



# Report of the European Parliament on the European Dimension in Sport

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## Procedural milestones

### European Commission

- 18/01/2011: Communication on Sport “Developing the European Dimension in Sport”

### European Parliament

- 20/01/2011: Transmission to European Parliament
- 22/06/2011: Initial draft report on the European Dimension in sport
- 10/11/2011: Report scheduled for adoption in committee
- 12/12/2011: Plenary sitting (indicative date)

### Council of the Union

- 20/01/2011: Transmission to Council
- 20/05/2011: Council resolution (Resolution on an EU Work Plan for Sport (2011-2014) (priority areas: integrity, social values, economic aspects)



## Procedural milestones

### National Parliaments

- CZ: Czech Chamber of Deputies
- DE: German Bundestag, German Bundesrat
- PT: Assembleia da Republica
- UK: UK House of Commons

→ Potential impact on national sport policy



# Draft Report on the European Dimension in sport

- Who in the EP is responsible for the report?
  - CULT-committee (responsible): Fisas Ayxela Santiago (PPE)
  - 8 EP committees involved (opinion):
    - Economic and Monetary Affairs, Employment and Social Affairs, Environment Public Health and Food Safety, Internal Market and Consumer Protection, Regional Development, Legal Affairs, Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Women's Right and Gender Equality



## ENGSO promoting the legal recognition of sport

- Advocate for the legal recognition of sport in the EU treaties
- Rationale:
  - Promote sport but not regulate it
    - Respect the autonomy and self-regulation of sport organisations
    - Acknowledge the specific characteristics of sport
    - Protect the structures of sport



# Draft Report on the European Dimension in sport I

- Respect the autonomy and self-regulation of sport organisations
  - Recognition of autonomy: *Recalls that good governance in sport is a condition for the autonomy and self-regulation of sports organisations, in compliance with the principles of transparency and democracy*



## Draft Report on the European Dimension in sport II

- Acknowledge the specific characteristics of sport
  - Recognition of specific nature: *the specific nature of sport arises from the sum of sport's individual and essential aspects which make it different from all other sectors of economic activity, and must be considered on a case-by-base basis*



# Draft Report on the European Dimension in sport III

- Protect the structures of sport
  - Recognition of territoriality and nationality:  
*Notes that sports structures in Europe are based on the principles of nationality and territoriality*
  - Recognition of the European model of sport:  
*Reaffirms its attachment to the European model of sport, within which federations play a central role and which has clubs and volunteers at its base*





## Draft Report on the European Dimension in sport IV

- The promotion of sport
  - *Calls for sport to benefit from the European Structural Funds (!)*
  - Reduce taxes: *Reiterates the importance of volunteers in sport; is in favour of creating a legal and tax framework that is suitable for the activities of sports associations*
  - Commercial exploitation of audiovisual rights



# Draft Report on the European Dimension in sport V

- Other aspects
  - Enhancing health through sport
  - School sport
  - Disability
  - Anti-Doping
  - Dual Career
  - Sport and environment
  - Volunteering
  - Violence and intolerance
  - Integrity
  - Etc.



# Draft Report on the European Dimension in sport VI

- Calls on the Commission:
  - *to organise a 'European Day of Sports' every year*



# Draft Report on the European Dimension in sport VII

- Negative aspects
  - *calls for the creation of a European chamber of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), to be based in Brussels or Luxembourg, to settle sports disputes within the EU*



## Good news from the EP

### ***EP-Budget Committee***

- *The 5th TAFISA World ·Sport for All Games 2012  
Lithuania*
- *European Youth Olympic Winter Festival 2013  
Romania (EYOWF)*
- *The European Games of Disabled Youth 2012 (Brno,  
Czech Republic)*
- European partnership on sports has been adopted (4 mio Euros)

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