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WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Friends,

It is my utmost pleasure to welcome you to the pages of our yearly magazine, especially in these times.

The past year was definitely unique, full of challenges, obstacles and hurdles, and has had profound effects in each and every aspect of all of our lives. Although many plans changed, the important thing is to move forward. It took a lot of effort and dedication of the entire community to react and adapt to COVID-19 and the new situation. Amid the challenging circumstances, it took joint cooperation, innovation, precaution and solidarity which is leading us to a brighter future.

The university sport community was heavily affected by COVID-19 and the pandemic. I would like to acknowledge the work and engagement of our members, partners and event organisers, as well as the whole EUSA family and thank them for their efforts. Several activities were held throughout Europe over the year, many of them in an online format. The university sport community showed that having a sound mind in a sound body is key, and this was also reflected in the various activities commemorating the International Day of University Sport and European Week of Sport across the continent.

The European Universities Games and our General Assembly were postponed for a year, as well as several of our projects and other activities. But EUSA took the time and opportunity to connect with our members, listening to their needs and challenges, and actively shared our activities and plans with them.

We also launched a special anniversary book, encompassing highlights and achievements of the organisation in the 20 years since its founding, while highlighting EUSA's future plans. I am extremely proud of this publication, and invite you all to explore it yourselves. The book is also a great indicator that the greatest achievements can only be done in joint corporation, by a team of dedicated people. So let me take the opportunity to thank each and

every member association, Executive Committee member, commission member, member of staff and volunteer, as well as an array of partners and supporters who contribute to the success story of EUSA.

The past achievements and accomplishments were recognised and celebrated with the traditional EUSA Awards ceremony. Although the last edition was held online, this did not diminish the joy and pride of the awards recipients, as well as the audience.

Thanks to institutional and personal partnerships, as well as our previous experiences, EUSA and its Institute were again recognised by the European Commission with the support of projects and initiatives through the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. Two new projects – Inclusion in Sport (iSport) and the European Universities Games – received this great recognition in 2020, and we are very proud and honoured by the acknowledgment of our work and trust put in us at a European level. The support was also received by the International University Sport Federation – FISU, who continued supporting its national university sport federations, as well as its continental associate partners.

This year we will come together at the General Assembly, electing the governing body for the new mandate. The recent changes in our Statutes and Electoral Procedure aim to enhance gender representation and ensures having a student as a voting member of the Executive Committee, and I look forward to the future!

I invite you to keep contributing to the development of university sport on local, national and international level, and stay in contact with us throughout the year.

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CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

EUSA places major emphasis on the educational aspect of sporting events, organising regular meetings, seminars and conventions to ensure transparency, knowledge sharing, networking and good governance.



EUSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The elected EUSA Executive Committee, who are responsible for the good governance of the organisation and implementation of decisions taken by the General Assembly, met on six separate occasions over 2020 to discuss and review the work done by the association while ensuring its continued progression.

April 4, 2020

The first EUSA Executive Committee meeting of the year was scheduled to take place in Belgrade, Serbia, but due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the participants met online on Saturday, April 4.

The meeting agenda encompassed several topics, among others detailed Office reports, scheduled EUSA sport events, EUSA projects and the EUSA General Assembly. EUSA Education and Development Manager Ms Sara Rozman presented the EU-funded projects that finished at the end of 2019 and the projects that were running in 2020, among them UNISPORT, PRODUCE,

GETZ, EMPATIA, Ed Media, AFE, Match Point, HALT, RYSE, SKYS and the iFlipp project. The main focus of the EUSA Executive Committee members was nevertheless on the current situation and the European Universities Games in Belgrade.

The EUSA Executive Committee also approved changes to the Regulations for the Games, giving more flexibility and allowing those who qualified to take part in the competition initially scheduled for 2020 to also be legible to compete in the event in 2021.

May 4, 2020

Members of the EUSA Executive Committee met for their second

meeting of 2020, held online on May 4.

The Executive Committee members confirmed the programme and financial reports of EUSA and its Institute for the past period, and adopted the preliminary activity plan and provisional budget for 2020. Apart from the overall report and updates, the chairs of each working group presented their progress reports.

Several internal documents had been drafted or updated, and were presented for confirmation at future meetings, contributing to the good governance and accountability of individuals and the organisation as a whole.

The Executive Committee Members were informed of the projects supported by the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and those supported by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

Regarding the sports programme, upon the signing of a revised Memorandum of Understanding with Rugby Europe, Rugby 7s was to be confirmed as an additional sport to be featured at the next European Universities Games, to be held in Belgrade, Serbia. The Executive Committee members also agreed that additional consultations will be open on the topic of e-sports.

June 29, 2020

The Executive Committee of EUSA held their third meeting of the year online, with members gathering virtually on Monday, June 29.

After being acquainted with the Office Report for May and June, as well as the EUSA Treasurer's report, the Executive Committee acknowledged a statement received from the European Universities Games 2022 Host City partners, who will prepare a full progress report on the organisation of the Games in Lodz, Poland by mid-August.

Due to the consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak, restrictions in travels and to secure the safety of participants, the EUSA Executive Committee unanimously decided to postpone the EUSA General Assembly, initially scheduled to take place in October 2020, to the following year. An online meeting with member federations was confirmed to be organised later in the year.

The Executive Committee also decided that this year's official EUSA celebrations of the International Day of University Sport and European Week of Sport will be organised in cooperation with the National University Sports Associations of Ukraine and Hungary in September 2020.

Documents regarding EUSA's Incident Policy, Code of Ethics, Financial Regulations and Accounting Principles and Associated Members Guidelines were then presented, as well as progress reports of internal Working Groups, all of which would be approved at the next meeting.

The Executive Commission members were then informed about the status of EU-funded projects that EUSA leads or partners and were given a report for each project. The members were notified that several projects would be prolonged for several months due to the global pandemic.

September 17, 2020

The EUSA Executive Committee met online on September 17 for its fourth meeting of the year.

The meeting started with the reports of the past period, outlining key activities, especially taking into account Covid-19, and related precautions and restrictions.

The meeting focused on the topic of the European Universities Games in Belgrade which were postponed. Also the subsequent edition of the Games were discussed, agreeing that online supervision commission meetings will be prepared and realised in October for the next two editions of the Games. EUSA Executive Committee also confirmed that the bidding procedure for the European Universities Games 2026 would open on October 1, 2020.

Due to the postponement of the European Universities Games in Belgrade the season of the European Universities Championships initially planned for 2021 was postponed to 2023.

As also the General Assembly was postponed to 2021, EUSA decided to organise a series of virtual meetings with its members. After the initial meeting organised in June 18, the next online meetings were confirmed for September 24 and November 12, 2020.

The Executive Committee members were also informed about EUSA's EU-funded projects and activities connected with them.

November 5, 2020

Members of the EUSA Executive Committee met online on November 5 for their fifth meeting of the year.

The meeting started with a report of activities from the last meeting, before focusing on the European Universities Games. Reports of the Games' supervision commission meetings were presented, highlighting the reopening of registration for the European Universities Games in Belgrade and the preventive measures being taken for safety and security of all participants as well as local hosts. The preparations for the subsequent 2022 European Universities

Games in Lodz were also discussed, as well as the opening of the bidding procedure for the European Universities Games 2026 on October 1.

Related to the topic of sports, the EUSA Executive Committee attributed the European Universities Cycling Championship to Nijmegen, nominating also the Technical Delegates for Cycling - Ms Nienke Vos (NED) and for Rugby 7s - Mr Andrey Matviyuk (RUS).

The EUSA Executive Committee also approved the following internal documents, some new and some updated: EUSA Incident Policy, Code of Ethics, Financial Regulations and Accounting Principles, Green Policy Document and Associated Members Guidelines.

Following the announcement of results of the Erasmus+ call, the Executive Committee members reflected on the great achievement and recognition of EUSA and its Institute by the European Commission, awarding it a collaborative partnership project Inclusion in Sport (iSport) and supporting activities focusing on volunteering related to the not-for-profit European sport event European Universities Games Belgrade, coordinated by the EUSA Institute.

Success was achieved also in projects where the EUSA Institute forms a partnership consortium, on the topics of promoting education in and through sport with special focus on skills development and dual career of athletes, encouraging social inclusion and equal opportunities in sport, improving good governance in sport, promoting voluntary activity in sport and supporting mobility of volunteers, coaches, managers and staff of non-profit sport organisations. The members were also informed of the status of all currently running EU-funded projects and the main steps and activities connected to them until the end of the year.

December 17, 2020

EUSA hosted the final Executive Committee meeting of the year on December 17, 2020. The meeting was held online,

wrapping up the activities of the year 2020 and preparing plans for the upcoming year.

The sixth and final meeting of the year started with welcome address by the EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, Office report by the EUSA Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik, and the Financial report by the EUSA Treasurer Mr Lorenz Ursprung. A discussion followed the presentation of the reports, evaluating the steps and measurements taken in order to minimise the impact of Covid-19 pandemic to the organisation and its activities.

Despite the postponement of the European Universities Games 2020 and consequent postponement of almost all European Universities Championships 2021 to 2023, several activities and projects were successfully carried out over 2020. EUSA and its Institute were very successful in getting support from the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union for projects and activities, starting in 2021.

The preparations for the 5th edition of the largest University sports in Europe were discussed and evaluated in more details. On behalf of the Organising Committee of the European Universities Games Belgrade, its Director Mr Predrag Juskovic addressed the members of the EUSA Executive Committee and shared a summary of the report and plans for 2021. Big emphasis is being given on safety and well-being of the participants as well as locals, and several scenarios of the health and safety protocol were being finalised with the help of medical experts.

Preparations for the subsequent edition of the Games in Lodz 2022 (EUG2022) were also discussed, noting significant progress in getting everything ready to host the event in the summer of 2022.



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION MEETING JUNE 18, 2020

On Thursday, June 18, 2020, an online meeting was held with Secretary Generals of the National University Sports Associations that make up the EUSA membership on Thursday, June 18.

The aim of the meeting, which attracted participants from 20 countries, was to present an update on activities in EUSA and its member federations, as well as to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on university sport in Europe and worldwide.

The participants were firstly welcomed by EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek and EUSA Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik.

Mr Pecovnik then presented the EUSA activities since the start of the Coronavirus outbreak, focusing on the European Universities Games in Belgrade and the organisation of forthcoming sports and educational events.

The conclusions from the previous two EUSA Executive Committee Meetings, financial impact of COVID-19 on EUSA activities, EUSA projects funded by the Erasmus+ Programme and organisation of work in the EUSA Headquarters in the time of pandemic were also reported, together with information from recent meetings held between FISU and the Continental University Sports Federations.

Thereafter, the representatives of EUSA member federations presented the situation in their countries, focusing on activities of their National University Sports Associations, organisation of National University Championships and participation in the fifth edition of the European Universities Games in Belgrade, Serbia.



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

EUSA held a second online meeting with the Secretary Generals from National University Sports Associations across Europe on Thursday, September 24, ensuring transparent and open communication with its members.

A total of 16 EUSA member federation representatives were present for the online call.

After words of welcome to all present, EUSA Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik gave a full report of EUSA's activities in terms of governance, administration, EU-funded projects and sports activities, informing members of developments regarding EUSA's forthcoming events.

The Secretary Generals from each NUSA were then able to provide updates from their own countries, where it was pleasing to hear that many national championships and sporting events in several countries were ongoing despite the global pandemic which had postponed and cancelled several university sports events.

NUSAs were encouraged to send EUSA updates, news and photographs of their sporting activities for dissemination, to help stimulate and inspire others across the continent amid what had been a difficult period for many.

The meeting showcased EUSA's continual support for its members, facilitating a platform for networking and sharing of knowledge, even if virtually due to the restrictions in place owing to COVID-19.



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2020

On Thursday, November 12, the European University Sports Association held a successful online meeting with its members associations, providing detailed updates of the year's activities and future plans.

The meeting was organised following a challenging 2020 in which the current global pandemic resulted in the postponement of several events, including the EUSA General Assembly, which would have taken place in Yerevan, Armenia in October.

This online meeting thus enabled EUSA to check in with all its member federations, before providing updates over the association's activities across various fields, and outlining the plans for 2021 and beyond.

A total of 68 participants, representing 32 members across Europe were present for the virtual meeting.

Following a welcome address from EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, EUSA Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik gave an update regarding the governance and administration of the association, highlighting various meetings which have still been conducted and the continued progress being made by EUSA despite the global crisis.

EUSA Treasurer Mr Lorenz Ursprung then gave a detailed update regarding the association's finances, outlining the various cutback measures undertaken and way in which current finances will be distributed and utilised.

Mr Pecovnik then presented EUSA's events and projects, noting EUSA's noteworthy achievement in being successful in the application for nine different social responsibility projects funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The participants were also informed of the status of all currently running EU-funded projects and the main steps and activities connected to them until the end of the year.

EUSA's Equal Opportunities Commission Chair Mr Bruno Barracosa introduced the new and updated EUSA internal documents and policies, following which Media and Communication Commission Chair Mr Bill Thompson spoke about the association's branding in line with what was discussed at the most recent EUSA Executive Committee meeting.

A short question-and-answer session was held before the conclusion of a productive and highly successful event.





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EUSA PROJECTS

EUSA is involved in various projects and initiatives which promote university sport values and provide equal opportunities and educational activities through an array of different programmes.



SPORTS FOR ALL

The European University Sports Association continually pushes for equality, respect and full inclusion of student athletes with disabilities in sport, while simultaneously promoting the spirit of fair play at all our events.

Gender

All EUSA's sporting events are inclusive of all genders, something the association is extremely proud of, yet when reflecting upon the statistics of event participants from the European Universities Championships 2019, male participants are still outnumbering female participants 59%-41%. Although this ratio has improved over the years, EUSA acknowledges that more needs to be done as we strive to continue on the road towards a more balanced participation of male and female participants at future events.

Socio-Economic Status

One of the aims of EUSA is to strengthen and support its member federations, the national university sport bodies in Europe. EUSA links 46 national university sports bodies across the continent, so the

organisation and conditions of each of our members are very diverse. Recognising that not all EUSA members have the same funding opportunities, a development fund was launched, aiming at developing and strengthening university sport throughout Europe. With the support of the Club of Donors, we were able to secure a special development fund for 2019 and were able to assist EUSA members, primarily those with little or no participation in EUSA events over the past four years. Similar provisions will be made for participants at the European Universities Games who require financial assistance.

Disabilities

Since the inclusion of athletes with disabilities for the first time at the European Universities Games 2016, EUSA has continued to search for ways to be more inclusive in our

events. Following the inclusion of Para Table Tennis at the last European Universities Games in 2018, EUSA has together with the local organisers included Para Table Tennis again onto the schedule for the next edition of the European Universities Games in Belgrade, Serbia, while including Sitting Volleyball as a demonstrative event as well. EUSA recognises that European university sport can still make vast improvements regarding the inclusion of all students into sports, along with everyday physical activity, and with the support of the European Paralympic Committee as our partner, we believe we will make continued progress in future.

Fair Play

With the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) as our partner, EUSA strongly promotes the spirit of fair play at all our events. Its values

are deeply embedded in EUSA and we have emphasised the importance of sportsmanship and a positive approach to sport across our 20 years of existence. EUSA has always awarded exemplary behaviour on the sport field and will continue with the same practice in the future, with the ultimate goal of introducing a "Fair Play Card" into various sports. The fair play initiative was strongly encouraged at all EUSA's sporting championships in 2019, and apart from having positive messages involving fair play oaths read by athletes and referees at all sports events, EUSA also annually attributes the Enno Harms Fair Play Award to showcase the noble gestures present in European university sport.

EUSA GENDER EQUALITY CAMPAIGN

EUSA has the responsibility, as the governing body for university sport in Europe, to act when it comes to gender equality. Within EUSA, the Equal Opportunities Commission continually advises and makes recommendations on developing, implementing, and promoting diversity and equal opportunities.

