OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN SPORTS CHARTER (ESC) IN

LIECHTENSTEIN

Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport
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Accord partiel élargi sur le sport

COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE



TOTAL POPULATION: **approx. 40.000**

PER CAPITA GDP (CHF): **204.000**

MAIN SPORT PRIORITIES

TARGET/ AUDIENCE | CAREER | ETHICS | INCLUSION | NON-DISCRIMINATION | GENDER EQUALITY | SUSTAINABILITY | FACILITIES | EVENTS | WELL-BEING | ORGANISATION | OTHER

FUNDING

SOURCES OF FUNDING

- ✓ State/public authorities
- ✓ Local authorities (municipalities)
- ✗ Taxes/tax exemptions
- ✗ Betting
- ✗ Lotteries
- ✓ International funding
- ✓ Other: FIFA and UEFA

ENTITIES FUNDED

- Sports federations
- Sports clubs
- National Olympic Committee (NOC)
- Top-level athletes
- National Paralympic Committee (merger with the NOC under way)

- ✓ Public/private financial partnerships
- ✗ Solidarity mechanisms

STAKEHOLDERS DIALOGUE AND CO-ORDINATION OF SPORT POLICIES

✓ National plan for sport – Government sport concepts (Sportkonzepte)

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

- **Co-ordination** through the Sports Council (Sportrat) and two sports committees (Kommission Sportschule and AG Schulsport), involving the ministers for sport, education and the economy, directors-general for sport, education and internal affairs, sport event organisers, gym and health clubs, municipalities and Special Olympics Liechtenstein.
- **Primary objectives:** define policies and priorities, share practices and co-ordinate policies.

THE SPORTS MOVEMENT

- **Co-ordination** through these platforms and other formal and informal meetings, with the same participants plus the minister for internal affairs and NGOs.
- **Prioritised topics:** overall population, sport for all, physical activity and health; combating violence, racism, xenophobia and intolerance; sports integrity and ethics; disability and social inclusion, equality, diversity and accessibility; grassroots sports, non-discrimination, social justice and safeguarding children and vulnerable adults; gender equality in sport; sustainability at sport events, sustainable and human-rights/child-rights friendly cities, and sustainable sports facilities; athlete advocacy, health, safety and wellbeing; professional services and standards; public sector regulations and investment.
- **Volunteering support:** for sports organisations and regular volunteers, a special absence regime (work/school), money prizes, insurance, training, legal advice, safeguarding and recognition of experience; for event volunteers, the same, with compensation instead of money prizes.

CORPORATE AND PROFESSIONAL SECTOR

- No specific engagement platform with the corporate and professional sector.
- No **media dialogue** or co-operation with the media.
- Protection of **media freedom**: the right to inform, freedom of expression, access to sources, professional confidentiality, independence and participation in media guidance.



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A NOTABLE PRACTICE

bewegt.li – Ministry of Home Affairs, Economy and Sports

A free public platform where residents can find local sport and physical-activity offers by location, activity, age group and time, including home-based exercise for people aged 65+ and activities for children, young people and families.

ESC Articles 10, 12 – Right to sport and developing participation

VALUES-BASED SPORT ESC ARTICLES 6, 7, 8, 9

Human Rights

- Measures to protect human rights in sport: **general legislation**, a **mechanism to report human rights violations**, whistle-blower protection and the right to appeal to court.
- The sport movement and the professional and corporate sport sectors are **required to commit** to international human rights and **human rights due diligence**.
- Participation in **multi-stakeholder platforms** to prevent and respond to human rights violations in sport.
- Measures to protect human rights at **sports events**: guidelines and specific funding criteria.
- Promotion of **gender equality** through training courses, dissemination of best practices, campaigns and guidelines.
- **Zero-tolerance policy against violence and discrimination** through general measures that also apply to sport: legislation, guidelines, training courses, dissemination of best practices, school sports and training for sport agents.

Sustainability

- Legislation and policies on sustainability when organising **sport activities and events**: general legislation, educational programmes in schools and other educational programmes, guidelines to reduce the ecological footprint of school sport activities and events, dissemination of best practices, and a service level agreement with the NOC.
- **Sporting goods industry:** no sporting goods industry in the country.
- Mechanisms for **owners of sports infrastructure** to avoid potential damage: general legislation, guidelines to reduce the ecological footprint of school sport activities and events, and dissemination of best practices.

Education

- Sport is used for education through the **physical education curriculum**, schools, **campaigns promoting values**, guidelines and recommendations, training and education, ambassadors, and involvement of federations and the sports movement.

