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EUROPEAN SPORT FORUM 2012

Nicosia (CY), 19-20 September 2012

The [EU Sport Forum 2012](#) was held in Nicosia (Cyprus) on 19 – 20 September 2012 and gathered around 250 delegates and experts from the Sport sector in Europe representing international and European Olympic Committees, European federations, European organisations, social partners and trade unions. EOSE was represented by President Stephen Studd and Executive Director Aurelien Favre.

The European Commission presented during the first day the recent EU level developments made in the field of sport with a focus on the proposal for a new EU Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport for the period 2014-2020. This introduction was followed by parallel workshops presenting 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 second day of the event started with a panel debate on developing principles of good governance in sport followed by a second one focusing on European social dialogue in the field of sport.

The second debate saw the official launch of a Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for sport and active leisure for its test phase. This marks an important step towards full recognition and builds on the successful informal dialogue work undertaken by the [European Association of Sport Employers \(EASE\)](#) and [UNI-Europa Sport](#). The first plenary session of the ESSDC will be organised on 11-12 December 2012 in Brussels (BE).

In addition, a joint session with EU Sports Ministers co-organised with the [Cypriot Presidency](#) was arranged to exchange on issues such as the contribution of sport and health-enhancing physical activity on to Europe's economy and the fight against match fixing. The discussion took the form of high level panel debates moderated by EOSE Ambassador Nicos Kartakoullis from the University of Nicosia. Commissioner Vassiliou took part in both high level panel debates.

This year, some sessions of the EU Sport Forum 2012 were broadcasted via Live Streaming – [access the videos by clicking here](#). PowerPoint presentations and material used during the event will be shortly available on the website from the Sport Unit.

An Expert Seminar on a possible EU initiative in the field of HEPA (Health Enhancing Physical Activity) was also organised in the margins of the EU Sport Forum and EOSE was invited to attend the event.

Further information regarding the EU Sport Forum 2012 will be available on the [Sport Unit website](#)



EUROPEAN EXPERT GROUP ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SPORT

Poznan (Poland), 26-27 September 2012

The second meeting of the EU Expert Group on Education and Training in Sport was held in Poznan (Poland) on 26-27 September 2012 where EOSE was represented by President Stephen Studd after achieving observer status.

Formed through the [EU Work Plan for Sport 2011 – 2014](#) the Expert Group has a mandate 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 \(EQF\)](#).



The first meeting of the Group took place in Innsbruck, (AU), during January 2012, [the minutes for which can be found here](#). Issues which were raised during the first meeting were developed in accordance with the adopted Work Schedule with particular attention paid to Dual Careers and the implementation of EQF.

From this main group, an ad-hoc group of experts has been formed to focus on the implementation of the EQF and its impact on sport. The main Education and Training in Sport Group will receive a report and recommendations from the EQF experts as its work progresses. In the meantime the main Group is concentrating on issues around the dual careers of athletes.

Stephen Studd has the opportunity to present the opening paper at the meeting, introducing the EOSE Lifelong Learning Strategy (7 Steps model) and explaining the structure and impact of Learning Outcomes. He illustrated the talk with concrete examples from the current [Golf Stand](#) and [VSPORT+](#) projects (both projects funded by the European Commission through the LLP programme).

The Group went on to receive reports from the national experts and the other advisors to try to establish the position on EQF implementation in each member state, with special reference to developments in coaching. A short questionnaire is to be sent to all Group members to build a complete picture as a basis for their recommendations.

Through the presentation, Stephen also stressed the importance of sport being organised at a national level to get involved with and influence the development of national qualifications frameworks which will in turn link to the EQF, to try to ensure the needs of sport are reflected in the frameworks.

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

CEDEFOP WORKSHOP: "The changing role of qualifications in governing the labour market" *Thessaloniki (EL), 27-28 September 2012*

The [CEDEFOP \(European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training\)](#) workshop entitled 'The Changing Roles Of Qualifications In Governing The Labour Market' was held in Thessaloniki (GR) on the 27-28 September 2012 where EOSE was represented by Board member and Treasurer Jean Louis Gouju.

Governance and coordination of Education and Training was the underlying theme of the workshop with two working groups tackling the following issues.

Firstly '**Qualifications and the labour market**' which provided a great opportunity for EOSE to showcase the [VSPORT+](#) project funded by the European Commission and in particular the innovative Lifelong Learning Strategy for the Sport and Active Leisure sector (7 Steps Model).

Mr Gouju identified a commonality between the debates in recognising the core role of qualifications and the difficulty to locate them throughout different governance models. EOSE were also asked to present to the workshop the progress made through the Sport and Active Leisure sector.

"The EOSE presentation focused on the specificity and complexity of the Sport and Active Leisure sector in Europe. Through his presentation, Mr Gouju highlighted how we try to collect relevant data about qualifications in the sector and to help the stakeholders to build some common approaches (maps, competence frameworks, learning outcomes) and quality assurance processes.

With this proposed Lifelong Learning Strategy, we believe that it can reduce diversity, improve the transparency of different qualification systems, the link between the worlds of employment and training, and facilitate access to the labour market. It was encouraging that our approach interested all participants, from quite different sectors. It was considered as a real way of managing this issue."

The second working group related to "**International Qualifications**", where the group talked the issue of qualifications obtained outside the systems of national qualifications framework (non state qualifications). The core issue addressed was how to ensure that these qualifications are recognized by different national systems.

For further information regarding the 'Changing Roles Of Qualifications In Governing the Labour Market' workshop, please [access the background document](#).

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



TRAINING 4 VOLUNTEERS EUROPEAN PROJECT (T4V)

Final report published and now available

The Training 4 Volunteers Project funded by the European Commission through the 2010 Preparatory Action and led by the [Leadership Academy of the German Olympic Sports Confederation](#) has made the final project report

Training4Volunteers

publically available.

The project which was conducted from 01 January 2011 till 30 June 2012 sought to address how the individual can be supported in operating to increase quality standards of sport organisations and how human resource management can be applied to make volunteering in sport a valuable and attractive experience for individuals.

EOSE was involved in T4V as a project partner which sought to address the themes outlined above by exploring the concepts of human resource development, the volunteering culture and the profiling of volunteers to discern their motivations.

The excerpt below provides an indication of the need for human resource development for volunteers in the sector and how the T4V project has sought to address these issues.

- ⇒ Volunteer management is becoming increasingly important, due to the growing need and increased competition for skilled and motivated volunteers within and between all voluntary sectors.
- ⇒ Sports organisations need to improve their current volunteer management activities through a process of engaging with and implementing human resource management tools.
- ⇒ With its human resource development model, the Training 4 Volunteers project offers a framework to support the practical implementation of volunteer management and the exchange between different sports and member states.

If you are interested by such issues we encourage you to consult the final report of the Training 4 Volunteers project that is [available here](#).

For further information about the project please visit the [T4V website](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- [ISCA Move Week](#) 1-7 October 2012
- [15th ENGSO Forum](#), Copenhagen (DK) 18-21 October 2012
- [7th European Youth Heart Study Scientific Symposium](#), Madeira (Portugal), 22-26 Oct.2012
- [MOVE Congress 2012](#), Sao Paulo (Brazil), 24-26 October 2012
- [European Network of Academic Sports Services Conference](#) Lisbon (PO), 7-10 November 2012
- [1st Plenary Session of the EU Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Sports and Active Leisure \(ESSDC\)](#), Brussels (BE), 11-12 December 2012
- [EOSE General Assembly 2012](#), Brussels (BE), 12-13 December 2012



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