As a principle, all EUSA sports are offered to men and women. The association works towards equal participation and has achieved good results – 41% of all athletes in the last edition of the European Universities Championships were female. However, women are still a statistical minority in terms of officials and continue to be underrepresented in coaching staff at EUSA events. This problem is currently being highlighted and addressed.

Because university sports are about much more than just competitions, EUSA strives to develop in all aspects, including educational activities. When planning conferences, conventions, workshops or seminars, EUSA aims to ensure that the gender aspect is always considered with related topics included. Special attention is paid to reviewing the gender perspective of the events' themes, ensuring gender issues are reflected on the agenda, aiming for gender balance on panel discussions and among participants, evaluating the event from a gender perspective, and including gender in the final report.

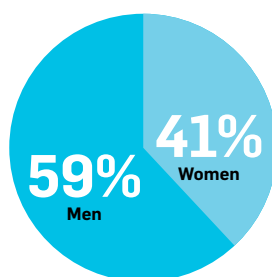
Involvement in Erasmus+ Programmes

Social responsibility projects are an essential part of EUSA's activities. EUSA currently leads or takes part in several projects funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. In the field of equality and inclusion, EUSA is involved in many projects, namely Inclusion in Sport (iSPORT); Gender Equality Toolkit for Generation Z (GETZ); Rainbow Youth for Sporting Equality (RYSE); Innovating Football Leadership

Participants – Athletes

ALL ATHLETES	4247
MEN ATHLETES	2517
WOMEN ATHLETES	1730

PARTICIPANTS – ATHLETES



through Practice and Policy (iFlipp); PROMoting GendeR Equality in Sports (PROGRES) and Work for a Cause, Serve for Sport (W4C-S4S).

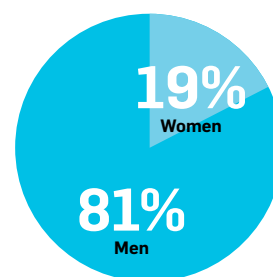
Adoption of Incident Policy in 2020

EUSA is also united in working towards a common goal: promoting a safe, positive, and inspiring environment where athletes and other participants can thrive, follow their dreams and enjoy themselves. While incidents can occur unexpectedly in any environment, and university sport is no exception, there is a need to work together to foster a safe and positive environment where athletes can train, compete, and excel. EUSA adopted an Incident Policy in 2020. The document clarifies the expectations and consequences regarding different stakeholders' behaviour at EUSA's events, allowing creating a safe and enjoyable environment. The

Participants – Officials

ALL OFFICIALS	995
MEN OFFICIALS	804
WOMEN OFFICIALS	191

PARTICIPANTS – OFFICIALS



document defines proper and improper behaviour, establishes a procedure for reporting and addressing incidents and sets a list of possible sanctions.

Statistics show that, despite the increasing rates of women's participation in sport, there are still very few women in leadership positions on national or international sport governing bodies and federations. In 2019, EUSA conducted an internal survey among our members, which revealed that less than 20% of National University Sports Associations presidents are women. Female under-representation in sports organisations is not only a European, but also a global concern.

Equalising Gender Representation

EUSA has also recently adopted changes in its statutes and internal regulations. To ensure a more balanced representation in leadership positions, the

EUSA General Assembly confirmed and introduced a minimum gender representation quota to equalise the gender representation in the EUSA Executive Committee. In 2021 at least 20% of the board should consist of women or, to be precise, members of the gender that is a minority in the Executive Committee. By 2029 this quota shall progressively increase up to 40%.

With these changes, EUSA aims for more balanced gender representation within the Executive Committee and encourages national member federations to nominate more women for the highest decision-making positions within EUSA. Simultaneously EUSA sets an example for other European sports organisations and national member federations calling them to be part of this change.



EUSA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Through the work of EUSA Student Commission, the Organising Committees of EUSA events, and with the support from the International University Sports Federation (FISU), EUSA was able to offer students from around Europe a unique opportunity to participate as part of the organisation of EUSA events as international EUSA volunteers.

Throughout the summer of 2019, international volunteers were present across the 21 EUSA European Universities Championships, assisting the local organising teams and the local volunteers. The main aim of the volunteer programme is to give students who are interested in sports and in organising sport events the chance to experience a unique adventure, to meet new people from different countries, learning about the values of sport, and gain valuable work experience through volunteering.

The programme includes working areas within in the fields of media, communication, transport, accommodation and of course in sports venues, all the while assisting organisers, referees, and the participants themselves. All this in the context of an international sport event, where the volunteers are able to network and improve their future opportunities through like-minded people as well as having an enjoyable time! All volunteers have to organise themselves is their travel to and from the official

airport/station of the event. From there, local organisers will provide internal transport, full accommodation, and meals for the duration of the event, and along with having an amazing time at the event, the organisers will provide them with a certificate indicating the working position and hours.

We are once again looking for local, national, and international volunteers. Interested participants are encouraged to register their interest via the European Universities Games

official webpage. If you are unsure about applying, we urge you to check out EUSA Insider on <https://www.eusa.eu/media/eusa-insider> where you can hear about the student experiences from the international volunteer programme.



PLEASE SEE
www.eusa.eu/projects/volunteering
for more information

EUSA INTERNSHIPS

EUSA has been hosting international volunteers and interns in the EUSA Office based in Ljubljana, Slovenia, since 2011, giving an opportunity for young volunteers to gain valuable knowledge of the day-to-day workings and activities of an international organisation.

During their time in EUSA Office, the interns work closely with all EUSA's working departments, including Sports, Media and Communications and Education. While they offer valuable skills and knowledge to the office, EUSA is conscious of developing and aiding wherever possible the intern's experience of working in an international sports office. EUSA is extremely proud of all the 24 interns that have worked in the EUSA Office over the past decade who will always be part of the EUSA family and will no doubt continue representing the association with pride in future.

In 2020, the EUSA Office welcomed four Italians whose 12-month stay in Ljubljana enabled them to assist in various projects and activities, organise a sports event and take in the beauty Slovenia has to offer.

The internships were realised in cooperation with OPES Italia, funded within the International Italian Civil Service. OPES Italia is an organisation for education and promotion of sports, recognised by CONI.

The four interns had this to say about their experiences in the EUSA Office:

Valeria Leoci

"EUSA turned out to be a beautiful discovery: what the association does is very cool and valuable, and the people working in the office are kind, friendly and helpful, making me feel like in a family. I strongly recommend every young Italian citizen to do the civil service and every aspiring volunteer from Europe to join the EUSA team."

Ludovica Appetiti

"During this experience I had the chance to improve my English, to develop new digital skills, and work on assigned tasks including video editing, graphic design and article writing. I recommend everyone to try this experience that can really open the mind and offer new work horizons."

Arianna Caruso

"I managed to meet many interesting people, visited many small towns and fantastic places. I have made friendships that I hope not to get lost along the way, especially those with my colleagues and other volunteers. A special thanks goes to all the EUSA staff: they were all very kind and understanding, they welcomed

and guided us, they made us feel part of the family."

Giovanni Fabris

"I came to Slovenia to clear my mind and take decisions about the future, and I left with many answers to my initial doubts as well as a wealth of experience and friends that I consider the best consequence of this motivating and amusing year."



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www.eusa.eu/projects/volunteering/internship-in-eusa
for more information



EUSA EXHIBITION

EUSA launched an exhibition on university sport in Europe in 2014. The project, supported by the International University Sport Federation (FISU), enables an overview of the development of university sport, with a special focus on European context.

After recently being updated, the exhibition now includes new information and photos, and features seven stand-alone panels in the form of towers, grouping the contents according to topics: University Sport in Europe, European University Sports Association, European Universities Championships, European Universities Games, Education and Social Responsibility, Honouring the Best and Partnerships and Future Programme.

Officially launched and opened during the 2014 European Universities Games in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and hosted at the premises of the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the exhibition has travelled extensively around Europe during its seven years of existence, visiting Austria,

Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and Switzerland. The exhibition has also been on display during various FISU events including the Universiade in Gwangju, Korea and the General Assembly in Lausanne, Switzerland.

In 2019, the exhibition made its way to Lodz, Poland, where it was on display for the duration of both the European Universities Badminton and Volleyball Championships in the city, allowing all 510 participants from both competitions to learn more about EUSA's history, legacy, projects and impact in the field of university sport.

Thereafter the exhibition was set up at the University of Aveiro at the occasion of the EUSA Conference and Extraordinary

General Assembly 2019, where the over 150 guests and participants at the event were able to browse over the informative panels.

The exhibition's final appearance of the year was at the 2019 EUSA Dinner held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, an occasion which special appreciation awards were handed to local institutions and individuals who significantly contributed to the development and growth of EUSA.

The exhibition has been present at each edition of the European Universities Games, and the next edition of the European Universities Games will be no exception, where it will remain available for viewing for the full duration of the event.

As a travelling exhibition, the EUSA exhibition can also

be requested for display at universities, university sports events and at other sporting occasions in Europe. Please contact the EUSA Office if you are interested in hosting the exhibition.



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for more information





EUSA CLUB OF DONORS

EUSA works closely together with its member associations, offering the possibility of financial support to active members who are still developing, with special focus given to aid participation of university teams and single student-athletes from these countries at EUSA events.

In order to allow us to continuously support our activities and programmes for EUSA members from developing countries, we need to raise additional funds. That is why we decided to establish the Club of Donors, with the aim of supporting dedicated projects that will enable further development of university sport in Europe.

With this goal in mind, we kindly ask all friends of the university sport movement to join the Club of Donors. All members of the Club of Donors regularly receive EUSA publications as well as invitations to EUSA events.

Donations of any amount are appreciated, but to officially become a member of the EUSA Club of Donors, a minimum annual contribution of 100 EUR for individuals and 500 EUR for institutions is required.

The Club of Donors contributes to our development fund which over the last decade has made over 100.000 EUR of funding available, supporting five to ten members annually.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our donors for their support that has helped us move the university sport field forward!



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 for more information

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNIVERSITY SPORT (IDUS)

The International Day of University Sport (IDUS) was celebrated throughout Europe by EUSA at several events with active participation of the EUSA Executive Committee, Office Staff, event participants as well as the activities coordinated by EUSA member associations across the continent.

Proclaimed and endorsed by the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO) and the International University Sports Federation (FISU), IDUS is celebrated around the world on September 20th. In Europe many of the IDUS celebrations were also linked to the European Week of Sport (EWOS), which takes place between September 23-30.

Following FISU's lead in aiming to create stronger sporting cultures in universities and encourage physical activity, thousands of university students, institutions, cities and people across the globe once again came together to celebrate IDUS on 20 September 2020, among them several EUSA member associations who organised an array of events to promote healthy and active living.

Despite the global pandemic, many activities were still able to be organised safely and successfully, with National University Sport Associations across Europe getting creative in their various activities.

Albania



In Albania, IDUS was used as platform to exchange ideas, best practices and opportunities at a conference involving two university sports federations FSUK and FSHSU. Thereafter a number of different sports championships and events took place, including basketball and

futsal tournaments, hiking, paddling, paragliding and online Zumba classes.

Austria

Unisport Austria took IDUS 2020 as an opportunity to pause and take a journey through time, creating and sharing a montage of the many beautiful events in international student sport over the last 15 years to reminisce and enjoy. With the many successes in international university sport having made an important contribution to the life of student athletes across the country, the montage was a memorable way to highlight all these achievements once again.

Armenia



Coinciding with IDUS 2020 was the first beach volleyball student championship, organised by the Armenian Student Federation and attended by 13 male and 12 female teams, with winners awarded with certificates, medals, cups and gifts.

Belarus



Celebrations across Belarus were widespread, involving over 30 Belarusian higher education institutions. Activities included sports festivals, bicycle and cross-country races, ZUMBA dancing,

multi-sport races as well as virtual events including an online Chess and FIFA 20 competition.

Croatia



Croatia marked IDUS with an array of sports activities in cities across the country, with a 3x3 basketball competition taking place in Zagreb; disc golf, bocce, hiking, cycling as well as a First Aid workshop being organised in Rijeka; a 3x3 beach volleyball and basketball tournament was enjoyed in Varazdin while 3x3 basketball, cageball and uniFIT competitions were hosted in Split.

Czech Republic



Despite the pandemic cancelling many activities in the Czech Republic, a successful tennis tournament was still able to take place at the Ustav Telesne Vychovy a Sportu in the Czech capital, Prague.

Estonia



A variety of IDUS activities were celebrated in four different cities

across Estonia including Tallinn, Tartu, Parnu and Viljandi, with 14 different universities involved. Activities ranged from group training sessions, running races, 3x3 basketball and blind volleyball, to Cage Foot, obstacle courses, poker, darts, billiards, cycling, softball as well as an environmental litter clean-up.

Finland

For the fourth year in a row, a nationwide Dual Career seminar was organised to celebrate IDUS in Finland, with 70 on-site participants and 50 more attendees online as assistance was given to help athletes in their career transition, while exercise sessions were also organised.

France

In France, the FFSU unveiled an interactive online frieze on September 20, tracing the federation's history, from an institutional perspective, from 1921 to the present day. Articles, photos, videos and archives of all kinds were included in the nostalgic publication.

Germany



473 students, university employees and alumni from 70 member universities of ADH took part in Germany's main IDUS event – the first digital ADH university run, where all participants were asked to record as many kilometres completed and metres of



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Proclaimed by UNESCO
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altitude climbed in a one-hour period, with the winner recording an 17.48 kilometres and 29 metres in altitude.

Hungary



Hungary's main IDUS celebration was the popular 5vös 5km running race, which received a total of 343 entries, including 201 students from 11 different universities. Apart from this, online challenges, performance tours combined with a sports quiz, hiking tours and indoor games in small groups, of which volleyball and badminton were the most popular, were also organised.

Italy



In Italy, two FISU Ambassadors shared their experiences and highlighted the importance of IDUS, while CUS Milano and University Bicocca organised a conference titled "Equality goal. For a new governance in sport", debating the goal of gender equality in the governance of world sport.

Kosovo



Together with Albania, Kosovo's university sport authorities organised an international conference, where the role of the COVID-19 pandemic in particular was discussed. Students from various universities within the country then joined together on a hike up to Ljuboten, a peak in the Sar Mountains.

Latvia



Cities across Latvia involving ten Latvian higher education institutions hosted a variety of sporting events to commemorate this year's IDUS which included running competitions, relay races, non-traditional sports games, as well as football, baseball and orienteering competitions.

Lithuania



An international Student Sports Festival was hosted in Lithuania, with competitions organised in volleyball, football and basketball, and medals and prizes awarded to all winners.

Montenegro



The Student Sports Federation of Montenegro celebrated IDUS with an active weekend for students, organising both a mountaineering tour in the Moracka mountains as well as a Student Tennis Championship with 23 participants involved.

Norway

Due to Covid-19, the Norwegian Association of University Sports promoted the celebration of IDUS as a digital campaign. The campaign encouraged healthy values and the importance of university sports, and was spread through social media.

Poland



IDUS 2020 was promoted during two sports events in Warsaw, with a men's basketball and sport climbing competition involving 300 student athletes. Additionally, a training seminar for AZS employees and staff was held, where the topic of IDUS was discussed and presented.

Portugal



An online conference titled "Sports and Mental Health of Students" was organised for IDUS 2020 in Portugal, with several discussions and round tables surrounding both the physical and psychological well-being of students. Later, 60 participants gathered for an enjoyable 5km canoeing course down the Zezere and Tejo rivers.

Russia

Sports, educational and cultural and entertainment events were organised across Russia with over 50 entities of the Russian Federation involved. Events included competitions in table tennis, mini-football, basketball, arm wrestling, athletics and tug-of-war, volleyball, quizzes as well as an educational programme involving lectures and seminars on the history and development of the student sports movement in Russia.

Slovenia



Students from the Slovenian coastal city of Koper celebrated IDUS in the town square on inline skates at an event called "Zrolani

Koper". The fun-filled event saw a section of the square cordoned off for participants to enjoy rollerblading and scooters, while there was also a court for inline hockey and inline soccer.

EUSA staff working from the EUSA Office in Ljubljana celebrated the 2020 edition of IDUS by participating in an enjoyable bicycle ride through the beautiful Slovenian countryside, before also engaging in the European fitness badge battery test and taking up FISU's Cheerleading Challenge.

