



"GIVING YOUTH A REAL SAY IN SPORTS"



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Foreword

Dear all,

A lot of actions have taken place since the last General Assembly in Paris. We recruited new staff, we participated in lots of international conferences and ERASMUS+ projects and organised our own conferences and an ERASMUS+ project. You can find more information about all of these in our report in the following pages and during the GA in Frankfurt.

But most of all, we created new chances for young people to be engaged in an international organization and get to know all the benefits of open borders and a united Europe. This is what ENGSO Youth always stands for and will always do.

The upcoming years will not be any easier, as nationalism continues to grow and that's why it is even more important, that we all together – ENGSO Youth, Young Delegates and all young people who are convinced by the idea of Europe - gather together and try to bring each country closer together with the power of sport and movement.

We all wish you a great experience during the General Assembly in Frankfurt and we are looking forward start discussing with you the big challenges of the future!

On behalf of the ENGSO Youth board



Michael Leyendecker
Chair of
ENGSO Youth

Michael Leyendecker



Farawell addressing,

Dear ENGSO Youth Team-mates, dear ENGSO's colleagues and dear friends in sports,

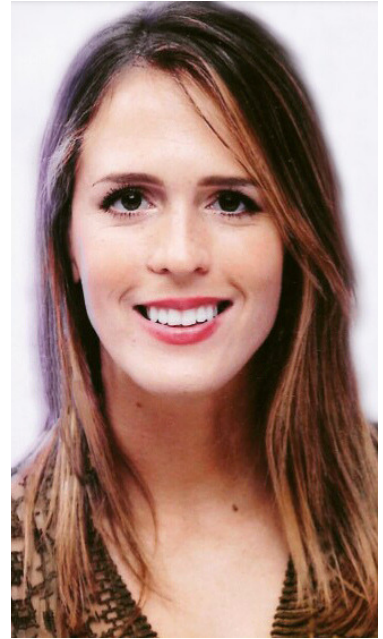
Sport is always about the people. The majority of people I've had a chance to encounter through sports are change-makers, they are non-quitters and fair-players. Those people then are good at opening doors through sports and securing safe, inclusive environments.

On the other hand, we still have a long way to go. Sport is still an industry where youth are hardly getting a chair in the decision-making processes, where people are volunteering for life, without a real chance to get employment, where harassment and discrimination continue and where the shift of generations across sports' bodies and federations is not consistent. We need to play for a team and we need teams to play together so that sport becomes what it should be - a bold, transparent, competitive, engaging movement for all.

It has been a long ride - being with ENGSO Youth through various different roles since 2009. It has certainly been my favourite arena to find both - an endless inspiration and a family. ENGSO Youth for me represents those many people I've been lucky to work with like Predrag, Rebekka, Birgitta, Bence, Xicu and Jan, as well as many projects run with success as European Youth Sport Forum and linking SDGs through sports. The Youth of ENGSO always represented a community for me where things were happening for real - you dream it, you work hard for it and you enjoy the implementation with The Team.

I will stay around in more consultative role, always happy to look back with a great honour, thankful for the trust given by ENGSO and my country over the past years.

My favourite highlights of the ENGSO Youth journey were:



Nevena Vukašinović
Vice- Chair of
ENGSO Youth

- EYSF2017 funded by the European presidency and held in Malta (hoping that this practice will continue with Croatia)
- Receiving more than 300 applications for the job position for ENGSO youth (2017)
- Joining CIGEPS (UNESCO) in a consultative processes like the adoption of Kazan Action Plan (and emphasised youth role, and role of technologies within)
- Youth Olympic GameChangers opened up to the ENGSO Youth representatives
- Joining Expert Groups of the European Commission as observers
- Joint Youth and Sport event with Sport Intergroup at the European parliament
- Youth sports acknowledgement and representation at UN's ECOSOC and UNAOC movements
- Serbia joining the #BeActive community
- Commissionaire Navratchich doing squats at the ENGSO Youth's corner at the very first European Week of Sport in Brussels's square

Starting as a Young Delegate-volunteer for the NOC of Serbia and serving in a roles of Secretary General and afterwards Co-Chairing the board introduced me to plenty of opportunities, agendas and dialogues. I felt honored to be part of the strong ENGSO Youth generation over the past decade, as I have a high confidence in the ENGSO Youth generations to come. ENGSO Youth was a pioneer of institutionalized role of youth in sports, and I am positive that ENGSO will continue to lead by example with active and loud youth.

Dear youth of ENGSO Youth, sport can be louder and more active with YOUTH.
Now it is your turn!

Sportski pozdrav,
Nevena




ABOUT ENGSO YOUTH



"I believe that sport is more than just a physical activity, it does not know borders and it develops the person itself and society."

-Erika Juhász



Who we are?

We are ENGSO Youth, the autonomous youth organisation of the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO). ENGSO Youth focuses on the youth sport-for-all sector in Europe and represents young Europeans under the age of 35 in sports in 34 countries.

We are at the forefront of youth sport advocacy at the European level. ENGSO Youth actively works on current youth sport issues (equal opportunities, fair play, fight against discrimination and doping, healthy lifestyle, social inclusion, sustainable development, volunteering, youth employment) with its member organisations (National Sport Confederations or National Olympic Committees), European institutions and from civil society partners.

We involve a growing number of young Europeans and organisations in our work to develop ENGSO Youth capacities in more European regions, foster cross-sector cooperation, and develop projects with long-lasting, multiplying and self-perpetuating effects on current youth sport issues to leave a lasting legacy.





The Young Delegates Initiative commenced in 2013 with aim to gather young leaders interested in joining ENGSO Youth as the forefront of youth sport advocacy at the European level. Back then, it counted a total of 13 Young Delegates in a two year mandate. The number more than doubled in the period 2015 - 2017 and grew up to 36 Young Delegates from across Europe. The upcoming period 2017-2019 ENGSO Youth counts 46 Young Delegates in total where 19 of them extended the mandate from 2015-2017, while 27 of them were newly elected.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE 2017-2019 MANDATE



MICHAEL LEYENDECKER

CHAIR

GERMAN SPORT YOUTH

"ENGSO Youth gives chances to young people to take responsibility and to start making a difference in the society".



NEVENA VUKAŠINOVIĆ

VICE-CHAIR

SERBIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

"ENGSO Youth for almost 20 years serves as a unique sports arena where youth are in the spotlight - young person can be a leader, a champion, a project manager, a volunteer, an expert, a speaker, decision-maker and athlete."



FILIPA GODINHO

COMMITTEE MEMBER

PORTUGUESE SPORTS CONFEDERATION

"ENGSO Youth means a responsible participation and role on youth and sport matters representing the voice of young people around sport. Assuredly is way to contribute to a more developed sport and for the growing of the sector."



