

PRESS RELEASE

EOSE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS EXPANDING

Towards new horizons: EOSE 2014 Member Seminar and General Assembly laid out sound foundations to keep on working in continuity while as well feeding the wind of change.



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2014: As a follow-up to the 2014 EOSE General Assembly (Madrid, 14th of November 2014), EOSE is pleased to announce the expansion of its Executive Board.

For the first time in EOSE history, the organisation had a contested election for the EOSE Board which had been an obvious sign of strength for the organisation and of the relevance of its agenda so far as well as an obvious support to the directions taken by EOSE.

Gino Schiavone, representing ITS (Institution of Tourism Studies) from Malta, has been re-elected and two new members, Mairit Pellinen, representing VIERUMAKI (Sport Institute of Finland) and Vilma Cingiene, representing MRU (Mykolas Romeris University) joined the Executive Board for a 2 years mandate. Both of them provided us with some thoughts on their new position.

“ I work as international coordinator for the big sport campus and leisure centre in Finland. I have been lucky to be involved in international networks and different EU-projects since 1997. As a new member of EOSE Executive Board it is a great honour for me to share my experience and work for the common goals together with my fellow board members! I am highly committed to starting this work and very thankful for the support I have received. ”

~ Mairit Pellinen (Finland)

“ To be elected to an EOSE Board position is an honour, recognition and personal responsibility. Current changes in the world of sport imply the necessary connection between studies and research, business and policy making. Sharing and bridging the gaps through mutual trust is a great challenge while dealing with sport employment issues in Europe. ”

~ Vilma Cingiene (Lithuania)

The three of them, together with Jean-Louis Gouju (France) and Thierry Zintz (Belgium) now formed EOSE Executive Board for the year to come. Indeed Stephen Studd, whose position as Executive Board Member in the capacity of Past President has come to an end (2 years), and Elena Malikova, who had to step down of her position as Executive Board Member due to the workload linked to the Slovak EU Presidency of the EU (1st Semester 2016) will no more sit at the Executive Board.

EOSE aims with this enlargement to better cope with **the challenges and opportunities ahead for the sport and active leisure sector's development** while embracing as much as possible **the diversity of vision, culture and conception within the sport and active leisure sector across Europe**. As stated by president elected, Mr Thierry Zintz, *“the arrival of two new members in our board [brings] a major enrichment for EOSE. Modern organisations need plurality of thinking in their board. Having Vilma and Mairit joining is also improving the cultural balance in the board since they come from the North and the Centre of Europe. Finally with 2 elected women and 3 elected men we seek to respect another major good governance rule namely gender equity in the board.”*

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EOSE is an international organisation working towards the development of the sport and active leisure sector, expert in building bridges between the worlds of education and employment and ensuring the development of a competent workforce with the right skills.

Its vision has been defined as *“A sport and active leisure sector that is playing its full part in the economic, health and social development of Europe and its member states.”* And its mission consists in *“facilitating and supporting the development of the sport and active leisure sector workforce, to ensure people working and volunteering in the sector have the right skills to perform and enable the sector to fulfil its potential as a social, health and economic driver”*.

