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**“Mapping of sports facilities –
Meeting 3: Insights into financing of sport facilities”**

Hybrid meeting organised jointly by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)
and the Mulier Instituut

Tuesday 13 December
9am – 12.30pm

Venue:
Online via BlueJeans
Link: <https://bluejeans.com/767547899/8287>

Concept note and draft programme

Background

In most countries the funding of sport facilities takes up most of the sport budget. Insight into different ways of financing sport facilities is therefore of vital relevance. The question as to how to fund and run sport facilities in a cost-effective manner is becoming even more prominent with rising costs (e.g. energy crisis). In the context of this EPAS and the Mulier Instituut will host an online meeting on the mapping of sports facilities directly pertaining to this issue of the financing of sport facilities.

Objectives

The aim of this online meeting is to:

- gain insights into different ways of financing sport facilities;
- gain insights into different modes of operations for sport facilities and its relation with the costs to run a sport facility;
- gain insights into the social return on investment or societal value of sport facilities;
- bring together researchers and national level policy-making experts to identify solutions to keep sport facilities affordable for all groups in society.

Thematic scope

The forthcoming online meeting on **Tuesday 13 December 2022** explores the following questions:

- to what extent and in which way are sport facilities subsidised or financed by the governments in different European countries?
- what is the social return on investment or societal value of sport facilities?
- what lessons can be learnt going forwards?

Speakers

The online meeting will be co-chaired and co-moderated by Dr. Remco Hoekman, Director of the Mulier Instituut and Ms Francine Hetherington Raveney, Deputy Executive Director of EPAS.

Speakers will include researchers, policy-making experts and other experts in this field as well as the wider sports movement.

Draft agenda

9-9.10am *Opening words* (Remco Hoekman and Francine Hetherington Raveney)

9.10am-10.10am *Financing sport facilities*

- Presentation by Ivana Ozretić and Dino Križnjak (Croatia), Ministry of Agriculture: *Financing of sport facilities in Croatia*
- Presentation by Alice Boyd (NO), Ministry of Culture and Equality, Department of Civil Society and Sports. *Financing of sport facilities in Norway, using lottery money.*
- Presentation by Max Schubiger (Switzerland), Federal office of sport: *National Sports Facilities Concept (NASCO)*

10.10-10.30am *Questions and answers*

10.30-10.50am *Break*

10.50am-11.50am *Operation of sport facilities*

- Presentation by Nils Olof Zethrin (Sweden), Swedish association of local authorities and regions: *Operation of sport facilities, insights from IAKS and Sweden*
- Presentation by Oliver Vanges (Denmark), The Danish Foundation for Culture and Sport Facilities: *Funding programme for multipurpose sport facilities in Denmark*
- Presentation by Liam McGroarty, UEFA: *New financing model for community sport.*

11.50am-12.10pm *Questions and answers*

12.10pm-12.30pm *Conclusions and information about follow-on work and the next online meeting in 2023 on equal access to sports facilities*

(Remco Hoekman and Francine Hetherington Raveney)

Structure and practical arrangements of the webinar

The online meeting is scheduled to last 3.5 hours with a 20-minute break. As this is an online meeting, participants will be invited to pose questions through the chat function of the BlueJeans online platform to be asked to speakers at the end of each section.

The working language of the online meeting will be English.