Switzerland



Activities took place in both Zurich and Lausanne to celebrate IDUS, which included a Sports Week festival, as well as Zumba and after workout classes.

Turkey

In Turkey, IDUS celebrations included a dance challenge conducted via social media, where students were encouraged to share dance videos on their social media accounts using the #letsidus #beactive #myeusa hashtags.

Ukraine



Several different events took place across Ukraine, with students taking part in flash mobs, volleyball, twist jumps, e-sports, rugby 7s, rowing, table tennis, relay races and physical training sessions.

United Kingdom

In the UK, IDUS celebrations were taken to social media, where followers were asked to publish what they love most about university sport, with high engagement and reposting of many replies and responses.

EUSA AWARDS

The EUSA awards officially recognise excellence in the field of university sport over the previous year in the areas of sporting performance, participation, sport development, lifelong dedication, fair play, inclusion and many, many more. Attributed to individuals, universities and institutions of higher education, member associations and other organisations, the EUSA awards allow for public recognition of their contribution and efforts.

The 2019-20 EUSA Awards Ceremony took place virtually on February 11, 2021, where the achievements in terms of participation, success and extraordinary efforts during the 2019 European Universities Championships were recognised.

In addition to the annual categories below, the Awards Ceremony included a new category of awards, the EUSA Medals of Appreciation, which recognise the significant contributions of partners, member associations and individuals in the sphere of European University Sport.

Award Categories

Most Active University

The Most Active University award is determined by the participation of individuals and teams per university in the European Universities Championships or Games.

Best University

The Best University award is determined by the sports achievements and results per university in EUSA competitions.

Most Active NUSA

The Most Active National University Sports Association award is determined by the participation of teams and number of participants per NUSA in the European Universities Championships or Games.

Most Successful NUSA

The most successful National University Sports Association award is determined by the results and final placement of athletes per NUSA in the European Universities Championships or Games.

Enno Harms Fair Play

Named after the first EUSA President, the Enno Harms Fair Play award takes into account a fair play gesture/situation during a EUSA sporting events which stood out the most.

Order of Merit

EUSA awards the Order of Merit as the highest recognition of the individuals and institutions for their outstanding contribution to the development of EUSA and university sport on local, European and international level.

Special Awards

EUSA may also recognise other special achievements and contributions by presenting special awards to individuals or institutions.

Medals of Appreciation

EUSA Medals of Appreciation are awarded to partners, member associations and individuals to recognise their significant contributions in the sphere of European University Sport.

2019-20 AWARDS

Most Active University

University of Zagreb (CRO)

Best University

University of Zagreb (CRO)

Most Active NUSA

German University Sports Federation (GER)

Most Successful NUSA

French University Sport Federation (FRA)

Enno Harms Fair Play

Technion – Israel Institute of Technology (ISR)

Order of Merit

Mr Adam Kiss (HUN)

Medal of Appreciation: Partners

WAKO European Kickboxing Federation (WAKO Europe)

Medal of Appreciation: Member Associations

University Sports Association of Poland (AZS)

Medal of Appreciation: Member Officials

Mr Manuel Veloso and Mr Daniel Monteiro (POR)

Medal of Appreciation: International Cooperation

Mr Kairat Zakirianov (KAZ)



Most Active University

University of Zagreb (CRO)



Best University

University of Zagreb (CRO)



Most Active NUSA

German University Sports Federation (GER)



Most Successful NUSA

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INTERVIEW WITH ORDER OF MERIT WINNER MR ADAM KISS

At the occasion of the virtual 2019-20 annual EUSA Awards Ceremony, former President of the Hungarian University Sports Federation Mr Adam Kiss was awarded EUSA's prestigious Order of Merit for his continual involvement, commitment and significant contribution to the development and promotion of university sport in Europe. Here Mr Kiss reflects on his award and evaluates the progress of university sport in Hungary and across Europe.



Mr Kiss, congratulations on being awarded the EUSA Order of Merit. What does this award mean to you?

The award was a complete surprise, but it means that the dynamic development of university sports in Hungary during my eight years as the Hungarian University Sports Federation (HUSF) president has been recognised by the leadership of EUSA. I appreciate the honour of this important award very much and I am grateful for it.

How would you evaluate the progress made in the Hungarian university sport sector in recent years?

The first step of the new leadership in 2012 when I was elected was to develop a plan which aided the professional development of Hungarian university sports, provide the best conditions for student-athletes to prepare for international events, establish a dual career model, develop university sport infrastructure and better coordinate recreational university sports. Looking back at the development of the Hungarian university sports sector in these last years, we see that we had much progress everywhere in the most important fields. There was a remarkable increase in the number of students who played sports, the number of

registered sports programmes increased significantly and there were in each year at least one international sports event organised in Hungary over that period. The HUSF was awarded the Jean Petitjean Award by FISU in 2015 and won the Hungarian Heritage title in 2019.

In your opinion, how important a role does sport play in shaping the lives of young university students?

I am convinced that there is no quality higher education without high quality university sports! I believe that sport plays a great role in shaping the lives of young university students. Sport simply belongs to the personal well-being for a person.

How important do you feel EUSA is in developing university sport in Europe?

The European countries have a special common culture, which is surely different from that of the rest of the world. Therefore, the European communities can understand each other relatively easier on these common values. In addition, Europe is geographically not very big and therefore the universities are not far away from each other and can develop cooperation between each other in the field of sport. The cooperation can be organised directly between university sports associations of two countries, however, it

is a better solution when the cooperation is organised in the multilateral framework of the European University Sports Association. In this connection, EUSA has an outstanding role in developing university sports in Europe. Some excellent initiatives have come from EUSA, with the system of the European Universities Championships and the European Universities Games in every second year being just the most important examples of the role of EUSA. The leadership of EUSA is now dynamic and innovative and therefore it plays an outstanding role in developing university sports in Europe.

What role has sport played in your life?

Sport has always been an important part of my life. As a student my sport was basketball, where I was a member of the Eotvos Lorand University team in Budapest which played in the National League. After an injury, I had to give up competitive sport, but for decades, up to my sixties we weekly came together with my old friends to play basketball. Even now I do some sort of exercise at least one hour a day.

On the other hand, while being a professor of Physics, promotion of sports played a big role in my life. I always supported university sports when I could:

from 1990-1997 as the Dean of Faculty of Science we introduced obligatory sport-classes for the students of the Faculty. From 1998 to 2002 I was responsible for Hungarian higher education and science and in this position, I gave a lot of support to the Hungarian University Sports Federation. Later, in 2009 to 2013 I was appointed president of the University Sports Club of Eotvos Lorand University, BEAC.

Finally, the cities of Debrecen and Miskolc will host the 2024 European Universities Games. What can participants look forward to at this prestigious event organised in Hungary?

It was a great pleasure for me when Debrecen and Miskolc, the two neighbouring cities with big universities, won the right to organise the European Universities Games in 2024. I know that the hosts, the two universities and their cities will do their best and host an excellent event. Therefore I am sure that the participants of this EUG will have a great time with many sports and competitions during that event. In addition to sports, the participants will have the opportunity to visit the north-eastern region of Hungary. It has a lot of famous sights, and is a beautiful environment. I encourage everybody interested in sports to come and take part in the Games!



EUSA INSTITUTE

The EUSA Institute is a non-profit non-governmental entity based in Ljubljana, Slovenia, created by the European University Sports Association (EUSA) for the purposes of further developing university sports, organising events, carrying out projects and providing education in sports at university level.

The main aim of the EUSA Institute is to support the development of university sport in Slovenia and Europe. It carries out professional, technical and organisational tasks aimed at providing education in sports at university level, working closely with EUSA while also partnering with other organisations.

The organisation was established for the purposes of developing university sports, organising sporting events, carrying out sports activities and projects as well as providing education in sports at

university level. To that end, the Institute also hosts various seminars, workshops and other educational events and activities in relation to sports and education for which its members are appropriately trained. In pursuit of its purpose, the Institute collaborates with individuals, interested groups, civil society, non-governmental organisations and legal entities at local, national and international levels.

EUSA is proud to run several projects and initiatives through the EUSA Institute, many

of which are funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union, as well as other sources.

We always look forward to strengthening cooperation with key stakeholders in the development of university sport in Europe through the activities of EUSA and its Institute.



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EU INITIATIVES

EUSA is also a proud partner in projects and initiatives coordinated or endorsed by European institutions, agencies and other organisations, receiving valuable support from the European Commission, Council of Europe and other institutional bodies.



EUROPEAN WEEK OF SPORT

The European Week of Sport (EWOS) and the #BeActive campaign, initiated by the European Commission, aims to promote sport and physical activity across Europe. Together with national coordinators and partner organisations, among them EUSA as an official partner, we're not only trying to make Europe healthier, but also helping to strengthen the continent in more way than one, based on our shared values and interests.

Since its launch in 2015, the EWOS has brought together thousands of organisations and offers demonstrations in several sports, also offering information about the benefits of sports activities and healthy nutrition.

Taking place annually between September 23 and 30 throughout Europe, the 2020 edition took on a different approach as a result of the global pandemic. An official opening event took place in Frankfurt, Germany, which held the presidency of the Council

of the European Union, and was streamed on television and online. The event, officially opened by the EU Commissioner responsible for Sport Ms Mariya Gabriel, showcased local initiatives in the City of Frankfurt and other cities in Germany, and also demonstrated the activities through the entertainment programme. The ceremony also featured ambassadors among which was also Mr Fabian Hambuechen, Olympic and Universiade medallist, 2015 recipient of the FISU Best Male Athlete Award, while

a special message was also received from the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Mr Thomas Bach.

An online conference, titled "Partnerships for Physical Activity and Sport – Be(come) Active!", continued the EWOS celebrations, and took place on Thursday, September 24, in which EUSA also participated.

The conferences began with opening addresses from Mr Stephan Mayer, Parliamentary

State Secretary at the Federal Minister of the Interior, as well as Ms Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth.

Thereafter, Ms Petra Wagner from Leipzig University discussed Implications for reaching out to target groups and sustainable behaviour change before Mr Jorn Wemmenhove from Humankind - Agency for Urban Change spoke about planning and making cities for people.



Participants were then divided into parallel sessions, one which discussed stakeholders and the sport community through cooperation for a healthier society and the other which discussed city networks and partnerships. Good practise examples were shared by presenters across Europe, with smaller breakout sessions allowing participants to ask questions and engage with the speakers in more detail.

After recapping the morning session, the second half of the day saw Mr Andreas Klages from the State Sport Confederation of Hessen and Ms Pia Pauly from the German Gymnastics Federation discuss models and experiences in the field of "Health Enhancing Physical Activity" in Germany before Ms Sylvia Titze from the University of Graz spoke about the responsibilities, networking and knowledge needed in the promotion of an active lifestyle.

The online conference concluded with Mr Yves Le Lostecque, Head of the Sport Unit at the European Commission, giving an update on European Commission's activities and opportunities before the moderators brought the online conference to a close.

Across the entire European Week of Sport, a strong online campaign was used to encourage physical activity, which proved extremely successful. Over nine million people were reached via Facebook and Instagram, with many more viewing Week of Sport videos, feeds and articles via Twitter. Over 15 million people across the world tuned in to events, workshops and activities online, including the #BeActive Night which was held simultaneously in several European countries on September 26. The Night included the #BeActive Hour where workout sessions and activities were streamed

for participants across the continent to join in.

The EUSA Office celebrated EWOS by hosting an enjoyable and successful EUSA #BeActive Challenge which took place in the picturesque Tivoli Park in central Ljubljana, Slovenia, and was organised by the EUSA Office volunteers and interns.

The Challenge took the form of an adventure race around the multi-purpose and largely forested park, where teams of two to three members were required to reach five different locations in the surrounding area by working out cryptic clues given to them by the organisers.

Over 30 university students, young adults and Erasmus exchange students from countries across Europe took part, with all the participants showing great sportsmanship, enthusiasm and spirit while

enjoying the unique outdoor activity.

In total, 32 617 events took place in 42 countries across Europe involving a cumulative 15.6 million people, as the EWOS campaign continues to grow on an annual basis.

#BEACTIVE



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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

On an annual basis, the European Commission organises a number of seminars, meetings and gatherings for stakeholders across Europe, including EUSA, to discuss various aspects of sport on the continent.

Co-creating Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps

A stakeholders' event Co-creating Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps was held in Brussels on January 28 and 29, 2020, organised by the European Commission.

Over 600 participants had the opportunity to experience a mix of plenary and thematic breakout sessions focused on the main activities of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps programmes, taking stock of the achievements so far and looking ahead with proposals for improvement and best practices.

Information Day

The European Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) organised an information day on Erasmus+ Sport and other EU funding opportunities in Brussels, Belgium on January 30, 2020,

followed by project coordinators' meeting the following day.

Over 500 people representing various organisations and institutions from all over Europe attended the 7th edition of the Sport Info Day, where information about the Erasmus+ sports chapter and other EU funding opportunities related to sports activities were presented.

EU Sport Seminar

With Croatia presiding the Council of the European Union over the first half of 2020, an international two-day sports seminar was held in Zagreb, Croatia, on February 27 and 28, 2020, under the title "Why Does European Sport Need Skilled and Competent Coaches?".

The event brought together ministries, representatives of international sports organisations, representatives of non-governmental organisations, experts and key stakeholders

in the field of sport, and focused on opportunities for the education and lifelong learning of coaches as well as fostering the recognition of coaching as a profession.

EWOS Webinar

Official partners, members and key players of the European Week of Sport and the #beactive campaign engaged in two-day 2020 European Week of Sport Key Players' Webinar held on June 9 and 10.

Outlines for the 2020 edition of the European Week of Sport were presented followed by a number of presentations and workshops, with special focus given to the #BeActiveAtHome communication plan, the #BeActive Awards, new branding and improved story telling.

ECEG Meeting

The European Commission's Expert Group on Skills and Human Resources Development

in Sport met virtually on Friday, June 19, 2020, which was the final meeting of the group within the EU Work Plan for Sport (2017-2020).

In its mandate, the group focused on three main fields of work - coach education, qualifications and skills, and dual career. During this period, the group exchanged good practices and experiences, held discussions on the main fields of work, worked on preparing publications and did study visits.

The main outcomes of the working group were gaining and sharing knowledge, enhancing cooperation between stakeholders, establishing a network of experts in the field, and publishing a document on coach education entitled "Guidelines regarding the minimum requirements in skills and competences for coaches".





UNISPORT

The project Supporting Mobility and Good Practice Exchange in University



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Sport (UniSport) supports learning mobility and exchanges while promoting the international dimension of sport, targeting management of university sport in general, as well as organisers of sports events on a national and international level.

The project, supported by the European Union, links the European University Sports Association as the applicant, national university sports bodies and universities in three countries – organisers of the European Universities Games in Portugal, Serbia and Poland respectively, as well as a National Olympic Committee as an expert body.

Through the exchange scheme of sport management staff in form of practical study visits, trainings and job-shadowing on one hand and seminars and knowledge transfers on the other, EUSA as the project coordinators hopes to strengthen the competences

and qualifications of the partners and their staff, develop international cooperation, encourage similar exchanges within our networks and contribute towards a European network of skilled sport staff.

In addition, modern technologies as powerful innovative tools for collaboration, knowledge sharing and management will be included.

In preparation for the next edition of the European Universities Games in Belgrade the local organising committee welcomed more than 80 participants to the EUSA Belgrade Convention between May 30 and June 1, 2019, which was the first event of the knowledge-sharing process within the Supporting Mobility and Good Practice Exchange in University Sport.

EUSA's Technical Commission, EUSA Office Staff, the Organising Committee and representatives from Serbia's

National and Regional Sport Federations all came together to prepare for the Belgrade Games.

The main focus was on the operational and technical aspects of managing EUSA sport events and to help the Organising Committee prepare for the Games in Belgrade. In this meeting, the EUSA technical delegates and representatives from Serbia's National and Regional Sport Federations had the opportunity to visit the proposed sport venues and share their evaluation of them, including the renovations that were needed to improve certain venues to be in line with EUSA standards.

