011, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth Mrs Androulla Vassiliou announced the new '[Erasmus for All](#)' programme which, if accepted by the European Parliament and Council (27 Member States), will be adopted from 2014 onwards. Up to 5 million people, almost twice as many as now, could get the chance to study or train abroad with a grant from Erasmus for All, the new EU programme for education, training, youth and sport proposed by the European Commission.

Among them would be more than 2 million higher education students, more than 700 000 vocational students and nearly one million teachers. More than 300 000 full-time Masters students would also benefit from a new loan guarantee scheme set up with the European Investment Bank Group. The seven-year Erasmus for All programme, which would have a total budget of €19 billion, is due to start in 2014.

The Sport and Active Leisure sector in Europe is set to be a major benefactor of the project with €238 million funding foreseen for European cooperation in sport between 2014 and 2020. This means an average of €34 million per year during seven years.

Support will be given to transnational projects involving two or more partners, non-commercial European sport events of major importance, strengthening the evidence base for policy making in sport and capacity building in sport. Beneficiaries will be public bodies and civil society organisations active in grassroots sport. The support should help Member States and sport organisations implementing guidelines and recommendations in areas such as good governance, dual careers, participation in sport and physical activity.

Mrs Vassiliou spoke specifically of the intended impact the Erasmus programme will have on the sector: *"Investing in education, training and sport is the best investment we can make for Europe's future. Investing in transnational activities that strengthen grassroots sport in Europe can make an important contribution. The new programme will fund valuable European sport projects and contribute to the development of non-commercial sport organisations"*

EOSE has worked to support the development of a qualified workforce and mobility in the EU and recognises the opportunity of the Erasmus for All programme in creating a generation of well trained individuals who are comfortable with the concept of working and living abroad and welcomes the announcement of such a significant programme.

For further information about the Programme please visit the special "[Erasmus for All](#)" page or the [E-Newsletter](#) page set up by DG Education and Culture. Furthermore Mrs Vassiliou's full press conference can be seen [here](#).



EU EXPERT GROUP ON "SPORT, HEALTH AND PARTICIPATION"

Report now available!

The EU Expert Group on Sport, Health and Participation held its first meeting in Brussels on 27 September 2011, the documents from which are available now and can be accessed below. The European Council's Resolution on an EU Work Plan for Sport 2011-2014 established six Expert Groups, of which the Group on Sport, Health and Participation is one.

The mandate of the Group – comprised of Member State appointed experts – is to identify measures to promote health-enhancing physical activity and participation in grassroots sport by mid-2013. In order to achieve this, the Group has established five deliverables on which it will report back to the Council Working Party on Sport:

1. Input for the Commission's proposal for a Council Recommendation in the field of HEPA (*Health-Enhancing Physical Activity*)



2. Guidance for strengthened cooperation between the sport and health insurance sector
3. Common principles for active and healthy ageing (Council input on the European Year 2012)
4. Input in the form of questions for the next Eurobarometer on Sport
5. Proposals for future EU level work in the field of HEPA promotion with a bearing on the sport sector

In order to access the report from this meeting please follow this [link](#).

FIRST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SPORTS AGENTS

Brussels, 9-10 November 2011

The first EU Conference on Sports Agents organised by the European Commission took place in Brussels on 9-10 November 2011. The Conference focused on the evaluation of the current situation concerning the activities of sports agents in the main team sports in Europe.

Furthermore, the intention of the Conference was to build upon the results of the independent study on sports agents carried out by EOSE in conjunction with KEA and CDES on behalf of the Commission. The participants took part in several panel discussions on the issues at stake. The discussions confirmed that all stakeholders identified the need to create a better regulatory regime. Stakeholders agreed that solutions should be based on an inclusive dialogue among all relevant stakeholders.

In addition, participants concluded that a self-regulatory approach by the sports movement was the most appropriate way forward, with the potential of EU action remaining possible if self-regulation fails to deliver the expected results. Moreover a 'standardisation' of agents' activities through a CEN-led process (*European Standardization Organisation*) and social dialogue on professional football was retained as the most effective frameworks for further work.



The Conference Report and selected presentations are available on the website of the European Commission through this [link](#) under "C.10. Sports Agents".

THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL PARTNERS IN IMPLEMENTING EU TOOLS AND PRINCIPLES

Increasing the relevance of Education and Training to the Labour Market

Between the 24th and 25th November 2011 a conference jointly organised by CEDEFOP and the social partners at the European Parliament examined the role and responsibilities of employers and trade unions in making the EU tools a reality for citizens.

