

Education and Culture DG

*Developing the European dimension in Sport*

*Perspective of European Commission*

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## MAIN SPORT ACTORS AT COMMISSION LEVEL

- DG Education & Culture:
  - Sport unit: coordination and mainstreaming sport
  - Youth unit
  - Higher education unit
  - School education unit
  - Agency for EAC funding programmes
- **Sport Interservice Group:** officials in other Commission's DGs responsible for sport issues
- Impact Assessment Board



## GENERAL IMAGE of SPORT



## New features European Sport



- European sport is no longer an activity for young well performing men only

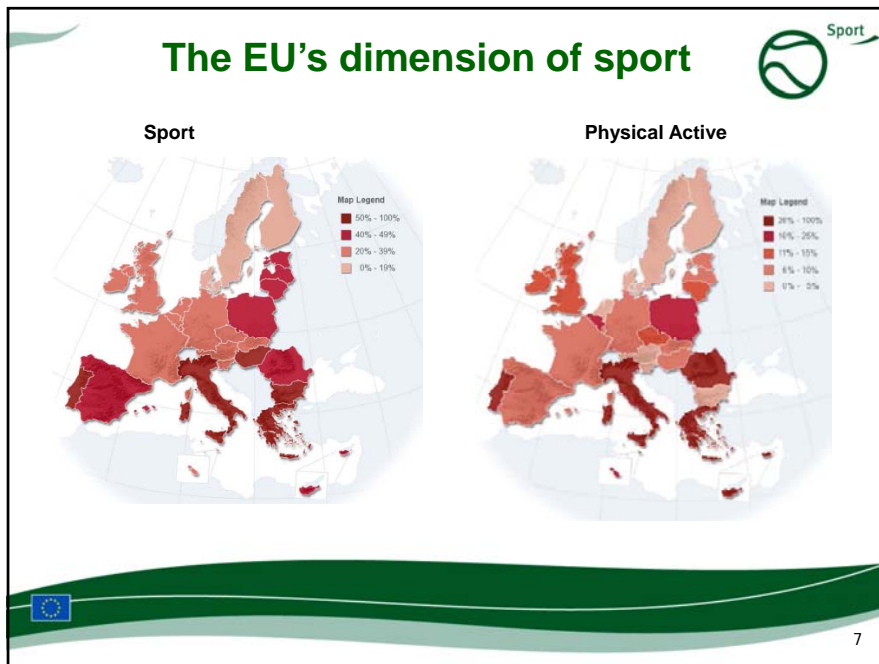


## New features European Sport



- New sports and unknown disciplines are introduced and used in different markets
- Competitive sport organized under umbrella of sport federations and clubs is just one type of today's sport
- Many small enterprises in fitness, outdoor sports, after school and community programs are part of sport sector
- Sport activities are more and more promoted as tool for social objectives (health, education, fight against crime, social inclusion)





- ## Physical Education in EU
- Study European Parliament prof Ken Hardman cs
  - Expert group developing guidelines Physical Activities
  - Consultation EUPEA
  - Working group Education and Training in Sport
  - Preparatory Actions Sport and other EU supported projects
  - Conferences on Women and sport, sport for disabled

## Physical Education in EU

- Concern about role and status of Physical Education in various Member States
- Growing awareness that curriculum and its delivery need to be conceptually and contextually re-appraised and relate to what is going on outside and beyond the school
- Interesting developments in partnerships on local level to increase participation in all sort of Physical Activities
- Higher demand on talent identification from sport world
- Challenge on teenage girls, and inclusion of young people with a disability in PE lessons in mainstream schools.



## The EU & Sport

### Overview: situation November 2011 (sport)

- **2007 White Paper on Sport:**
  - implementation of 53 actions – 90% completed or underway
- **EU competence for sport (Art. 165 TFEU):**
  - explicit legal basis to promote sport at EU level
  - established structures for sport in the Council
  - continuation of informal cooperation
- **Communication** – Developing the European Dimension in Sport (adopted on 18 January 2011)
- **Council** – EU Workplan for sport (new Expert Groups)
- **Preparatory Actions in the field of sport:** transnational projects
  - 2009 (health, education, gender, disability) – € 4m
  - 2010 (social inclusion, anti-doping, volunteering) – € 2.5m
  - 2011 (violence, intolerance/racism) – € 2m
- **MFF 2014+** – Erasmus for all / Sub-programme Sport





## Treaty Functioning European Union (Lisbon treaty 1–12-2009)

### TITLE I CATEGORIES AND AREAS OF UNION COMPETENCE

#### Article 6

The Union shall have competence to carry out actions to **support, coordinate and supplement** the actions of Member States,

The areas of such action shall, at European level, be:

[...]

(e) **education, vocational training, youth and sport**

Note: excluding any harmonisation of the laws and regulations of the Member States in these fields and respecting principle of subsidiarity.



