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Child Safeguarding in Sport

CLOSING EVENT

Factsheet and draft programme

Thursday, 23 June 2022

9.00am – 12.30pm

Hybrid format

Online Bluejeans

Council of Europe - Agora building
Meeting room G01

Followed by a networking reception
12.30pm – 14.00pm

Background information

[“Child Safeguarding in Sport” \(CSiS\)](#) is a European Union (EU) and Council of Europe (COE) joint project. Its implementation started on 1 March 2020 and will last until 30 June 2022 (extended from 31 October 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

The main aims of the CSiS project were to guide and accompany partner countries towards developing effective child safeguarding policies to ensure safe, positive and empowering sport environments for all children. This is achieved through the provision of **national tailor-made roadmaps** for the development and implementation of child safeguarding policies. Central to the roadmaps is the **establishment of the Child Safeguarding Officers (CSOs)** who will be key players in the delivery of effective policies.

Six partner countries in the project (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Israel, Norway and Portugal) were supported by country experts/consultants and good practice examples from European countries as well as expert consultants from Safe Sport International (SSI) while developing their tailor-made roadmaps.

The main outcomes of the CSiS project are:

1. Country-specific roadmaps for child safeguarding in sport policies
2. The Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport
3. The Online Resource Centre on Child Safeguarding in Sport.

➤ **Country-specific roadmaps for child safeguarding in sport policies**

The roadmaps have been designed in **a collaborative way**, involving all the stakeholders that (can) have a role in protecting victims and preventing children from being harmed and abused in sport. The CSiS project designed **a methodology** for the roadmap development as an inclusive process that begins with desk research to undertake a needs and gaps assessment, followed by recommendations, mapping of stakeholders, discussions of expectations, a self-assessment by national stakeholders of the current state of play, and identification of measures to be taken in relation to five¹ of the nine building blocks included in the “International Safeguards for Children in Sport”. Once the actions are identified they are integrated into the roadmap.

➤ **The Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport**

[The Pool of International Experts on Safe Sport](#) is established as the single-entry point to a unique source of multi-disciplinary expertise covering all forms of violence and abuse against children in sport. It brings together policy-makers, researchers and academics, specialists supporting people with lived experience, (child) safeguarding officers, trainers/consultants and agents of change (including advocates and people with lived experience of violence and abuse in the world of sport). The pool is a means for peer-learning, capacity building and fostering exchanges between all those who have a role to play in preventing and combating any form of violence and abuse against children in the field of sport.

➤ **The Online Resource Centre on Child Safeguarding in Sport**

The Online Resource Centre for Child Safeguarding in Sport complies in a single-entry point relevant practices and resources for everyone involved in protecting children from violence and abuse in sport. The practices and resources provide information to support organisations

¹ 1. National policy framework for safeguarding and protecting children in sport, 2. Partnerships, 3. System and structure for responding to concerns about children and young people, 4. Advice and support, 5. Education and training framework

wherever they are on their safeguarding journey. This includes inspiration to get started, ideas for developing an awareness campaign or options for implementing a case management system. Resources and practices are divided into eight categories: Strategy and policy frameworks, Educational programmes and materials, Awareness-raising initiatives, Codes of conduct and codes of ethics, Risk minimisation measures, Support systems and case management, Studies, research and reports and Systems of child safeguarding officer roles.

The CSiS closing event

The event will gather representatives of the CSiS partner countries, international experts and representatives of good practices to present the project results, discuss implementation of child safeguarding policies and share the lessons learned.

The event will be organised in hybrid format: online from Strasbourg. Members of the steering committees from the CSiS partner countries, representatives of the EPAS Governing Board and Consultative Committee; public authorities, international and national sports organisations, athletes, coaches and other stakeholders interested in strengthening child safeguarding in sport will be welcome to attend the conference remotely.

EU-CoE joint project “Child safeguarding in sport” Closing event

Draft programme

9.00am-9.10am **Opening session**
Irena Guidikova, Head of the Children’s Rights and Sport Values Department, Council of Europe
Florencia Van Houdt, Head of Sport Unit – DG EAC, European Commission

Conference moderator: *Sophie Kwasny, Head of the Sport Division, Council of Europe*

9.10am-9.30am **Presentation of the CSiS project results**
Adela Cujko, project officer, Council of Europe

9.30am-10.45am **Development of country specific roadmaps for child safeguarding in sport policies**
Presentation by the CSiS national coordinators - Austria, Belgium FWB, Croatia, Israel, Norway, Portugal

10.45am-11.00am **Break**

11.00am-11.45am **Towards implementation of child safeguarding in sport policies**
– discussion
Representatives of the CSiS partner countries and representatives of good practice examples on child safeguarding in sport

11.45am-12.15pm **Lessons learned**
Anne Tiivas, Safe Sport International

12.15am-12.25pm **Child safeguarding in sport - what’s next?**
Elena Casero, project officer, Council of Europe

12.25am-12.30pm **Closing words**
Florencia Van Houdt, Head of Sport Unit – DG EAC, European Commission
Irena Guidikova, Head of the Children’s Rights and Sport Values Department, Council of Europe

12.30pm-14.00pm **Networking reception**

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