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EHF President Michael Wiederer

"The key is now to take the learnings from 2020 into 2021 and proactively prepare for the next events."

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People with disabilities



➔ 1 billion worldwide



➔ 70 millions in the EU



3rd most frequently mentioned reason for not practising sports more regularly (Eurobarometer survey 2018)



17.5 % (approx.) of the EU's current total population and the figure is set to rise rapidly over the next decade

Source: EP Think Thank - Creating opportunities in sport for people with disabilities



Gender equality

The first meeting of the High-Level Group on Gender Equality in Sport took place on 16 February 2021 and was opened by Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner responsible for sport. Former MEP Emine Bozkurt was elected as Chair of the Group, whereas Nicolas Delorme and Kolë Gjelošhaj will be the Rapporteurs.



THE EOC EU OFFICE IS RECRUITING !

We are looking for a new EU Funding Officer to join our dynamic team in Brussels. An excellent knowledge of EU funding policy is required, see further details on page 18.

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EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

One year ago, the Covid-19 pandemic hit Europe with full force and entered the public consciousness. A sad anniversary and, as we now know, organised sport has been badly hit by this pandemic.

Despite immense efforts on parts of sports clubs and federations, we are still not even close to being business as usual in sport. The hygiene concepts developed at considerable financial and administrative expense have so far only allowed for a small part of professional sport to continue, and without spectators. It is therefore all the more important that the aid measures launched at European and national level reach the relevant actors in sport without further delay.

The extended aid framework approved by the European Commission at the end of January, which among other things allows direct financial aid of up to € 1.8 million per applicant, must be implemented quickly in order to prevent insolvencies. Figures from Germany clearly show that many clubs have lost around 5% of their members, with the portion of young people disproportionately high. These figures are alarming, as it will not be an easy task to reintegrate these young people back into sport clubs.

The topic of sport and health, which has occupied so many of us in recent months due to the pandemic, is also being taken up by the European Commission. In its initiatives "Green Paper on Ageing" and "Europe's Beating Cancer Plan", a healthy lifestyle and sufficient physical activities play a major role. In addition, the Green Paper points out the social aspects of shared sport which are beneficial to the mental health of all population groups, but especially to elderly people. Organised sport should pick up on this pointer and participate as much as possible in the consultations opened by the EU Commission.

Another note on our own behalf. The EOC EU Office will increase the number of its staff members in the coming months in order to provide even further support to our partner organisations when applying for EU funding projects. It is expected that, from May 2021, an additional colleague will work exclusively on this topic for an initial period of two years and, in addition to the usual advice, will also provide concrete assistance with the application process. In this way, we hope to increase the still far too small share of organised sport in programmes such as Erasmus+ Sport or the European Structural Funds.

While the regulation for the European Regional Development Fund has not yet been finally adopted, there was an agreement on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) in February. 25% of the funds are to be used in future for the topic of social inclusion, a topic to which sports clubs have devoted more attention in recent years and which will now enjoy a higher priority in the new ESF+.

Stay healthy and all the best for 2021!

Kind regards.



Folker Hellmund
Director EOC EU Office



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Since November 2016, Michael Wiederer has been the President of the European Handball Federation (EHF), which is the umbrella organisation for handball in Europe and has 50 member federations and two associated federations.

1. We have been living with Covid-19 restrictions for almost a year now and their impact on sport has been particularly severe. How long can handball survive under these conditions at national and European level?

The European Handball Federation quickly adapted to the pandemic's circumstances. We involved all stakeholders and openly communicated in which direction we would be heading, for example when it came to the postponement or eventually even the cancellation of our events. By staging major tournaments such as the Women's EHF EURO and the EHF FINAL4 in December, we were able

to position ourselves as a reliable partner for sponsors and broadcast partners. Therefore, while we certainly feel the impact and know that many of the clubs and federations feel it as well, the EHF's position is a relatively stable one. The key is now to take the learnings from 2020 into 2021 and proactively prepare for the next events.

