

Welcome to the 52nd edition of the EOSE E-Bulletin.

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EOSE MEET WITH THE EUROPEAN JUDO UNION (EJU) *Malta, 21st December 2011*

The [European Judo Union](#) and the European Observatoire of Sport and Employment (EOSE) came together for the first time in Malta, on 21 December 2011, through an exploratory meeting to discuss the potential of collaboration between the two organisations.

This meeting gave the opportunity to present an update of the activities and missions of both organisations and also to start the discussion on future collaborations in the field of Education and Training.

In attendance were EJU General Secretary Mr Envic Galea and Dr Mike Callan. Aurelien Favre (Executive Director) and Ben Gittus (Director of Standards) represented EOSE.

Both parties recognised the meeting as an important initial step in understanding the scope of work and EOSE would like to thank the European Judo Union (EJU) for hosting the meeting and looks forward to a productive relationship in the future.



Please [click here](#) for further information regarding the European Judo Union (EJU)

THE DANISH EU PRESIDENCY 2012

The 1 January 2012 marked the start of the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union which will run for the first half of 2012. The rotation of the EU Presidency will see Denmark hold the position for the seventh time since joining the European Community in 1973.

The Danish Presidency will oversee for the implementation of the European Commission's proposal for a Sport sub programme, continue the fight against match fixing and doping in sport, and promote sport for all in Europe.

Furthermore the Presidency will seek to further develop EU cooperation in Sport, concentrating on the following elements:

- ⇒ Promoting fairness and openness in sporting competitions.
- ⇒ Promoting cooperation between bodies responsible for sports.
- ⇒ Protecting the physical and moral integrity of sportsmen and sportswomen.

The framework for creating a European dimension on Sport is described through the [EU work plan for sport](#) which will cover the period 2011-2014. Within the work plan there are three areas of focus:

- ⇒ Integrity of sport, in particular the fight against doping, match-fixing and the promotion of good governance.
- ⇒ Social values of sport, in particular health, social inclusion, education and volunteering.
- ⇒ Economic aspects of sport, in particular sustainable financing of grassroots sports and evidence-based policy making.

For further information please visit the [Danish EU Presidency Website](#)



EUROPEAN SPORT EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS

The turn of the year was a busy time for the newly formed EU Expert Groups with the 'Sustainable Financing in Sport', 'Good Governance in Sport' and 'Education and Training in Sport' groups all meeting in quick succession.

The report from the "Sustainable Financing in Sport" Expert Group meeting held in November 2011 is now available and can be accessed [here](#). The next meeting will take place on the 22nd May 2012.

In addition the report from the "Good Governance in Sport" Expert Group meeting held in December 2011 has



been released and can be found using this [link](#).

Finally, the "Education and Training in Sport" Expert Group met in mid January 2012 in Innsbruck (AT) with the report due to be made available in February/March 2012.

When released, the report will be disseminated via the EOSE Newsletter and the EOSE website.

Further information regarding the Expert Groups can be accessed [here](#).

THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF ACTIVE AGEING & SOLIDARITY BETWEEN GENERATIONS

January 2012 saw The Year of [Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations](#) begin as the [Year of Volunteering](#) drew to a close. A summary of the main activities carried out in 2011 can be seen [here](#) through the official end of year video.

Both Volunteering and Active Ageing are closely linked to the Sport and Active Leisure sector and 2011 has already produced some valuable resources regarding Volunteering. EOSE was active in the field of volunteering in 2011 through it's involvement in the [Training 4 Volunteers](#) project led by the [Leadership Academy of the German Olympic Sports Confederation](#) which seeks to answer two research questions: *How can the individual be empowered to meet the requirements and increasing quality standards of the sports organisation and how should instruments of human resource management be applied within voluntary sports organisations to make volunteering in sport a valuable and attractive experience for the individual?*

This project will come to an end in June 2012 so we invite you to consult the [project's website](#) for further information.

The 2012 Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations will seek to create opportunities for citizens to stay in the workforce and share their experience, keep playing an active role in society, live as healthy and fulfilling lives as possible.

Specifically this will require policymakers and key stakeholders to work together in order to create possibilities for living independently, employment, health care, social services, adult learning, volunteering, housing, IT services and transport.



For further information can be found here on the [European Years of Active Ageing & Solidarity between Generations](#) and [Volunteering](#).

THE EU EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SITUATION QUARTERLY REVIEW

The EU Quarterly review of Employment and Social Situation was published in December 2011. The review takes a considered look at the situation regarding Employment in the European Union and takes into account the current themes and trends affecting society.

The publication provides Labour Market Information for the member states of the European Union, including broad indicators as to the situation affecting employment in the region as a whole.

The press release including the executive summary of the document can be accessed through the following [link](#).

The full document can be accessed through the same link under the title 'Related Documents'.



For further information please visit the DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion [website](#).

EU CALLS FOR COMMENTS ON 'PROGRESS' PROGRAMME

The European Commission is inviting individuals, organisations and institutions who are involved in policy debate regarding the fields of employment and social affairs, alongside those who are involved in national and EU policy-making or implementation, to contribute to the performance monitoring of the PROGRESS Programme through the Annual Survey 2011.

"PROGRESS is an EU employment and social solidarity programme which works alongside the European Social Fund. It was established to financially support the implementation of EU objectives in the fields of employment and social affairs and consequently contributes to achieve the [Europe 2020](#) strategic objectives."

The five key themes of the PROGRESS programme are as follows:

- Employment
- Social protection and social inclusion
- Working conditions
- Anti-discrimination
- Gender equality.

If you are interested in contributing feedback you are invited to contribute to the performance monitoring process by filling the [online questionnaire](#).



For further information please visit the [PROGRESS website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [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
- [VSPORT+ Kick Off Training Seminar](#), Budapest (HU), 12-13 May 2012
- [European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity](#), Tralee (IR), 6-8 May 2012
- [Sport & EU Conference](#), Lausanne (CH), 21-22 June 2012
- [Golf Stand Full Partner Meeting](#), Munich (DE), 9-10 July 2012
- [London 2012 Olympic Games](#), July 27 – August 12



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