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BALANCE IN SPORT

Tools to implement Gender Equality

Data collection campaign meeting:
contribution of Romania

Meeting report

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Welcoming words and introduction

This meeting was part of the second objective of the Balance in sport project: the implementation of a pilot data collection campaign in 4 European countries (Finland, France, Romania and Spain) based on a set of "basic" gender equality indicators.

Romania joined the Balance in sport project later than Finland, France and Spain. Therefore, a second meeting took place in Bucarest following the one held in Madrid in June with the first three pilot countries.

The main objective of the meeting was to obtain a formal agreement upon their involvement for this stage of the project.

More specifically, the aims were the following:

1. Presentation of the "Balance in sport" project: context, relevance of the action, objectives, first steps taken, etc.
2. Presentation of the pilot countries' role
3. Presentation of the data collection campaign's tools: online questionnaires and grid to collect good practices and resources
4. Identification of partner organisations and respondents for the data collection campaign
5. Process design to be implemented in Romania for collecting the data

Data collection campaign process

The secretariat gave a presentation of the Balance in sport project and explained the process of collecting data on gender equality indicators (cf. PPT presentation).

Romania agreed to take part in the pilot data collection campaign. Nevertheless, three reservations were made:

- Since gender equality in sport is a very recent issue in Romania, the partner organisations may not have the data required in the online questionnaires. Gender disaggregated data collection is not a common practice in the country.
- The period planned for the data collection may be too short.
- Identified respondents are not all familiar with web-based tools, in particular with online questionnaires.

Representatives from national authorities related to sport as well as from national sport governing bodies also requested that an official letter be prepared by the Council of Europe for the main partners of the data collection process.

Online questionnaires

Given the expected difficulties in completing the questionnaires in English or French and in order to increase the response rate, the tools will be translated into Romanian. The representatives present at the meeting undertook to translate not only the questionnaires and the grid to collect materials in Romanian but also the answers. They will provide them to the project secretariat.

It was also agreed that questionnaires could be circulated in Word format and that the contributions would be collected by Romania before being sent to the project secretariat.

Identifying partner organisations

Then, Romanian representatives were invited to identify which organisations will be involved in the data collection campaign based on online questionnaires (ministry related to public service media, regulatory body, national sport federations, etc.) and how many sport organisations will constitute the panel of potential respondents. The project secretariat asked them to provide the list of potential respondents before the launching of the data collection campaign in early September

Grids for the collection of good practices and resources

The grids to collect good practices and resources in the 5 strategic areas of the project were presented by the secretariat. They will also be translated into Romanian.

Conclusion and next steps

A timetable with the next steps of the project and the role of each stakeholder (Secretariat and Romanian representatives) was agreed during the meeting.

Secretariat:

- Sending questionnaires in Word format (English version).
- Preparation of a letter to be sent to the main partners of the data collection campaign.

Romanian representatives:

- Providing the list of partner organisations with the contact details to the Secretariat.
- Translation of the tools (questionnaires and grids to collect good practices and resources) into Romanian and transmission to the Secretariat.

The launch of the data collection campaign is scheduled for 1st September 2016.

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