The project, which was initially expected to conclude in December 2020, was prolonged following the postponement of the Games in Belgrade.



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PROMOTING DUAL CAREER THROUGH EDUCATION OF YOUNG JOURNALISTS

The key objective of the PROmoting DUal Career through Education of young journalists (PRODUCE) project is to develop and improve skills and educate young reporters through volunteering at European Universities Championships and Games while also promoting the dual career of athletes.

The project's aim is to create both an educational peer to peer network among young journalists in Europe while simultaneously providing guidelines for active learning, giving non-formal knowledge to budding reporters through practical experience at various European Universities Championships.

PRODUCE will look to guide the young reporters while also educating trainers to share the expertise with their students, with the target age being 18-25. A workshop will also be created and presented at the European Universities Games in Belgrade, Serbia.

The two-year project's goal is to promote dual career using successful examples of top athletes who combine both study and sport, using university sport events to promote university sport for high school students and encourage them to strive for Dual Career.

The final results of the project will include educating trainers, pointing out important topics for non-formal education of young reporters and writing guidelines for improving the experience of volunteers at grassroots-level at major sport events.

These guidelines will be used at EUSA and other sport events


that will ensure the legacy and sustainability of the project.

The transnational project includes the following partners: AZS Sport club Poznan (POL); SportIndeks (SER); KK Hrvatski Dragovoljac (CRO); AIPS Europe (MAL) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).

The project, which was initially expected to conclude in December 2020, was prolonged until December 2021 following the postponement of the Games in Belgrade.

The project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.



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EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS AND EUROPEAN VOLUNTARY SERVICE



The European University Sports Association, through its EUSA Institute, is an accredited organisation for European Solidarity Corps (ESC) activities in volunteering, solidarity projects, traineeships and jobs, supported by the European Union.

The European Solidarity Corps replaced the European Voluntary Service (EVS) as a new initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects that benefit communities and people around Europe, either in their own country or abroad.

Being a pan-European organisation, EUSA finds it important and stimulating to host volunteers in our working office in Ljubljana, enabling them and us to have a fresh and international view in our youth work and projects.

The ESC position in EUSA is open to motivated individuals, aged between 17 and 30, as a long-term placement, usually for a period of 12 months, and we usually host two international volunteers through these programmes, taking gender and geographical diversity into account.

In recent years, volunteers from France, Hungary, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Ireland, Poland and Croatia have benefitted from this experience as assistants in the EUSA Office.

The progress of the volunteers is monitored by a mentor, with the volunteers constantly supported and assisted in all spheres of life during their stay in Slovenia.

The recruitment period for new volunteers is officially announced and realised only once per year, usually in the beginning of the year, and EUSA only accepts applications for volunteering in the EUSA Office during the announced calls.

For short term volunteering opportunities, please see the EUSA international volunteer

programme which is carried out in cooperation with the organising committees of the European Universities Championships and Games.

ESC opportunities at EUSA are possible because of the support from the European Union and the National Agency in Slovenia Movit.



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GENDER EQUALITY TOOLKIT FOR GENERATION Z

The objective of the Gender Equality Toolkit for Generation Z (GETZ) project is to develop, deliver and evaluate an innovative educational resource specifically designed to educate Generation Z on the issues relating to gender equality and equal opportunities in sport.

The initiative for the GETZ project comes from the continued prevalence of gender inequality in sport and the need to look at this issue from the perspective of the next generation.

Consortium partners recognise the presence of gender inequality in sport in their countries and are committed to working on gender related projects.

The project started in 2018 and was initially set to last three years, but due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was extended into 2021, with a final conference scheduled to take place in London, United Kingdom. The main focus of the project is the creation of the GETZ toolkit, implemented in the form of a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), consisting of a unique

set of lessons and resources specifically designed to highlight the issue of gender equality in sport in a practical, theoretical and applied way.

The MOOC, launched in January 2020, is divided into six units, focusing on the different aspects of gender equality issues within sport. In such manner, users can gain a multi-angle approach, which underlines the complexity of equality between women and men. The angles approached are: Culture and Society, Governance and Law, Commerce, Media, Participation and Events.

This toolkit was created in a way which allows constant optimisation, through regular feedback and the final evaluation, asking people to reflect on the MOOC and their communication habits, so as to have a greater chance of

reaching generation Z (people born between 1995-2000).

The core of the project's work is to raise awareness among generation Z (the next generation after millennials), in order to achieve better outcomes for the future, while another firm objective was to encourage females to take up a career within sport, whether in management or other activities.

In December 2020, as part of the project, EUSA hosted an insightful and interactive webinar and workshop which focused on gender inequalities in sport, where participants were able to engage with the topic, learn more about the project, participate in an interactive quiz and hold discussions in smaller breakout groups.

The coordinator of the project is the University of Worcester (GBR), with three more educational bodies in the consortium including Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (NED), Vrije University of Brussels (BEL), Molde University College (NOR), as well as three sports governing bodies – the Swedish Sports Confederation (SWE), Croatian Olympic Committee (CRO) and the European University Sports Association Institute (SLO).

The project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.



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EDUCATION MODEL FOR PARENTS OF ATHLETES IN ACADEMICS



Project EMPATIA – Education Model for Parents of Athletes in Academics – looks to gather information about the roles of parents and guardians of athletes in their dual careers, produce resource materials and offer online education modules in several languages.

The main aim of the project is to establish an online multilingual educational programme for parents of young and talented athletes involved in a dual career. Although parents play a crucial role in ensuring the long-term development of athletes, they are often unprepared to help their sons and daughters prevent, cope with or resolve challenges at sport and academic levels. Thus, the primary aim of the EMPATIA project is to structure an evidence-based e-learning multi-lingual educational programme specifically tailored for dual career parenting needs.


The developed online multilingual dual career parenting education programme, available in five

different languages, was tested at the level of the participating countries before being made available in and beyond Europe. In attending this dual career parenting education programme, parents and guardians will increase the awareness of their role, improve their knowledge of dual career issues, and enhance their capability to establish a more effective dialogue with their athletic progeny, as well as with academic and sport staff.

The project consortium is composed of 10 partners, representing universities, institutes and sports bodies from four countries and two European networks. EMPATIA is led by the University of Ljubljana (SLO), with partners

Foro Italico University of Rome (ITA), University of Limerick (IRL), University of Coimbra (POR), Italian National Olympic Committee - CONI (ITA), Ginasio Clube Figueirense (POR), Sport Ireland Institute (IRL), National Institute of Sport, Expertise, and Performance (FRA), European Athlete as Student Network (MLT) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).

The project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, was initially expected to conclude in December 2020, but was extended into 2021 as a result of the global pandemic.

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MEDIA AS A CHANNEL OF ATHLETES' DUAL CAREERS PROMOTION AND EDUCATION

Abbreviated to EdMedia, this project aims to proactively change the attitude towards an athletes' dual career by deliberately shaping a positive image and encouraging sports organisations to pursue the implementation of the European Union's 2012 guidelines on dual careers of athletes.

The action plan of the project includes conducting a comprehensive analysis of related scientific articles and examining how an athletes' dual career image is formed by media, before analysing the gap between the current practices and the EU guidelines on dual career of athletes.

This evidence-based and eminence-based knowledge is then used as a platform to produce a powerful knowledge-exchange as well as educational resources which will encourage the European sports community

to strengthen dual career policies in Europe.


Project partners will then develop and implement an online educational programme for both athletes and sports organisations to use to qualitatively promote a more positive attitude towards athletes' dual career and to encourage stakeholders to contribute to the improvement of conditions for dual career athletes, from an individual, organisational and National level.

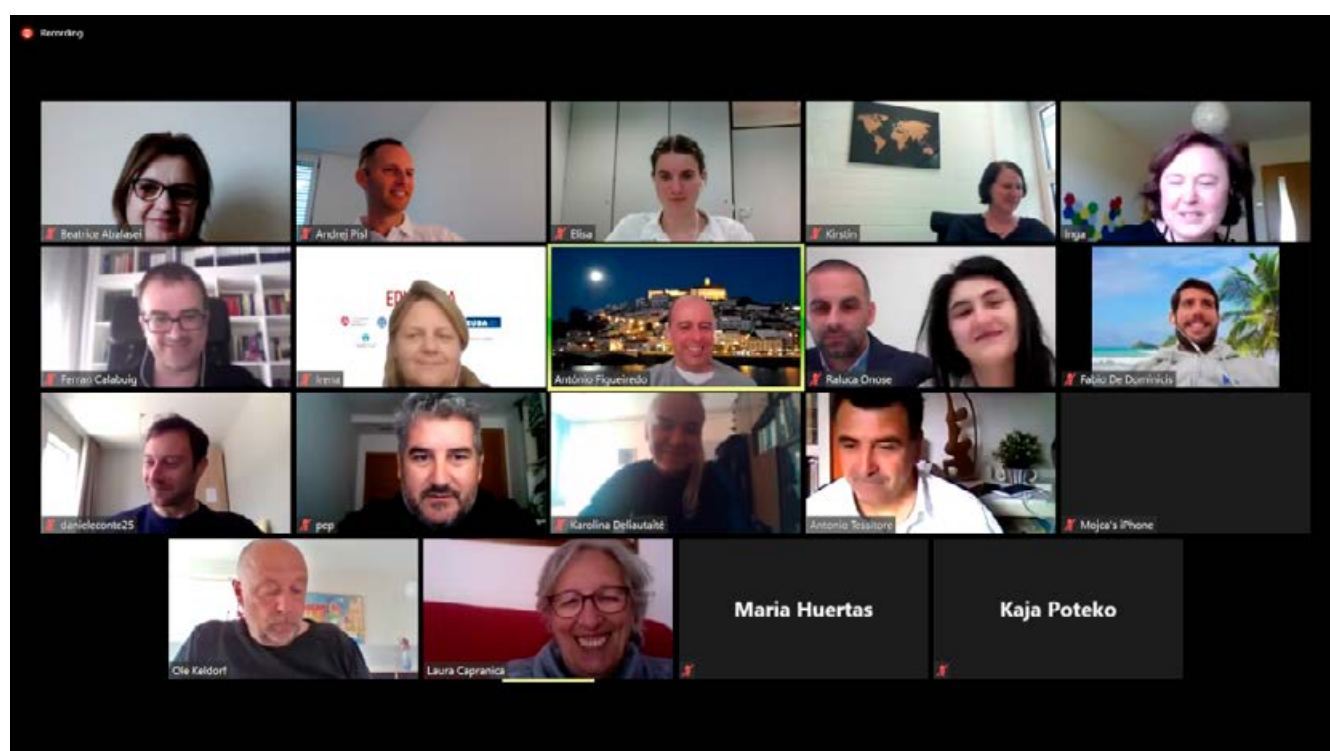
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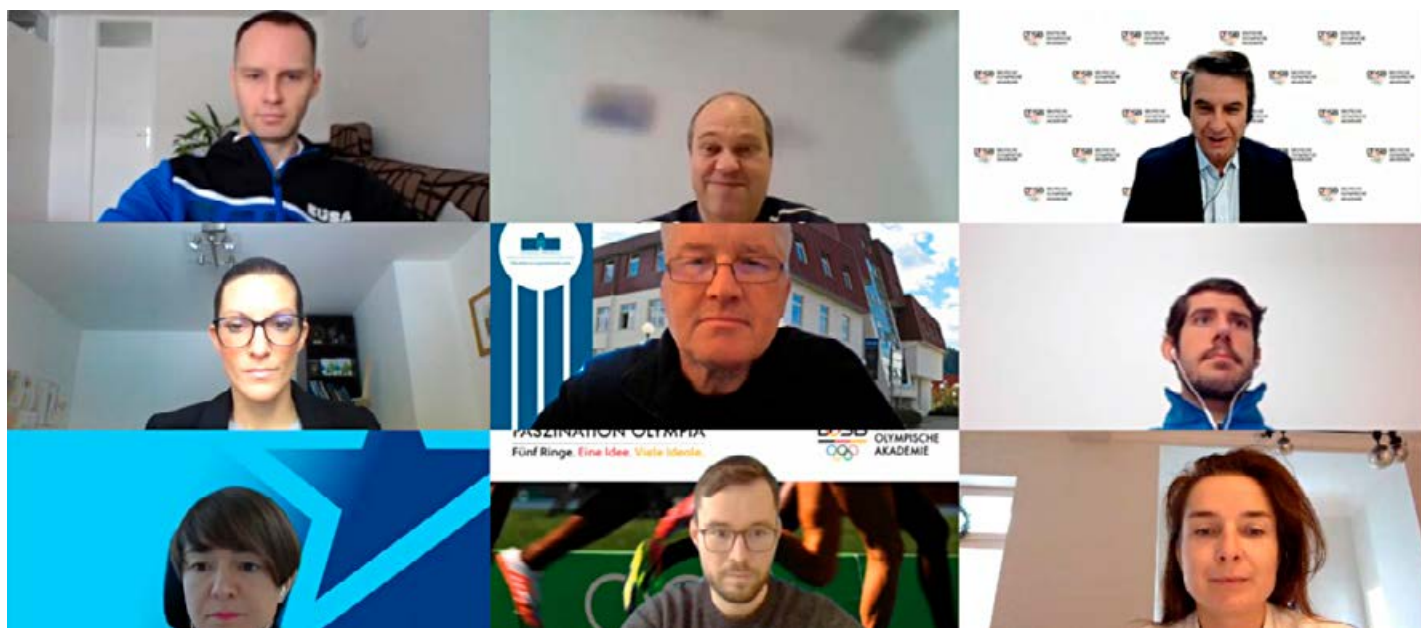
Student Network (MAL); University of Rome Foro Italico (ITA); Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași (ROM); University of Valencia (SPA); German Sport University Cologne (GER); University of Ljubljana (SLO) and the European University Sports Association (SLO).

The project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, was initially set to conclude in December 2020, but was extended into 2021 as a result of the global pandemic.



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ATHLETES FRIENDLY EDUCATION

Funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, Athletes Friendly Education (AFE) is a transnational project focused on the promotion of dual careers of athletes and the support of innovative educational approaches and good governance in sport, in relation to the objectives of the EU policies in the field of sport and in pursuit of the objectives from the EU Commission Guidelines on Dual Career of Athletes.



The aim of the project is to spread awareness and good practices among educational institutions that support athletes in their dual careers by determining the minimum quality standards of educational and training institutions at the EU level, before establishing a certification system to recognise the efforts made by dual careerfriendly institutions.


The goal is to then raise awareness on the importance of education of athletes at national levels and offer tools for athletes, managers, coaches and parents to take responsible decisions about education, with the project's certified list of educational programmes able to guide them in their dual career path.

Through the partners' efforts, AFE looks to create new instruments of cooperation and secure sustainable partnerships between higher education institutions and businesses while establishing a list of educational programmes, at the EU level, with already developed mechanisms.

Along with project coordinators Olympic Committee of Slovenia (SLO), partners in the project include the National Olympic Committee of Portugal (POR), the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee (BEL), the German Olympic Academy (GER), the Croatian Olympic Academy (CRO), the University of Maribor's Faculty of Organisational Sciences (SLO), the University of Rijeka's

Faculty of Maritime Studies (CRO), the Volleyball Federation of Macedonia (MKD) and the European University Sports Association (SLO).

The two-year project began in January 2019 and was initially set to run until December 2020, but was extended into 2021 as a result of the global pandemic.

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MATCH POINT

The objective of Match Point is to combat doping in recreational environments by setting up a transnational network to elaborate and conceive engaging, deterring and detecting educational programmes and innovative open resource online educational courses, which will lead to the development of an Ethical Code for behaviour in tennis and grassroots sports.



The project focuses on young non-professional tennis athletes' and coaches' culture and attitudes against doping, protecting their health and moral ethics and supporting the integrity of sports as well as its positive values and principles.


Results from the Match Point project will be well disseminated through multiplier sport events, as well as through the project's smart, interactive web-based platform, allowing for continuous collaboration between project stakeholders as well as for the integration of new organisations in it during and after the project lifetime.

