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**THE EOSE TEAM WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

EOSE MEMBERS SEMINAR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

Berlin 8 & 9 December 2011

On the 8 and 9 December 2011 the EOSE Members Seminar and General Assembly 2011 was held in Berlin, Germany. The event involved the EOSE membership and provided a platform to present the current realities and challenges facing the sector in Europe but also to exchange and discuss further developments, priorities, collaborations and activities of EOSE in the field of Education and Training in the Sport and Active Leisure sector.

The focus of the event was the situation surrounding European Sport and Vocational Educational and Training, realities and challenges, current and future European policies and initiatives, the relationship to the work of EOSE and the role of the network member. These issues were addressed through discussions with a EU view but also to encompass the work of network members at a national level.

The EOSE Board and Executive Team would like to thank all the Network Members for their attendance and contributions at the event.

EOSE President Stephen Studd: "The EOSE General Assembly and seminar held in Berlin provided EOSE members an unprecedented opportunity to come together and privately and honestly discuss the future direction of the Association. It was agreed that we have made considerable progress in developing and indeed, pioneering a Sector approach to developing the labour market and vocational education and training at a European level. Our methodology and tools, now enshrined in the 7 Steps Model, were seen to be very relevant to the current political and economic climate in Europe.

The real challenge is to strengthen EOSE so that it can support members to gain greater recognition for their work and make more impact at a national level. 2012 already looks like a busy year and a chance to capitalise our work of the last few years. We look forward to working with the EOSE membership to meet these challenges."

EOSE Executive Director Aurelien Favre: "It was a great opportunity to meet, present and discuss with our members EU challenges and sector's realities, project activities, the role and strategy of EOSE, but also to exchange ideas on the relevance of EOSE activities, the relationship between EOSE and our membership, and the development of a strategy for sustaining of our work."

For further information, please access the [EOSE website](#).



EOSE EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

Berlin, 8 December 2011

The official General Assembly 2011 was conducted as part of the event in Berlin and took place on the 8 December 2011. Last year, Mr Stephen Studd was elected as President of EOSE for a period of 2 years and confirmed his willingness to fulfil his role until the General Assembly 2012.

Mr Thierry Zintz (CMOS) and Mr Jean Louis Gouju (CAFEMAS) were unanimously re-elected as Secretary General and Treasurer respectively and will serve a two year term with re-election sought at the General Assembly 2013.

EOSE President Mr Studd took the opportunity to thank Aurelien Favre (Executive Director) and Matthias Guett (Research Manager) for all their work in the last 12 months. Furthermore, the Board recognised the essential work of the EOSE members and thanked all of them for their continued support.

Further information regarding EOSE can be found through the [website](#).



A NEW EUROPEAN PROJECT SUCCESSFUL: VSPORT+

An opportunity for the Sport and Active Leisure sector

Aligned with the realities and challenges of the Sport and Active Leisure sector, EOSE's main mission is to ensure that those working in the sector are equipped with the right skills and competences through fit for purpose qualifications. As the sector continues to grow, employers often have difficulties to find competent and qualified employees able to match the requirements and expectations.

To respond to those realities, through the EQF-Sport project, a common [Lifelong Learning Strategy for the Sport and Active Leisure sector](#) (LLL Strategy or 7 steps model) was developed to:

- ➔ Improve the recognition of competences and qualifications;
- ➔ Promote a transparent & flexible education/training system with clear learning & career pathways;
- ➔ Ensure the development of a competent workforce in line with the expectation of the labour market;
- ➔ Facilitate the movement between education and employment;
- ➔ Develop mobility, transparency and mutual trust of qualifications.

EOSE is delighted to be able to announce that the organisation had been successful in the VSPORT+ application that will be conducted for a period of 29 months until March 2014. The full title of the project is 'A Cross Sectoral Valorisation Framework for the Lifelong Learning Strategy in Sport' and is funded by the [Directorate General for Education and Culture](#) through [Key Activity 4 'Dissemination and exploitation of results, and exchange of good practices'](#).

The key aim of VSPORT+ will be to ensure successful dissemination activities through the targeting of key stakeholders in order to raise awareness of the LLL Sport Strategy but also to support the transfer and implementation of the Strategy at the sectoral, European, national, regional, local and international levels through EOSE Membership and Network.

EOSE is delighted to have been given the opportunity to deliver the VSPORT+ project which will give the sector a real opportunity to further raise the awareness of the 7 Steps Model and work towards a concrete valorisation of the process.

Further information about the project and its progress will be available soon via the [EOSE website](#) furthermore the official communication package will be available by April 2012.



EOSE CREATES MEDIA PARTNERSHIP WITH SPORT AND CITIZENSHIP

EOSE is delighted to announce that it has recently entered into a media partnership with [Sport and Citizenship](#) which will see both organisations working together to promote each other's work and events.

Sport and Citizenship is a European think tank dedicated to the study of sport policy and the promotion of sport's values as elements of European citizenship. Supported by a multidisciplinary Scientific Committee made up of more than one hundred experts, Sport and Citizenship works with governments to initiate a civic dialogue in the field of sport but also to advocate for its specificity at the European level on the basis of its social, educational and civic dimensions.

There are clear areas of common interest for EOSE and Sport and Citizenship and it is hoped that structured partnership between the two organisations can be mutually beneficial when addressing the key issues affecting the sector.

EOSE is very happy to be working with an organisation such as Sport and Citizenship and looks forward to a fruitful collaboration going forward.

The seventeenth issue of the Sport and Citizenship journal (special focus on 'Sport & Discrimination') has just been published and can be consulted in clicking [here](#).



Further information on Sport and Citizenship can be accessed via their [website](#).



THE LAUNCH OF "EURYPEDIA"

A new service for the Education community in Europe

A new product which seeks to provide the Education sector with a broad scope of information has been launched. [Eurypedia](#) is a new [Eurydice](#) product and aims to present the most accurate picture of national education systems across Europe. Information regarding specific education systems and education issues at the European level are accessible through the tool.

According to the European Commission, Eurypedia offers comprehensive descriptions of 38 European education systems, usually at national level, but sometimes also at regional level. All information is available in English with some national information available in the language of the country or region concerned.



It is described as aiming to provide the most accurate picture of education systems and latest reforms in Europe, Eurypedia is a resource tool which is regularly updated and completed by the Eurydice Network and its [National Units](#). Powered by MediaWiki, it involves education experts and national ministries responsible for education from across Europe.

Further information about the tool can be found through the dedicated European Commission [website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Launch of the Danish Presidency of the EU](#), Brussels (BE), 11 January 2012
- [Golf Stand Partner Meeting](#), London (UK), 12-13 January 2012
- [European Seminar "Involving young migrants in winter sports"](#), Innsbruck (AT), 12 January 2012
- [First Winter Youth Olympic Games](#), Innsbruck (AT), 13-22 January 2012
- [Laureus World Sport Awards](#), London (UK), 6 February 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
- [London 2012 Olympic Games](#), July 27 – August 12



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