BENCE GARAMVÖLGYI

COMMITTEE MEMBER 06.2017-10.2018

HUNGARIAN COMPETITIVE SPORT FEDERATION

"ENGSO Youth is the best platform to connect with like-minded young European Sport professionals and create great initiatives together!"



FREDRIKA LINDSTRÖM
COMMITTEE MEMBER 06.2017-06.2018

SWEDISH SPORTS CONFEDERATION

"ENGSO Youth means a platform for influencing sport both nationally and internationally and it's also a place to get to know inspiring people with the same interests as yourself."



GERDA KATSCHINKA
COMMITTEE MEMBER

AUSTRIAN SPORT ORGANISATION

"EY helps to promote core values in sports and gave me a lot of great experiences. I learned a lot about European Sports and met great people."

COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE 2017-2019 MANDATE



UGNĖ CHMELIAUSKAITĖ

COMMITTEE MEMBER

LITHUANIAN UNION OF SPORTS FEDERATIONS

"ENGSO Youth for me is a proof that sport initiatives coming from driven people can end up in changing the world towards better future of young people - even if the changes are little, every step counts."



RACHEL MAY

COMMITTEE MEMBER

SPORT AND RECREATION ALLIANCE

"From my time with ENGSO Youth, I have seen the determination of this community of leaders to offer fresh perspectives so sport reaches its full potential in Europe."



YOANN SOIROT

COMMITTEE MEMBER 06.2017-02.2019

FRENCH OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

"ENGSO Youth is the perfect example of how to bring youth together thanks to sport and then, challenge our society barriers."



ERIKA JUHÁSZ

COMMITTEE MEMBER 10.2018-PRESENT

HUNGARIAN COMPETITIVE SPORT FEDERATION

"In ENGSO Youth's circles you can find many amazing young professionals who try to make youth sport better on a European level."



LOVISA BROMS

COMMITTEE MEMBER 06.2018-PRESENT

SWEDISH SPORTS CONFEDERATION

"ENGSO Youth means primarily Youth empowerment for me, our organization gives valuable opportunities for young individuals to show how much can be done by youth, for youth through sport."



NIELS DE FRAGUIER

COMMITTEE MEMBER 02.2019- PRESENT

FRENCH OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

"ENGSO Youth is the hub of the youth sport movement in Europe by mutualizing expertise, gathering experiences and producing long-lasting results in a policy and field level".

STAFFS OF THE 2017-2019 MANDATE



DÓRA FARAGÓ
OPERATIONS MANAGER

01.2018-present

"ENGSO Youth means an international family for me, what brings future sport leaders together."



DANIJELA SVIRCIC
YOUTH OFFICER

10.2018-present

"ENGSO Youth is a family of committed young individuals who are constantly working on making our society better through sports."



POLONA FONDA
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
10.2018-present

"When I was 13 I dreamed of having an organisation which uses sport for empowerment and helping people; ENGSO Youth in a way is a dream come true."



BENCE GARAMVÖLGYI
PROJECT & POLICY MANAGER
10.2018-present

"ENGSO Youth is the best platform to connect with like-minded young European Sport professionals and create great initiatives together!"



NENEAD BORKOVIC
PROJEKT & PARTNERSHIP MANAGER

06.2017-02.2019

2017-2019 MANDATE IN NUMBERS

we are growing, we are getting stronger and louder

54

**ENGSO YOUTH WAS
REPRESENTED AT 54
EVENTS**

2

**WE ARE LEADING 2
INTERNATIONAL
PROJECTS**

3

**OUR YOUTH FORCE
GREW WITH
3 MORE STAFFS
MEMBERS**

6

**WE ARE PARTNERS
IN 6 PAN-EUROPEAN
PROJECTS**



4260

**OUR FACEBOOK
COMMUNITY GREW
WITH 4260 NEW
FOLLOWERS**

8

**WE DELIVERED 8
WORKSHOPS AT
DIFFERENT EVENTS**

REPRESENTATIONS



"Sport is a modern cost-effective opportunity to reach, gather, inspire and empower youngsters with impactful incentives towards mutual understanding and sustainable change."

-Niels de Fraguier

- 19-20.06.2017 **V2S Conference** (International School Sport Federation Clermont) Ferrand, France
- 21-23.06.2017 **European Company Games** (City of Ghent, VLB, EFCS)
- 26-27.06.2017 **Seminar on Democracy Youth and Sport** (Malta Presidency) Malta
- 27-29.06.2017 **CEREPS**
- 30-02.06.2017 **UCI Para-Cycling Road World Cup** (UCI) Emmen, The Netherlands
- 26-29.09.2017. **Voice meeting, Cologne, Germany**
- 23-29.09.2017. **European Week of Sport (EC)**



- 05.10.2017 **Achieving SDGs through Sport: partnerships and institutional responses for greater coherence and effectiveness"** (UN, IOC, ISF) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 21-23.10. **IOC Advancing Women in Leadership Forum**, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 25-26.10.2017 **ASPIRE** (Aspire Team), Barcelona, Spain
- 27-28.10.2017 **Info Day on Funding** (European Youth Forum)
- 06.12.2017 **Seminar on Sport Diplomacy** (EC DG for Education Youth, Sport and Culture) Brussels, Belgium
- 18-19.12.2017 **SEDY Final conference** , The Netherlands

REPRESENTATIONS OF 2018

- 30.01.2018. **Sport InfoDay** EACEA Brussels, Belgium
- 16-18.02.2018 **2nd Partners Meeting for Yo!Fest2018** (YF) Strasbourg, France
- 01.03.2018. **European Youth Forum info session** European Youth Forum Brussels, Belgium
- 22-23.03.2018. **EU Sport Forum** (European Commission) Sofia, Bulgaria
- 18-19.04.2018. **EuroChild General Assembly** (EuroChild) Brussels, Belgium
- 22.04.2018 **Kazan Action plan** (Council of Europe Office) Paris, France



- 03-05.05.2018. **VOICE Final conference** (Voice Project Team) Cologne, Germany
- 18-20.05.2018. **ISF General Assembly** (ISD) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 23-26.05.2018. **EASS conference and the Young Research Award Ceremony** (EASS) Bordeaux, France
- 24.05.2018. **ASPIRE project Team Meeting** (ASPIRE Team) Berlin, Germany
- 21-01.05.2018. **EYE 2018** Strasbourg, France
- 27-30.06.2018. **Youth Forum Academy** (YF) Brussels, Belgium

- 28.06.2018. **European Associations Expert Advisory Group (ASSA-Sport)** Brussels, Belgium
- 07-12.08.2018. **European Athletics World Summer Championship** (European Athletics Association) Berlin, Germany
- 24-28.09.2018 **Global Youth Leadership festival** (SOEE) Baku, Azerbaijan
- 28-30.09.2018. **Sport Business Chain (SBC)** Bucharest, Romania
- 01-3.10.2018 **World Social Forum 2018** (The Human Rights Council) Geneva, Switzerland



