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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ERASMUS+ COMMITTEE

Meeting 29 and 30 April 2015

Item 7 of the Agenda

1. Erasmus+ Sport: introduction

With the Treaty of Lisbon the sport dimension appeared for the first time in the EU Treaty (Art. 165 TFUE). The current programming period 2014-2020 is therefore the first period when Sport is included in an EU Programme, as a chapter within Erasmus+. It was preceded by 5 years of preparatory actions: Preparatory action in the field of sport (2009-2011), Preparatory action on European partnership on sports (2012-2013) and by special annual events. Most of the topics covered by the Preparatory actions were integrated in the Erasmus+.

2. Objectives of Erasmus+ Sport

The specific objectives of the E+ Sport are defined in the regulation (Art. 16):

- (a) to tackle cross-border threats to the integrity of sport, such as doping, match-fixing and violence, as well as all kinds of intolerance and discrimination;
- (b) to promote and support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes;
- (c) to promote voluntary activities in sport, together with social inclusion, equal opportunities and awareness of the importance of health-enhancing physical activity through increased participation in, and equal access to, sport for all.

The Programme is expected to focus in particular on grassroots sport.

3. Activities

In order to pursue the objectives set by the E+ Sport, a number of transnational activities is foreseen (Art. 17): they shall focus in particular on:

- (a) support for collaborative partnerships;
- (b) support for not-for-profit European sport events involving several Programme countries and contributing to the objectives set out in point (c) of Article 16(1);
- (c) support for strengthening the evidence base for policy-making;
- (d) dialogue with relevant European stakeholders.

As of 2014, the not-for-profit European sport events replaced entirely the previous special annual events. The award of grants is possible only following a call for proposals.

4. Budget

The amount for the Erasmus+ Sport for the years 2014-2020 is 265 M EUR. It started with 22,3 M EUR in the first year of implementation (2014), reached 22,9 M EUR in 2015 and will increase steadily over the years (33 M EUR in 2016). The vast majority of this budget is devoted to collaborative partnerships. No more than 10% is devoted to not-for-profit events, in accordance with the regulation. The remaining amount of the budget is spent on evidence based policy making (studies, surveys), dialogue with the stakeholders and communication.

5. Approach taken

In 2014 and 2015, the choice has been made to cover all the priorities mentioned in the legal basis. However, in a particular emphasis was put on the areas where EU guidelines exist and need to be implemented: dual careers of athletes and Health Enhancing Physical Activity (HEPA). Therefore in the two first years, 50 % of the budget of the collaborative partnerships was reserved for projects covering these two areas.

6. Calls for proposals

In order to implement the activities, in particular the collaborative partnerships and not-for-profit events, calls for proposals are organised. They constitute part of the general call of Erasmus+, published in the Official Journal. Based on the E+ regulation, the annual Work Programme sets priorities for every year and includes the division of the budget for sport actions (budget line 15.02.03). While DG EAC sets annually priorities and decides on the budget, the Executive Agency (EACEA) is in charge of the implementation of these calls.

In 2014 two rounds were organised:

- with a deadline of 15 March for the not-for-profit events taking place in 2014;
- with a deadline of 26 June, covering both not-for-profit events (taking place in 2015) and collaborative partnerships.

In 2015 two rounds are organised:

- with a deadline of 22 January for not-for-profit events and collaborative partnerships linked to the European Week of Sport (EWOs), taking place in 2015;
- and with a deadline of 14 May, covering not-for-profit events and collaborative partnerships linked to all other areas except for EWOs.

As in 2015, also in the future years two rounds could be organised: one in winter (in January at the latest, to facilitate selection of not-for-profit events linked to the European Week of Sport taking place in autumn) and one general in May.

7. First results

The number of applications received demonstrates the great interest generated by the E+ Sport¹. The rules concerning applications and participation are explained in the Programme Guide. As any non-profit legal entity and any public authority based in the Programme Countries may apply, with the required size of network including 5 organisations from 5 Partner Countries; for the not-for-profit events, participants must come from 12 Partner Countries. With the budget of Erasmus+ Sport available, in 2014 only some 10% of the applications received could have been financed (42 out of 440 applications submitted; 406 of which were eligible). A similar proportion is true for the call linked to the European Week of Sport (deadline January 2015): 10 projects (5 collaborative partnerships and 5 not-for-profit events) were selected from 81 applications.