Social partner organisations from across Europe met at the conference to discuss what they expected from the EU tools and principles – such as *Europass, the national and European Qualification Frameworks, validation, and credit systems* – and how they can best contribute to the implementation of these tools and principles. At stake is the relevance of learning to the labour market.

CEDEFOP feels that the first stage of European cooperation in education and training has been a success: with the development of common tools and principles showing that it is possible to agree on common objectives and work together. However their view is that the next few years will demonstrate the extent to which these initiatives, which aim to make education and training systems more open, flexible and understandable, can directly benefit learners and workers.

Specifically, the conference sought to address the challenge of implementing the European tools and principles and in particular discuss the role and responsibilities of social partners in this endeavour. The conference thus addresses the issues of implementation, synergies and impact by asking the following three main questions:

- How can the European tools and principles support the renewal and reform of VET and lifelong learning?
- How can the European tools and principles support the individual learner/employee?
- Which could be the role of sectors in taking forward the implementation of EU tools and principles?

EOSE was represented by Director of Standards Ben Gittus at the event who had the opportunity to present the work of EOSE and mainly the sector approach (Lifelong Learning Strategy) developed for the Sport and Active Leisure sector to the Social Partners in attendance. The full report from the conference and presentations will be made available on the EOSE website once they have been circulated.

The programme of that conference can be seen [here](#)



For further information please follow this [link](#) to the conference outline.

EU PREPARATORY ACTION IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

Results of the selection process 2011

After two successful years of preparatory action in sport, in early 2011 the European Commission launched the third and final call for proposals in order to prepare future EU actions in the field of sport, based on the priorities set in the 2007 White Paper on Sport and as modified by the 2011 Communication on Developing the European Dimension in Sport. The call aimed to support transnational projects put forward by public bodies or not-for-profit organisations in order to identify and test suitable networks and good practices in the field of sport, in the following areas: (a) Prevention of and fight against violence and intolerance in sport, and (b) Promoting innovative approaches to strengthen the organisation of sport in Europe.

From 106 applications received, the European Commission decided to finance the following twelve projects:

A. Prevention of and fight against violence and intolerance in sport

- [ELYS - Educational LABs for European Young Supporters](#)
- [Prevention of sexualised violence in sports](#)
- [Pro Supporters - Prevention through empowerment](#)
- [Preventing & Fighting Homophobic Violence & Intolerance in Sport - Pride in Sport](#)

B. Promoting innovative approaches to strengthen the organization of sport in Europe

- [Sport 4 Good Governance \(S4G²\)](#)
- [Good Governance in Grassroots Sports](#)
- [The further development of a coordinated network for Sport Coaching in Europe](#)
- [European Rugby League Governance Foundation project](#)
- [Improving Football Governance through Supporter Involvement & Community Ownership](#)
- [Better Boards, Stronger Sport](#)
- [Action for Good Governance in International Sports organisations](#)
- [European ABC \(Academy for Billiard Champions\) on the way to sport excellence](#)

Under the leadership of the EU Office of the European Olympic Committees, the European Observatoire of Sport and Employment is part of the network for the [Sport 4 Good Governance – S4G²](#) project. The main objective of the S4G² project is to support the implementation of good governance principles within sport organizations in Europe by probing the present situation of their implementation, raising awareness on the issue and providing practical guidance on good governance principles and their implementation.



For further information and a description of all selected projects please follow this [link](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Education, Youth, Culture & Sport Council](#), Brussels (BE), 28 & 29 November 2011
- [Conference Closing the Year of the Volunteer](#), Warsaw (PL), 01 December 2011
- [Beyond Sport Conference](#), Cape Town (SA), 5-8 December 2011
- EOSE General Assembly and Members Seminar 2011, Berlin (DE), 8-9 December 2011
- [Research Seminar on 'Mobility of young people'](#), Strasbourg (FR), 11-14 December 2011
- [EUCPN Conference on 'Sport, Science & Art in Combating Juvenile Crime'](#), Warsaw (PL), 14 December 2011
- [Golf Stand Partner Meeting](#), London (UK), 12-13 January 2012
- [First Winter Youth Olympic Games](#), Innsbruck (AT), 13-22 January 2012
- [T4V Technical Meeting](#), Rome (IT) 9-10 February 2012
- [Sport Vision 2012](#), Copenhagen (DK), 19-20 March 2012
- [European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity](#), Tralee (IR), 6-8 May 2012
- [Sport & EU Conference](#), Lausanne (CH), 21-22 June 2012

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