







**Emerging EQF challenges
from the EU White Paper on
Sport?**
EQF-Sport-Conference

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The White Paper on Sport:

- Adopted by the European Commission on July 11, 2007
http://ec.europa.eu/sport/white-paper/index_en.htm
- Three main parts:
 - The societal role of sport
 - The economic dimension of sport
 - The organisation of sport
- Annexes on EU law and sport
- An Action Plan




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"Pierre de Coubertin" Action Plan:

- 38 out of 53 actions are being implemented
- Good progress thanks to good cooperation from stakeholders
- EQF challenges?





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Action 1 – EU Physical Activity Guidelines

- Part of policy against overweight and obesity
- Elaborated by Expert Group (22 academics)
- Supervised by EU Working Group "Sport & Health"
- Adopted by EU Sport Ministers (Biarritz, 11/2008)
- Linkage between health, physical activity and sport
 - 3.1.3 Organised sport sector
 - 3.1.4 Non-organised sport and physical activity (Guidelines 6 to 13)
 - 3.3.2 Education and training of health professionals (Guidelines 21 to 24)






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Action 7 – EQF and ECVET

- Sport is a pilot sector for EQF and ECVET
- Substantial assistance through Leonardo da Vinci Programme:
 - EQF-Sports
 - EQF-Outdoor Animators
 - ECVET-Fitness





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Action 9 – Education and training

- UEFA's home-grown players rules seem compatible with Treaty provisions on free movement of workers
- Study on the training centres in Europe:
 - Recommendation 1: promote the recognition of equivalences of qualifications at the European level for all types of actors involved in the training of high level young athletes
 - Recommendation 2: Ensure that coaches benefit from a lifelong vocational training
- Biarritz sport ministers' declaration: dual careers






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Action 10 – Non-profit sport organisations
Action 14 – Study on volunteering in sport

- EU Working Group on Non-Profit Sport Organisations
- Topics: State aid, free movement of services, freedom of establishment, public procurement, taxation
- Study on volunteering in 2009: specific sport dimension
- Development of competencies through volunteering

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Action 33 – European statistical method for measuring the economic impact of sport

- EU Working Group "Sport & Economics"
- Harmonised statistical definition of sport
- Data collection has started in some Member States






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Action 41 – Impact assessment on players' agents

- Tendering process for independent study completed
- Study results expected in autumn 2009, as basis for impact assessment






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Action 49 – Structured dialogue

- EU Sport forum in Biarritz (11/2008):
 - EOSE Presentation on Professional Qualifications
- Permanent dialogue with European partners



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Action 53 – European Social Dialogue

- European Social Dialogue Committee for professional football was launched in mid-2008

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_dialogue/sectorial44_en.htm

- Other sports have expressed interest:
 - Financial support for the « Content and Contact » project
- EQF a topic for social dialogue?






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