Integrity

- **Competitive integrity** through fair-play awareness campaigns, educational programmes, dissemination of best practices and inclusion of fair play in the school curriculum.
- **Manipulation of competitions:** stakeholder co-operation, training, education and awareness raising, national and international information exchange, regulation of the sports betting market and action against illegal betting, and a legal framework with criminal, administrative and disciplinary sanctions. CETS No. 215 signed but not ratified.
- **Doping:** stakeholder co-operation, training, education and awareness raising, information sharing on convicted athletes, national and international information exchange, action against the distribution and sale of doping substances, a WADA-accredited national anti-doping organisation, and international co-operation. Anti-Doping Convention (ETS No. 135) and its Additional Protocol (ETS No. 188) signed and ratified.
- **Organisational integrity** through general legislation, specific legislation on the rights and duties of publicly funded sports organisations, supervision mechanisms, guidelines and codes of conduct, legal advice, awareness raising and education.
- **Whistle-blower protection** through whistle-blowing platforms, guaranteed anonymity and forwarding of complaints to the appropriate organisation.



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SPORT FOR ALL ESC ARTICLES 10, 11, 12



- ✗ **LEGAL BASIS ENSURING THE RIGHT TO SPORT FOR ALL**
- ✓ **PROVISIONS TO ENSURE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN TAKE PART IN SPORT**
  → bewegt.li, a public platform where residents can search local sport and physical-activity offers by location, activity, age group and time, free of charge and without registration, including home-based exercise for people aged 65+ and activities for children, young people and families
- ✓ **APPROPRIATE TIME SLOTS FOR STUDENTS TO ACCESS SPORT**
  → Mandatory PE, optional PE
- ✓ **MECHANISMS TO ENSURE PE TEACHERS HAVE APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS**
  → Mandatory certified education to access sport careers; mandatory certified continuous training
- ✓ **MECHANISMS TO ENSURE CO-OPERATION IN USE OF FACILITIES BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND SPORTS CLUBS**
  → Formal agreements on facilities use

SPORT FOR ALL ESC ARTICLES 13, 14



- ✓ **SUPPORT FOR TOP-LEVEL ATHLETES**
  → Legislation, insurance, free healthcare (including mental health), scholarships, money prizes, awards, special school and work regimes, talent identification and follow-up programmes, coach training specific to top-level performance; for student athletes: specific legislation, special absence regime, mechanism to follow all subjects, school schedules reconciling school and sport, special access to higher education, formal communication between school, sport clubs and family; for transition to a post-sport career: special access to recruitment procedures, training courses
- ✓ **MECHANISMS TO ENSURE SPORT IS MANAGED BY COMPETENT, WELL-GOVERNED BODIES**
  → General legislation, specific legislation on the rights and duties of publicly funded sports organisations, supervision mechanisms, guidelines and codes of conduct, legal advice, awareness raising, education
- ✓ **MECHANISMS TO GUARANTEE RIGHTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF SPORTS PROFESSIONALS**
  → Legislation

MEANS ESC ARTICLES 15, 16, 17, 18

- ✓ **MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THAT FACILITIES AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL**
  → Sports infrastructure and public infrastructure legislation, adoption and dissemination of mandatory international norms
- ✓ **MECHANISMS TO EMPOWER EVENT ORGANISERS AND SPORTS FACILITIES OWNERS TO FULFIL THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY OBLIGATIONS**
  → Legislation
- ✓ **ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE TRAINING COURSES LEADING TO QUALIFICATIONS IN SPORT**
  → Accreditation of courses, mandatory continuous training
- ✓ **ENSURING SPORTS LEADERS ARE QUALIFIED IN VALUES, INTEGRITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**
  → Training and education, support, access to tools, methods and practical guidance to support management

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

- ▸ **MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING**
- ▸ **ERASMUS+ PROGRAMMES**
- ▸ **CO-OPERATION THROUGH EPAS AND BILATERALLY, ESPECIALLY WITH SWITZERLAND**

RESEARCH AND CO-OPERATION

- ✓ **SUPPORT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN SPORT**
  → Public funding, partnerships with academia, sports organisations and public authorities
- ✓ **PUBLIC AUTHORITIES COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE RELEVANT SPORTS DATA**
  → National monitoring systems
- ✓ **PUBLIC/PRIVATE FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIPS**
  → Public subsidies

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

COUNCIL OF EUROPE
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UN FORUMS
(ECOSOC, UNRWA)

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Ministry responsible for Sport: Ministry of Home Affairs, Economy and Sports (Ministerium für Inneres, Wirtschaft und Sport)