

European Union and the Council of Europe:

Co-operation on issues relating to sport in 2016 and beyond

A buffet lunch event to mark the closure of two landmark EU-CoE joint projects within the field of sport

Tuesday, 6 December 2016, 12:30-14:00 Portuguese Gallery (Restaurant bleu) Palais de l'Europe Strasbourg, France

In 2016, the European Union and the Council of Europe continued to develop their partnership in the field of sport by embarking upon the co-funding of two joint projects: "The Balance in Sport" project and the project on "Promoting the Council of Europe Standards to safety, security and service at football matches and other sports events" (ProS4). Each individual project is being implemented by the Council of Europe Sport Division, in close co-operation with relevant stakeholders and partners. The projects were the subject of Direct Grant Agreements with the European Commission under the Erasmus+ programme.

This buffet lunch is an occasion to embrace this European collaboration, and to bring the stakeholders of the projects together during the closing events of the two Erasmus+ projects.

Both projects will continue into their second phases during 2017 and beyond.

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Promoting the Council of Europe Standards on safety, security and service at football matches and other sport events (ProS4)

Objectives

The ProS4 project aims to improve the competence of relevant governmental agencies as well as sport event organisers in ensuring the Council of Europe standards on safety, security and service at sport events, by:

- studying the current situation in Europe, to identify shortcomings and problem areas and to recommend constructive solutions in the form of action plans;
- offering appropriate follow-up activities to the countries which have recently undertaken monitoring exercises within the compliance with commitments project under the T-RV (Standing Committee), with a view to providing them with technical assistance (in Croatia, Romania and Slovakia).

Partnership

The T-RV Bureau members together with representatives of the three countries involved and the project consultants will work in partnership to give guidance, to co-ordinate this project, follow its implementation and evaluate the results.

This is a joint project under a direct grant agreement between the European Union (within the framework of Erasmus+) and the Council of Europe, lasting for one year: 1 January – 31 December 2016.

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Balance in Sport - tools to implement gender equality

Objectives

The Balance in Sport project aims to identify and test generally agreed upon gender equality indicators in sports which will enable a uniform approach when collecting relevant data on gender equality. It should map the *de facto* situation of female participation in sport, including leadership, coaching, media and violence. Tools will be developed to facilitate the implementation and use of these indicators by public authorities in charge of sport and sport organisations.

Partnership

The Balance in Sport project co-operates closely with stakeholder organisations such as public authorities responsible for sport, sports organisations and specialist organisations promoting gender equality in sport.

This is a joint project between the European Union (within the framework of Erasmus+) and the Council of Europe, lasting for one year: 1 January – 31 December 2016.

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