- 18.10.2018 **Peace and Sport Regional Forum** (South Aegean Region and the Peace and Sport Organization) Rhodes, Greece
- 08-09.11.2018 **EuroPCom (CoR)** Brussels, Belgium
- 16-17.11.2018 **European Sport Platform (ENGSO, HCSF)** Budapest, Hungary
- 17-20.11.2018. **"50-50" Euro-Arab Course "Youth Participation and Gender Equality"** Doha, Qatar
- 21.11.2018. **8th UNAOC Global Forum** UNAOC New York, NY
- 22-27.2018. **Arab-European Youth Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations** Doha, Katar
- 08-9.12.2018 **Migration Youth Forum** (UNICEF, IOM) Marrakech
- 12-13.12.2018. **Sporting Chance** (IHRB @ UNESCO) HQ Paris

REPRESENTATIONS OF 2019

- 14-19.01.2019. **Young Med Voices: New Leadership Seminar** (Anna Lindh Foundation MEDAC Club de Madrid), St Julian's, Malta
- 01-3.02.2019 **COME IN project training** (COME IN coordinators), Newquay, UK
- 06.02.2019 **Erasmus+ Sport – Project Coordinators' meeting** (EC), Brussels, Belgium
- 11-12.02.2019 **SK4YS Kick-off meeting** (EY), Budapest
- 18-20.02.2019 **SWING Kick-off meeting** (SWING Coordinators), Paris, France
- 19-20.02.2019. **3rd ASPIRE Project Team meeting** (ENGSO) Athens, Greece
- 20.02.2019. **EYVOL meeting**, Athens, Greece



- 03.03.2019 **Informal Meeting with Sport Minister for member countries of (UNESCO)**, Krasnoyarsk, Russia
- 07.03.2019 **Have your say in what the EP should do for youth** (EP), Brussels, Belgium
- 14-15.13.2019 **Final Conference Keep Youngsters Involved** Amsterdam Netherlands
- 28.03.2019 **CIGEPS (UNESCO)**, Genewa, Switzerland
- 08-9.04.2019 **EU Sport Forum** (European Youth Sport Forum) (EC) Bucharest, Romania
- 28-04.04.2019 **Conference on sexual violence against women & children in sports** (EPAS) Helsinki
- 02-3.05.2019 **World Forum for Intercultural dialogue**, Baku, Azerbaijan

HIGHLIGHTS



"I believe that sport is an international language what helps to make connections all around the world and it is the best tool to spread different kind of values what are important for our community, environment and future."

-Dóra Faragó



JANUARY 2018

ENGSO YOUTH SECRETARIAT MOVED FROM SERBIA TO HUNGARY



The Hungarian member of ENGSO, the Hungarian Competitive Sport Federation (HCSF), took up the task of hosting the ENGSO Youth Secretariat, after the Serbian Olympic Committee stated they would hand over this honour to another country. ENGSO Youth's new home became operational in January 2018 and former ENGSO Youth Young Delegate, Dóra Faragó, took the position of Operations Manager of ENGSO Youth. Our heartfelt thanks once again to the Serbian Olympic Committee for hosting our Secretariat for the past years!

"I heard about Engso Youth in 2015 when I decided that I want to join this inspiring community. I became Engso Youth's Young Delegate in 2016 and I started to fall in love more and more with this organization since then.

When I got the request to work for them, it was no question for me what to answer. I believe in the same values as the organization and I'm very happy now that I can also contribute for it's purpose and success through my work." Dóra Faragó

FEBRUARY 2018



SIGNING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS EUROPE EURASIA



ENGSO Youth has been supporting the Special Olympics 'Unified Sports®' and 'inclusive Youth Activation' initiatives for the past 6 years. Since the beginning of the partnership in 2011, ENGSO Youth has provided Special Olympics with trainers and facilitators to support youth initiatives at the Youth Summit in Europe and on the international level. Whereas, Special Olympics contributed to study sessions of ENGSO Youth with expertise in inclusive sports training and inclusive leadership. In 2016, Special Olympics Europe Eurasia and ENGSO Youth expanded their partnership to include new areas of collaboration beyond the Youth Summit – including Unified Sports® and inclusive Youth Activation, advocacy for inclusion on the EU level and sharing and coordinating EU projects together. In 2018, the partners signed a Memorandum of Understanding in order to maintain mutual cooperation and promote ongoing collaboration in the years ahead.



MAY 2018

YOUTH SPORT FORCE AT THE YO!FEST 2018 STRASBOURG



This year ENGSO Youth was represented by 12 Young Delegates, 4 Committee Members and 2 Staff members at the European Youth Event. ENGSO Youth organised yoga sessions on both days for the participants of the event, a #SportforAll17: 'Sport for Sustainable Development' workshop and a panel discussion on the topic of 'The legacy of mega-sports events'. Our Young Delegate Sandra Zwick said about the event: „Thank you ENGSO Youth Team for organising everything, I and the other delegates too, had a good time and we all were able to make our Organisation and its values more known in Europe!”

DECEMBER 2017



ENGSO YOUTH AT THE SEMINAR ON SPORT DIPLOMACY



On 6 December 2017, a team of ENGSO Youth led by vice-chair Nevena Vukašinović represented the voice of youth at the second seminar on Sport Diplomacy, hosted by the European Commission Directorate- General for Education Youth, Sport and Culture. The first Sport Diplomacy seminar in 2016 followed the release of a critical report delivered by the High Level Group on Sport Diplomacy, which focused on three areas of sport diplomacy: EU external relations, promotion of EU values in the context of major sport events and advocacy and the development of an organizational culture of sport diplomacy.

Nevena's presentation and focus of the European Youth Sport Forum and its resulting Pink Paper demonstrated what youth from all over Europe are capable of doing when able to come together to share their ideas, energy and resources. The recommendations from the Pink Paper were well received and ENGSO Youth was used as a leading example throughout the seminar.



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MARCH 2019

MAXIMIZING THE ROLE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



The extraordinary session and joint meeting of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) was held in Geneva, 28-29 March. CIGEPS is comprised of expert representatives in the field of physical education and sport from 18 UNESCO Member States, each elected for a four year term. The meeting was organised with the invitation of the Permanent Consultative Council (PCC) members, comprising of key sport federations, UN agencies and NGOs. As a youth-sport umbrella organisation, ENGSO Youth was invited to express the opinion of young people in relation to the meeting's four key policy documents:

- Strengthening the global framework for leveraging sport for development and peace (UN Action Plan on SDP)
- The global action plan on physical activity 2018-2030 (GAPPA)
- Sport for Climate Action Framework
- Kazan Action Plan (KAP)

Nevena Vukasinovic (Vice-Chair) and Bence Garamvölgyi (Projects and Policy manager) represented ENGSO Youth in the meeting.



