

Preparations for Sweden's EU Presidency, autumn 2009

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Main tasks of the Presidency today

- Leading the work of the Council of Ministers at all levels
- Representing the Council of Ministers vis-à-vis other EU institutions
- Representing the EU
vis-à-vis countries outside
the EU and international
organisations



A good Presidency

- Represents the interests of the entire EU
- Drives the common EU agenda forward
- Is prepared for, and manages, unforeseen events



Conditions in 2009

- An autumn Presidency
- A newly-elected European Parliament
- A Commission entering office
- Possibly a new Treaty



If the new EU Treaty is in place -new opportunities

- Elected President of the European Council
- High Representative, chairing the General Affairs and External Relations Council
- Partly new rules on decision-making and legal basis
- Sport is given a legal base with qualified majority for decisions

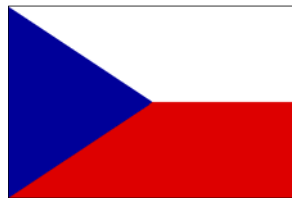
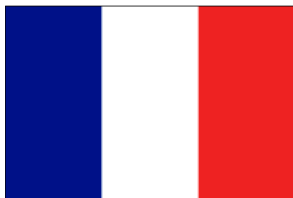
Preparations

- The Prime Minister and the Minister for EU Affairs,
SES-09
- Minister for Culture, Media and Sport
Mrs. Lena Adelsohn Liljeroth
- WG with Ministry of Culture and sport organisations



18-month cooperation

- Sweden part of a trio with France and the Czech Republic
- The trio has drawn up a joint 18-month programme
- The programme was adopted in June 2008



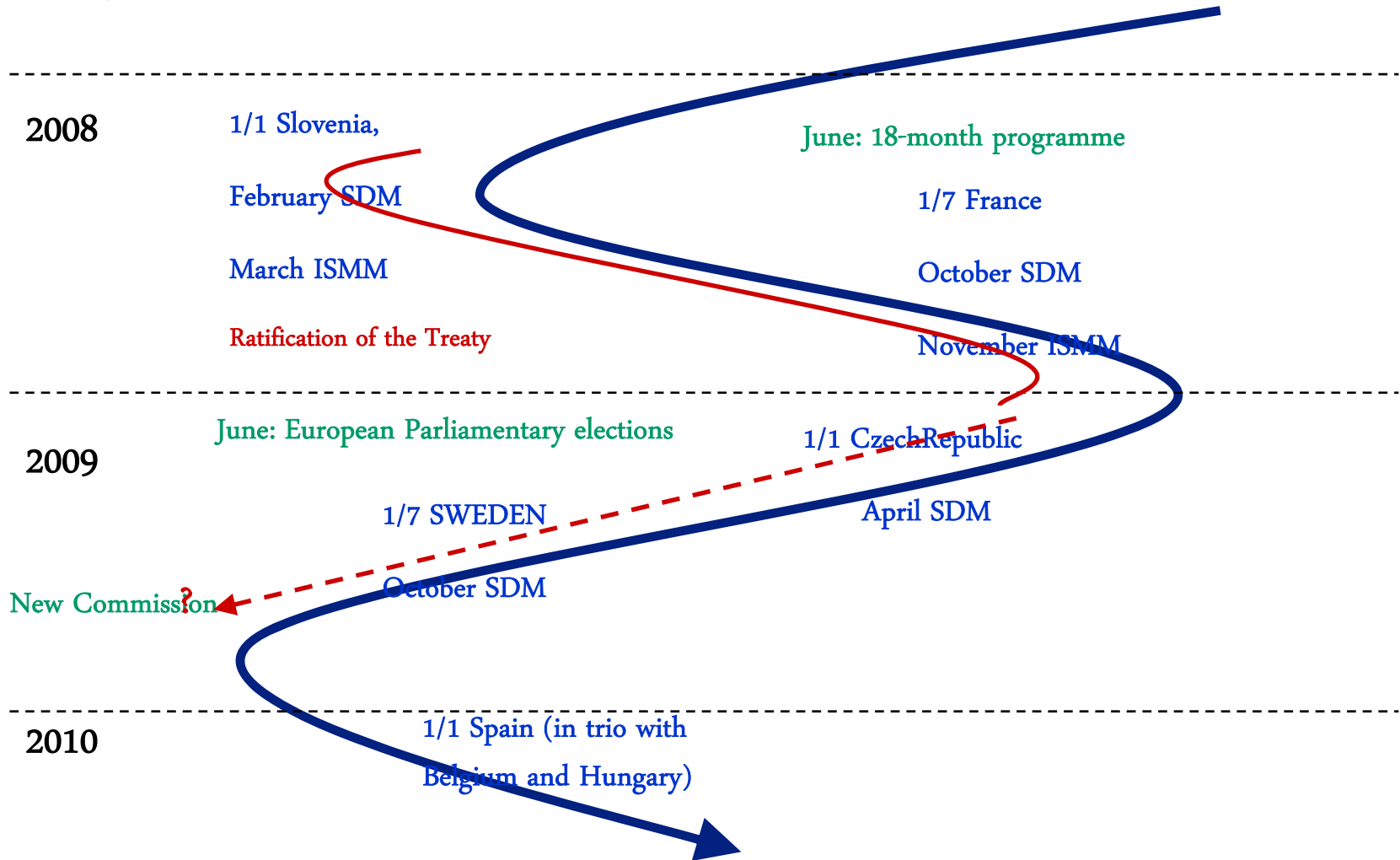
The Swedish priorities in the 18-month programme

