



President's Report:

ENGSO Activities Between the General Assemblies 2010 and 2011

ENGSO, the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation, is the pan European organisation for the national sports umbrella organisations (National Sports Confederations and/or National Olympic Committees) in Europe.

The Strategic Plan 2007-2011, which was adopted at the General Assembly in Helsinki in May 2007, includes a new vision and mission and newly defined activity areas. The plan also covers necessary changes to the internal organisation and its working methods.

According to the ENGSO Strategic Plan 2007-2011

The ENGSO vision is *"to be the voice of organised sport in Europe"*

The ENGSO mission is *"to promote the interests of sport organisations in Europe"*

The ENGSO Priority Activity Areas for 2007-2011 are:

- 1. Influence the sports political agenda by outlining and implementing a strategic approach for acting within the sports political field**
- 2. Be a forum for exchange of knowledge and experience**
- 3. Upgrade and consolidate the ENGSO internal organisation**
- 4. Develop and implement clear and effective profile and communication**
- 5. Identify and obtain new organisational resources**

This President's Report covers ENGSO activities in the period between the 18th (2010) and 19th (2011) ENGSO General Assemblies, which are reviewed and compared against the ENGSO Strategic Plan and its implementation.



According to the Strategic Plan ENGSO, the Priority Activity Areas for the period 2007-2011 are:

1. Influence the sports political agenda by outlining and implementing a strategic approach for acting within the sports political field

Actions taken over the period between the two GAs, from 2010 to 2011

- Participation in the **Working Groups of the European Commission: Active Citizenship, Health, Non-Profit Sport Organisations, Social Inclusion**
- Participation in the **EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health**
- Membership of the **Steering Group of the European Year of Volunteering 2011 Alliance (EYV2011 Alliance)** as the only sports organization
- ENGSO letter on structured dialogue to the Belgian EU Presidency and the representatives of EU Member States
- ENGSO contribution to the consultation on the future programme in the field of education and training (2014-2020)
- ENGSO contribution to the consultation on the Europe for Citizens Programme 2014-2020
- ENGSO position paper on the Commission's Communication "Developing a European Dimension in Sport"
- ENGSO position paper on volunteering in sport
- Joint position paper on the EU Sport Programme with the EOC and other sports organisations
- In June ENGSO took part in the **European Symposium on Sport which was organized by the Spanish EU Presidency.**
- The **IOC Sport for All Congress** was held in Jyväskylä, Finland from 14 to 17 June 2010. ENGSO presented its sports political work and priority areas.
- ENGSO took part in the **EU Open Health Forum Conference**, which was held in Brussels on 29-30 June 2010.
- ENGSO continued as **an associated member of the EOC EU Office.** ENGSO Communication and Policy Officer Anna-Mari Hämäläinen started her work on 1 May 2010. She is based at the EOC EU Office in Brussels.
- **ENGSO – EL (European Lotteries and Toto Association) had their Joint Committee Meeting** in Helsinki in October 2010. The ways of cooperation were discussed in the meeting.
- **Meeting with Mr Gregory Paulger, the new Director for Youth and Sport of the European Commission, and the Sport Unit took place in Brussels on 26 October 2010.** Current Sports Policy



Issues, for example EU Sports programme and financing of sports, were discussed. ENGSO presented the director with an overview of ENGSO as an organisation and outlined some of its recent activities and positions, including the manifesto on social inclusion and the conclusions of the 13th ENGSO Forum, ENGSO's work in promoting sustainable funding for sports, and ENGSO's activities in the field of volunteering.