Through strengthened cooperation between the project partners from five European countries and different sectors such as sports, research and education, Match Point will promote and support new anti-doping pathways, raise the young athletes' and coaches' awareness of the doping threats, develop new prevention educational anti-doping tools and contribute to development of an European sport and socio-cultural doping free environment.

Partners in this collaborative partnership project include the Bulgarian Tennis Federation (BUL); Polish Tennis Federation (POL); Romanian Tennis

Federation (ROU); University of Vienna (AUT); Austrian Institute for Sport Medicine (AUT) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).

The two-year project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, was initially set to conclude in December 2020, but was extended into 2021 as a result of the global pandemic.

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HALTING HARASSMENT AND ABUSE IN SPORTS USING LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

Halting Harassment and Abuse in Sports using Learning Technologies (HALT) is a three-year project which looks to raise awareness of best practices in combating violence and tackling racism, discrimination and intolerance in sport.

The project will create and exploit learning technologies (digital games, digital informative material, movies and online community of practice platforms) developed by academics to address this goal in a wide network of athletes across Europe, supported by sports and athlete organisations.

HALT will look to develop Online Communities of Practice (CoP) for awareness and knowledge about harassment and abuse in sports among athletes, academic experts and sport sector stakeholders.

The project's aim is to enable knowledge-sharing and the

emergence of best practices with an emphasis on athletes' awareness and knowledge about harassment and abuse in sport; develop e-learning material; minimise the risk of offending behaviour of people involved in sports; identify new areas for policy intervention; and develop anti-harassment and abuse-protection social norms through whistleblowing promotion across all levels and types of sports.

In November 2020, HALT project partners presented the promo video of the project, as well as the main resource tools: games, a whistleblowing tool and the community of practice which all address different types of

abuse and harassment, including emotional, physical, sexual and neglect.

Partners of this transnational project include the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (GRE); European University Cyprus (CYP); Portuguese Union of Professional Football Players (POR); Spanish Women Futsal Players Association (ESP); Salzburg Sports Association (AUT); Hellenic Gymnastics Federation (GRE) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).

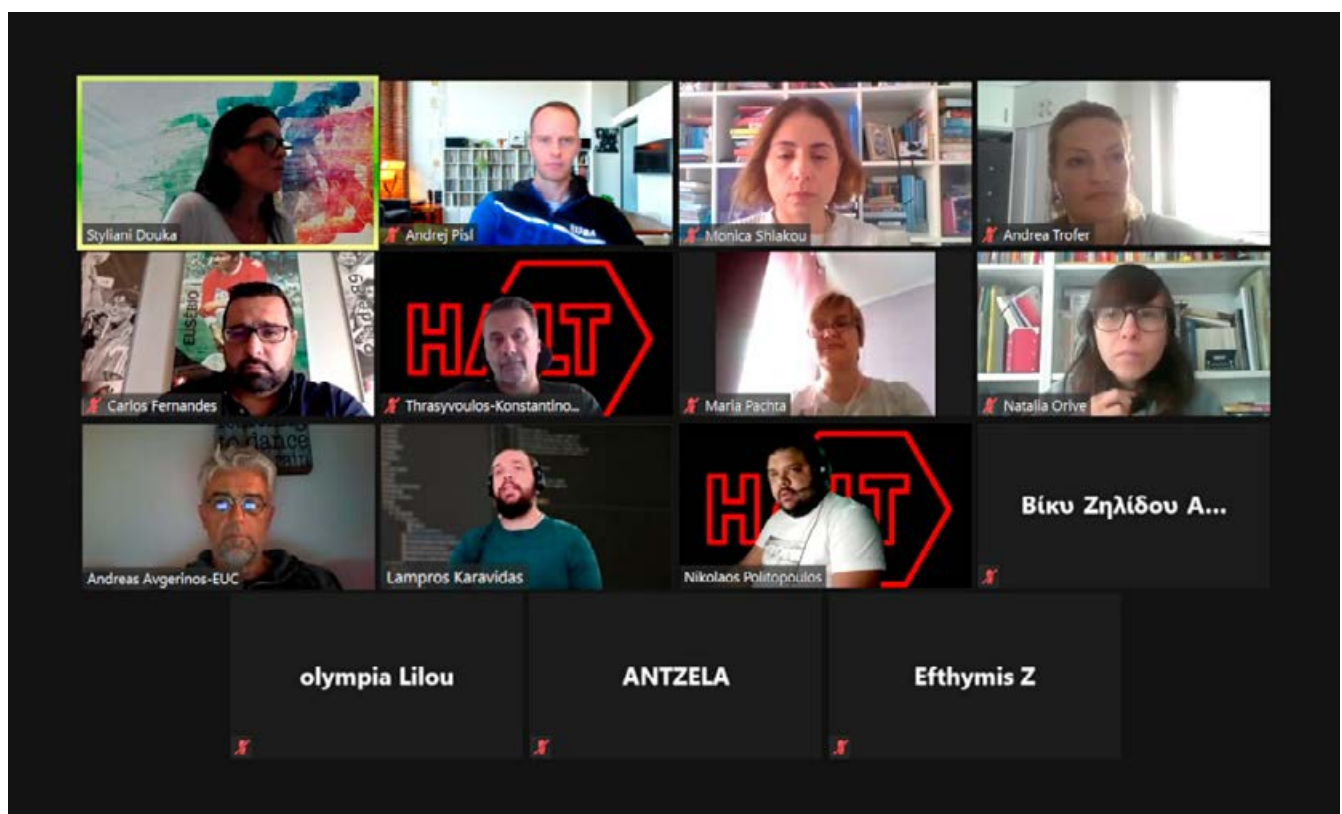
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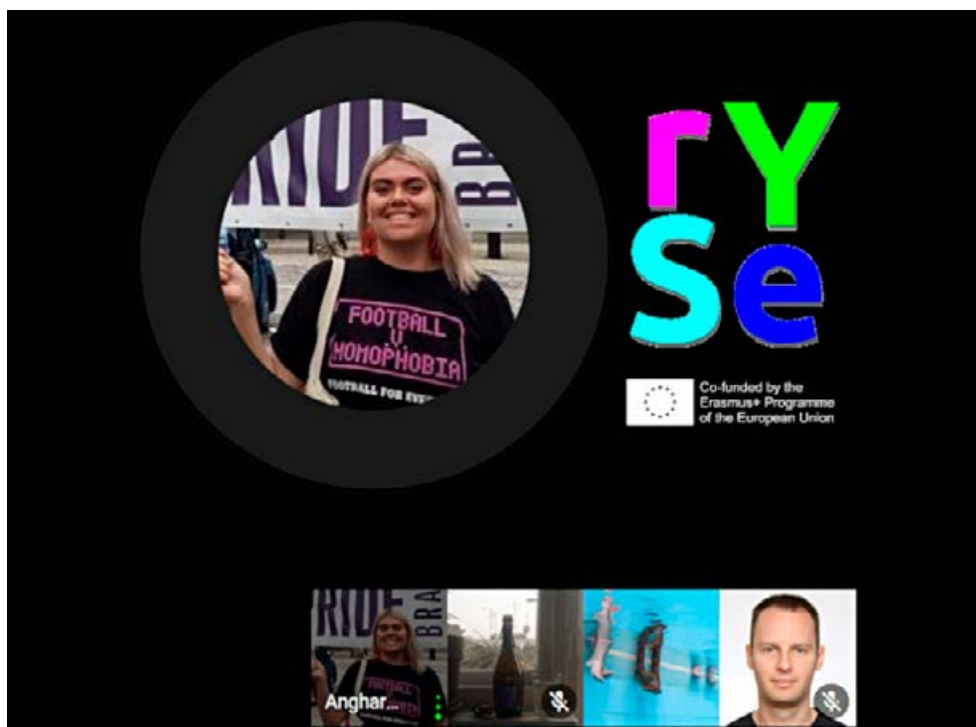


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RAINBOW YOUTH FOR SPORTING EQUALITY

Rainbow Youth for Sporting Equality (RYSE) is a multilateral European project which looks to improve experiences for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) young people in sport.

The project started in 2019 as a small collaborative partnership project which aims to improve experiences for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) young people in sport, ensuring that sport offers the same opportunities to LGBTIQ+ young people as it does to others.

To achieve this, project partners have worked with LGBTIQ+ young people to create a charter of inclusion for youth sport and thereafter trained sport educators on the charter, thus improving their skills in supporting LGBTIQ+ young people in sport.

The aim is then to encourage improvements in social inclusion and equal opportunity across different youth sport settings and develop a cross-border online training tool

that maximises reach and sustainability.

Partners considered various settings where youth sports educators operate such as schools, colleges, universities and youth groups, and took a co-produced approach where young people outlined what they expected from an inclusive and non-discriminatory sports environment to create a Rainbow Sports charter.

The project will then look to train youth sports educators in how to create such an environment. In both aspects, the project works across different youth sports settings, targeting both formal and nonformal education settings.

The project team will then distill the training into an online training module which

also included video material and personal experiences. The online toolkit will be presented alongside the charter at a final project conference to a group of multipliers/managers and policy makers within youth sport education settings from each partner country for them to use and disseminate the findings. Topics will focus on gendered sport, changing rooms, language, consequences and statement of inclusion.

Project partners include LEAP Sports Scotland (GBR), Queer Sport Split (CRO) and the European University Sports Association Institute (SLO).

The project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.



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Project Partners

Project coordinator: ENGSO Youth

Partners:

Cyprus Youth Council

Oltalom Sport Association

European Observatoire of Sport and Employment

European University Sports Association

Budapest Association for International Sport



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SKILLS FOR YOU(TH) THROUGH SPORT



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SK4YS – Skills for You(th) through Sport – is a transnational initiative of European sport, youth organisations and educational institutions whose aim is to raise awareness of soft skills and competencies learnt through sport and to implement them through sport-based employment programmes.

The two-year awareness-raising initiative, which targets young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and those not in employment or training, focuses on a cross-sector approach of sport, youth, employment and education policies.

The project, which started in 2019 and ended in December 2020, looked to empower sport, youth and educational institutions by developing and delivering sport-based employability programmes for young people through the collection, classification and promotion of European good

practices, made available through an educational handbook.

The SK4YS partner met online multiple times throughout 2020, and finalised the online publication of the educational handbook on August 31.

An online dissemination workshop was organised on October 8, with the aim of introducing the SK4YS project and manual to interested participants and sharing several good practise organisations analysed in the project, as the link between skills development and sport was discussed.

The project was coordinated by the youth section of the European Non-Governmental Sport Organisation - ENGSO Youth, partnering with European Observatoire of Sport and Employment (EOSE), the Cyprus Youth Council and the European University Sports Association through its EUSA Institute, as well as Oltalom Sport Association and the Budapest Association for International Sports (BAIS).



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ATHLETIC MIGRATION: DUAL CAREER AND QUALIFICATION IN SPORTS

EUSA was an associated partner for a two-year period in this project, which was co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.



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Athletic Migration: Dual Career and Qualification in Sports (AMID) looked to promote and support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes by building a network for exchange of best practices, by developing skills and competences in dual career, especially addressing migrating athletes.

The insufficient support for migrating athletes is a major risk of decreased performances or drop-outs in education and sports, with the AMID project hoping to raise awareness and knowledge of the phenomenon

of dual career and athlete migration, including the current situation and challenges in the European Union.

The project looked to build a network and develop applicable support structures for migrating athletes within the EU, including implementation and evaluation of best practices while providing practical tools to stakeholders and feeding good practices into governance.

AMID aimed to expand its network, exchange the identified best practices across European policies and involve national

authorities in all participating organisations.

AMID's project partners included the University of Salzburg (AUT); University Sport Service Hamburg (GER); Lapland University of Applied Sciences (FIN); University of Ljubljana (SLO); University of Cassino and Southern Lazio (ITA); European athlete as student network (MAL) and the European University Sports Association (SLO).



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INNOVATING FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP THROUGH PRACTICE AND POLICY

The Innovating Football Leadership through Practice and Policy (iFlipp) project seeks to assess recent research in the representation of women and ethnic minorities (WEM) in leadership positions in football in order to develop responsive inclusive leadership governance action plans at national and European levels.



The aim of the project is to increase and enhance leadership skills of women and ethnic minorities in football by creating and piloting a set of inclusive professional development training materials, transferable and adaptable for sport organisations.

The project started in 2020 with an established duration of three years, but due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has received a six-month extension.

The project will look to achieve its goals of supporting inclusive leadership practices and

promoting equal opportunities and good governance in football by creating a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) and producing European policy and action recommendations based on a co-created common position in a manifesto, endorsed by football stakeholders, to ultimately build capacity among and promote peer learning by/ for emerging WEM leaders in football through the creation and nurturing of an enhanced network.

The project is co-ordinated the Fare Network (NED), with six partner organisations

including DiscoverFootball (GER), Integrated Dreams (POR), Erasmus University Rotterdam (NED), Portugal Football Association (POR), Malta Football Association (MAL) and the EUSA Institute (SLO), with the support of Europe's football governing UEFA as well.

iFlipp is a collaborative partnership project funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.



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NEW PROJECTS



As a trusted coordinator and partner of numerous projects in various fields in the past, the European University Sports Association, through its Institute, is once again involved in several projects, making an impact both on and off the field across the continent.

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) in October 2020 published the selection results of the Erasmus+ Sport - Call for proposals; the Collaborative partnerships and Not-For-

Profit European Sport Events beginning in 2020. EUSA was delighted to learn that two projects with the EUSA Institute as an applicant, as well as seven others where EUSA forms part of a partnership consortium,

were selected for funding from the European Union.

The call covered large scale Not-For-Profit European sport events, small collaborative projects and collaborative

partnerships. The European University Sports Association (EUSA) with the EUSA Institute based in Ljubljana, Slovenia, will lead the Inclusion in Sport (iSPORT) project, encouraging social inclusion and equal opportunities in sport. In addition, the project of the European Universities Games Belgrade 2021 was also selected for funding, with special focus being given to the promotion of voluntary activity in sport.

As a partner in collaborative partnership consortiums, the EUSA Institute will also be involved in the following projects which fall under various categories:

a) Promoting education in and through sport with special focus on skills development and dual career of athletes

- Brand Value Alignment through Dual Career (BRAVA): The objective of this project is to enhance the European workplace environment so the circumstances and challenges of dual career athletes and coaches can be recognised and effectively accommodated.
- Micro Learning Entrepreneurship for Athletes (MLEA): This project will address the collaborative partnership priority to "promote education in and through sport with special focus on skills development, as well support the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes".
- (Uni)ted forces to support the education of (Uni)versity sport comm(Uni)ty (Uni4S): this initiative aims to create educational opportunities for staff working in university sport associations, creating conditions for skills development of participants in the area of organising university sport tournaments.

b) Encouraging social inclusion and equal opportunities in sport

- PROMoting Gender Equality in Sports (PROGRES): the project aims to promote gender equality, encourage social inclusion and equal opportunities in the sports sector and specifically in football, by promoting gender mainstreaming within football federations and associations.

c) Improving good governance and sustainability in sport

- Green Sports Hub Europe (GSHE): this project looks into ways in which the sports sector can become more environmentally sustainable.

d) Promoting voluntary activity in sport

- Work for a cause, serve for sport (W4C-S4S): the goal of this project is to educate and equip volunteers for participating in the organisation of national and international sporting events.

e) Supporting mobility of volunteers, coaches, managers and staff of non-profit sport organisations:

- Be(ach) Volunteer, Be(ach) Fair! (VolFair): the main aims of this initiative are to exchange knowledge about volunteering systems and to improve the volunteer's policies by using the benefits of beach handball (fair play as a main sport's rule) as a model during the organisation of sport events.

These projects will be co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The results are a great recognition of the organisation and EUSA activities, with EUSA pleased to contribute to the development of university sport and sport in general on the European level, with the support of the European Union through the Erasmus+ programme.



