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The European Parliament's recent activities on future funding for sport

While the European Parliament is taking its annual summer break, it seems appropriate to provide a status quo on the Parliament's discussions on the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020. Regarding funding for sport, the recent developments of two programmes are significantly relevant:

The "Erasmus for All" Programme

With regard to this new multiannual programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport, a second exchange of views took place at the Culture and Education Committee (CULT) meeting on 9 July 2012. This time the discussions mainly focused on the management and implementation of the future programme.

In addition to this, the draft report of the CULT committee on the "Erasmus for All" programme was published on 20 July 2012. This draft report, prepared by Rapporteur Doris Pack, contained a number of amendments regarding the sport chapter. The Rapporteur for instance strongly recommends to increase the focus on grassroots sports as the main beneficiaries of the programme.

The other MEPs of the CULT Committee will now have the possibility to submit

amendments to the draft report. The final report of the CULT committee is scheduled to be voted on 6 November 2012.

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

The Regional Development Committee (REGI) met on 11 July 2012 to vote on a number of amendments to the future provisions of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Regarding funding for sport, the MEPs believe that sports infrastructures should be also eligible for ERDF funding.

The voted amendments are part of the mandate for the Parliament's negotiators to talk to the Council and the Commission over the summer. The remaining amendments will be voted on after the summer break. The REGI Committee's final report is not to be expected before the end of the year.

Further information:

[Draft Report CULT Committee - Erasmus for All Programme \(20 July 2012\)](#)

[European Parliament News - Article \(12 July 2012\)](#)

Commission call for tender "Sport Organisers' Rights" study

On Friday 6 July the European Commission published the invitation to tender for the "Study on Sports Organisers' Rights in the EU". The intention to initiate this study was already announced by the Commission in its

communication "Developing the European Dimension in Sport" of 18 January 2011 as part of the chapter on the economic dimension of sport.

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The study itself will have two overall objectives:

- To provide a comprehensive analysis of the issues related to sport organisers' rights from an EU perspective.
- To formulate suggestions as to whether EU action is needed to address any identified problem in this respect.

The tasks related to the study are set to begin on 1 December with the total period of activities taking up to ten months. Interested tenders should send in their offer not later than 1 October 2012.

Further information:

[Press release Sport Unit \(9 July 2012\)](#)

[Invitation to tender \(6 July 2012\)](#)

S4GG Project organises Mid-term event in Cyprus

The "Sport 4 Good Governance" project managed by the EOC EU Office will hold its upcoming Mid-term event in Nicosia, Cyprus on 17-18 September 2012. This event will serve as a bridge between the already conducted data research and the analysis of the questionnaire on the one hand and the scheduled toolkit and training sessions on the other.

The two-day meeting will consist of two separate parts. On 17 September a peer review will be organised. The main idea is to gain insight into good governance in sport. Therefore there will be presentations on good practices as well as in-depth

discussions with experts in the field of good governance.

On 18 September the Mid-term seminar will take place. During this seminar the analysis of the questionnaire will be presented by Prof. Dr. Christoph Breuer of the German Sport University Cologne. Afterwards, discussions amongst the project partners will be held in order to develop the educational toolkit.

At this time, the Sport 4 Good Governance team would like to take this opportunity to thank the Cyprus Olympic Committee for hosting the event. Further information on the concrete agenda of the event will be made available on the project's website in the forthcoming weeks.

The logo for the 'Sport 4 Good Governance' project. It features the word 'SPORT' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by a green circle containing the number '4'. Below this, the words 'GOOD GOVERNANCE' are written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark background.

Further information:

[Project website S4GG](#)



Internal and visits

Patrick Hickey elected to IOC Executive Committee

On Friday 26 July the members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) met in London for the 124th IOC Session.



On this occasion, the President of the European Olympic Committees (EOC), Patrick Hickey (IRL), has been elected to the Executive Board of the IOC to represent the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC).

Sir Craig Reedie (UK) and Nawal El Moutawakel (MAR) have been elected Vice-Presidents, Zaiqing Yu's (CHI) mandate having reached its end and Mario Pescante (ITA) having resigned, whilst Sergey Bubka (UKR), Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr (ESP) and Willi Kaltschmitt (GUA) have become members.

Ching-Kuo Wu (TAI) will replace Denis Oswald (SUI) as ex-officio member representing ASOIF whilst René Fasel (SUI) will remain the representative for AIOWF.

The new Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission, Claudia Bokel (GER), will join the Board as Athletes' representative, replacing Frankie Fredericks (NAM).

Lastly, the Session welcomed five new IOC members: Pierre-Olivier Beckers, President of the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee; Frank Fredericks (NAM), former Athletes' Commission Chair; Aicha Garad Ali, President of Djibouti's NOC; Lingwei Li, a Chinese badminton world champion; and Tsunekazu Takeda, President of the Japanese Olympic Committee.

More information:

[IOC press release](#)

Save the Date – 15th ENGSO Forum in Copenhagen on 19-20 October 2012

The 15th ENGSO Forum will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark on 19-20 October 2012 under the theme "Building Partnerships to Create Effective Change". The ENGSO Forum will be hosted by the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark in the Danish

House of Sport. More information on the program and the registration will follow soon.

Further information:

[ENGSO Website - Latest news](#)



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New EOC EU Office staff member



The EOC EU Office would like to announce the appointment of Matthias Van Baelen as a new staff member.

Mr Van Baelen, born in Belgium, studied Political Sciences at the University of Leuven before completing a six-month-internship at the office. During his study activities as well as his leisure time, he

has shown a keen interest in sport and sport policy.

Mr Van Baelen, representing the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee (BOIC), started working as a Policy Officer for the EOC EU Office on 1 July 2012. He will be involved full-time in the EOC EU Office's policy-related tasks. You can reach Mr Van Baelen by email at vanbaelen@euoffice.eurolympic.org or by phone at +32 2 738 0320.

Dates in August and September

29 August – 9 Sept	Paralympic Games in London
5 September	Council Expert Group "Anti-Doping" meeting in Strasbourg
10 September	Council Expert Group "Sport Statistics" meeting in Brussels
17-18 September	Sport 4 Good Governance Mid-term event in Nicosia
19 September	EOC EU Commission meeting in Nicosia
19-20 September	EU Sport Forum in Nicosia
20-21 September	Informal Sport Minister meeting in Nicosia
28 September	Council Expert Group "Education and Training in Sport" meeting in Poznan
29 September	EOC Executive Committee meeting in Andorra

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