2. World Men's Handball Championships has just ended. EHF had the Women's EHF Euro 2020 in December. What are the lessons learnt that you could take for your upcoming EHF events in terms of their organisation under Covid-19 conditions? Can these lessons be transferable to other sports?

Our sport can be proud that by organising the Women's EHF EURO in December and only shortly afterwards the EHF FINAL4, the EHF became one of the first federations to stage major team sport events amid the pandemic. While we always underline handball's and its players' approachability, one of the main success factors was the isolation of the protagonists, the players and several other groups directly involved the game, such as

referees, in what we called a 'red zone'. Isolation here meant protection. We see this concept now being implemented across the world in sport, for example, at the World Championships in Egypt or, more recently, at the alpine skiing World Championship in Italy. At the same time, it is vital for sports to work on concepts how, slowly and at the beginning on a limited basis, spectators can be safely permitted into venues again.

3. What are your main expectations from the EU regarding financial support for the sport or more specific topics such as travel management?

For the EHF as a European sports federation a close contact to the European Union is vital. Support is important when it comes to the organisation of testing and vaccination regimes as well as in the general management of sports – on the top level, but even more so when it comes to the return of grassroots activities in the current circumstances. In one of the EHF's core tasks, the staging of European Cup competitions, we have recently seen that

matches, for example in the EHF Champions League, were not so much impacted any more by positive cases of Covid-19 in one or the other team, but much more because of travel restrictions imposed by the respective governments and health authorities. This is where sport suffers, and this is certainly where a Europe wide travel management with unified rules would help.

4. In January 2020, EHF adopted a Master Plan for the development of European Handball. That was just before the pandemic started in Europe. What are the most important elements of it? Did you have to adapt the Master Plan as a consequence of the pandemic?

When the Master Plan was presented in January 2020, we had identified seven pillars, represented by the seven players a handball team fields, to ensure the continued growth of handball during this decade. These pillars are good governance, commercial success, strengthening the network, grassroots growth, the game environment, fan appeal and highlight events. The pandemic did mean that the development of the plan was delayed.

We have introduced a 'Back to Handball' phase and provided a variety of support measures for the national federations. Nevertheless, the plan's goal remains the same: Through a successful implementation of the Master Plan, the EHF is aiming for a doubling of the commercial value of the sport and to firmly establish handball as the leading indoor team sport in Europe.

5. Do you expect further cooperation with the EU in the upcoming years as several priorities mentioned in this plan are fully in line with the EU objectives in the field of sport (e.g. good governance, gender equality, grassroots growth)?

Clearly 'yes'. We are already connected to EU programmes such as the EHF's active participation in the annual 'European Week of Sport' and we are looking forward to deepening this cooperation wherever possible. It is obvious that European sports federations as messengers can play a major role across all

borders, simply through their activities on a national team and club competition level and as well through the education programmes for individuals on the technical and organisational level. Here they work as catalysts and ambassadors for the pan-European idea. This has to be further supported...



EU SPORT POLICY AND FUNDING NEWS

Motion for Resolution: EP adopts a resolution on the impact of Covid-19 on youth and on sport

During the plenary session 8-11 February 2021, the European Parliament adopted a motion for a resolution on the impact of Covid-19 on youth and on sport.

The resolution was adopted by 592 votes in favour, 42 against and 57 abstentions.

Overall, the EOC EU Office is pleased with the outcome of the resolution. It comes after a consultation with the Partners of the Office and much cooperation with MEPs to raise their awareness on the biggest challenges that the sport sector is currently facing.

The key contributions of the EOC EU Office were around the following topics, with the final adopted text below:

- The European Sport Model

15. Stresses that the European sport model needs to be preserved and promoted, as solidarity, fairness and a value-based approach will be more important than ever for the recovery of the sports sector and for the survival of grassroots sport;

- Various funding programmes

22. (...) through the EU programmes available and for which the sector is eligible, including the Erasmus+ programme and the European Solidarity Corps, and to ensure full access for sport to the Recovery and Resilience Facility, the European Regional Development Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Social Fund Plus and EU4Health (...)