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UNIVERSITY SPORT IN EUROPE AND BEYOND

Developing university sport is a long-term task that requires a sound strategy and needs mutual cooperation on an international level. Through collaboration with FISU and other organisations focused on university sports we hope to continue the development of university sport across the globe.



ELECTORAL ASSEMBLIES – POLAND

EUSA MEMBERS

As an umbrella organisation, EUSA is comprised of 46 National University Sports Associations (NUSAs) in Europe, governing sport in higher education. The members serve on local, national, regional, European and international levels. The mission of the EUSA member associations is to improve the conditions for student-athletes within their country on several levels, encouraging and enabling them to actively pursue their university studies as well as engagement in sports.

Electoral Assemblies

Norway

At the General Assembly of the Norwegian Association of University Sports which took place in Oslo from February 28-March 1, a new board for the next three-year period was elected with Mr Adrian Stinessen Haugen voted in as the new president. A new strategy for the next four years was also approved, with one of the association's main goals being to encourage more

students to continue with sports and physical activity throughout their life.

Poland

The 28th General Assembly of University Sport Association of Poland (AZS) took place on June 27, with Mr Alojzy Nowak continuing as the association's president. The position of Vice President of sports for persons with disabilities was established, with Marta Dalecka occupying this position. The board's term of office was also changed from

a two-year to a four-year period. In addition to summarising the terms of office, various decorations and awards were also presented and the General Asseble. Mr Andrzej Krasnicki, President of the Polish Olympic Committee, together with Mr Marian Dymalski, Board Member of POC, decorated AZS representatives with medals of "100 years of the Polish Olympic Committee", with Mr Alojzy Nowak, Mr Tomasz Krasucki, Mr Dariusz Piekut as well as EUSA

President Mr Adam Roczek receiving this award.

Hungary

The Hungarian University Sports Federation (HUSF) held their General Assembly in August, with Mr Lajos Mocsai elected as the association's new president for the next four-year term and Mr Peter Juhasz appointed as the HUSF's new secretary general. New committees were also set up to develop and oversee the appropriate strategic guidelines

with the involvement of experts in the field, while outgoing HUSF President Mr Adam Kiss was elected by the General Assembly as an Inherited Member of the association.

Russia

The electoral General Assembly of the Russian Students Sport Union (RSSU) took place online on October 22, with Mr Sergey Seyranov, Rector of the Moscow State Academy of Physical Education, re-

elected as the President of the Russian Students Sport Union for the new four-year term. At the Assembly, an annual report on the activities of the organisation was presented and approved ahead of the elections of the new RSSU Executive Committee.

Sweden

At the annual federal meeting of the Swedish Academic Sports Association which took place digitally on October 24,

a new board of the federation was voted in, with Ms Astrid Wetterstrom elected as the new chairperson.

Germany

On November 16, the German University Sports Federation held its General Assembly digitally, with Mr Joerg Foerster re-elected as the federation's President for a third term. At the Assembly, elections for the new board and committee members were conducted,

various motions were passed, ADH's competitive sports were discussed and the budget for 2021 was also approved.

Montenegro

The Student Sports Association of Montenegro (SSAM) held their General Assembly at the University Sports and Cultural Centre in Podgorica on December 3, with Mr Zoran Medenica elected as the new President.



ELECTORAL ASSEMBLIES – NORWAY



ELECTORAL ASSEMBLIES – HUNGARY



ELECTORAL ASSEMBLIES – POLAND



ELECTORAL COMMITTEES – RUSSIA



ELECTORAL ASSEMBLIES – GERMANY



ELECTORAL ASSEMBLIES – MONTENEGRO

University Sport Development

At the invitation of EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, the President of the Sports Students' Union of Ukraine (SSUU) and Rector of the National University of Sport and Physical Education in Kiev Mr Yevheniy Imas visited Wrocław, Poland on January 23, where recent developments within the SSUU were discussed. Mr Imas also took the opportunity to meet with the Vice President of the International University Sports Federation (FISU) Mr Marian Dymalski and paid a visit to the Academy of Physical Education and Sport where he met the Rector Mr Andrzej Rokita.

Following the election of the new Hungarian University Sport Federation President Mr Lajos Mocsai, EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek took time to meet with the new leader online in September, where a fruitful discussion was held. Mr Mocsai outlined his ambitions and desired programme, planning to use his knowledge and experience as the rector of UPE and HUSF president on the one hand, and his capacity as the Co-Chair of the Hungarian Rector's Conference on the other. Mr Roczek firstly congratulated Mr Mocsai on his appointment, and informed him of the exceptional relationship already built with the HUSF during its former leadership, while looking forward to continued good cooperation between the federation and EUSA, especially ahead of the

seventh edition of the European Universities Games which are scheduled to take place in the Hungarian cities of Miskolc and Debrecen in 2024.

In October, upon visiting the venues and discussing the preparations for the next years' European Universities Games, EUSA staff met with representatives from the University Sport Federation of Serbia where the current situation, activities and plans in general were discussed, with special focus on the Belgrade Games and effects of Covid-19. EUSA also took the time to meet with the Rector of the University of Belgrade Ms Ivanka Popovic, where various aspects of the Games were discussed, including the Rectors' Conference and the legacy of the event.

The National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport organised a successful two-day online conference on November 26 and 27 titled "Sustainable Development and Heritage in Sport: Challenges and Prospects", which was organised under the patronage of EUSA. Discussions at the international conference, in which EUSA president Mr Adam Roczek attended virtually, revolved around current issues in various fields of sports, recreational activities, physical culture and physical education, focusing on effective mechanisms for putting research findings in practice and implementing them in educational activities.



UNIVERSITY SPORT DEVELOPMENT MEETING – SERBIA



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UNIVERSITY SPORT DEVELOPMENT MEETING – UKRAINE



SWISS STUDENTS SPORTS AWARDS

Gala Events

On Friday, October 16, the Swiss Students Sports Awards ceremony was held in Lucerne, honouring student-athletes who have excelled in their respective sports. Various awards were distributed to acknowledge the excellence and efforts made by Swiss student-athletes over the previous year, with all the medal winners from the 2019 European Universities Championships recognised as well. Taking into account the strict protocol and measures, the 2020 Swiss Students Sports Awards ceremony was an occasion enjoyed by all, accompanied by music, singers and dancers who provided the evening's entertainment.

The annual Polish University Sports Gala was held virtually on December 15, acknowledging the achievements of both individuals and organisations in Polish University Sport. Various awards were given on the night, awarding the

winners who excelled at local and international level, including six medal winners from the 2020 World University Championships.

Special Anniversaries

The Czech University Sports Association (CUSA) celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2020,

with celebrations subdued amid the difficulties experienced across the globe over the year.



UNIVERSITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION (CUSA)



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (FISU)



In its 70 years of existence, the International University Sports Federation (FISU) has grown exponentially to become the key driver of university sport around the world. Unique in its philosophy of combining education with sport, FISU believes that sports values and sports practice work in perfect synergy with university life.

FISU offers opportunities and inspiration to students around the world to play sport. The health, wellbeing, and experiences that students gain from sport help them become exemplary leading members of society. Hence, FISU undertakes responsibility not only for sports events, but in fact for the well-being of university communities around the world.

Never has there been more apparent than in the year gone by. Through the year 2020, the world had to put plans on hold due to the pandemic, and the sporting world was no exception. It was much the same for FISU. With the incredible collaboration and support of all the Organising Committees and host cities that were preparing

to welcome athletes to the World University Championships in 2020, FISU had to cancel most of the sporting calendar for the year.

However, silver linings appeared in the form of innovation.

To bring university sport fans and athletes together, and to ensure they continued to feel

like a community, FISU launched an online #FitAtHome campaign in March 2020. The four-week-long campaign brought together FISU athletes, Olympic champions and even FISU staff, who shared tips for working out at home, and helped the community stay mentally strong and healthy through the first global lockdown.

Numerous champion athletes joined this FISU home workout fitness challenge, including Napoli 2019 Summer Universiade medalists Canadian Courtney Hufsmith (1500m) and Ernest Obiena of the Philippines (pole vault), as well as American swimming sensation Kylee Perry. In the Napoli's Piscina Scandone, the junior from the University of North Carolina wolfpack had blazed to World University Games gold in a personal record 25.19 in the 50m freestyle event.

On the winter sports side, FISU's social media channels had a student-athlete takeover from many popular athletes, including the German figure skating duo of Tim Dieck and Kati Muller

who put on a live workout on Instagram.

At that time, when the world was forced to sit back, slow down and take stock, FISU President Mr Oleg Matytsin urged the university community to look at the positives.

"Even as you stay fit at home and continue your preparation for sports events, you may have the time right now to focus a little bit more on your academics and education and think about your dual career."

Mr Matytsin stressed upon the important role that universities played, even though campuses around the world were shut. He believed universities could play a leading role in keeping their student population informed and optimistic. The FISU Healthy Campus project was launched just in time to facilitate this.

"Universities have to play the most important role," Mr Matytsin said. "And FISU is working closely with many of them, on our far-reaching Healthy Campus project."

Despite the difficult conditions, FISU successfully launched the highly anticipated Healthy Campus project on May 12, 2020, opening doors to all universities around the world to come together on one platform to positively impact the lifestyles of millions of university students around the world, by encouraging physical activity and healthy choices on campuses.

"Through this project, FISU provides a unique and very important tool to universities to promote the values of physical activity, health and nutrition among their student community," added Mr Matytsin.

FISU Secretary General-CEO Mr Eric Saintrond counted the successful launch of the FISU Healthy Campus programme, as one of the biggest triumphs of the year 2020.

"Despite everything, we had the successful global launch of the Healthy Campus programme, which already has more than fifty major universities on board by now," said Mr Saintrond. "Through this project, we have found a way to extend our

activities to all students; not just elite student-athletes. We believe that FISU has a very important social responsibility and we want to reach millions of students."

Soon after the launch of the FISU Healthy Campus project came the exciting UWC Football 2.0 Team Challenge virtual tournament, which brought together participating teams from November 2019's inaugural University World Cup Football tournament. The unprecedented success of this endeavour gave way to FISU's first-ever eSports Challenge in early July – a FIFA 20 competition that produced the world's first Saudi woman ever to win an international e-football title, in Najd Fahd.

Never before had the online university sport community come together as strongly as it did in 2020. At the end of thirteen such back-to-back online campaigns between March and September, FISU's digital engagement jumped to an all-time high, paving the way for future campaigns, pandemic or not.





There were many more positives that came along with the challenges of the year. Foremost among them perhaps, was the successful postponement of the Lucerne 2021 Winter Universiade, which was originally scheduled to be held in January 2021.

"One of the most important achievements for us was the successful postponement of the FISU World University Games in Lucerne," said Mr Matytsin. "Together with our Swiss partners, the National University Sports Federations and the International Federations of winter sports, we were able to find the best solution for everyone, guaranteeing the organisation of the Lucerne 2021 Winter Universiade in December 2021."

Mr Saintrond also highlighted the success of FISU's Education programmes through the year, which were held online due to the pandemic, but were as well-received as previous editions, if not better.

"Our Education programmes such as the FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy were organised entirely online for the first time in our history," said Mr Saintrond. "It was a huge success and allowed participation in greater numbers than ever before."

The FISU leadership now believes that this format will pave the way for more virtual and hybrid events in 2021. The next edition of the FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy in 2021 has already been planned



as a hybrid event, with virtual as well as in-person components.

"This year provided an opportunity to revise and innovate our approach to everything, including inspection visits," added the Secretary General-CEO. "We had countless meetings and seminars online, including for the preparation of the FISU World University Games in Chengdu.

The FISU Summer Games department has been hard at work in China since November 2020, in order to work with cautious optimism towards the preparation of the Games next summer.

FISU believes it is important to focus on the light at the end of the tunnel. Science has brought many of the answers

to the pandemic, often with universities playing a critical role. And sport will continue to play an integral part in shaping the future.

"I ask you all to continue to be careful, in order to protect your friends, family and colleagues," said Mr Matytsin. "But at the same time, we do now have the chance to start moving past the pandemic. And hopefully, there will be the chance for the best young university athletes from all over the world to compete together soon."

There are brighter days ahead and the International University Sports Federation hopes the global community will continue to come together as it did last year.



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ASIAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (AUSF)



As it did across the globe, the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic caused major disruptions to all Asian University Sports Federation (AUSF) events in 2020. However, the entire AUSF family including board members, staff, member federations, event organisers and partners spared no effort in taking a proactive and creative approach in tackling the challenges in different ways, adopting online and hybrid formats to organise a range of meetings, activities and championships. These immense efforts empowered the federation to maintain the sustainability of the Asian university sports movement.

IDUS Celebrations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many mega international sports were either postponed or cancelled, leaving the AUSF little chance to organise any onsite sports events. To cope with the unprecedented challenges, AUSF, like FISU and other continental university sports federations,

did their best to ensure the sustainability of university sports movement. September's IDUS celebrations therefore became one of highlight events of the year for AUSF.

Compared to the IDUS celebration of the past years, 2020's celebrations featured

an adaptive format of the event with various resources put into it.

The AUSF's main, centralised activity was the hybrid AUSF Run Challenge, which involved running a total distance of 19.92 kilometers. Each competitor in a team was required to complete

his or her own share of the total distance, until the required 19.92 kilometers was completed by all four competitors making up a team. This could be completed either together or separately, according to each team's circumstances in their specific country.

Over 40 000 participants from nine AUSF member federations participated in the challenge despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this event, AUSF emphasised their "We are together" slogan despite the challenging times. The Run Challenge also provided a platform for all who love and care for university sports to be united and find a sense of belonging.

Other IDUS events organised in AUSF member countries included a Run Project in China, a University Sports Club Workshop in Chinese Taipei, a workshop with the theme "Keeping Safe, Staying Active" in Singapore, an Educational Forum in Sri Lanka as well as a webinar with the theme "Sustainable Development Goals in Sports" in Malaysia.

Chess Championship

In order to provide Asian youth with more tailored sports opportunities, the AUSF made another experimental effort in bringing sports events online in cooperation with the Asian Chess Federation (ACF). The 2020 Asian University Chess Championship (2020 AUC Chess) was successfully held from December 14-29. This was the first ever AUSF online sport

event, organised by the National University Sports Federation of Iran under the auspices of the Asian University Sports Federation in cooperation with the Asian Chess Federation, with the success of the event attributed to the tremendous efforts made by all the three parties.

A total of 85 players and 17 officials representing 13 National University Sport Federations participated in the event, including 37 female players making up eight female teams in the women's category; while 48 male players, making up 12 male teams participated in the men's category.

Participating in the tournament were players from China, Indonesia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mongolia, Oman, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

In the women's individual event, Mongolia's Khulan Enksaikhan was crowned champion, with Nur Abidah Shanti from Indonesia in second and Nomindalai Tumurbaatar from Mongolia in third. Mongolia was the overall winner in the women's team event, with Indonesia in second place and Iran taking the bronze medal.

In the men's individual competition, Khalil Mousavi Seyed of Iran claimed victory, followed by Ayan Akhmetov of Kazakhstan and Mongolia's Enkhbaatar Enkhmar in third.

Indonesia claimed the men's team category honours, with

Iran winning the silver medal and, Kazakhstan rounding off the podium positions.

Bilateral Cooperation

It was encouraging to see ties were strengthened between AUSF and EUSA, through regular exchanges of communication and online meetings at various levels convened by FISU. Such collaborations not only improve communication between the federations, but also enhance the friendship among the member federations of both AUSF and EUSA.

In 2021, AUSF delegates from the Executive Committee and the Secretariat received a great honour in being invited to observe the EUSA Awards Ceremony online, witnessing the great achievements that EUSA and its members have been made in the very challenging year 2020. EUSA delegates and EUSA members are also warmly welcome to attend the 11th AUSF General Assembly and 3rd FISU-AUSF Strategic Dialogue to be held in 2021.


VI 2020 Special Issue of Magazine

To mark the extraordinary year 2020 and all the efforts made by the various NUSFs, universities, and individuals in continuing to promote and strengthen Asian university sports, a special issue of the AUSF magazine for AUSF was issued with the support from the AUSF Education Committee. The funding as well as the process of coordinating with contributors and editing of

this magazine was provided by the Chinese Taipei University Sports Federation. Approved by Executive Committee, the magazine was sent to all AUSF members.