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MARCH 2019

GIVING YOUTH A REAL SAY AT WINTER UNIVERSIADE 2019



Krasnoyarsk, 2 March 2019 - At the invitation of UNESCO, ENGSO Youth committee member Filipa Godinho took part at the informal meeting of the sport ministers, all members of UNESCO, called Empower Youth through sport. The meeting was held in Krasnoyarsk, Russian Federation, on the occasion of the 2019 FISU Winter Universiade.

Filipa actively participated in the discussion, representing young people in sport and the work of ENGSO Youth with a main theme of “Giving youth a real say in sport”. She addressed the participants with questions on topics of the investment into youth leadership and the necessity to start raising and developing the next generation of sport decision-makers.

The presentation was built around the idea of working together; uniting youth with more experienced, older generation in order to prepare the grounds for the next generations of leaders.

Filipa highlighted the development of her career in the Portuguese Sport Confederation in which the older generation saw youth participation as an opportunity to develop the organization; understand the importance of involving youngsters, include their fresh ideas and design the future agendas shoulder-to-shoulder.

MAY 2018

ENGSO YOUTH AS THE UNIQUE SPONSOR OF THE YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD



EASS stands for the European Association for Sociology of Sport. The European research body organised its annual conference in Bordeaux, France from 23 to 26 May. Academics and PhD students from the sport social science field gathered in Gascony's capital in order to present their papers addressing a variety of topics from sport governance to gender perspectives of sport practice. On the last day of the event the Young Researcher Award was handed over to Sarah Metcalfe, British PhD student of the School of Education, Durham University who won the competition with her research paper on young people's attitude towards gender stereotyping in sport. She was awarded 500 euros, while the second best paper from Annabelle Caprais (University of Bordeaux) received the Honourable Mention prize 250 euros. ENGSO Youth as the unique sponsor of the Young Researcher Award was also introduced to over 100 participants of the conference. Bence Garamvölgyi, Committee Member spoke about the key mission of ENGSO Youth and the last edition of the European Youth Sport Forum was also highlighted. A number of young researchers expressed their interest to taking part in future activities of the organisation. Representatives of EASS expressed their interest in further strengthening the cooperation between the two entities within the possible framework of future projects.



OCTOBER 2018

ENGSO YOUTH AT THE 2018 UN SOCIAL FORUM



Geneva, 1-3 October 2018 - The Social Forum is an annual three-day meeting convened by the Human Rights Council. The welcoming, colourful and immense Room XX in Palais des Nations was the location of the main panel sessions and proved to be fitting for an event that aims to create a space for open and interactive dialogue between civil society actors, representatives of Member states, intergovernmental organizations and other stakeholders of the particular theme.

This year's theme centered on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them.

As representative of ENGSO Youth and involved in various partnerships, Nevena spoke to the importance of incorporating a cross-sectoral approach which should not only include sport businesses, but learn from businesses and how they approach human rights.

Among the many key points discussed, when pertaining to youth, the main takeaways were:

- Before speaking about collective action, focus on collective responsibility
- Be open to new forms of sport, for example--e-sports and question how they relate to traditional sports, how they differ and in this difference, what they can offer to those who don't take part in sports in the traditional ways?
- Don't be threatened by youth, instead invite them in as equal participators and designers



OCTOBER 2018

#RHODESTOPACE: PEACE AND SPORT GOES REGIONAL



Rhodes, 18 October 2018 – Engso Youth Vice Chair Ms Nevena Vukašinović participated at the Peace and Sport Regional Forum entitled “Societies in Motion: Rising up through Sport”, and invited by the organizers, moderated a high-level panel on “The Pitch Exchange: How is your organization contributing to the Mediterranean region through sport”.

The forum began with three plenary sessions with high-profile participants from across the Mediterranean region discussing the challenges and initiatives regarding development of peace through sport in the Mediterranean, and beyond. Among the speakers were Nobel Peace Prize Laureates, sports governing bodies, high-level athletes, international organizations, NGOs, academic institutions and Champions for Peace. It continued with a Decision Making Roundtable with nine sport ministries and four high-level sport authorities, and a diplomatic event which took place at the Ancient Stadium of Rhodes. The forum ended with Peace and Sport Awards ceremony where 8 organizations and individuals were awarded for their outstanding contributions to peace and development through sport.

NOVEMBER 2018

THE 2018 ARAB-EURO YOUTH FORUM OF ALLIANCE OF CIVILISATIONS



منتدى الشباب العربي الأوروبي لتحالف الحضارات
Arab - Euro Youth Forum of the Alliance of Civilisations
الدوحة 2018 Doha 2018



Doha, 24-26 November 2018 - ENGSO Youth (EY) Committee member Niels de Fraguier and EY Youth Officer Danijela Svircic attended the 7th edition of the Arab-Euro Youth Forum of Alliance of Civilisations, organized by the Department of Youth Affairs at the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Qatar, in cooperation with the Arab League and the Council of Europe.

Arab-Euro Youth Forum of Alliance of Civilisations gathered more than 100 youth coming from 17 European and 18 Arabic countries

ENGSO Youth actively participated in the workshop entitled "Role of traditional sports in supporting cultural dialogue". The workshop gathered more than 30 participants aiming to find similarities between traditional sports in different countries, and finding ways to use sport as a tool to promote cross-cultural collaboration.

Our Youth Officer Danijela Svircic and EY Committee member Niels de Fraguier were organising and facilitating the workshop in partnership with the Ministry of Culture and Sport of Qatar. Danijela also presented the general report at the end of the Forum with Mr Ali Al-thani from Qatar.

By promoting the role of sport for population, the workshop allowed the participants to get a new insight into the power of sport in local communities to bring a positive change and long lasting peace.

NOVEMBER 2018

ENGSO YOUTH PARTICIPATED AT THE 1ST EUROPEAN SPORT PLATFORM



Budapest, 16-17 November 2018 - ENGSO Youth (EY) Chairman, Committee members, staff and two Young Delegates participated at the first European Sport Platform, hosted by ENGSO and the Hungarian Competitive Sport Federation.

ENGSO Youth actively contributed to the event, representing the voice of youth by sharing the viewpoints in various discussions and topics addressed at the conference. Dóra Faragó, EY Operations Manager and Bence Garamvölgyi, EY Policy and Projects Manager, took part in the first working group meeting and joined the conference as host organizers through the Hungarian Competitive Sports Federation.

The European Sport Platform was a great opportunity for ENGSO Youth to share experience in various fields of youth and sport, and collect important information delivered by international and local sport stakeholders, policymakers and academics, debating the future of sport clubs in Europe, e-sport, inclusion and public health. The event also offered a chance to broaden ENGSO Youth network and connect with ENGSO and other stakeholders in sport.