- A coordinated approach on travelling and sporting competitions

29. (...) Urges the Member States and the Commission to strive for a coordinated

approach as regards attendance at stadiums, travel restrictions and COVID-19 testing to enable the effective planning and responsible organisation of Pan-European sporting competitions;

The resolution clearly reflects the recognition by MEPs of the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on young people and the sports sector.

It is therefore not a surprise that the Commission and Member States are asked to work more closely together to strengthen the recovery and crisis resilience of the sports sector. This means, as per the resolution, ensuring that national support funds, structural funds, and national recovery and resilience plans benefit the sports sector, despite its specific characteristics and organisational structures.

Of great significance to the EOC EU Office, Partners and to the sport sector at European level more generally, is the emphasis on the need to protect the European Sport Model. The EOC EU Office is pleased to see that its concerns on a number of topics, such as this one, were taken on board in the final amendments.

The Commission is now called to examine the possibility of delivering additional targeted support for the sport sector. As for the Council, it is urged to address recovery within the EU Work Plan for Sport.

FURTHER INFORMATION

[Motion for a resolution on the impact of Covid-19 on youth and on sport](#)

[MEPs: EU recovery instruments must also support young people and sports sector](#)

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

[Europe's Beating Cancer Plan](#), a priority under von der Leyen's Commission, was presented on the eve of the World Cancer Day (4 February 2021). The Plan supports four key action areas:

- Prevention
- Early detection
- Diagnosis and treatment
- Improve quality of life

Physical activity to prevent cancer

For sport, the prevention action area is most interesting since the plan underlines that 'prevention is more effective than any cure' and 'about 40% of cancer cases in the EU are preventable'. Moreover, by focusing on the HealthyLifestyle4All campaign, 'unhealthy diets, obesity and physical inactivity' will be tackled alongside other actions, including addressing risk factors such as tobacco, harmful alcohol consumption, and environmental pollution.

Véronique Trillet-Lenoir (Renew Europe, FR), Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) Rapporteur, emphasised that 'Ambitious legislative proposals (...) to promote a healthy diet and physical activity are steps in the right direction.'

With the overall economic impact of cancer on Europe approximately 100 billion annually, it will be interesting to see the progress such a plan will have on the EU health systems and whether it gives rise to further recognition of physical activity as a prevention tool. It is also worth noting that physical activity could be considered as a recovery tool, since it helps to reduce recidivism rates.

Online public survey

With the Covid-19 health crisis considerably increasing European physical inactivity rates, and having particularly negative impacts on cancer patients, the BECA Committee launched a public survey to investigate the lasting effects of the Covid-19 crisis on cancer care services, patients and research.

All interested stakeholders are invited to contribute to the [online public survey](#) until the 11 March 2021 (extended deadline).

FURTHER INFORMATION

[Europe's Beating Cancer Plan](#)

[Saving lives & improving patient outcomes - why screening & early detection of cancer matter](#)

[Hearing replay on paediatric, adolescent and rare cancers](#)

[Online survey: impact of the COVID19-pandemic on cancer prevention, health services, cancer patients and research](#)



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#WorldCancerDay: Research and innovation on cancer has always been one of the EU's health priorities. Find out more about cancer cases in the EU, the Europe Beating Cancer Plan and what Parliament's special committee on beating cancer does → eptwitter.eu/qwyA

4 out of 10 cancer cases are preventable

World Cancer Day | 4 February

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Commission presents a Green Paper on Ageing

The European Commission published recently a Green Paper on Ageing to launch a broad debate on the challenges and opportunities of Europe's ageing society.

The Green Paper frames the speed and scale of the demographic changes. For instance, in the last 50 years, life expectancy at birth has increased by about 10 years for both men and women. In addition, the Paper raises the question on the impact of the demographic changes on the policies that are needed in future.

The Green Paper covers topics such as promoting healthy lifestyle, lifelong learning, strengthening health and care systems as well as the need to bring more people into the workforce.