Future events

Several AUSF events have already been scheduled for the year 2021. These include the FISU-AUSF Strategic Dialogue, General Assembly and AUC Badminton Championships, all of which will take place in September in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei. The AUC Rugby 7s Championships are set to take place in October in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia before November's AUSF Football Cup in Jinjiang, China. Daets for the AUC Cheerleading Championships, taking place in the Republic of Korea, as well as the FISU-NUSF Seminar in Australia will be confirmed at a later date.

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FEDERATION OF AFRICA UNIVERSITY SPORTS (FASU)



The year 2020 was an experience no-one expected and for which no-one could have planned for. However, the resilience and determination FASU observed across the global events industry gives hope that in the year 2021, the organisation will begin its recovery sooner rather than later as governments endeavor to support businesses and roll out programmes of vaccinations for their citizens.

Whilst 2020 was a year to adapt ways of working and consolidate FASU's position, 2021 will see the association launch innovations that were not possible in 2020. FASU's resolve as leaders remains that of paving a way forward to adapt to the new normal, even if it requires changing modus operandi in the pursuit of strategic goals. Despite the difficulties, a number of

events were organised by the association across a challenging year.

FASU-FISU-NUSF Seminar

FASU hosted a FASU/FISU/NUSF Seminar on December 11 and 12, 2020, as the first step to seeing how events of the future shall be handled within FASU under the theme "Crafting strategy in the face of uncertainty". The objective

of the seminar was to forge a way forward on the best way to manage university sports activities as a response to pandemics and further bring participants to a better understanding of the various operations, aiding the federation with post COVID-19 regrouping.

Held in a hybrid format, 50 participants from 14 countries were physically present while



the online participation through Zoom attracted participants from 19 different countries.

Mind Sports Championship

In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on physical engagements, FASU with support from the Mind Sports Association Uganda organised the very first Africa University Mind Sports Championship from November 28-29, attracting participants from 23 universities representing 10 countries and three zones of FASU. Egypt's Fawzey Adham emerged victorious in the men's event, while Nabwire Zipporah from Uganda was the overall winner in the women's competition. In the final rankings of the team event, University of Zimbabwe received the gold medal in the men's competition while Busitema University from Uganda took the honours in the women's event.

IDUS Celebrations

The celebrations of the International Day of University Sports were highly successful with many African countries taking part. FISU president Mr Oleg Matytsin congratulated FASU for devising the best way of celebrating university sports during the lockdown. This included a social media challenge on the best university sports moment, a lockdown fitness challenge as well as a celebration of the history of FASU.

Future Events

While the 10th edition of the FASU Games, originally scheduled for 2020 and still taking place at Kenyetta University, have been postponed to 2022 because of the global pandemic, the association is looking forward to a number of activities scheduled for 2021. In March, a FISU/FASU/NUSF Strategic Dialogue will take place at Kotebe University in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which will be followed by the FASU General Assembly taking place at the same venue.

Action on the field kicks off with the first FASU Soccer Championship, taking place at the University of Ghana in Accra, which will also see widespread IDUS activities taking place at the same venue. In October, Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda will host the second FASU Rugby Championship, while the second FASU Tennis Championship will take place in the same month in Ethiopia. A busy November sees Nairobi, Kenya hosting the fourth FASU 3x3 Basketball Championships, while Guinea will play host to both the Elective Assembly of Western Africa Zone and the fifth FASU Cross Country Championships. Rounding off 2021 will be the second edition of the FASU Badminton Championships, taking place in Tunisia in December.



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FISU AMERICA

FISU America was able to witness the resilience of young people and the unity that exists in the American continent following a testing year as a result of COVID-19. Despite the challenges, several events were organised, re-shaping the way sports was lived on a daily basis, with more than 5 000 people in more than 36 countries reached, making 2020 a success in its own right.



Some of FISU America's 2020 highlights included the FISU America General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro, the FISU America Virtual Forum in Costa Rica, a Virtual Chess Competition and FIFA20 Tournament as well as September's International Day of University Sports (IDUS) celebrations.

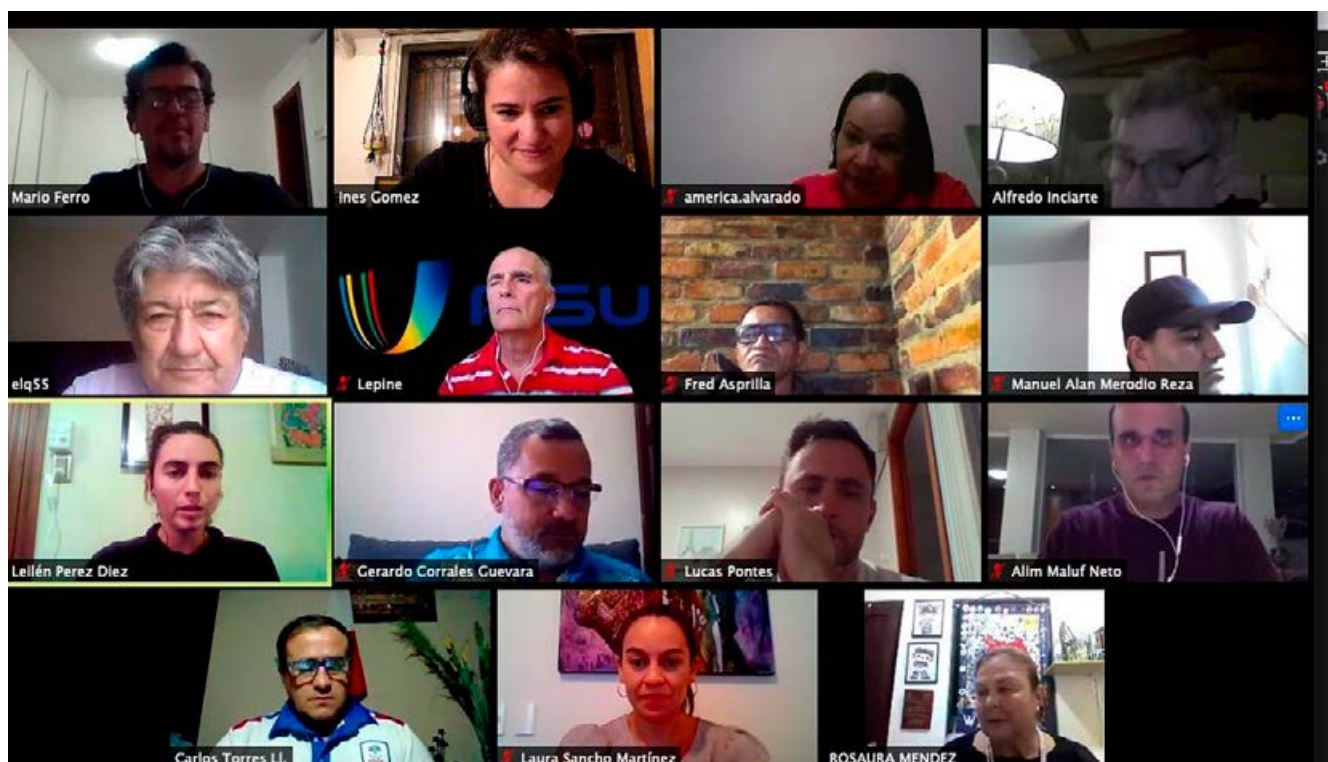
FISU America eSports Tournament

This innovative initiative was the first international university competition for eSports. A total of 36 university students from 15 countries participated. Mexican student Moises Uziel Canales was crowned champion, emerging victorious in the final against the Brazilian Ulisses Selles. Following the success

of the tournament, many other university students are looking forward to the development of this sport in the coming years.

FISU America Chess 2020

The mind is an important muscle to exercise, especially in times of crisis. On this occasion, 143 students from 11 countries gathered virtually for the first





edition of "FISU America Chess 2020".

FISU America were the main organisers, collaborating with the Educational Sport National Council (CONDDE) and the Autonomic University of Yucatan (UADY).

The tournament was carried out online was streamed through the official accounts of Facebook and YouTube of FISU AMERICA and UADY Sports, with live commentary accompanying the matches.

At the conclusion of the competition, the Mexican team received the gold medal, followed by Peru in second and Cuba in third.

Virtual Forums

In 2020, several virtual forums were held at a continental level for the first time to discuss the current situation and activities taking place.

This involved a huge amount of effort in each country, to coordinate activities and keep the sports community together despite the distance and barriers that the Coronavirus restrictions instilled.

Through conferences, dialogues, virtual round tables and more, university students and sports experts freely expressed their opinions and ideas on topics of their interest, always promoting solidarity and respect among the diverse cultures of all participating countries.

Future plans

In view of the success of last year, 2021 looks to be a year of synergy between many countries on the continent. Three events have so far been confirmed to take place in the second half of the year, including a Rugby 7s championship in La Plata, Argentina in September, a Football tournament in Merida, Mexico in October as well as a Futsal event taking place in Sao Luis, Brazil in November.

It is in difficult times that we most need the values of sport, and we must work on our weaknesses to ensure the future. We are proud to create a movement that unites us and reminds us that we share the same passion and the same purpose, no matter where we are. "FISU America, a continent, a passion."



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FISU OCEANIA

Like all sports federations across the world, 2020 was a challenging year for FISU Oceania, yet the region was resilient and still achieved participation within, and celebration of, university sport.



Strategy

At the 2019 FISU Oceania General Assembly, a workshop was held to lay the foundations for a strategic plan for the region. The start of 2020 saw this plan further developed and by the end of the first quarter, the plan was firmly established. The key focus areas of the FISU Oceania strategic include participation, engagement, capacity and awareness. Despite 2020 being a low activity year,

progress was made against all four strategic areas.

Rebrand

To align with the rebranding of FISU, FISU Oceania embarked on a comprehensive rebrand process during 2020. This included updating the FISU Oceania logo to the new FISU brand, updating marketing and promotional collateral, purchase of new signage and promotional items and relaunching the FISU

Oceania website with a new look and feel.

IDUS celebrations

Celebrations across the region for International Day of University Sport (IDUS), was by far the biggest engagement activity for FISU Oceania.

The FISU Oceania IDUS 2020 project aimed to enhance awareness about the event and to increase engagement with both universities and

students in our region. The focus was to have more students involved in IDUS celebrations and encourage universities to undertake activities on campus to recognise the day. The IDUS project consisted of three components: an online video competition, provision of a marketing toolkit to NUSFs and a social media promotional campaign.

The online video competition received 15 entries from Australia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands and Papua New Guinea. The winning entry was made by Angela Bernal from Northern Mariana Islands and her video was featured on FISU and Oceania social channels.

The social media campaign for IDUS was essential to advancing the message of FISU and FISU Oceania. FISU Oceania utilised this IDUS project to fuel the re-design of the FISU Oceania website, created an Instagram account to further social media reach, and established stronger connections with organisations to spread the values of FISU. A direct impact of this event was the creation of the NMI College Sport Facebook Page, which was created due to the motivation and reach of this social media campaign.

IDUS 2020 was celebrated by more Oceania nations than in previous years. Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands and Papua New Guinea,

all held events where practically possible. The online reach of the event also surpassed previous years with many individual student athletes (past and present) from across the region, recognising the day.

Two student interns were recruited from Griffith University (AUS) to manage the Oceania IDUS project. Aliza Green and Wesley Maher were given full responsibility of this project and we would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognise both Aliza and Wesley for their work. Without their dedication and enthusiasm, the project would not have been a success.

FIFA eSports Challenge

In June, 35 students from across the Oceania region took part in the FISU Oceania qualifying competition for the inaugural FISU FIFA eSports Challenge. The Oceania qualifier saw the top two winning students (male and female) selected to represent their university and the Oceania region in the international FISU FIFA eSports Challenge which was held in July.

The competition saw 17 Australian and four New Zealand based universities represented, with 158 matches contested over two days of competition. A staggering 767 goals were scored, with over eight hours of live coverage.

Zackary Marceau (AUS), Mohammad Firdaus Shiari (NZL)

and Jessica Au (AUS) qualified to represent the region at the FISU event. All three students fell just short of reaching the FISU finals across a competitive field from over 50 universities.

FISU Forum

Oceania was represented by six nations at the FISU Forum – Australia, Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands and Papua New Guinea. The event was held online which enabled 12 administrators and six students to be a part of the event.

FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy

Five students took part in the FLVA in 2020 and were awarded the role of student ambassador. The ability to host the event online enabled more students than ever to take part in this event. Student ambassadors from FISU Oceania are Ben Hall (FISU Oceania representative), Max Qua (Australia), Anthony Wasson (Australia), Ajiah Pepe (Cook Islands), Jacob James Mullholand (New Zealand) and Phillie Julai (Papua New Guinea).

FISU Healthy Campus

FISU Oceania continues to promote the FISU Healthy Campus initiative in the region. In 2020, three universities had committed to the program – Auckland University (NZL), Murdoch University (AUS) and the University of Western Australia (AUS). Two other

universities have expressed interest in the program including American Samoa Community College (AMS) and University of Wollongong (AUS). FISU Oceania continues to promote and support this FISU initiative in the region.

Future events

The coming year continue to provide opportunities for Oceania countries and their students. The main focus will be to increase the number of countries who participate in FVLA, increase the number of IDUS celebrations held across the region and to increase the number of universities involved in the FISU Healthy Campus programme. We are looking forward to the challenge that 2021 will bring.



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EUSA PARTNERS AND NETWORK

EUSA is proud of its existing network of partners while constantly nurturing new alliances as it looks for further cooperation to sustainably develop the field of university sport across the continent.



EUSA PARTNERS

Strengthening ties and cooperating with other organisations working in the field of sport is essential for sustainable progress and development. EUSA is proud of its existing network of partners and is honoured to be associated with some of the biggest and influential sporting entities not only across Europe, but the entire globe.

EUSA's partners are a constant source of help and support, aiding the association's goal of enhancing the quality of events and initiatives while further developing university sport as an integral part of a student's life.

From knowledge exchange and practical assistance to the provision of personnel and equipment at sporting events and co-operation in various projects, EUSA's partners are a fundamental resource for the association's growth and continual development.

EUSA was proud to officially partner with three new entities in 2020, signing a Memorandum of Understanding with ParaVolley Europe, European Powerlifting Federation and Radio Capodistria as a media partner. With the list of partners ever-growing, EUSA was proud to be associated with the following list of partners:

International University Sport Federation (FISU); African University Sport Federation (FASU); Pan-American University Sport Federation (FISU America); Oceania University Sport Association (FISU Oceania); Asian University Sport Federation (AUSF); European Commission; Council of Europe; European Non-governmental Sports Organisations (ENGSO); European Fair Play Movement (EFPM); European Olympic Committees (EOC); European Paralympic Committee (EPC); European Union of Sports Press (AIPS Europe); European Athletes as Student (EAS) - Dual career network; European Students' Union (ESU); Badminton Europe Confederation (BEC); European Bridge League (EBL); European Chess Union (ECU); European Handball Federation (EHF); European Judo Union (EJU), European Karate Federation (EKF); European Powerlifting Federation (EPF), European Table Tennis Union (ETTU); European

Volleyball Confederation (CEV); International Dance Organisation (IDO); International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC); International Orienteering Federation (IOF); ParaVolley Europe, Rugby Europe; European Kickboxing Federation (WAKO Europe); World Taekwondo Europe (WTE) and Radio Capodistria as a media partner.

We are also happy to have Kraft and Werk Marketing and Communications Agency as our official partner.

EUSA looks forward to continually developing university sport with each of its current partners, and hopes to continue expanding its network, build new alliances and form new partnerships in the coming years.



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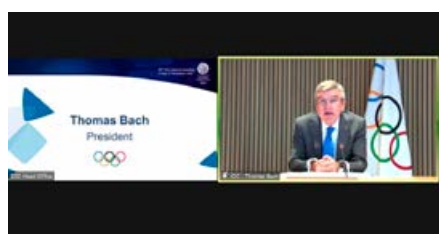


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EUROPEAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

As an official partner of the European Olympic Committees, EUSA was in attendance as invited guests at the 49th European Olympic Committees General Assembly which took place as an online event on Friday, November 27.