## TITLE XI EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND YOUTH AND SPORT

#### Article 165

1. The Union shall contribute to the development of **quality education (...)** while fully respecting the **responsibility of the Member States for:**

- **the content of teaching**
- **the organisation of education systems**
- **their cultural and linguistic diversity**

The Union shall contribute to the promotion of European sporting issues, while taking account of:

- **the specific nature of sport,**
- **its structures based on voluntary activity**
- **its social and educational function.**





2. Union action shall be aimed at:

- developing the **European dimension in education**, particularly through the teaching and dissemination of the languages of the Member States,
- encouraging **mobility of students and teachers**, by encouraging inter alia, the academic **recognition of diplomas and periods of study**,
- promoting **cooperation** between educational establishments
- developing **exchanges of information and experience** on issues common to the education systems of the Member States,

(.....)



2. Union action shall be aimed at:

(....)

- developing the **European dimension in sport**, by:
  - promoting fairness and openness in sporting competitions
  - cooperation between bodies responsible for sports,
  - **protecting the physical and moral integrity of sportsmen and sportswomen, especially the youngest sportsmen and sportswomen.**



Policy context



## Communication on sport [COM(2011) 12]

- Implementing the Lisbon Treaty in the field of sport
- Focus on policy support and coordination
- Thematic chapters
  - Societal role of sport (health, education, social inclusion)
  - Economic dimension of sport
  - Organisation of sport (good governance)
  - External dimension
- Follow up in the Council and the Parliament



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### Educational institutes

- **Time spent on sport/PA in education could be improved both outside and inside the school curriculum.**
- **The quality of physical education programmes and the qualifications of teachers involved remain a concern in MS.**
- **Cooperation between sport organisations and educational institutes is beneficial for both sectors and can be supported by universities.**
- **Support a network of universities to promote innovative and evidence-based sport policies.**



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### Educational institutes

- **The need for better-qualified staff in the sport sector**
- **Importance of education in parallel to sport training for young high-level athletes (Dual career).**
- **Specific attention for young athletes coming from third countries to train and compete in Europe**
- **The quality of sport training centres and their staff regarding athletes' moral and educational development and professional interests.**

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### Societal role: main actions

# Education


- Develop European guidelines on "dual careers" **COM MS**
- Inclusion of sport-related qualifications when implementing EQF **COM MS**

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**Sport and Education**

- Role of PE in talent development of young elite athletes
- Learning outcomes and quality assurance are leading principles in EU education policy
- Validation and recognition of non formal and informal learning experiences in sport
- Future learning (2025) by personalized learning plans with tailor made learning experiences in and outside school



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## Social inclusion

- Standards for accessibility of sport (through European Disability strategy) COM MS
- Promotion of participation of people with disabilities including at European sport events COM MS
- Support for transnational projects and networks (people with a disability, women in sport, vulnerable and disadvantaged groups) COM



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### Sport and social inclusion



- Importance of projects like EUSAPA and EIPET on inclusion of young people with a disability in mainstream PE.
- Role PE in special schools inclusion in mainstream sport
- Role PE in fighting early leaving from sport by 12 – 15 years old girls



### Conclusions



- Crucial (but instrumental) role of PE for sport and active healthy lifestyles have been recognised in sport and governmental bodies responsible for sport including EU.
- Formulating learning outcomes should prevail against exact PE time allocation in curricula
- Quantity and quality of learning experiences should be guaranteed in education in and through sport including formal, nonformal and informal settings.
- The gap between “hope and happening” already exists a long time in PE. Innovative (trans) national projects could bridge the gap to make implementation happen.



## EU: Sport

Activities 2011 – 2013



### Monitoring projects Preparatory Actions 2010

- social inclusion, anti doping, voluntary services
- special olympics world games and legacy of event

### Selection and monitoring projects Preparatory Actions 2011

- fight against violence and intolerance
- good governance
- streetfootball educational camp and event EURO 2012

### Preparatory Actions “partnership on sport” 2012 (- 2013)

- Call for proposals 2012 (EP proposal € 4 million)
- feasibility study Sport Erasmus mobility programme
- supporting specific international events:  
(EP proposal € 1.5 million for: TAFISA games LT, Youth Olympic Winter sport festival RO, Paralympic Youth Games CZ)



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## EU: Sport incentive measures



### Communication: A Budget for Europe 2020

adopted by college of Commissioners: 29 June 2011

Revision of existing funding programmes for 2014 – 2020:

- Structural Funds
- New Health for growth programme
- Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation
- Programme for employment, social policy and inclusion
- New Education Europe programme
  
- **Sport sub programme, as part of Education Europe**



## The Sport sub-programme will focus on:

Developing European cooperation in sport through, for example, guidelines for dual careers of athletes or benchmarks for good governance of sporting organisations

Tackling transnational threats that are specific to sport such as doping, violence, racism and intolerance, or issues relating to the integrity of competitions and sportspersons;

Supporting grassroots sports organisations which can play a role in addressing wider socioeconomic challenges such as social inclusion.

## The Lisbon Treaty & Sport



Expectations are extremely high regarding future EU action on sport. The European Commission has warned that it cannot do everything:

"... the tools and funding at our disposal remain very limited... We cannot do everything ... We need to prioritise"

-Jan Truszczyński -

Director-General of the Commission's Directorate for education and culture





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