Healthy and active ageing is highlighted in the Paper as a cornerstone, including appropriate levels of physical activity. It mentions that while Member States are responsible for their health policies, the EU can support, e.g. through the new EU4Health programme, in promoting regular physical activity.

The Paper also suggests that a growing share of older people might imply that policies are needed to address social and emotional needs, such as social interaction. Intergenerational learning is raised as one of the potential solutions and sport mentioned as suitable means for intergenerational learning profiting both young and old people.

This Green Paper launches a 12-week public consultation as a next step. The consultation is open until 21 April and you can have your say [here](#). It is also evident that sport federations and clubs need to adapt their activities to further take into account the needs of an ageing population. The EOC EU Office will follow the discussions on the topic.

FURTHER INFORMATION

[Green Paper on Ageing – Consultation](#)

[Mapping study on the intergenerational dimension of sport - Final report to the European Commission](#)

ECHA presents restriction proposal on lead - exemptions for sport shooting still possible

The European Chemicals Agency ECHA brought forward a proposal to further EU-wide restrictions on the use of lead in ammunition, including in outdoor sports shooting.

The proposal aims to address the risks of lead in these activities to protect people, wildlife and the environment. ECHA estimates that at least 127 million birds are at risk of lead poisoning every year. Citizens are also exposed to lead through, for example, game hunted with lead ammunition.

In principle, the proposal envisages a ban on the placing of lead gunshot in the market.

In this respect, the dossier submitter ECHA favours that the ban on the market should also apply to sport shooting ("preferred option").

However, the restriction proposal includes an optional derogation ("complementary option") "in case policy makers would not wish to impose a ban on lead gunshot for sports shooting".

The derogation outlined would set minimum standard of risk management measures at sites using lead gunshot, and would introduce obligations for Member States to properly identify and license only athletes with a legitimate need to use lead gunshot (for example, to train for or participate in international competitions). In addition, this derogation would be accompanied by a labelling requirement for the supplier and a reporting requirement for Member States granting such a derogation. According to ECHA, the intention of this option is to retain a degree of control (and harmonisation) over the conditions of continued use.

ECHA stresses that this complementary option is not as effective to control the identified risks as a ban on use, but may be considered more proportionate with regard to its socio-economic impacts on internationally competing athletes, should the rules of these competitions continue to require the use of lead gunshot.

The next step will be for ECHA's two Scientific Committees on Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the ECHA proposal. This will include a public consultation where stakeholders can submit their comments. Based on the recommendations of RAC & SEAC, the European Commission will prepare a restriction proposal. The Commission's proposal has to be confirmed by the Member States and the European Parliament in order to become binding European law.

A binding restriction on lead in and around wetlands has recently been adopted by the EU institutions under REACH, following a proposal by ECHA. The new ECHA restriction proposal is complementary to the adopted rules in and around wetlands.

FURTHER INFORMATION

[ECHA presents restriction proposal on lead](#)

[Annex to the restriction proposal](#)

POINTS Project released a “Booklet on POINTS project tools for sport organisations”

With the aim of guaranteeing large use of the developed-tools and sustainability of the project activities, the Erasmus+ co-financed POINTS Project has produced a “Booklet on POINTS project tools for sport organisations”. This Booklet gathers all relevant information on the two main outcomes of the POINTS Project for the purpose of encouraging other European and national organisations to strengthen their integrity policies and strategies by using the following tools:

- The Guidelines for Single Points of Contact for Integrity in Sport;
- SIGGS 2.0 Self-evaluation tool for Good Governance in Sport organisation.

After a general introduction on the POINTS project, the Booklet presents the key elements of the Guidelines for Single Points of Contact for Integrity in Sport, developed by the project consortium. Four main areas are covered in the document:

- What is a Single Point of Contact for Integrity in Sport?
- Why should my organisation nominate a SPOC?
- What are the responsibilities of a SPOC?
- How can my organisation set up a SPOC?

The second part of the document is focusing on the SIGGS 2.0 self-assessment tool on Good Governance in Sport, freely available for all sport organisations following this link <http://siggsapp.novagov.com/>.

