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VSPORT+ PROJECT - KICKOFF TRAINING SEMINAR *Budapest (Hungary), 12 & 13 April 2012*

Aligned with the realities of the sector, European policies and strategic initiatives, EOSE has recently developed a common Lifelong Learning Strategy for the Sport and Active Leisure sector.

The ultimate objective being to provide a mechanism which links the worlds of education and employment through the development of Occupational Standards and equips the workforce with the right skills through fit for purpose qualifications and training.

The key aims of the VSPORT+ project are now to:

- Ensure a successful dissemination of the Lifelong Learning Sport Strategy at the International, European, national, regional and local levels
- Encourage and support the transfer and implementation of the Strategy at all levels
- Stimulate changes within vocational education to ensure it is fit for purpose and aids employability and mobility.

The Kickoff Training Seminar for the new VSPORT+ project was held in Budapest on the 12 and 13 April 2012 and gathered the 12 National Ambassadors who are going to carry out a series of activities to reach the main national stakeholders to disseminate them information about the Lifelong Learning Strategy for Sport and to encourage/support them in its implementation.

The 12 Ambassadors involved in VSPORT+ project are from Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Slovakia, Spain and UK.

The project, managed by the European Observatoire of Sport and Employment (EOSE), runs from November 2011 to March 2014 and is funded with the support from the European Commission.

EOSE, with the support of its network of National Ambassadors and two third country partners from Australia and New-Zealand, is delighted to have been given the opportunity to deliver such an ambitious project which has the potential to facilitate the changes the sector needs to become more organised and successful in taking its place as a sector of significance at the European level.

A project's website is under construction and will be available soon

For further information about VSPORT+ please contact EOSE Secretariat or access the [project's Flyer](#)



EXPERT GROUP 'EDUCATION & TRAINING IN SPORT': MINUTES PUBLISHED *Meeting 13 January 2012, Innsbruck (Austria)*

The Expert Group "Education and Training in Sport" has two overarching work streams, which are to prepare proposals for European guidelines on dual careers and to initialise a summary on the follow-up to the inclusion of sport related qualifications in National Qualification Frameworks with reference to the [European Qualification Framework](#).

The first meeting took place on 13 January 2012 in Innsbruck (Austria) during which all applications for observer status received by the Sport Unit were discussed and decisions were taken by the Group. The main outcomes of the meeting included the adoption of a work schedule which plans to deliver the concrete outcomes outlined by the Expert Group, the full minutes of the meeting including the details of the work schedule can be [found here](#).

As underlined in the previous Bulletin, EOSE submitted an application for observer status and a positive decision was taken by the Expert Group to officially involve EOSE as observer on the issues around qualification frameworks.

The next meeting of the Expert Group will be held in Poland during September 2012.



THE 2012 CALL FOR PROPOSALS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT NOW AVAILABLE

On 29 March 2012 the Commission adopted the [2012 Annual Work Programme on "grants and contracts for the Preparatory Action - European Partnership on Sports and for the Pilot Project - Knowledge Partnerships"](#). On this basis, the Commission has now launched a call for proposals to support transnational projects presented by public bodies or civil society organisations in the field of sport.

This call follows the ones launched in [2009](#), [2010](#) and [2011](#) which resulted in financial support for, respectively, 18 projects (out of 207 applications), 12 projects (out of 146 applications) and 12 projects (out of 106 applications).

The 2012 call for proposals, endowed with an indicative budget of € 3.5 million, will support transnational projects aimed at identifying suitable networks and good practices in the following areas:

- The fight against match-fixing,
- The promotion of physical activity supporting active ageing,
- Awareness-raising about effective ways of promoting sport at municipal level,
- Trans-frontier joint grassroots sport competitions in neighbouring regions and Member States.

Applications must be sent to the EC no later than 31 July 2012.

The official announcement of the 2012 call for proposals was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 17 April 2012: [2012/C 110/04](#).

EOSE has considered the specifications for the call and is open to cooperation with organisations seeking to submit a bid to the Call for Proposals. If your organisation would like to include EOSE as a partner or is interested in working together for a submission then please make contact with the secretariat.



Further information regarding the Call for Proposals 2012 can be found on the [Sport Unit website](#)

EOSE VISITING THE MALDIVES FOR A NATIONAL VISIT

01 – 04 April 2012

The European Observatoire of Sport and Employment (EOSE) has been contacted by FIDA, a Finnish Development Cooperation Organisation, that is currently working in the Maldives on a Sport Development Programme with the Maldivian Ministry of Human Resources, Youth and Sports. The objective of that programme is mainly to construct youth centres on islands, to organise the training of the staff on those islands and centres, and to support the organisation and work of the Sport Associations.

EOSE was invited to attend and conduct a National Visit in the Maldives to meet with main stakeholders and understand the specificities and realities of the country.

Ben Gittus, EOSE Director of Standards, and Aurélien Favre, EOSE CEO, had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Ministry of Human Resources, Youth and Sport, the National Olympic Committee, the Ministry of Education and the Maldivian Qualification Authority, but also with some Sport Federations, Sport Clubs, Fitness Clubs, and some water activity employees from a Resort.

The National Visit was a great opportunity to understand the specificities and challenges of the country, the Sport sector and its education system, and the objective is now to explore the possibility to work together and propose a Strategic Action Plan as a way forward for developing the education and training system in the Maldives through the implementation of the Lifelong Learning Sport Strategy.



Further information will be made available on the [EOSE Website](#)

SPORT AND CITIZENSHIP JOURNAL

18th ISSUE FOCUSING ON "SPORT AND EMPLOYMENT IN EUROPE"

The 18th issue of the quarterly Sport and Citizenship journal was recently published and focuses on the thematic "Sport and Employment in Europe".

Main articles of the journal can be consulted [here](#).

EOSE was delighted to collaborate in writing an article around the difficulties to obtain a clear picture of the labour market in the sector in Europe and would like to thank Sport and Citizenship for the opportunity to contribute to their publication.



The EOSE Article published in the 18th issue of the Sport and Citizenship Journal is available in [clicking here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [European Congress of Adapted Physical Activity \(EUCAPA\)](#), Tralee (IR), 6-8 May 2012
- [Training 4 Volunteers Technical Meeting](#), Malta (MA), 10-11 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
- EU Sport Forum 2012, Cyprus, 19-20 September 2012



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