Dóra Faragó: "This conference was definitely a great opportunity to meet with interesting stories, impressive minds and to share our knowledge and raise awareness about the future of sports. Im definitely looking forward for the second edition of this sport platform."



NOVEMBER 2018

SPORT AS A TOOL TO PROMOTE ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP: 9TH EDITION OF EUROPCOM



Brussels, 8-9 November 2018 – Ms Danijela Svircic, Youth Officer at ENGSO Youth, attended the 9th edition of EuroPCom, held in Brussels. As a speaker at the opening session she shared her campaigning experience and highlighted the importance of using sports as a tool to promote active citizenship.

The title of this edition of EuroPCom was "Campaigning for Europe" and it provided a unique connecting platform in preparation for the election year ahead.

Around 1.000 communication professionals from all the EU Member States and beyond attended the conference to share their views at this largest event on public communication in Europe.

Danijela Svircic, Youth Officer at ENGSO Youth, is a social media ambassador and activist for the "This time I'm voting" campaign. The European Parliament launched the campaign with the goal of raising voter turnout in the European Parliament elections in 2019. Danijela, one of the top ten activists in the EU, was invited as a speaker at the opening session on Thursday 8 November. In front of over 800 people, Danijela shared her campaigning experience and highlighted the importance of using sports as a tool to promote active citizenship. On Friday 9 November, Danijela also participated in the workshop "Voices from the ground game."

WORKING GROUPS



"Sport has always been a part of my life, which taught me different values, such as fair play, hard work, discipline, it gave me lessons of mental strength, importance of the team and was forming my positive attitude towards life."

-Ugnė Chmeliauskaitė

OUR WORKING GROUPS

SPORT DIPLOMACY

HEALTH

EDUCATION & EMPLOYABILITY

INCLUSION

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ENGSO Youth has been actively working on current youth sport issues through working groups on the following topics: Sustainable Development, Education & Employability, Inclusion, Health and Sport Diplomacy with its member organisations, European institutions and civil society partners.



SPORT DIPLOMACY

Sports diplomacy is an emerging concept in a rapidly transforming global diplomatic scheme. More and more national governments are utilizing sport to boost their public diplomacy while also there is increased academic attention on the utilization of sport as a soft power and nation branding tool. On the other hand, civil society organizations and individuals are turning to sport and physical activity to build bridges between disengaged communities and people of different origins and cultures. The importance of the topic is demonstrated by the fact that the European Commission launched a High Level Group on Sports Diplomacy in 2015 and the Council of the EU adopted conclusions on sport diplomacy in 2017.

Through its sport diplomacy working group ENGSO Youth is raising awareness on the important role of young people in shaping sport diplomacy policies of the European Union and its member states. We strongly believe young sports people shall be the main target group of the diplomatic sport interventions and initiatives funded by the European Union. Our Pink Paper issued at the European Youth Sport Forum organized in Malta 2017, already included dedicated recommendations on developing the European dimension of sport diplomacy. During the last two years ENGSO Youth has actively contributed to the sport diplomacy related discussions at the European level: our delegations took part in the Sport Diplomacy Seminars organized in Brussels by the European Commission and our Vice-Chair was featured as a speaker. ENGSO Youth was also invited to coordinate a sport diplomacy workshop at the European Athletics Young Leaders forum in Berlin, 2018. We were also represented at the “When Sport Break Down Walls” international youth forum organized by Save the Dream in tribute to the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2019.

BY BENCE GARAMVÖLGYI



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

On 3 August 2015, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development outcome document was launched, publishing goals for global development for the next fifteen years; on 25 September the UN General Assembly adopted and set up new global guiding. ENGSO Youth have recognized the Global Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development as a historical opportunity to secure the integral role of sport and development as a meaningful and cost-effective tool to achieve the sustainable development goals. We have created the Working group to include to both our committee members and Young Delegates.

ENGSO Youth has made a statement to actively support this initiative: Sustainable Development Goals & the 2030 Development Agenda – ENGSO Youth’s position as representative of grassroots sport in Europe. Furthermore ENGSO Youth has developed a “Road -to -2030: Sustainable Development & Sports” long term programme of interactive workshops aiming to educate and inform young people about sustainable development, it’s relation to sport and how through sports they can be active changemakers for the better societies. We have done this workshop during European Athletics championships in Amsterdam and Belgrade, at the EYSF in Malta, at the EUSA Summer Games in Coimbra, as well as bringing it beyond the sports sphere to the European Youth Event in Strasbourg. We have developed the movement #sportforall17 strongly advocating that sport can and should play a role across the Global Goals akka global challenges. At the same time, we have had strong focus, particulary on the following Sustainable Development Goals:



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Goal 17 - Global partnerships and strengthening a youth institution with an active role and voice within.

Goal 13 - Combat climate change, recognizing the shift in narratives from change to crises. We have published the Position Paper on "Youth Sport for Climate Change" recalling the importance of Paris Agreement and joining all the forces - youth included to act, react and take a responsibility.

Goal 5 - empowering girls and women - ENGSO Youth has therefore created a special Working Group and have partnered in a pan-European project, strongly highlighting the importance of the role of women in sports, as well as securing safe environment no matter of gender.

Through the work with the Sustainability Working Group we have had a chance to cooperate with plenty of the key players across the sectors, strengthening the perception of sports as a channel of change, and the role of youth as active and equal key players.

We have been invited to contribute with interventions to the numerous position papers, agendas, dialogues and plenaries, where especially we cherished the consultative role in the process of the adoption of the Kazan Action Plan.

We strongly acknowledge all the support given by the UNESCO Youth and Sport, International Labour organisation, World Bank, International Olympic Committees - Young Change Makers programme, EUSA, European Athletics; Young Leaders and European Youth Forum.

BY NEVENA VUKAŠINOVIĆ



INCLUSION

It is important to highlight inclusion in ENGSO Youth work as it helps to develop the potential of every single human being, the experience joy, confidence, fulfillment and quality of life while participating in society and sport has always been the tool for it. Through the power of sports vulnerable groups discover abilities and we can reduce stigma within the society. ENGSO Youth role in the area is to actively connect different initiatives, organizations and people involved in promoting inclusion for all and to advocate for Inclusion in European policies.

ENGSO Youth has been working on different groups - people with impairments (disabilities), refugees, other minorities, women and children.

During the last mandate ENGSO Youth got a closer connection with partner organizations, such as EPC, SOEA, EFCS, OPES, SPARK and many other NGOs around Europe. The partnership with Special Olympics Europe Eurasia was also officially highlighted by signing the Memorandum of Understanding.