- ENGSO participated in the **Special Competence Seminar of the EOC EU Office** in Brussels in on 15–16 November 2010.
- ENGSO President **Birgitta Kervinen spoke at the conference “Sustainable Contributions to Society by Lotteries” organised by the Belgian Presidency of the European Union** in Brussels on 16 November. President Kervinen emphasised the significance of lotteries to sport and especially to the funding of grassroots sports.
- The **Belgian EU Presidency launched a new high-level structured dialogue** on sport by hosting the first meeting in Brussels on 6 December 2010. Three items were on the agenda of the first high-level meeting. First, the meeting discussed the outcomes of the Sport Council, which had adopted conclusions on anti-doping and social inclusion, and a resolution on structured dialogue. Second, the future of the high-level EU structured dialogue was discussed. Finally, the participants had the opportunity to raise other topical issues. **ENGSO raised especially the importance of volunteering.**
- ENGSO signed the EOC EU Office’s position paper on Mainstreaming Sport into EU Funding Programmes.
- ENGSO represented sports in the **Opening Conference of the European Year of Volunteering 2011** on 8 January 2011 in Budapest. Vice President Jan Bohac took part in the panel discussion on the recognition of non-formal learning through volunteering.
- ENGSO has eight representatives, including one co-chair, in the six **EYV2011 Alliance Working Groups**, which will produce recommendations on volunteering to decision-makers by the end of the year.
- ENGSO met the French minister for sport at a meeting with sports organizations in Brussels on 24 January 2010.
- ENGSO-TAFISA (‘The Association For International Sport for All’) Joint Meeting was held in Vantaa on 7 February 2011. ENGSO and TAFISA have a Memorandum of Understanding. Ways of cooperation were discussed.
- ENGSO President and Secretary General had a **Cooperation Meeting with EOC President Mr Patrick Hickey** at the EU Sports Forum in Budapest in February 2011.
- **EU Sport Forum in Budapest from 21 to 22 February 2011.** ENGSO President Birgitta Kervinen took part in a high-level panel debate **“Developing the European Dimension in Sport”**. In her opening remarks, she raised three themes: **safeguarding the sustainable financing of sport, volunteering, and social inclusion.** During the EU Sport Forum, ENGSO President Kervinen met with Commissioner **Androulla Vassiliou.**



- **ENGSO Secretary General Predrag Manojlovic is chairing the EPAS Consultative Committee 2010-2012.**
- ENGSO participated in the **Annual Partner Meeting of the EOC EU Office** in Brussels on 8 March 2011.
- **ENGSO EL Joint Committee Meeting** was held in Brussels on 8 March 2011. Ways of cooperation were discussed.
- ENGSO joined the **European Alliance for the Statute of the European Association (EASEA).**
- During the year, ENGSO representatives met with several Members of the European Parliament to discuss current European sports matters.

Actions taken from the GA 2007 to 2010 inclusive:

- Statement on the EU White Paper on Sports, 2007
- Statements on Volunteering and State-Run Lotteries, 2007
- Cooperation with EU Presidencies, Slovenia and France 2008, the Czech republic and Sweden 2009, Spain and Belgium 2010
- EU Sport Forum in Biarritz, 2008, EU Sport Forum in Madrid, 2010
- Participation in the Working Groups of the European Commission: Active Citizenship, Health, Non-Profit Sport Organisations
- Participation in the EU Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health
- ENGSO response to the e-consultation on the Internal Market barriers' on sport funding, 2010
- Position paper on the Future "EU2020" Strategy

2. Be a forum for exchange of knowledge and experience

Actions that have been taken between the GAs of 2010 and 2011

- **The 18th ENGSO General Assembly and ENGSO EU Seminar 2010 "Sport=Truly Inclusive"** was held in Belgrade, Serbia on 14-15 May 2010. **ENGSO Manifesto on Truly Inclusive Sport** was the main topic of the ENGSO EU Seminar 2010 and it was adopted by the 18th ENGSO General Assembly 2010.
- **ENGSO Forum** was held in Dubrovnik in Croatia on 8-9 October 2010. The 13th ENGSO Forum discussed the theme "Social Inclusion and Education through Sports".
 - **Sport for All Round Table Meeting** was held in the framework of the ENGSO Forum.
 - **Workshop** on education and sport, notably **dual careers**, in the framework of the **Athletes 2 Business** project was organised.
 - **Project examples on social inclusion and education through sports implemented by ENGSO members** were showcased at the forum and are summarised in the **Proceeding Book of the Forum**.



- **ENGSO ENTER !**, women’s mentoring project, was applied for and received from the European Union funding programme “Leonardo da Vinci” which is a part of the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme. The aim of the ENTER Programme is to encourage women to volunteer in leadership positions at a European level. Apart from ENGSO there are six national sports organisations as partners. Last international training was organized in London in March 2011.
- ENGSO has developed its **Women’s International Leadership Development Programme (WILD)** which aims to up-skill potential women leaders from our partner countries across Europe and leave a legacy of tools and information available for future projects to get a head start. The WILD project is lead by the Sport and Recreation Alliance from the UK and has partners from the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, and Sweden. The project is supported by the European Union as part of the Preparatory Actions in field of sport. WILD Project ended in the end of March 2011.
- The project **Creating a Level Playing Field** aims at exchanging best practice examples on the inclusion of immigrants and people of foreign origin in sporting activities between sport organisations, public authorities and organisations working in the field of social inclusion and anti-discrimination. In addition, an analysis of the best practice examples will be done, hoping to identify the successful elements of these projects and how they could be transferred to other settings. The project is supported by the European Union as part of the Preparatory Actions in field of sport. Apart from ENGSO there are ten organisations as partners.

