

Mapping of Sports Facilities Meeting 4 on social sustainability and sports facilities

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Speakers' biographies and presentations

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Remco Hoekman Director of the Mulier Institute



Remco Hoekman is director of the Mulier Institute, a sport research institute for policy and society. In addition, he is professor by special appointment of sport sociology and sport policy at the Radboud University. With his research he focuses amongst others on the ramifications of policy aimed at reducing the unequal use of and unequal access to sports or sports facilities. His work is interdisciplinary and aligns well with the integrated embedding of sport and exercise policy. Furthermore, he is the chair of an expert group on sport facility databases and related research and works together with EPAS and the Council of Europe on the mapping of sports facilities.

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Francine Hetherington Raveney Deputy Executive Secretary of EPAS, Council of Europe



Francine Hetherington Raveney is an expert in the fields of: sport policy, gender equality, diversity, project management, script analysis, audiovisual co-productions, and communication, amongst others. She obtained a Masters Degree in English and French Literature at The Queen's College, Oxford University (1992-1996), a Masters Degree in Women's Studies at The Queen's College, Oxford University (1996-1997) and then carried out doctoral studies in France in politics and literature at Strasbourg University (1997-1998).

Since 2000, she has worked in a number of international organisations, including the Council of Europe, where she was a project manager for the Eurimages film fund for 11 years (2009-2020), and WHO Europe (2004-2005) where she was a Managing Editor. She is the founder, former Executive Director and currently an Honorary Member of the European Women's Audiovisual (EWA) Network. She is also a member of the New Dawn Film Fund jury and regularly teaches pitching and gives presentations at festivals and universities throughout Europe.

Since April 2021 she has worked as the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), where she oversees resources, works with the Governing Board and partner organisations to ensure that topical thematic activities (such as gender equality, diversity, integrity and good governance in sport) and conferences (e.g. on combating gender-based violence in sport) are dealt with smoothly and effectively.

James Ogilvie

Head of European Affairs, UEFA



James is based in the UEFA EU Representative Office in Brussels. He is responsible for overseeing UEFA's long-term partnership with European institutions, rooted in our joint commitment to protect and promote the European sports model. This includes managing UEFA's institutional partnership agreements with both the European Union and the Council of Europe. James started his career in the European Commission and has previously worked as a strategic advisor on European affairs to corporations and NGOs. He holds an LLM in European Law from the College of Europe and has been involved in football at grassroots level all his life.

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Kairis Ulp

Head of the Sport Register, Estonia



Kairis Ulp is the head and founder of the Estonian Sports Register, national sports database and information system established to support the development of sport in Estonia. She has broad experience in EU and national sport policy, having served as a Policy Officer in the European Commission's Sport Unit from 2020 to 2022 and previously playing a leading role during the Estonia's Presidency of the Council of EU as Chair of the Working Party on Sport. Kairis Ulp is also Emeritus Honorary Member of FISU and has contributed to several international expert groups and initiatives linking sport, education, and healthy lifestyles.

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Evald Bundgaard Iversen

Associate Professor, Head of Centre, University of Southern Denmark



Associate Professeor Evald Bundgaard Iversen is Head of the Research Centre for Sports, Health and Civil Society at the University of Southern Denmark. His research has particularly dealt with issues around the organization steering and management of (public) sports facilities. Recently, a particular focus has evolved on the possible dilemmas between the different aspects of sustainability with regards to sports facilities.

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Flavio la Porta

Official of the Department for Sport of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy



Energy Manager, Flavio has worked for years in the civil engineering sector. He currently serves as a Technical Officer for the Department for Sport of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. He is a member of the project evaluation committee for the 2025 Sport and Health ("*Sport e Salute*") call for proposals.

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Master's degree in European and International Studies

2021 - 2023: Project Manager – European Affairs at the French Ministry of Sports

2023 - 2024: Project Manager for International Relations at the French Ministry of Sports

Since August 2024: Project Manager – Technological Innovations at the National Sports Innovation Resource Center based at the Pays de la Loire CREPS in Nantes.

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