8. Aim of the discussion

While after one year, it is probably too early for an extensive evaluation of the Erasmus+ sport chapter, some ideas may be already exchanged. In the framework of the preparation of the Work Programme 2016, the Commission is collecting ideas in this regard. First comments were already received by the Commission (coming mainly from sport organisations but also from Member States). Following these inputs, the Commission is reflecting on the way to take on board the following concerns:

- More emphasis on grassroots sport;
- Reassessing the correct level concerning the maximum size of projects;
- Structuring the cooperation with international organisations such as the Council of Europe or the World Health Organisation;
- Ensuring a geographical balance;
- Ensuring the right balance between the different priorities;
- Putting an emphasis on social inclusion and the fight against intolerance.

Suggestions referring in particular to issues such as the priorities, the size of projects, selection criteria, deadlines, procedures, etc. are welcome. The members of the Erasmus+ Committee are kindly invited to share their ideas with the Commission in order to improve the Erasmus+ work programme and to make it even more relevant to its policy priorities.

¹ Detailed statistics are attached in the annex.

ANNEX: STATISTICS AND KEY FIGURES – 2014 CALLS

A. 2014 call – Round 1 – Deadline 17 March 2014 (Not-for-profit European Sport Events only)

- 37 applications received
- Applications from 17 Erasmus+ Programme Countries
- 3 applications selected

B. 2014 call – Round 2 – Deadline 26 June 2014 (Collaborative partnerships and not-for-profit European Sport events)

Erasmus+: Sport 2014 - Statistics of applications

	Collaborative Partnerships	Not-for-profit EU Sport Events	Total
Belgium	7	3	10
Bulgaria	8	7	15
Croatia	10	1	11
Cyprus	5	1	6
Czech Republic	5	1	6
Danmark	9	4	13
Deutschland	12	5	17
España	17	2	19
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3	1	4
France	17	3	20
Greece	9	9	18
Hungary	6	10	16
Ireland	2	0	2
Italia	82	29	111
Latvia	3	0	3
Lithuania	19	6	25
Luxembourg	4	0	4
Malta	1	2	3
Nederland	13	3	16
Österreich	11	3	14
Poland	12	17	29
Portugal	6	1	7
Romania	4	7	11
Slovakia	1	0	1
Slovenia	9	5	14
Suomi / Finland	2	1	3
Sverige	0	1	1
Turkey	11	10	21
United Kingdom	17	3	20
Total	305	135	440

Erasmus+: Sport 2014 - Statistics of eligible applications

	Collaborative Partnerships	Not-for-profit EU Sport Events	Total
Belgium	7	3	10
Bulgaria	7	6	13
Croatia	9	1	10
Cyprus	5	1	6
Czech Republic	3	1	4
Danmark	9	3	12
Deutschland	12	4	16
España	15	2	17
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3	1	4
France	17	1	18
Greece	9	6	15
Hungary	5	10	15
Ireland	1	0	1
Italia	80	28	108
Latvia	3	0	3
Lithuania	18	4	22
Luxembourg	4	0	4
Malta	1	2	3
Nederland	12	3	15
Österreich	11	3	14
Poland	10	16	26
Portugal	4	1	5
Romania	3	7	10
Slovakia	1	0	1
Slovenia	9	5	14
Suomi / Finland	2	0	2
Sverige	0	1	1
Turkey	10	9	19
United Kingdom	16	2	18
TOTAL	286	120	406

Erasmus+: Sport 2014 - Collaborative Partnerships - Geographic coverage

	Applicants	Partners	Total
Albania	0	5	5
Armenia	0	1	1
Arzerbaijan	0	1	1
Belgium	7	61	68
Belarus	0	1	1
Bonsia and Herzegovina	0	5	5
Bulgaria	8	86	94
Croatia	10	66	76
Cyprus	5	35	40
Czech Republic	5	34	39
Danmark	9	47	56
Deutschland	12	91	103
España	17	145	162
Estonia	0	18	18
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3	24	27
France	17	84	101
Georgia	0	3	3
Greece	9	83	92
Hungary	6	50	56
Iceland	0	1	1
Ireland	2	29	31
Israel	0	1	1
Italia	82	202	284
Kosovo	0	1	1
Latvia	3	35	38
Lebanon	0	1	1
Lithuania	19	67	86
Luxembourg	4	8	12
Malta	1	21	22
Moldova	0	2	2
Montenegro	0	7	7
Nederland	13	49	62
Norway	0	13	13
Österreich	11	48	59
Poland	12	69	81
Portugal	6	78	84
Romania	4	77	81
Serbia	0	16	16
Slovakia	1	29	30
Slovenia	9	61	70
Suomi / Finland	2	42	44
Sverige	0	28	28
Switzerland	0	23	23
Turkey	11	90	101
Ukraine	0	1	1
United Kingdom	17	127	144
Total	305	1966	2271