High quality initiatives were created and are ongoing phase - COME IN (in order to provide a toolkit how to make sport more inclusive), RISE (in order to raise awareness about human right situation of refugees) , SWING (in order to encourage women leadership in sport governing bodies) projects, where ENGSO Youth is a partner.

ENGSO Youth has been continuously working in the field for more than 6 years - and we still not only share our position and initiatives, but also learn from our partners, coaches, athletes, activists and all the members using sport as a tool to make world more inclusive. Because only together we can make the difference.

BY UGNÉ CHMELIAUSKAITĖ



EDUCATION & EMPLOYABILITY

The goals to achieve in the Education and Employability working group are :

- Sport development;
- Involvement of young people and promote their values and abilities;
- Promote education through sport;
- Empower youth

ENGSO Youth through this topic tried to make people aware of the importance of education through sport and the ways in which to connect young people to different important topics through sport. Likewise, ENGSO Youth tried to get different projects and financial support through this topic which provided the involvement of two big core people: sport experts and young people all around Europe interested in sport.

Main achievements during the last 2 years:

- Projects mainly through Erasmus +
- Partnerships
- Share good practices
- Empowerment of the topic
- Make decision-makers and young people aware for the importance of the topic

For the future it will be important to create a strategic programme for the working group in order to set short, medium and long term goals. In my opinion education and employability topic is an eternal topic, both words have a strong power for the society and are a key area of development.

BY FILIPA GODINHO



HEALTH

Health is one of the core reasons and interest for doing sports, so the topic will always be of great importance even more in a world of digitalisation and sedentarism. Not only physical but also mental health are very important.

Sport can be a powerful practice to improve the health and well-being of youth. At the same time, sport must be a safe environment, free from bullying, discrimination, harassment and sexual violence. To maintain sport as an environment with positive effects on health and well-being, the WG Health focuses on a framework necessary to provide this environment.

Core issues are to sensitize sports clubs, spread knowledge and support the implementation of good practices in the prevention of sexual abuse in sport through the participation in European Projects, Conferences, Campaigns and Activities.

Report 2018 - 2019 (in very brief): Project VOICE

- Final Conference in May
- Development of Dissemination Strategies
- Dissemination of Education Materials
- Follow-Up on the topic

Main achievement was certainly the participation in the VOICE project which helped to sensitize European citizens in the topic of sexual abuse in sports.

It is not easy to deal with but remains of utmost importance, therefore activities of EY in this field must continue.

Health working group made sure, that during our committee meetings we had active breaks and healthy snacks/meal options were always provided.

BY GERDA KATSCHINKA



PROJECTS



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-Polona Fonda

JANUARY 2016-JULY 2018

VOICES FOR TRUTH AND DIGNITY



VOICE

Overview

Voices for truth and dignity – combatting sexual violence in European Sport through the voices of those affected.

"The project "Voices for truth and dignity - combatting sexual violence in European Sport through the voices of those affected. The VOICE project will generate crucial research data for the European sport community by listening to the voices of those that have been affected by sexual violence in sport."

Michael Leyendecker Chair said: "As an umbrella organization of Europe's sport federations we want to give new impetus for the work with children and young kids. In particular the new view on qualitative interviews with those affected by sexual harassment can give new insights into better prevention concepts. Besides this, the most important point for us is to create some kind of resource toolkit to directly address our clubs with new support."

Gerda Katschinka, coordinating the project for ENGSO Youth, believes that the initiative was a great step forward in combatting sexual violence in sport:

"This project can only be seen as the beginning of a journey and there is still a long way to go. And this journey cannot be made alone - the network which resulted from the project is invaluable for the continuation of activities in the field of prevention which will continue to guarantee sustainability of the gained knowledge. We have to do everything possible for children in sports to be safe and to be protected when doing what they love most. Every single effort taken will be worth it."

For more info visit: <http://voicesfortruthanddignity.eu/>

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ACTIVITY, SPORT AND PLAY FOR THE INCLUSION OF REFUGEES IN EUROPE - ASPIRE

ASPIRE

Activity, Sport, Play for Inclusion of
Refugees in Europe



We aspire to accessible sport clubs that welcome refugees.



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
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ASPIRE – Activity, Sport, Play for the Inclusion of Refugees in Europe is an international project that focuses on social inclusion in relation to people who are at risk of exclusion, especially refugees.

ASPIRE seeks to establish how sports clubs can best support the inclusion of migrants and refugees building on the wide popularity of sports and other forms of physical activity.

ASPIRE could serve as a pioneer in the long-term perspective, offering a positive, evidence-based response with the help of sport to the many problems of inclusion, during and after the settlement of migrants and refugees, by utilising sport to facilitate the access of refugees to social services.

Why is Aspire an important initiative?

All in all, in order to improve social inclusion of refugees in and through sport, professional development for individuals involved in sport would be essential as well as encouraging sports organisations to open up and be more accessible. Being together with migrants and refugees and providing participation opportunities for them requires knowledge. Firstly on the background of refugees - their present situation and perspectives - and secondly on the potential of activities to alleviate trauma and promote mutual cultural understanding. Therefore, the main motivation behind the project is the demand for more knowledge, skills and competences as well as on the aim of supporting sports organisations to offer suitable participation opportunities for migrants and refugees. This is in, and through sport, physical activity, and play, and will thus facilitate the inclusion of migrants into the new hosting communities in a broader perspective.

JANUARY 2018- PRESENT

SKILLS FOR YOUTH THROUGH SPORT



The '**Skills for You(th) through Sport**' **SK4YS** is a transnational initiative of European sport, youth organisations and educational institutions in order to raise awareness on soft skills and competences gained through sport practice and to build capacity of these organisations to implement sport based employment programmes. The two years project builds on a cross-sectoral approach of sport, youth and education policies of the European Union and on the outcomes of some former European initiatives such as „Sport employs YOUrope“. Through strengthened cooperation, the project aims to increase recognition of transferable skills that sport can develop for young people – especially those not in employment, education or training.

Why is Skills for You(th) Through Sport an important initiative?

It reinforces the capacity building of sport and youth organisations, educational institutions to develop and deliver sport based employability programmes for NEETs. Throughout the project the Partners will collect good practices and methodologies in the field of education through sport, especially in the context of cross-sectoral cooperation. One of the main aim of SK4YS is to advocate awareness and recognition of soft skills gained through sport;

JANUARY 2018 - PRESENT

SUPPORTING WOMEN IN ACHIEVING THEIR GOALS



To identify and nurture emerging women leaders and empower them to become real actors of change- change makers and decision makers in the sport and physical activities sector. We believe that by closing the gender gap, the sport sector will see many benefits related to better governance and the modernisation of its approach to sustain and increase the number of active participants.

What to expect from the SWinG project?

