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Workshop on Combating Hate Speech in Sport

organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport of the Council of Europe
in co-operation with

the Youth Department of the Council of Europe
the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Hotel Europe
Meeting room
Sarajevo
Bosnia and Herzegovina

21-22 November 2017

Draft Factsheet

Background

Sport has a distinctive role to play as a force for social integration, tolerance and mutual understanding. Sport provides the opportunity to apply commonly agreed rules, to behave admirably both in victory and in defeat and to develop, the physical and cultural being, but also social behaviours in line with the core values of the Council of Europe. Through three [conventions](#)¹ covering sports and the [Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport \(EPAS\)](#)², the Council of Europe aims to fight against the negative aspects of sport such as spectator violence, intolerance and racism including expressions of Hate Speech. It promotes the positive values and functions of sport by ensuring intergovernmental co-operation, involving member states, sport federations and civil society organisations (CSO).

EPAS supports the aims of the No Hate Speech campaign through various activities such as:

- Events raising awareness on the inclusive role of sport
- Joint programmes of the Council of Europe and the European Union such as
 - o [ProS4](#)³ (promoting and strengthening the CoE standards on safety, security and service at football matches and other sports events) or
 - o [Balance in Sport](#)⁴ (promoting gender equality (GE) by developing a set of indicators and tools to evaluate GE policies)

The [No Hate Speech Movement](#)⁵ aims to address and combat hate speech by mobilising young people as participants and multipliers working towards a culture of human rights and democratic citizenship, online and offline.

The campaign objectives are to:

- support human rights education activities for action against hate speech and the risks it poses to democracy and the well-being of young people;
- develop and disseminate tools and mechanisms for reporting hate speech, especially online, including at national level;
- mobilise national and European partners to prevent and counter hate speech and intolerance online and offline;
- promote media literacy and digital citizenship and support youth participation in internet governance.

Organisers

The workshop on Hate Speech in Sport is organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the framework of the No Hate Speech Campaign. It will take place in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, on 21 and 22 November 2017.

Objectives of the workshop and expected results

The general aim of this workshop is to raise awareness and to get acquainted with the normative framework on hate speech, to exchange good practices and to share relevant know-how.

¹ See : http://www.coe.int/t/DG4/sport/default_en.asp

² See: http://www.coe.int/t/DG4/EPAS/default_en.asp

³ See: <http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/security-safety-sport>

⁴ See: <http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/gender-equality-in-sport>

⁵ Visit the campaign platform at: <http://www.nohatespeechmovement.org>

The specific objectives are:

- To develop a better understanding of the causes, extent, forms, different targets and consequences of hate speech in sport online and offline, especially on young people.
- To identify measures to prevent, counter, report and remedy hate speech, notably through the No Hate Speech Movement campaign, the Gender Equality Strategy of the Council of Europe, programme of Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport and other relevant instruments
- To promote the implementation of the Council of Europe's standards and identify gaps to fully address hate speech in sport in Europe
- To raise awareness on manipulation/ misuse of supporters/ fans for political purposes

Programme elements and methodology

The programme features a panel discussion, direct presentations as well as interactive workshops. The different elements of the workshop build upon each other.

Dates

Tuesday 21 November 2017 from 9:00 to 18:15 hours

Wednesday 22 November 2017 from 9:00 to 17:30 hours

Venue

Hotel Europe

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Working languages

English (and Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian)

Participants

Representatives of public authorities/ EPAS Governing Board members from Balkan countries at local, regional, national level (Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia):

- Officials from the authorities responsible for youth, sport and/or the interior
- Relevant public authorities including officials from authorities in charge of anti-racism, anti-discrimination

Representatives of civil society

- International/European sports organisations or federations
- National, regional and local sports associations and clubs
- NGOs such as fan groups
- Representative of National campaigns of the No Hate Speech Movement

- Youth organisations

Terms of participation

- Participation is free of charge.
- Registration is obligatory: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/sport/combating-hate-speech-in-sport-form>
- Travel and accommodation costs are at the participants' own expense.
- Different conditions apply for speakers and EPAS member states from the Balkan region.
- A buffet lunch will be offered to participants by the Council of Europe on Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 November.
- Dinner on Tuesday 21 November will be offered to participants by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Registration

Interested individuals can register by filling the electronic registration form <https://www.coe.int/en/web/sport/combating-hate-speech-in-sport-form> before 31 October 2017.