- Climate, environment and energy
- Jobs, economic growth and competitiveness
- A more secure and open Europe
- The Baltic Sea Strategy and relations with neighbouring countries
- The EU as a global actor and continued enlargement

The priorities for Sport in the FR/CZ/SE 18-month programme

- Bearing in mind the autonomy and specificity of sport organisations and sport activities,
- the Presidencies will focus on the follow-up of the Commission White Paper on Sport and of
- the "Pierre de Coubertin" Action Plan contained therein as regards its societal and economic dimensions as well as its governance.
- Special attention will be paid, inter alia, to the issues of sport and health, the fight against doping, including reinforcing Europe's position in the World Anti-Doping Agency,
- the education and training of the young sportswomen and sportsmen and support for volunteering.

Key dates



A selection of events in Sweden

Baltic Sea seminar

Social exclusion high-level
conference

Climate smart food

Informal
customs
working
group
meeting

Conference on
climate and security

EU-Russia Summit

Culture forum

Meeting about discrimination

Conference on
knowledge triangle

Sport Directors Meeting

Climate workshop

Informal meeting of 133-Committee

Expert conference on alcohol
prevention

Conference on
intellectual property
rights

Meetings on Sport during Swedish EU Presidency autumn 2009

- Sport Directors Meeting!
- Seminar/conference by Swedish Sports Confederation!?
- Possible European Sports Forum!?
- Council or COM WG!?



What's up now?

French Presidency

- Structuring the profession of sports agent
- Self-regulation and the financial management of clubs
- Sport and Health
- Dual sporting and professional carriers
- The fight against doping
- The economic impact of sport in Europe
- The rule on “home-grown” players and the “6+5” rule

Between two Swedish EU Presidencies, from 2001 to 2009

- EU is more international today, from 15 to 27 MS
- Sport organisations are more international and professional today
- CDDS has become EPAS
- More competition between sport organisations and between MS for medals and events
- From Amsterdam and Nice-declarations
- To the new Lisbon-treaty to be implemented with sport as a competence for EU

My vision for 31/12/09 on Sport

- The Lisbon-Treaty is in place and the work to implement sport competence have started
- The 18-month programme on sport is completed
- The concept of Specificity of Sport has been further clarified and better understood
- All unforeseen crisis have been solved
- Further improvement of EU-cooperation with ENGSO and other extremely important international sport organisations