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

LUXEMBOURG

Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport
epas
Accord partiel élargi sur le sport

COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE



TOTAL POPULATION: **approx. 691.000**

PER CAPITA GDP (PPS): **99.300**

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 (public/national)
- ✓ International funding

ENTITIES FUNDED

- Sports federations
- Sports clubs
- National Olympic Committee (NOC)
- National Paralympic Committee (NPC)
- Local authorities
- Schools/educational bodies
- Top-level athletes

- ✓ Public/private financial partnerships
- ✓ Solidarity mechanisms

STAKEHOLDERS DIALOGUE AND CO-ORDINATION OF SPORT POLICIES

✓ National plan for sport – LTAD framework concept "Lëtzebuerg lieft Sport"

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

- Co-ordination by the **Ministry of Sports** through structured cooperation with key institutional stakeholders, notably within the LTAD – **Lëtzebuerg lieft Sport framework**, complemented by consultation through the Higher Council for Sport.
- **Primary objective:** share practices.

THE SPORTS MOVEMENT

- **Co-ordination** through other formal and informal meetings, involving the ministers responsible for sport, health, education, internal affairs, the inclusion of persons with disabilities, equality, economy and justice; the directors-general in charge of sport, health, tourism, education, internal affairs, the inclusion of persons with disabilities and equality; the anti-doping agency, the sport integrity agency, sport event organisers, gym and sports clubs, the sports movement, municipalities, NGOs and trade unions.
- **Prioritised topics:** high-performance sport; professional sport; overall population; sport for all; physical activity and health; sports integrity; ethics; gender equality in sport.
- **Volunteering support:** for sports organisations and regular volunteers, special leave from work or school, money prizes, insurance, training courses and recognition of experience; for event volunteers, the same measures plus specific legislation; the "Gamechangers" action plan to strengthen volunteering in sport.

CORPORATE AND PROFESSIONAL SECTOR

- No specific **engagement platform** with the corporate and professional sector.
- **Media dialogue** through regular meetings.
- Protection of **media freedom** through guarantees of 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

Four national initiatives – Ministry of Sports

«Meng Gemeng lieft Sport»: a national programme through which municipalities sign a charter and agreement with the ministry to develop long-term local sport and physical activity policies. «Gamechangers»: the INAPS action plan to strengthen volunteering in sport. ALIS: the Luxembourg Agency for Integrity in Sport, succeeding the national anti-doping agency and covering anti-doping, safeguarding and competition manipulation. «FUNdamentals – Eng Beweegungsgeschicht fir Kanner»: a storybook with teaching materials and activities encouraging children to be physically active and develop their motor skills.

ESC Articles 3 and 12 (Meng Gemeng lieft Sport); 4 (Gamechangers); 6 and 8 (ALIS); 11 (FUNdamentals)

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

Human Rights

- Measures to protect human rights in sport: a **mechanism to report** human rights violations, **sport-specific legislation**, **national campaigns**, whistle-blower protection, the right to appeal to court, and co-operation between public bodies responsible for sport and for human rights.
- 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**: legislation and regular dialogue with sports organisations and civil society.
- Promotion of **gender equality** through the **«All In Plus»** EU–Council of Europe project, a specific plan for gender equality in sport, training courses, dissemination of best practices, campaigns, guidelines, regular dialogue with sports organisations, school sport, media coverage, codes of conduct and reporting mechanisms for gender-based violence, and training for sports movement actors.
- **Zero-tolerance policy against violence and discrimination** through sport-specific and general measures: dissemination of best practices, legislation, sport-specific actions in national strategies on equality and non-discrimination and on the inclusion of people with disabilities, school sport, media coverage, reporting mechanisms and training for sport agents. CETS No. 218 signed but not ratified.

Integrity

- **Competitive integrity** through fair-play awareness campaigns, dissemination of best practices, educational programmes 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, a legal framework with criminal, administrative and disciplinary sanctions, and international co-operation. 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 Additional Protocol (ETS No. 188) signed and ratified.
- Protection of **organisational integrity**.
- **Whistle-blower protection** through whistle-blowing platforms, guaranteed anonymity and forwarding of complaints to the appropriate organisation.