The Booklet describes the following elements:

- Why is Good Governance important for sport organisations?
- What is the SIGGS self-evaluation doing for improving governance of sport organisations?

- Why should my organisation use this tool?
- How can my organisation use this tool?

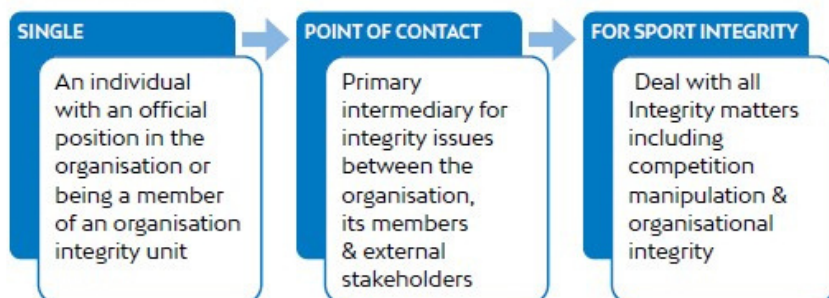
The Booklet and Guidelines are available for all sport organisations – NOCs, sport confederations, European federations and national federations – on the website of the [POINTS project](https://pointsproject.eu/).

As a reminder, the POINTS project started in January 2018 and will end in June 2021. The consortium is composed of the EOC EU Office (project leader) and 17 partners including 11 NOCs (Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, France, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Italy, Portugal, Germany and Croatia), 3 European federations (European Athletics, European Volleyball Confederation and FIBA Europe) and 3 specialised organisations (INTERPOL, Sport & Recreation Alliance UK and EOSE). The IOC, through its Ethics and Compliance Office, is an associated partner of the project.



GUIDELINES FOR SPOCS

What is a Single Point of Contact for Integrity in Sport?



SIGGS SELF-EVALUATION TOOL



Why is Good Governance important for sport organisations?

- › Improve the satisfaction of stakeholders;
- › Improve the efficiency of the organisation;
- › Be in line with relevant national and international standards and requirements;
- › Prevent integrity issues – protect the credibility of your organisation towards public opinion

Microplastics on artificial sport pitches: ECHA asks its Committee for Risk Assessment to prepare a supplementary opinion

On 5 February 2021, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) asked its Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) to prepare a supplementary opinion on the restriction dossier on intentionally added microplastics. This concerns in particular the restriction options for infill material on artificial sport pitches.

The request is explained by the availability of new information that only emerged during the public consultation on the draft opinion of the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) (July - September 2020) and thus, after the publication of the RAC opinion in June 2020.

ECHA specifies the following new information:

- The recently published CEN technical report TR 17519 on risk management measures (RMM) for infill material for artificial sport fields;
- A recent (2020) study by Magnusson & Mácsik, commissioned by the EMEA Synthetic Turf Council (ESTC), assessing the effectiveness of the RMM proposed in CEN TR17519 to reduce infill releases to < 7g/m²;

The study commissioned by the synthetic turf industry association ESTC and carried out by Ecoloop estimates that by applying the risk management measures of TR 17519, the discharge of microplastics can be reduced to 2g/m².

Currently, the discharge of 7g/m² per year is considered as a kind of threshold by ECHA.

In its opinion of June 2020, RAC recommended a ban on the placing on the market of microplastics as infill material for artificial turf pitches with a transitional period of six years. The RAC justified this on the basis of incomplete information on the effectiveness of risk management measures as well as the higher effectiveness of a ban in the long term.

RAC will now meet in March to discuss the requested supplementary opinion. As the opinion is to be included in the Commission's draft restriction proposal, the Commission would welcome receiving the opinion before June.

The second ECHA committee involved - the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) - opted in December 2020 either for a ban on the placing on the market of microplastics as infill material on artificial turf pitches with a transitional period of 6 years or for mandatory risk management measures.

The submission of the combined, final opinions of RAC and SEAC to the EU Commission, which according to the ECHA website is dated for February 2021, is still pending.

