

Social inclusion in and through sport

Current developments in Europe and ENGSO's response

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EC Communication on Sport

“Developing a European Dimension in Sport”

- Standards for accessibility - European Disability Strategy
- Inclusion of people with a disability in events
- Women’s access to leadership positions
- Transnational projects

ENGSO Position on the Communication

- Highlighting the need to recognise the work of volunteers with to promote social inclusion
- Emphasising the importance of social inclusion as a priority, including promotion of gender equality not only in leadership but also in participation
- Support to actions through an EU Sport Programme

EC Working Group

“Social Inclusion and Equal Opportunities in Sport”

- Four themes:
 - Sport for people with disabilities
 - Gender equality in and through sports
 - Inclusion of migrants and other disadvantaged groups in and through sports
 - Discrimination in sport
- Two meetings (7/2010, 2/2011)
- Will discontinue



ENGSO EU Project 2011

“Creating a Level Playing Field”

Partner network

- Lead partner: The European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation ENGSO (Europe / France)
- Bulgarian Ski Federation (Bulgaria)
- European Network Against Racism (Europe / Belgium)
- Finnish Sports Federation (Finland)
- German Olympic and Sports Confederation (Germany)
- Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports (Norway)
- Olympic Committee of Slovenia – Association of Sport Federations (Slovenia)
- Regional Government of Steiermark (Austria)
- Regional Ministry for Youth and Sports of Extremadura (Spain)
- Semmelweis University, Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Sciences (Hungary)
- UNITED for Intercultural Action (Europe / The Netherlands)

Objectives

- *To collect and exchange best practice examples on social inclusion, notably on the inclusion of immigrants and people with a migratory background as club members, athletes and officials and in different voluntary roles*
 - *Support sport organisations and public authorities in developing their policies and programmes in the field; strengthen the competences of and create new, long-term initiatives in sports organisations.*
- ENGSO Manifesto 2010 for a Truly Inclusive Sport

Expected outputs

- *Social inclusion as a central theme* is included in the policies and programmes of national sport organisations and concrete actions are taken on grassroots level in more and more European countries.
- *Analytical framework* on the transferability of the implemented examples of best practice has been drafted.
- *A book of good practice* on social inclusion of immigrants and people of a foreign origin in national sports organisations has been produced in order to ensure the sustainability of the project, to support the analysis based on the project, and to support further actions of organisations working in the field.
- *Policy recommendations* on social inclusion to decision-makers have been drafted and presented.

Actions

- *Conferences* – bringing together the project partners to exchange information and experiences
- *Bilateral study visits* – between two partner organisations, each hosting one and each taking part in one
- *Production of material* – book of best practice, website
- *Drafting of policy recommendations* – to decision-makers
- *Evaluation and analysis* – how the collected examples of best practice can be implemented elsewhere; evaluation of project

Budget

- Budget: € 274,650
 - Grant awarded: € 219,720
 - Own resources € 54,930

Timeline (1)

- Duration: 1 January 2011 – 30 April 2012 (16 months)
- Key stages:
 - 01/2011 Conference I: Launching the project
 - 02-08/2011: First round of study visits; First analysis of the transferability of good practice examples; Collection and dissemination of first learning results
 - 09-10/2011 Conference II: Concentrating on the exchange and collection of best practice; evaluation of and feedback from first round of study visits

Timeline (2)

- Key stages:
 - 10/2011-02/2012 Second round of study visits; Second analysis of the transferability of good practice examples; Collection and dissemination of learning results continues
 - 03/2012 Conference III: Final conference to sum up conclusions and learning experiences and to finalise recommendations to policy makers
 - 03-04/2010 Final evaluation of project results; Publishing book of good practice; Finalising and publishing the analysis of how the collected examples of best practice can be implemented in different contexts; Dissemination of final learning results

Discussion

- What challenges are there on national level regarding social inclusion (of immigrants)?
- What actions are currently being taken on national level?
- What support do ENGSO members want from ENGSO to promote social inclusion?
- What support do ENGSO members want from the EU / other institutions to promote social inclusion?

Thank you for your attention!