Actions taken over the period covering the GA’s from 2007 to 2010 inclusive

- ENGSO EDU
- ENGSO General Assemblies and Fora
- Newsletter
- Website
- ENGSO’s “EU:Sport:Future” Project
- ENGSO PROHEALTH Network

3. Upgrade and consolidate the ENGSO internal organisation

Actions taken over the period covering the GA’s from 2010 to 2011

- Work of the ENGSO Executive Committee. During 2010 ENGSO Executive Committee Meetings were held six times.
- Work of ENGSO Communication and Policy Officer (Brussels)
- Work of ENGSO Secretariat (Belgrade)
- Work of ENGSO President Secretariat (Helsinki)
- ENGSO’s permanent **Working Groups** continued working actively



- EU Working Group was active in drafting the **ENGSO Manifesto on Truly Inclusive Sport** which was the main topic of ENGSO EU Seminar 2010 and which was adopted by the 18th ENGSO General Assembly 2010.
- **Communication and Marketing Working Group** was active editing and publishing the **ENGSO Newsletter**. Four issues of the Newsletter were distributed during 2010.
- ENGSO **Policy Review Working Group** continued its work with the aim of evaluating and reviewing the development process and the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2007-2011.
- The drafting process of the ENGSO Strategic Plan 2011-2015 has been run by ENGSO Executive Committee member Sallie Barker. ENGSO members have been consulted during this process.

Actions taken over the period covering the GA's from 2007 to 2010 inclusive

- Work of the ENGSO Executive Committee
- Work of ENGSO Secretariat
- Work of the EU Working Group
- Work of the Communication and Marketing Working Group
- Work of the Funding Working Group

4. Develop and implement clear and effective profile and communication

Actions taken over the period covering the GA's from 2010 to 2011

- **Four ENGSO Newsletters** were issued in 2010. ENGSO Activities were reported in detail in these Newsletters.
- ENGSO Website (www.engso.eu and www.engso.com) was updated actively.
- Visibility of ENGSO in social media was developed.
- **ENGSO Country Reports** were collected and a **Summary** was presented in the ENGSO General Assembly.

Actions taken over the period covering the GA's from 2007 to 2010 inclusive

- ENGSO Newsletter
- ENGSO's New Website was opened in the autumn 2009.
- ENGSO Country Reports Summary
- The renewal of ENGSO Communication started

5. Identify and obtain new organisational resources



Actions taken over the period covering the GA's from 2010 to 2011

- EU Funding: Preparatory Actions in the Field of Sport
 - **Women's International Leadership Development Programme (WILD)** (funded 2009, implementation 2010). ENGSO has developed the WILD Programme which aims to up-skill potential women leaders from our partner countries across Europe and leave a legacy of tools and information available for future projects to get a head start. The project is lead by the Sport and Recreation Alliance from the UK and has partners from the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Sweden.
 - The project **Creating a Level Playing Field** (funding 2010, implementation 2011–2012) aims at exchanging best practice examples on the inclusion of immigrants and people of foreign origin in sporting activities between sport organisations, public authorities and organisations working in the field of social inclusion and anti-discrimination.
- Cooperation with European Lotteries and Toto Association, 2011
- ENGSO Communication and Policy Officer Anna-Mari Hämäläinen started her work on 1 May 2010. She is based at the EOC EU Office in Brussels.

Actions taken over the period covering the GA's from 2007 to 2010 inclusive

- EU Funding:
 - Structural Support (2008)
- European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme “Leonardo da Vinci”: ENGSO ENTER ! (2008)
- Europe for Citizens: **EU:Sport:Future** (funded 2008, implemented 2009)
- Cooperation with European Lotteries and Toto Association, 2008 & 2009

In Helsinki, April 2011