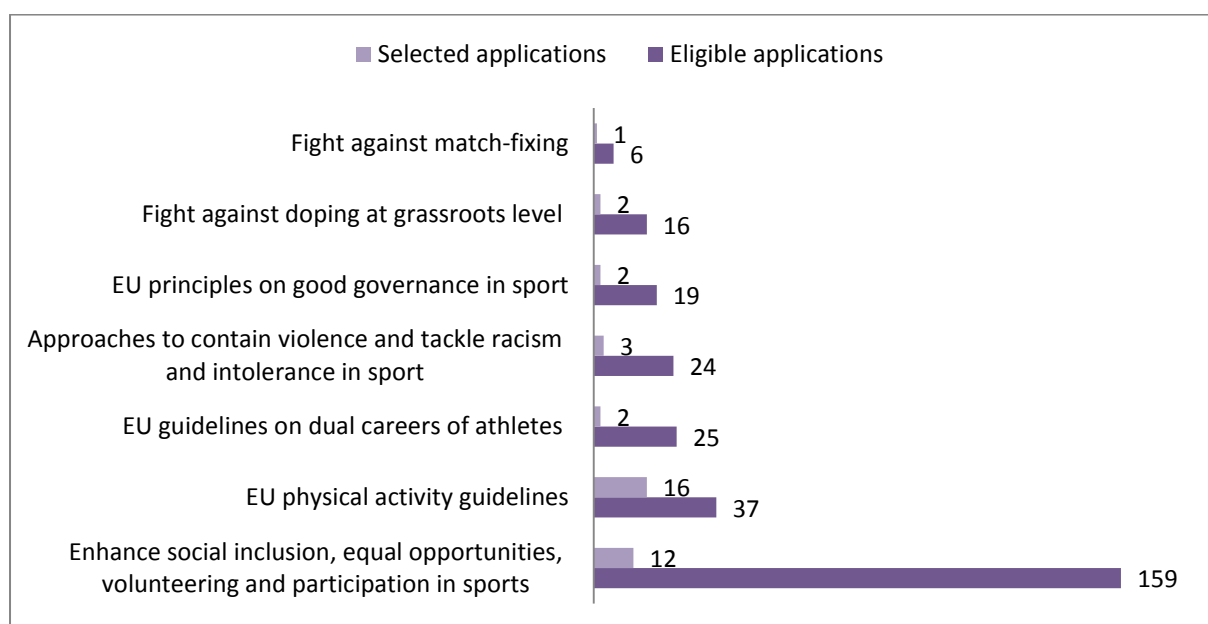
Erasmus+: Sport – applications selected

Actions	Received	Eligible	Selected
Collaborative partnerships	305	286	38 (*)
Not-for-profit European Sport Events	135	120	3
TOTAL	440	406	41

