



DECLARATION

Which role shall sport play in Europe?

More than 1000 EU:SPORT:FUTURE participants in the online questionnaire, workshops and final conference

- remind that sport is the largest social movement in Europe;
- welcome the legal reference in the Lisbon Treaty and take great interest in the shaping of the future EU sport policy;
- recommend the European Union to implement following measures:

EU:SPORT:HEALTH

1. **European-wide media campaigns** should inform the European public and stakeholders about the beneficial effects of sport on health. It should be promoted that people should be physically active throughout their whole life. The importance of a sporty lifestyle for physical, mental and social well-being shall be highlighted during the campaign. Therefore, the EU should declare **2014 the European Year of Sport and Physical Activity**, ten years after the European Year of Education through Sport.
2. A **European Day of Sport** could be organised in cooperation with relevant stakeholders (EU, Member States and sport organisations) on which mass sport events and open doors take place in all the EU Member States to activate citizens.
3. The EU should provide a **platform to share know-how and good practices** on health promoting physical activity projects.
4. The EU should **mainstream** health better into its policies and funding programmes.
5. The EU and Member States should **facilitate access to sport infrastructure** by providing financial support to build, renovate and maintain such infrastructures.

EU:SPORT:EDUCATION

6. The European Union should support, through the various funding programmes, the **creation of networks** in order to share knowledge and exchange good practices in the field of sport and education, namely in the issue of **dual career**.
7. The European Union should encourage Member States to implement a **common sport qualification framework** and support and accompany European projects in the sector of **recognition of qualifications**.

EU:SPORT:EMPLOYMENT

8. In connection with the recommendations 33 and 35 of the White Paper on Sport, the European Union should **finance a study allowing the data collection on sport employment in Europe**.

9. The European Union should further support the **creation of European networks** aiming at exchanging good practices in the field of sport employment.

10. The European funding streams should support the **creation of transnational projects** allowing the identification of professions in the sport sector.

11. In connection with the recommendation 53 of the White Paper on Sport, the European Union should further support the **dialogue between employers and employees at European level** and promote it through existing Community tools. The development of a network of European actors aiming at exchanging best practices in this field should also be supported in the framework of the European funding programmes.

EU:SPORT:VOLUNTEERING

12. As regards to time allocation, campaigns, tools and training schemes, the European Union should **collate best practices** and recommend Member States to use them.

13. The European Union should work on the reinforcement of a **positive social message** on volunteering.

14. The European Union should watch for unintended consequences of **bureaucracy in European legislation** and advise Member States on best practices in this field.

15. In view of the **European Year of Volunteering 2011**, the European Union should use major sport events to encourage voluntary engagement.

EU:SPORT:SOCIETY

16. The European Union is invited to adopt an **EU Charter on Sport** including values, objectives, and measures.

17. The European Union should support the **creation of European thematic networks** to exchange good practices and learn from each other programme-wise and project-wise. European thematic networks might instigate the creation of national thematic networks.

18. **Integration through sport and in sport** should be further supported by the European Union. The European Commission is invited, in implementing its Disability Strategy, to take into account the role sport can play in the integration of people with disabilities.

19. Improve the financial situation of sport organisations to be able to fully harness the beneficial effects of the societal role of sport by **adopting a European sport funding programme and mainstreaming sport in the EU funding programmes**.

20. The development of sport would be spurred, if **international mobility of employees in the sport sector** would be promoted by exchanging good practices and gaining relevant European professional experience.

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