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## EU SPORT FORUM 2012

*Nicosia (CY), 19-20 September 2012*

The EU Sport Forum 2012 will be held in Nicosia 19 – 20 September 2012, where EOSE will be represented by President Stephen Studd and Executive Director Aurelien Favre. The [agenda of the event](#) will review the work carried out in the sector in the last 12 months, future challenges and priorities, and encourage debate on key issues affecting the sector.

Firstly, the European Commission will present the recent EU level developments in the field of sport which will be followed by parallel workshops to discuss the outcomes of the 2010 Preparatory Action projects in the field of sport (fight against doping, promoting social inclusion in and through sport, and promoting volunteering in sport).

The agenda of the second day will include a panel debate on developing principles of good governance in sport and a second one focusing on [European social dialogue in the field of sport](#).

In addition to these debates a joint session with EU Sports Ministers co-organised with the Cypriot Presidency will be carried out to exchange on issues regarding the fight against match fixing and the impact of sport and health-enhancing physical activity on economic growth and job creation. The discussion will take the form of high level panel discussions, which will be moderated by EOSE VSPORT+ Ambassador from Cyprus Nicos Kartakoullis of the University of Nicosia.

An Expert Seminar on a possible EU initiative in the field of HEPA will be organised in the margins of the EU Sport Forum and EOSE has been invited to attend the event.

Further information regarding the [EU Sport Forum 2012](#)



## CEDEFOP WORKSHOP: "The role of qualifications in governing the labour market"

*Thessaloniki (EL), 27-28 September 2012*

EOSE has been invited by [CEDEFOP \(European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training\)](#) to attend and present at the workshop entitled "The role of qualifications in governing the labour market". The event will take place in Thessaloniki (GR) on the 27 – 28 September 2012 and will bring together stakeholders from various sectors to discuss the changing roles of qualifications in relation to workforce governance.

EOSE will be represented by Board Member and Treasurer Jean-Louis Gouju who will provide a presentation regarding Qualifications and the Labour Market in the Sports sector. The presentation will provide a case study from the sector in order to give an insight into how qualifications impact upon the governance of occupations and professions, how the sector is working to bridge the gap between education and employment, and the body of work completed in relation to embedding Lifelong Learning .

Parallel workshops and open discussions will also be held regarding the EQF and the role of International Qualifications which will be of real interest to EOSE. The event will provide EOSE with the opportunity to showcase the work already completed by the sector but will also provide the chance to exchange on a cross sectoral level on key issues and debates.

Further information about the outcomes of the workshop will be provided in the next EOSE E-bulletin.



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

## EUROPEAN EXPERT GROUP ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SPORT

*Next meeting on 26-28 September 2012, Poznan (Poland)*

The next meeting of the [Expert Group on "Education and Training in Sport"](#) will be organised by the European Commission in Poznan (Poland) on 27 and 28 of September 2012. The meeting will mainly focus on the European guidelines on dual careers of talented and elite athletes.

A specific meeting will be organised on 26-27 September 2012 prior to the Expert Group event to gather an ad-hoc group of experts on the [European Qualification Framework](#) in Sport.

EOSE, as official observer on the issues around qualification frameworks, has been invited by the European Commission and will attend the event related to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).



Further information regarding the Expert Group and minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting can be [found here](#)

## THE EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY OF VALIDATION OF NON FORMAL & INFORMAL LEARNING

The [OBSERVAL-Net project](#) has created the new European Observatory of Validation of Non Formal and Informal Learning which will act as an exchange platform for practitioners, policy-makers, institutions and learners.

The project which is a follow up to the OBSERVAL project is co-coordinated by the [European Association for University Lifelong Learning](#), which runs for 2 years and is funded under the KA1 activity of the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme seeks to achieve the following:

- ⇒ **Create transversal networks** capable of developing national and transnational evidence-based models of best practices in VNIL
- ⇒ **Develop coherent, comprehensive and flexible models** for VNIL practices and recommendations, drawn from a comparative analysis of examples of best practices across European countries
- ⇒ **Mainstream these practices** through strategic development and policy making at national-regional level

The platform will be populated with up to the date, high quality data regarding the Validation of Non Formal and Informal Learning along with information regarding the procedures and systems which apply to them on a national basis, allowing users to access country specific information.

In addition to being a resource to centralise information, the platform is intended to encourage exchange between the users by individuals uploading documents themselves with links to useful case studies to facilitate knowledge and experience sharing. Furthermore the facility is available for users to comment and rate the documents which have been unloaded and engage in discussion regarding the themes and issues related to their content.

The aim of the platform is to create a cross sectoral network of stakeholders who relate and exchange on the validation of non formal and informal learning (VNIL) with the intention of facilitating exchange to then impact and effect change VNIL systems at the national and European level.

EOSE welcomes the development of the platform, which is another step in the direction of mainstreaming the validation of non formal and informal learning throughout Europe and looks forward to contributing to future exchanges and debates.



For further information [www.observal-net.eu](http://www.observal-net.eu)

## EUROPEAN PARALYMPIC YOUTH GAMES 2012

*Brno (CZ), 20-24 June 2012*

Between 20 – 24 June 2012 Brno, Czech Republic hosted the first [European Paralympic Committee \(EPC\) Youth Games](#), which saw 350 participants from 14 countries take part in ranging from established sports such as Athletics, Sailing and Table Tennis through to breakthrough disciplines such as RaceRunning.

The event, funded by the [European Commission](#) and supported by the Emil Foundation provided athletes with a disability aged between 14-18 with the opportunity to compete in their sport of choice in a four day, multi level programme which made room for participation alongside competition.



Sports featured during the EPC Youth Games 2012 included Athletics, Boccia, RaceRunning, Swimming, Table Tennis, Sailing and Wheelchair Rugby. Alongside competition, the programme included educational workshops and seminars for the athletes to attend, covering topics such as Media Training and providing insights into the world of professional athletics with speakers including Paralympic Hall of Fame inductee Connie Hansen.

EPC President John Petersson described the games as the being the foundations from which the organisation could build on. "The Games have provided us with momentum, a focal point from which the EPC can work to impact on our main objectives of improving the lives of young people with a disability throughout Europe by providing them with the opportunity to take part, to compete, to showcase their abilities, to socialise, to have fun. We're delighted we can be in London and look forward to sharing the success of the Youth Games with everybody"

EOSE worked with the EPC on the [ALL FOR SPORT project](#), funded by the European Commission through the 2009 Preparatory Action in the field of Sport, which sought to assess, progress and highlight the future direction and perspectives of sport for people with a disability in Europe in the categories of policies, participation, work force, infrastructure and events.

For further information [www.epc-youth-games.eu](http://www.epc-youth-games.eu)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- [London 2012 Olympic Games](#), July 27 – Aug 12
- [London 2012 Paralympic Games](#), Aug 29 – Sep 9
- [EU Sport Forum 2012](#), Nicosia (Cyprus), 19-20 September 2012
- [20th EASM Conference](#), Aalborg (Denmark), 18-21 September 2012
- [EU Expert Group on Education & Training in Sport](#), Poznan (Poland), 26-28 September 2012
- [CEDEFOP Workshop](#) "The Role of Qualifications in Governing the Labour Market", Thessaloniki (Greece), 27-28 September 2012
- [United Nations Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group](#), Geneva (SW), 1-2 October 2012
- [ENGSO Forum](#), Copenhagen (DE) 18-21 October 2012
- [7th European Youth Heart Study Scientific Symposium](#), Madeira (Portugal), 22-26 Oct.2012



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