Education

- Sport is used for education through the **physical education curriculum**, campaigns promoting values, funding campaigns, national days and events, training and education, regular meetings, legislation, involvement of federations and the sports movement, and schools.

Sustainability

- Legislation and policies on sustainability when organising **sport activities and events**: general legislation, guidelines to reduce the ecological footprint of school sport activities and events, and dissemination of best practices.
- **Sporting goods industry:** no sporting goods industry in the country.
- No mechanisms for **owners of sports infrastructure** to avoid potential damage.



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SPORT FOR ALL ESC ARTICLES 10, 11, 12

- **LEGAL BASIS ENSURING THE RIGHT TO SPORT FOR ALL**
  ➜ Amended Law of 3 August 2005 on sport; Coalition Agreement 2023–2028
- **PROVISIONS TO ENSURE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN TAKE PART IN SPORT**
  ➜ The 2023–2028 Coalition Agreement provides for the promotion of sport and physical activity for all, at all ages and without discrimination, at municipal level, connecting and strengthening all actors responsible for physical activity and sport
- **APPROPRIATE TIME SLOTS FOR STUDENTS TO ACCESS SPORT**
  ➜ Mandatory PE, optional PE, school sport clubs
- **MECHANISMS TO ENSURE PE TEACHERS HAVE APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS**
  ➜ Mandatory certified education to access sport careers; mandatory certified continuous training; optional education to access sport careers; optional continuous training
- **MECHANISMS TO ENSURE CO-OPERATION IN USE OF FACILITIES BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND SPORTS CLUBS**
  ➜ Mechanisms, such as local level agreements and coordination arrangements between schools, municipalities and sports clubs



SPORT FOR ALL ESC ARTICLES 13, 14

- **SUPPORT FOR TOP-LEVEL ATHLETES**
  ➜ Legislation, insurance, free healthcare (including mental health), scholarships, special school and work regimes, end-of-career support, talent identification and follow-up programmes, coach training specific to top-level performance; for student athletes: specific legislation, special regime for school absences, mechanism to follow all subjects, school schedules reconciling school and sport, special regime to access higher education, and formal communication between school, sports club and family; for the transition to a post-sport career: post-career access to higher education, a dual-career system and the army's elite sport section
- **MECHANISMS TO ENSURE SPORT IS MANAGED BY COMPETENT, WELL-GOVERNED BODIES**
- **MECHANISMS TO GUARANTEE RIGHTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF SPORTS PROFESSIONALS**

MEANS ESC ARTICLES 15, 16, 17, 18

- **MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THAT FACILITIES AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL**
  ➜ Legislation on public infrastructures; adoption and dissemination of mandatory international norms on sports infrastructures
- **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**
  ➜ Legislation, a legal framework determining mandatory subjects in courses, accreditation of courses, mandatory continuous training and pedagogical materials
- **ENSURING SPORTS LEADERS ARE QUALIFIED IN VALUES, INTEGRITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**
  ➜ Training and education, recognition and dissemination of good practices in sports club management, and subsidies for affiliated sports clubs

RESEARCH AND CO-OPERATION

- **SUPPORT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN SPORT**
  ➜ Public funding; LIROMS, LIHPS, CMOL and SportFabrik
- **PUBLIC AUTHORITIES COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE RELEVANT SPORTS DATA**
  ➜ Sport organisations' reports, national monitoring systems
- **PUBLIC/PRIVATE FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIPS**
  ➜ Tax exemptions

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

- **MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING**
- **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES**
- **PLEDGES**
- **ERASMUS+ PROGRAMMES**
- **CO-OPERATION WITH THE SWISS FEDERAL OFFICE OF SPORT (BASPO) AND THE TRAINERAKADEMIE KÖLN OF THE GERMAN OLYMPIC SPORTS CONFEDERATION**
- **HEPA FOCAL POINT AT INAPS, TAKING PART IN COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND WHO MEETINGS**

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

European Union

UN INSTITUTIONS

UNESCO

Benelux

Groß – Grande REGION

Ministry responsible for Sport: Ministry of Sports