The aim of this unique partnership is to act as a catalyst for change and support women to make their way to the decision-making positions in sport governing bodies. The project will promote the Executive Board as an option for women volunteers while also focusing on motivation, training, and skills development for the participants.

SWinG is an ambitious project, led by the French Federation for Company Sport, which has been designed to develop and pilot a new transferable approach.

"We are excited to be part of this ambitious project and look forward to seeing what opportunities can open up for young female leaders in sport with mentorship from successful entrepreneurs. During the kick off, it was clear that there is a lot of knowledge and experience from the sports, business and academic sectors across the partnership so it will be exciting to see how we can work together to achieve diversity at the decision making level in sport." - Rachel May

JANUARY 2018 - PRESENT

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPORT MEMBERS AT GRASSROOTS LEVEL TO ENABLE INCLUSION



Come In - Creating Opportunity for sport Members at grassroots level to Enable Inclusion, as a partner with the intention of continuing fostering inclusive sports programmes for young people with disabilities and young people without.

The project is lead by OPES, the Italian member of ENGSO, and involve 3 more partners: ENGSO Youth, ANESTAPS from France and SPARC form the UK and is funded by Erasmus+ sports chapter of the European Union.

First achievement of this initiative – SO couples, 1 from GB and 2 from Italy, taking part in the inclusive youth leaders teams were attending the training course making it more diverse and including the ones to whom the overall outcome of the project is targeting.

JANUARY 2018 - PRESENT

EMPOWERING YOUNG VOLUNTEERS THROUGH SPORT



An international coalition of organizations from the Olympic Movement, the United Nations, Academia and civil society has begun the initiative “EYVOL - “Empowering Youth Volunteers through Sport”, which is a two-year project co-funded by the European Union within the Erasmus+ programme and aimed at developing a common framework on “Sport Volunteerism”.

The programme, which had been announced from the United Nations Headquarters in November 2018, on the occasion of the 8th Global Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations, attended by UN Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, will develop and implement innovative educational methods to train youth volunteers on how to utilize sport to promote inter-cultural dialogue, peace building and socio-economic development, including in the context of social inclusion through sport and major sporting events.

Dr. Constantinos Filis, the IOTC Director, stressed that: “Our project's objective is to inspire young people -- in an era of uncertainty -- using the power of sport. Volunteerism is a step towards solidarity, while constructive interaction between local communities and refugees is an act of responsibility. We have thus joined forces with Save the Dream and prominent partners in the Mediterranean region, also enlisting the invaluable assistance of the European Commission's Erasmus+ programme”

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RISE



RISE aims to develop skills and competences of 30 youngsters from different backgrounds and different countries (Sweden, Finland, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Hungary) and to increase their knowledge on the situation of refugees and using sport as a tool for their social inclusion. ENGSO Youth together with its partners have developed the project building on the needs of disadvantaged young people who tend to face social exclusion, risks of radicalization, substance abuse and unemployment. We all believe that sport is a great educational tool to tackle and to prevent these situations and to create a more cohesive and inclusive European society.

The main goals of RISE are to fight against prejudices and discrimination of disadvantaged young people through sports while improving their soft skills and knowledge and creating positive atmosphere fostering inclusion, active citizenship and participation. With the realization of the RISE project we also aim to support youngsters to take an active role and become youth leaders in their local communities and demonstrate positive development avenues for their young peers. On the other hand we also wish to bring participants closer to the core values of the European Union and develop their sense of European citizenship.

JANUARY 2018 - PRESENT

MONITORING AND EVALUATION MANUAL FOR YOUTH-, SPORT-, EMPLOYABILITY-, EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS



This project is led by the University of Brussels Vrije and aims to develop a systematic Monitoring and Evaluation manual for Youth-, Sport-, Employability-, Educational Organisations. Throughout the 2 years long project the project team will advance policy guidelines for employability sector on recognition of skills developed through sports. We will promote education in and through sport with special focus on skills development, as well as support the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes.

POLICY & POSITION PAPERS



"Sport is a universal language that can achieve real, long-term and positive social change. The socio-economic, psychological and physical barriers to sport must be overcome so that the physical and mental health benefits are accessible to everyone."