FURTHER INFORMATION

[Letter: ECHA asks RAC for supplementary opinion](#)

[Ecoloop Study Executive Summary](#)

[ECHA Website Microplastic](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

10 March 2021

[EPAS meeting on European Sport Charter \(Council of Europe - online meeting\)](#)

11 March 2021

[EOC Executive Committee \(EOC - online meeting\)](#)

11 March 2021

[Safe Sport International online conference](#)

23 - 24 March 2021

[Erasmus+ Sport Infoday \(European Commission - online meeting\)](#)

16 - 17 April 2021 (TBC)

[EOC General Assembly \(EOC - Athens\)](#)



PARTNERS' CORNER

The EOC EU Office hosts an online Partners Seminar

On Monday 22 February, the EOC EU Office once again welcomed its partners for a meeting hosted online.

Folker Hellmund, Director of the EOC EU Office, welcomed all attendees and provided an overview of 2020 achievements. He also highlighted past and upcoming changes to the EOC EU Office staff, the European Commission's Sport Unit, and the Monthly Report layout.

- The session launched into an exchange on a number of topics, including:
- Human rights in major sporting events
- Temporary state aid schemes
- The Recovery and Resilience Facility
- Travel restrictions and sporting events

The exchange was beneficial to both the EOC EU Office and partners. Attendees shared their viewpoints and experiences particularly in relation to human rights, and on the varying Member State support, or lack thereof, through state aid schemes targeting sport in the current challenging situation. Partners also actively discussed their efforts and measures put in place to ensure sporting events can be carried out successfully and safely.

Their contribution is, as always, integral to the EOC EU Office's work moving forward.

On the agenda was an update on various EU policy fields. These include:

- Resolution on the impact of Covid-19 on youth and on sport
- Gender equality
- European Green Deal

- ECHA: concern over microplastic on artificial turf pitches
- ECHA: proposal on restrictions of lead used for outdoor sport shooting
- MMF budget 2021-2027
- Erasmus+ Sport
- Green paper on ageing
- Europe's Beating Cancer plan
- Brexit and Sport.

The seminar also provided the opportunity to present the EOC EU Office activities for 2021, namely, to achieve progress regarding the safeguarding of the European Sport Model, to ensure participation of Olympic Sport Movement in the new Expert Groups of the Commission and to impact EU agenda and discussions.

We will continue to promote the interests of our partners, taking their comments during these sessions on board. We are pleased to show that, through good cooperation and persistence, we can continue to protect the sport sector in these difficult times and contribute to ensuring its recovery.



The Olympic Education Programme in Portugal

The new challenges faced by schools, teachers and families in the atypical years of 2020-2021 constitute an argument and an opportunity to renew and adapt the Olympic Education Programme (OEP) currently implemented in Portugal by the National Olympic Committee.

The Olympic Education Programme has been running since the end of 2015 and its main aim is to promote the Olympic Movement and Olympic Values. Through this initiative, schools can access an array of Olympic Movement contents such as activity proposals and collaborations to plan and carry-on activities according to the goals established by each school. In every school term, a new thematic challenge is launched to help the students focus and develop a specific topic.

Many of the activities include the participation of Olympic Athletes who are invited to share their testimonies with students and teachers. Thanks to this contribution, Olympic values can be spread more widely and, therefore, inspire more young people to live their lives with its motto in mind. The Programme has been growing and reinventing itself to find new ways to drive motivation by exploring exciting ways to study the countless themes associated with the Olympic Movement. There are now 236 schools integrated in the Programme's network and about 700 teachers registered in the Olympic Education Portal (<http://www.eduolimpica.comiteolimpicoportugal.pt/>)

NOC Portugal saw these difficult times as an opportunity to adapt to a more digital and modern format, titling it "just a click away". The Olympic Education Programme reinvented itself and found new ways to reach schools and give more support and training to both educators and teachers.

In addition to having developed and produced a second edition of the teaching materials (based on OVEP 2.0 developed by the IOC) where more content, worksheets and challenges were gathered, a set of webinars were planned to provide teachers with an opportunity to participate and discuss at length their experiences with the Programme.