A confirmation of registration will be sent by e-mail as soon as the form is received and processed.

Airport and Transfers⁶

Arranging airport transportation through hotels

A number of Sarajevo hotels can organise transportation to and from the airport for guests. If your hotel does not offer such a service, the staff will recommend the best and most reasonable transportation options.

Airport Bus

The Sarajevo International Airport is connected to the centre of Sarajevo by buses operated by the company, Centrotans Eurolines. The bus schedule matches the flight timetable.

The bus runs every day from the airport to the city centre at the following times: 6:30 a.m., 8:50 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 13:15 p.m., 14:15 p.m., 15:30 p.m., 16:15 p.m., 17:45 p.m., 19:45 p.m., 21:00 p.m., 22:15 p.m. and 23:30 p.m.

The daily bus also leaves the stop at Vijećnica for the airport at: 5:30 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 14:00 p.m., 15:00 p.m., 16:15 p.m., 17:00 p.m., 18:30 p.m., 20:15 p.m., 21:30 p.m. and 22:45 p.m.

A one-way ticket costs 5KM and a return ticket costs 8KM. One piece of luggage (up to 23 kg) is included in the price but there is a charge of 5KM for each additional piece of luggage, as well as for bags that exceed 23 kg.

⁶ Information on Airport and Transfers was copied from the following online source: <http://sarajevo.travel/en/text/getting-to-the-center-of-sarajevo-from-the-sarajevo-international-airport/555> (9/10/2017)

Taxi

Taxis in Sarajevo are among the cheapest in Europe and a few taxi companies in the city operate 24 hours a day.

There is a Sarajevo taxi rank at the entrance to the airport near Terminal B.

If you do not find a taxi in front of the airport, you can ask the staff at the info desk to call one for you. Taxis also stop along the wide street near the airport, so you catch a cab at almost any moment as they pass by.

Taxi fares are paid exclusively in cash. A ride from the airport to **Baščaršija** should cost between 14KM and 20KM. The taxi meter starts at 1.50KM and every kilometre after that costs 1.00KM. There is a fee of 1.00KM for every piece of luggage.

You can ask the driver for a receipt and it is possible to agree upon the fare ahead of time, in which case the cost for a ride should not be higher than what it would be when going by the taximeter.

All legal taxi vehicles must have a roof sign that reads "TAXI" and the license plates should start with "TA."

Public transport

You can also make use of public transport to reach the centre of Sarajevo from the Sarajevo International Airport.

There is a trolleybus stop about a kilometre from the airport in the neighbourhood, Dobrinja, which runs all the way to Trg Austrije, and there are buses that run from Dobrinja to **Vijećnica**.

The nearest tram stop is in Stup, which is about 3.5 kilometres from the airport. The trams run between **Baščaršija** and Ilidža.

Tickets for public transport that are purchased at kiosks cost 1.60KM and those purchased from the drivers cost 1.80KM. Be sure to punch your ticket upon entering.

Multi-ride tickets are also available, which are perfect if you plan on making frequent use of public transport.

For more information:

You can find additional information about transportation options from the airport to the city by visiting the following websites:

Sarajevo International Airport – Web: www.sarajevo-airport.ba, Tel: +387 33 289 100

Sarajevo Taxi – Web: www.sarajevotaxi.com.ba, Tel: +387 33 660 666

Centrotrans Eurolines – Web: www.centrotrans.com, Tel: +387 33 770 800

Visas

- Participants are responsible for checking visa requirements and making their own visa arrangements before departure.
- The Council of Europe can prepare “notes verbales” for registered participants requiring a visa. Visa-related expenses are to be borne by the participants.

Accommodation

Participants are free to choose their own accommodation.

However, special hotel rates have been negotiated at the Hotel Europe <http://www.hoteleurope.ba/>. Please let us know if you intend to stay at this hotel and for which dates.

Information

Additional information on the programme and the conference can be found on the EPAS website (<http://www.coe.int/epas>) and on the website of the Youth Department (<http://www.coe.int/youth>).

Contact

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