-Rachel May

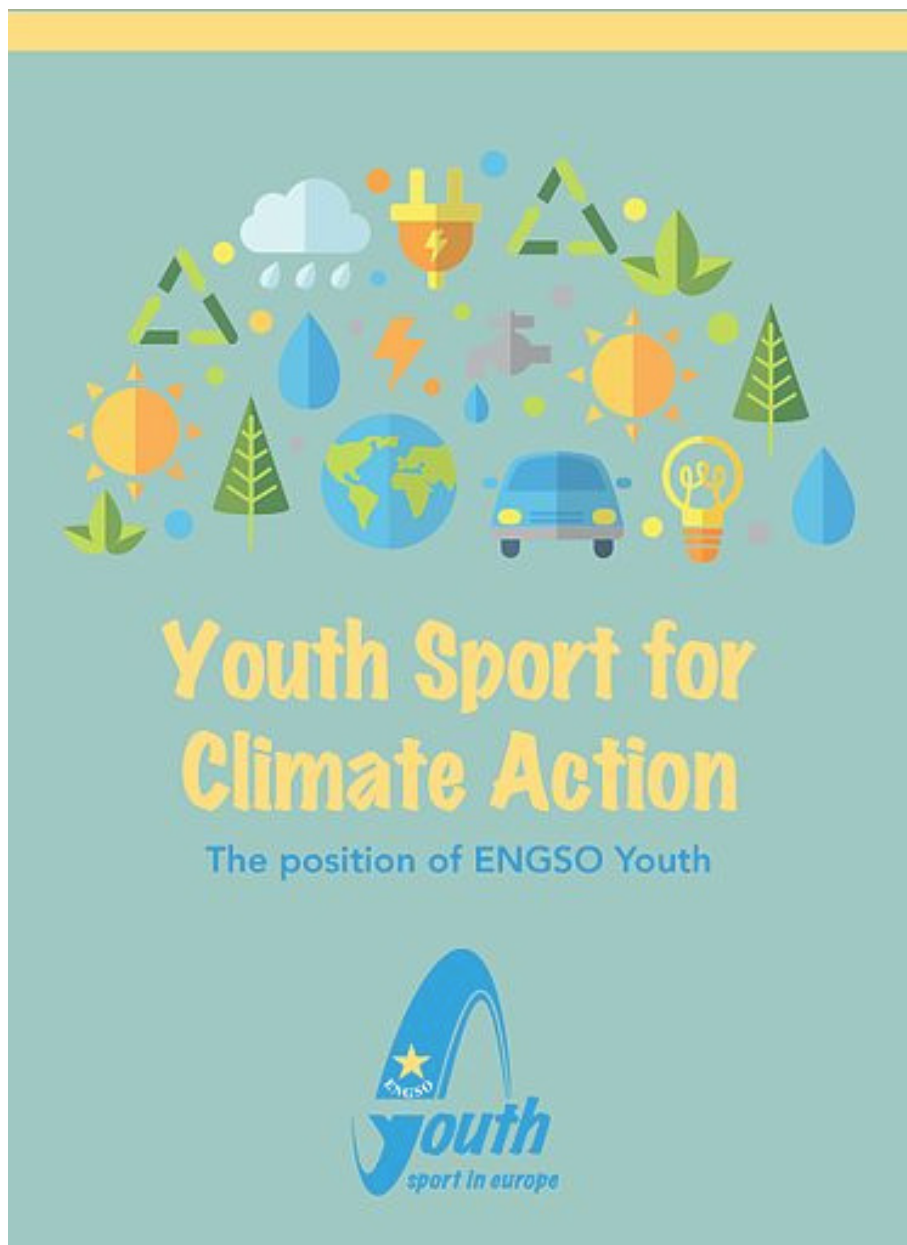
YOUTH SPORT FOR CLIMATE ACTION; POLICY PAPER

Undoubtedly climate change is shaping the future of our planet. It has many social implications, varying from the displacement of communities, threatened local livelihoods and decreased recreational opportunities.

Global warming is placing our future generations at risk. Meeting the scale of the challenge to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement requires action by all sectors, including the sport movement. The Agreement calls for capping global warming at well below two degrees Celsius, but the planet is currently on track to experience a temperature rise of double that figure. The Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals are two visionary accords which hold great potential to stabilise our climate, and proliferate peace and sustainable development in the long run.

We are proud to present our next policy paper:

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Specific Recommendations in relation to youth sport and climate action:

1. Global sport policies related to sustainable development and climate change shall be shaped with the active inclusion of young people whose future depends on today's global actions. A global youth advisory group on sustainable development and climate action shall be created, while youth committees in national and international sporting organisations shall be set up in order to better channel the opinion and voice of young people at all levels. Youth advisory entities can also encourage young people to develop their own initiatives, form partnerships and seek knowledge transfer opportunities to improve sustainable practices within their organisations;
2. Organisers of middle and large scale sport events shall provide adequate frameworks for youth-led, peer-to-peer learning activities related to sustainable development and climate action. Educational side-events, workshops and seminars realised before, during and after international or national sporting competitions can strengthen the commitment of young volunteers, spectators and athletes towards more sustainable and eco-friendly behaviour while they can be used also to raise awareness on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Sport-based initiatives, like the Global Goals World Cup can also promote awareness at grassroots level on sustainable development.
3. Sport organisations at all levels shall support, empower and encourage their young members to run initiatives for more environmentally friendly and sustainable sporting activities. Initiatives can be developed and implemented by creative youngsters, this can range from sport-based non-formal education to community events, volunteering and fundraising. For instance, youth-led awareness raising activities to strengthen resilience towards climate refugees can be realised during sporting competitions;

Specific Recommendations in relation to youth sport and climate action:

4. Young role model athletes shall use their image and popularity to raise awareness of the importance of sustainable development and climate action. A global network of young athletes could be developed within the Sports For Climate Action Framework in order to advocate for more environmental friendly sport events and sport-related climate-action. A global pledge for sport-related climate action could be initiated and signed by well-known youth athletes to increase visibility of their commitment;

5. International youth sport networks shall adhere to the Sport For Climate Action Framework, while young people shall also actively contribute to the goals of the Framework with their everyday actions. Reducing the ecological footprint of each individual can be achieved through various ways from active transportation (cycling to school or work) to recycling. As another example, reducing excessive red meat consumption can not just lead to healthier nutrition but it can also support environmental friendly policies. Young people should also be encouraged to advocate for their organisations to embrace sustainability practices in their day to day operations.

What's in there for You(th)? ENGSO Youth's Position on the post-2020 EU youth & sport funding

The Erasmus programme is one of the greatest achievements of the European Union. From 2014 on the so called Erasmus+ provides a great variety of opportunities for young people and for the first time it incorporates a funding for European sport projects.

As the new Multiannual Financial Framework will begin in 2021, a new era for EU youth and sport funding will take up soon.

At ENGSO Youth we took a look at the Commission's plans to reveal what opportunities are foreseen for young Europeans involved in sport activities. The short analysis is complemented with our recommendations in order to strengthen youth voice throughout the lengthy EU inter-institutional negotiations. Take a look at our position paper here.

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ENGSO Youth's recommendations for the post 2020 EU youth & sport funding:

- Decreasing the administrative burdens for young people to take part in future Erasmus youth and sport projects, especially in case of individual mobility (Key Action 1);
- Creating new supporting mechanisms for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in order to be better represented in non-formal education based youth and sport initiatives;
- Supporting the organisation of small-scale not-for-profit sport events that are more accessible for youth-led grassroots sport organisations;
- Opening to the outside world through supporting greater geographical flexibility of the future Erasmus programme: grassroots sport activities are considered to be a great way to build bridges between people of different origins and cultures, therefore more and more of these interventions shall be supported in neighbouring and "third" countries;
- Increasing organisational support in youth projects (especially per day allowances for volunteers) as a response to higher costs of living and inflation;
- Better recognising soft skills gained through sport practice as a contributor for boosting employability of young people, especially those in NEET situations;
- Institutionalising youth representation in the structured dialogue in sport through securing financial support for the biannual organisation of the European Youth Sport Forum;
- Raising awareness on and promoting the European Solidarity Corps among grassroots sport organisations and sport-based NGOs that are utilising the power of sport for social inclusion, education and development purposes.

CLOSING



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-Lovisa Broms



JUNE 2019

"ENGSO YOUTH REALLY SIGNIFIES TO ME PERSONALLY AS A NETWORK FOR LEARNING, OPPORTUNITY, ACTION AND ALSO GREATER INCLUSION."
MARISA SCHLENKER



Although she is originally from Chicago, United States, Marisa eventually moved to Europe for studies and football.

She is a former captain of the University of Wisconsin Madison football team and a former professional football player (she played on two different Swedish teams). She is also a mom and our young delegate who recently won the 2017-19 best volunteer award.

Why did you choose ENGSO Youth and what ENGSO Youth represents for you?

"ENGSO Youth really signifies to me personally a network for learning, opportunity, action and also greater inclusion. I think ENGSO Youth has a lot of potential to have an even stronger and more diverse voice at the table, as it taps into the various sub groups within the target group of youth."

What would be your message to the new ENGSO Youth Young Delegates?

"Ask questions, get involved in different working groups, learn from others and take advantage of the different opportunities. Also, remember that you have a lot to offer to the group, whether it be your knowledge or specific skillsets, so find the best way to bring those to the table."



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