In the first webinar named "New Challenges, New Approaches" held in October 2020, about 100 participants (teachers and educators) had the opportunity, through the interventions of Rita Nunes and Joaquim Videira responsible for the implementation of OEP in Portugal, to get to know OEP's new approaches and ways in which it can be used to promote Olympic Education in schools and in daily life. NOC Portugal's psychologist, Ana Bispo Ramires, explained to teachers how they can become "high performers", just like Olympians: "Everyone can be a work in progress project, as long as we keep moving towards reaching our personal and professional goals".

2021 started with a second webinar, "Olympic Education Opportunities in Educational Context", in January. It gathered, more than 180 teachers and educators and discussed the ways in which Olympic Values can be embedded in the educational processes and topics, either through physical education activities, or any other subject areas.

This webinar was an opportunity to disclose the IOC Olympic Values Educational Programme (OVEP) addressing the basics of Olympic Education to highlight the importance of combining sport, education and culture. Through the presentation of different engagement pathways in Olympic Education and the pedagogical contents of Olympism, a number of best practices and projects from Portuguese schools were showcased, by Rita Nunes and Joaquim Videira, reinforcing IOC's vision to build a peaceful and better world through sport.

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The OEP team presented different practices currently in use to promote and deliver the values of Olympism, including debates, brainstorming, creative artworks and researches in order to delve into concepts like winning and losing, resilience, peace building, intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding and human rights.

The objective of NOC Portugal remains the same: to bring the enthusiasm of the Olympic Games to schools and promote education based on the Olympic Values. Although the current situation has imposed changes leading to a rethink on our daily lives, we can get inspiration from the Olympic Movement to be better each day (EXCELLENCE) working for our common goal of creating a better world (FRIENDSHIP) and accepting everyone's differences (RESPECT).

In a time of unprecedented challenges and vertiginous changes, these virtual flagship sessions represent a beacon of hope in keeping the Olympic flame burning for a better future and relaying our shared values to future generations and, therefore, enhancing the social value of sport in Portugal. We intend to continue to promote these moments of exchange, inviting teachers to showcase their activities and experiences together with the Olympic Education project managers.

NOC PORTUGAL

Lisbon, 26/02/2021

The EOC EU Office is recruiting !

The EOC EU Office is looking to fill the following position as of 1 May 2021:

EU Funding Officer(m/f/d)

Main responsibilities:

The selected candidate will work under the supervision of the Director of the EOC EU Office and will closely cooperate with other staff members.

Main tasks include:

- Coordination of all EU funding-related activities of the EOC EU Office
- Acting as the main EU funding counterpart for partner organisations of the EOC EU Office Advising partner organisation on project applications
- Writing project applications
- Organising training seminars and other educational activities aiming to raise awareness, inform, and train partner organisation on EU funding opportunities for sport

Your profile

Professional experience and knowledge:

- Demonstrated track record in writing project funding applications in the framework of EU programmes, especially Erasmus+
- Proven experience in managing EU projects would be an asset
- Experience in working in a member-based organisation would be an asset
- Professional and/or volunteer experience from the organised sport sector would be an asset

Formal education

- University degree

Functional competencies

- Good technical knowledge of EU grant application making
- Excellent knowledge of EU institutions and EU funding opportunities
- Knowledge of organisational structures of European sport
- Superior presentation and communications skills
- Full professional working knowledge of English; good command of any other languages would be an asset
- Solid ICT skills, in particular Microsoft Office

General aptitude

- High personal and professional culture
- Ability to work in a multicultural environment
- Ability to work in a team

We offer

- A fixed term full-time (38h/week) contract for two years under Belgian Labour Law with a perspective of a permanent contract
- Competitive remuneration
- An interesting job with a lot of varying activities An international and very pleasant work environment in a small team Attractive premises in the heart of the EU quarter in Brussels

Application process

- Application package: professional CV and a brief motivation letter
- Deadline: 19 March 2021
- Contact: Send the full application package to hardman@euoffice.eurolympic.org

For any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!



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