(*) 1 additional project in the reserve list

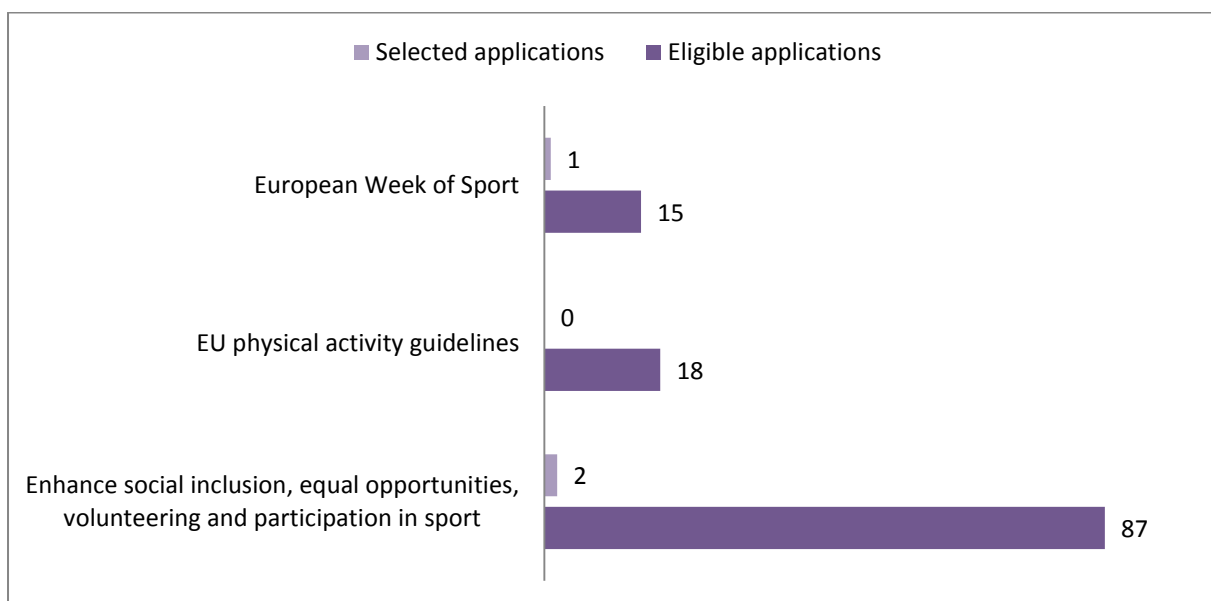
Erasmus+: Sport - Topics for collaborative partnerships

TOPICS	Eligible applications	Selected applications
Enhance social inclusion, equal opportunities, volunteering and participation in sports	159	12
EU physical activity guidelines	37	16
EU guidelines on dual careers of athletes	25	2
Approaches to contain violence and tackle racism and intolerance in sport	24	3
EU principles on good governance in sport	19	2
Fight against doping at grassroots level	16	2
Fight against match-fixing	6	1
TOTAL	286	38



Erasmus+: Sport - Topics for not-for-profit European Sport events

TOPICS	Eligible applications	Selected applications
Enhance social inclusion, equal opportunities, volunteering and participation in sport	87	2
EU physical activity guidelines	18	0
European Week of Sport	15	1
TOTAL	120	3



Erasmus+ Sport – Success rate per country

	Collaborative partnerships	Sport events	Total eligible applications	Total selected	Success rate
Belgium	7	3	10	2	20,00%
Bulgaria	7	6	13	0	0,00%
Croatia	9	1	10	0	0,00%
Cyprus	5	1	6	0	0,00%
Czech Republic	3	1	4	0	0,00%
Danmark	9	3	12	2	16,67%
Deutschland	12	4	16	3	18,75%
España	15	2	17	2	11,76%
FYROM	3	1	4	0	0,00%
France	17	1	18	4	22,22%
Greece	9	6	15	2	13,33%
Hungary	5	10	15	1	6,67%
Ireland	1	0	1	0	0,00%
Italia	80	28	108	11	10,19%
Latvia	3	0	3	0	0,00%
Lithuania	18	4	22	1	4,55%
Luxembourg	4	0	4	1	25,00%
Malta	1	2	3	0	0,00%
Nederland	12	3	15	2	13,33%
Österreich	11	3	14	3	21,43%
Poland	10	16	26	1	3,85%
Portugal	4	1	5	0	0,00%
Romania	3	7	10	0	0,00%
Slovakia	1	0	1	0	0,00%
Slovenia	9	5	14	1	7,14%
Sverige	0	1	1	0	0,00%
Suomi / Finland	2	0	2	1	50,00%
Turkey	10	9	19	1	5,26%
United Kingdom	16	2	18	3	16,67%
Total	286	120	406	41	10,10%

**Erasmus+ Sport – Type of organisations for the selected applicants and partners
(both collaborative partnerships and not-for-profit European Sport Events) – 357
in total**

Local public bodies	12
Regional public bodies	8
National public bodies	24
TOTAL PUBLIC	44
Higher education institutions	77
Research centers	20
TOTAL HIGHER EDUCATION & RESEARCH	97
Sport NGOs	34
Other NGOs	42
TOTAL NGOs	76
Sport clubs	21
Sport federations / Leagues	97
TOTAL SPORT CLUBS, FEDERATIONS & LEAGUES	118
OTHERS	22
TOTAL	357