The General Assembly was originally set to take place in a hybrid format at the CONI Headquarters in Rome, Italy, yet due to the global pandemic, the event was held virtually.

EUSA has been an official partner of the EOC since a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the two organisations in 2018, with EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek and Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik both virtually present for the General Assembly.

Following the welcome addresses to open the General Assembly, which included a statement from International

Olympic Committees President Mr Thomas Bach, a report was given by EOC Acting President Mr Niels Nygaard, followed by presentations from EOC Secretary General Mr Raffaele Pagnozzi and EOC Acting Treasurer, Mr Peter Mennel.

Following approval of the 2019 Financial Statements and 2021 Budget, ANOC Secretary General Ms Gunilla Lindberg gave a report, following which IOC Reports were presented regarding Olympic Solidarity and Olympic Games.

Georgia's Borjomi and Bakuriani and Brno in the Czech Republic were then confirmed as candidates of host city status

for the winter and summer editions of the 2025 European Youth Olympics Festival.

An update on preparations for the 2023 Krakow & Malopolska European Games in Poland was then given, with the amendments to the EOC Articles of Association discussed thereafter, with the EOC Strategic Agenda 2030 the last item on the agenda.

During the General Assembly, Mr Niels Nygaard and Mr Spyros Capralos announced their candidacies for position of President of the EOC, with both signalling their intent to stand in the following year's elections.

The event also saw the late Mr Janez Kocijancic being posthumously awarded the EOC Order of Merit Award, while Italian biathlete Linda Zingerle was named the winner of the EOC Winter Piotr Nurowski Prize.



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COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Council of Europe's member states representatives, forming the Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), accompanied by the Consultative Committee, held their annual meeting in Strasbourg, France, which was also streamed online, on September 8 and 9, 2020.

EUSA, being a member of the EPAS Consultative Committee, was represented at the event as well. On the first day, the EPAS Consultative Committee met in the morning, reviewing the organisation's work and annual activities, discussing the proposals for the next year's conference on diversity and electing the new Bureau for the next two-year mandate. The new EPAS CC Bureau will be Chaired by Mr Kole Gjelošhaj (ISF), with Mr Tone Jagodic (EOC) as the Vice-Chair, and members Ms Laura Capranica (EAS), Mr Louis Mustakas (ENSE), Mr James Ogilvie (UEFA) and Mr Janez Soderžnik (TAFISA).

EPAS plenary sessions in the joint meeting of the Governing Board and the Consultative

Committee were chaired by Ms Madeleine Delapierre (FRA) and Mr Alexandre Husting (LUX), supported by EPAS Secretary General Mr Stanislas Frossard and the Secretariat. The topics discussed were the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, the proposal for the revised European Sport Charter, a public webinar on the topic of COVID-19 impact on human rights in sport and a proposed follow-up on the Tbilisi declaration.

The second day was dedicated to the current activities and projects, focusing on the three pillars: ethical sport (Kazan action plan on sport integrity, tackling corruption and promoting good governance),

inclusive sport (promoting gender equality in sport and the ALL IN project, as well as the topic of diversity and fighting against discrimination, setting the topic of the EPAS Diversity Conference 2021) and safe sport (inclusion of children and their protection in sport, and the extreme martial arts & combat activities). The meeting concluded with a discussion on the next year's activities.



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ENGSO AND ENGSO YOUTH



The 28th European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO) General Assembly and the ENGSO Youth General Assembly took place on November 12 and 14 respectively. The events, which gathered ENGSO members and partners, including EUSA, were supposed to be held in June 2020 in Torshavn, Faroe Islands, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, they were moved online.

After the welcoming words of ENGSO President Mr Stefan Bergh, representatives of partner organisations addressed the Assembly, including the Vice-President of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) Mr Haris Pavletic.

After accepting the minutes of the previous General Assembly, a presentation on ENGSO's Annual Report of the past year was done. The participants were introduced to ENGSO's work in Erasmus+ co-funded projects, and informed about ENGSO's representation in a number of events.

The Assembly welcomed a new member, the Slovak Olympic and Sport Committee (SOSC), and elected their new Secretary General Ms Sara Massini, Head of the International Department at OPES Italia and previously ENGSO Executive Committee member. Ms Edina Andrejko from Hungary was elected in the vacant Executive Committee member position.

The General Assembly participants also received updates on the ENGSO Action Plan 2020–2021 and from the three ENGSO committees: ENGSO Youth, Equality Within Sport (EWS) Committee and the EU Advisory Committee. The Assembly also confirmed revision of the Statutes.

The ENGSO Youth General Assembly celebrated the 18th anniversary of the youth section of ENGSO. The event started with welcome words from its Chair Ms Ugne Chmeliauskaite, who together with the Vice-Chair Mr Filip Filipic presented the report for the past year. Special reports were also presented by the working groups on social inclusion, education and employability, health, sport diplomacy and sustainable development.

The ENGSO Youth Assembly delegates then confirmed the reports, strategy for the future and modification of the Statutes.

They also elected a new ENGSO Youth Committee member Ms Anett Fodor from Hungary. Anett is very active in the field of sport, and has previously served as EVS volunteer in EUSA, and later coordinated the Erasmus+-supported project Empowered Nation on gender equality and volunteering.

The Youth assembly concluded with educational mini seminar on youth leadership, highlighting the activities of the UNESCO Youth and Sport Task Force and Design thinking methods.

The next ENGSO General Assembly in 2021 is planned to be held on June 11–13 in Torshavn, Faroe Islands.



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PARAVOLLEY EUROPE

In line with its objective of inclusion for all participants, EUSA took a momentous step in this endeavour by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with ParaVolley Europe on January 28, 2020.

The signing of the significant document took place at the EUSA Offices in Ljubljana, Slovenia in the presence of ParaVolley Europe President Mr Branko Mihorko and EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek.

In the past, EUSA has included sporting competitions for students with disabilities at the previous two editions of the European Universities Games, and will include Sitting Volleyball as well as Para Table Tennis on the sports schedule for the fifth edition of the European Universities Games in Belgrade, Serbia.

Following the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding with ParaVolley Europe, EUSA will look to include more events

and competitions for athletes with disabilities, with particular focus on ParaVolley.

Some of the main objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding between EUSA and ParaVolley include strengthening general cooperation and partnership between the two organisations; working together in activities and projects promoting university sport in Europe, promoting and contributing to the development of competitions in all ParaVolley disciplines among students and searching for wider synergies and new opportunities arising from the cooperation.

In addition, ParaVolley will be given the possibility to

include young referees at EUSA competitions and offer education seminars and technical support during EUSA sport competitions while exchanging relevant ParaVolley information and encouraging members to establish cooperation at national level.

This Memorandum of Understanding depicts EUSA's progress and continued interest in partnerships and collaborations in the sporting sphere following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the European Volleyball Confederation in October 2017.



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EUROPEAN POWERLIFTING FEDERATION

EUSA further expanded its list of official partners after signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the European Powerlifting Federation (EPF).

The signing of the official document to confirm the new partnership took place on September 22, 2020, in the presence of President Mr Arnulf Wahlstrom and Secretary General Mr Ralph Farquharson on behalf of EPF, and President Mr Adam Roczek and Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik on behalf of EUSA.

Some of the main objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding between EUSA and EPF include strengthening general cooperation and partnership between the two organisations; working

together in activities and projects promoting university sport in Europe; promoting and contributing to the development of competitions in Powerlifting disciplines among students; searching for wider synergies and new opportunities arising from the cooperation; encouraging gender equality in university sport while promoting sustainability, fair play and integrity within the sport.

The first joint venture deriving from the new partnership will be the organisation and promotion of the second European Open University Classic Powerlifting

Cup, taking place in Merignac, France from August 26-28, 2021. The event will see the best student-athletes from universities across Europe showcasing their strength and skills over the three-day competition in France.

The Memorandum of Understanding with EPF showcases EUSA's progress and continued interest in partnerships and collaborations in the sporting sphere, with Powerlifting adding to the wide range of sports offered in the EUSA programme.



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MEDIA PARTNER

RADIO CAPODISTRIA

Following several years of collaboration, EUSA and Radio Capodistria, part of the national broadcaster RTV Slovenia, consolidated their partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding, further strengthening the partnership between the two organisations.

Radio Capodistria is the Italian language programme of Radio Slovenia, part of the Slovenian public broadcasting service primarily targeting the informative needs of the Italian minority in Slovenia, as well as other Italian-speaking communities in the region.

The main objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding are to strengthen general cooperation and partnership between the two organisations, to work together in activities and media projects promoting sport and physical activities in Europe with a special focus on youth, and to disseminate information on University Sport events, projects and other activities. The Memorandum will also assist in raising public awareness on relevant issues in the field such as dual career, youth leadership empowerment, volunteering and European/international cooperation in the field of sport.

In recent years, EUSA activities including the International Day of Sport celebrations, European Universities Championship events in Slovenia and Italy, volunteering and other projects have been featured in the shows on Radio Capodistria. The local Slovenian radio station is also involved in the PROMoting DUAL Career through Education of young journalists (PRODUCE) project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union and coordinated by the EUSA Institute. Mr Antonio Saccone, one of Radio Capodistria's journalists, is also a mentor in the programme, having guided a set of young reporters who attended two European Universities Championships held in 2019 in Koper, Slovenia, and Zagreb, Croatia.

In 2020, university sport and EUSA-related content was aired in several "A ritmo di sport" radio shows, with engagement from

the OPES Italia Civil Service volunteers working in EUSA Office.



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FUTURE PROGRAMME

EUSA continues to prioritise student-athletes as it looks ahead to various sporting and educational events in future. The association's aim is to continue to develop the sports events it governs as well as evolve its educational programme, thereby delivering above and beyond the expectations of its participants, universities and partners.



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES BELGRADE, SERBIA

Initially scheduled to take place in 2020, the European Universities Games in Belgrade, Serbia were postponed to the summer of 2021, yet due to the ongoing global pandemic, a decision was then taken to further postpone the event to a later date.



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EUSA, the Local Organising Committee, together with the Serbian government, explored the option of hosting the competition in the autumn of 2021, yet taking into account the unstable situation which might hinder the Games being organised under the traditionally

cultural and social atmosphere associated with EUSA events, a decision was made not to have the event in 2021. The decision takes into account the best interests of all concerned, keeping the safety and well-being of the participants, officials, volunteers as well as

the hosting country citizens as a priority.

All parties remain fully committed to additionally explore the possibilities of having the event staged in its rightful and enjoyable manner at a later time.



The European Universities Games in Belgrade was set to be the highlight of the European university sports calendar, and is still expected to be the second-largest multisport event ever organised in Serbia after the 2009 Summer Universiade.

The 5th edition of the European Universities Games was planned to involve 21 different sporting disciplines in the sports programme. This included Badminton, Basketball, 3x3 Basketball, Beach Handball, Beach Volleyball, Chess, Football, Futsal, Handball, Judo, Karate, Kickboxing, Orienteering, Rowing, Rugby 7s, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Volleyball and Water Polo. There would

also be a Para Table Tennis competition for student-athletes with disabilities, and a Sitting Volleyball competition as a demonstrative sport.

Alongside the sport competitions, the Games would focus on educational and social aspects of university sport in Europe, featuring conferences and workshops in the topics Anti-Doping, Inclusion, Dual Career, as well as a Rectors' Conference. The legacy of the Games would be visibly clear as support from many institutions from across Europe and the local community would aid the development of university sports and student facilities in Belgrade.



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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2022

LODZ, POLAND JULY 15-31, 2022

During the 2018 EUSA General Assembly which took place in Madrid, Spain, Poland's third-largest city Lodz was officially announced as the host for the sixth edition of the European Universities Games, taking place in the summer of 2022.

Lodz provides the ideal setting for the EUG2022 due to its wonderful sport infrastructure and academic spirit, with over 65 000 students making Lodz their home for tertiary education, among whom are prospective engineers, doctors, musicians and filmmakers. These students from various universities with the help of the organisers will undoubtedly make the Games an unforgettable event for the expected 5 000 participants arriving from across Europe.

The Technical University of Lodz (TUL), where the Local Organising Committee is based, TUL was ranked fourth on the list of the best technical universities and eighth among national universities in Poland, according to the educational magazine "Perspectives". In cooperation with the city of Lodz and the Polish University Sport Association (AZS), which is the biggest university sport organisation in the country with a 100-year history that takes care of more than 50 000 student-athletes, the organisers

will make sure the event is well-promoted and supported by the local media and public services.

The OC have planned for 19 sports to be played at well-equipped modern venues. The local infrastructure makes it possible to organise two disciplines for para-athletes as well, which will go in line with one of the values of the EUG2022 – sport for all. The idea is to encourage people to do sport and stay active regardless of their age, physical condition, occupation or background.

The organisers are planning a set of accompanying events to show local citizens that sport is fun, especially following the long-compelled home-bound mode caused by the pandemic. Street sport attractions, trainings at school and meetings with EUG ambassadors will help raise the awareness of the EUG and its extended aspirations.

However, the idea to unite people will go beyond sport activities. The Games is an event for all, therefore, family picnics

and attractions for different age groups are planned. The participants of EUG2022 will have a chance to experience Polish hospitality and celebrate together with Lodzians the anniversary of the city.

In terms of the legacy of the event, the OC hope to set a trend of grassroots sport in Lodz and promote the potential of Lodz universities while living green in a big city and introducing the perspectives of technology and creativity in sport.

To run the Games smoothly, it is planned to recruit hundreds of helpers from all over Europe. All the goals and values of EUG2022 will be presented by the students and volunteers, as the organisers believe in the power of peer education. A vast volunteering programme will be available for all EU residents, with the OC aiming to recruit people of multiple talents to train, entertain and manage various activities during the Games.

Already at the start of 2021, a campaign to select the event's

mascot was successfully delivered and realized, with widespread participation. It was decided to make the call for everybody, including minors and adults from all over Poland. The OC have received plenty of creative ideas about the symbol of the Games. Some of the works showed an in-depth analysis of EUSA and consideration for details. In order for the people to feel the attachment to the Games, the OC decided to choose the winner through a public voting process, with the audience choosing a unicorn to represent the EUG2022 in Lodz. The unicorn is the symbol of the city of Lodz, which has its own monument and a marvelous tram station, unofficially called the "stable of unicorns".

With the unicorn representing a joyous symbol of the Games, one can be sure that Lodzians will heartily welcome the competition and the participants of the Games in the summer of 2022.



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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2024

DEBRECEN AND MISKOLC, HUNGARY JULY 10-25, 2024



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During the 2018 EUSA General Assembly which took place in Madrid, Spain, the two Hungarian cities Debrecen and Miskolc were announced as the hosts for the seventh edition of the European Universities Games, taking place in the summer of 2024.

The European Universities Games will be special again in 2024, as two cities and two universities will host the multisport event, which, in addition to the organisational challenge, will also be a huge opportunity for Hungarian university sports.

The joint organisation has numerous advantages for Hungary, as the progression of the two universities and meeting the challenges bring a strong presence in economic and sports developments, innovation and the market. Sustainability aspects including environmental protection, healthy lifestyles and innovative solutions receive special attention in the implementation process and its toolbox.

Both the country and the Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS), host universities and cities have significant experience in organising both international sports events and international university sports events, and are aiming to organise – in terms of the number of participants – the largest multisport event in the history of Hungary.

The scheduled date of the event is July 10-25, 2024. The Local Organising Committee plans to host the opening ceremony in Miskolc and the closing ceremony in Debrecen. The final sports programme is still being consolidated with 20 sports competitions expected to be held, which will also be divided

proportionally between the two locations.

The organisers are ready to welcome 5 000 participants and plan to involve approximately 1 500 volunteers to aid with the successful running of the event. The local population will also play a part in this, as they strengthen the awareness of national sports with a long-standing fan culture.

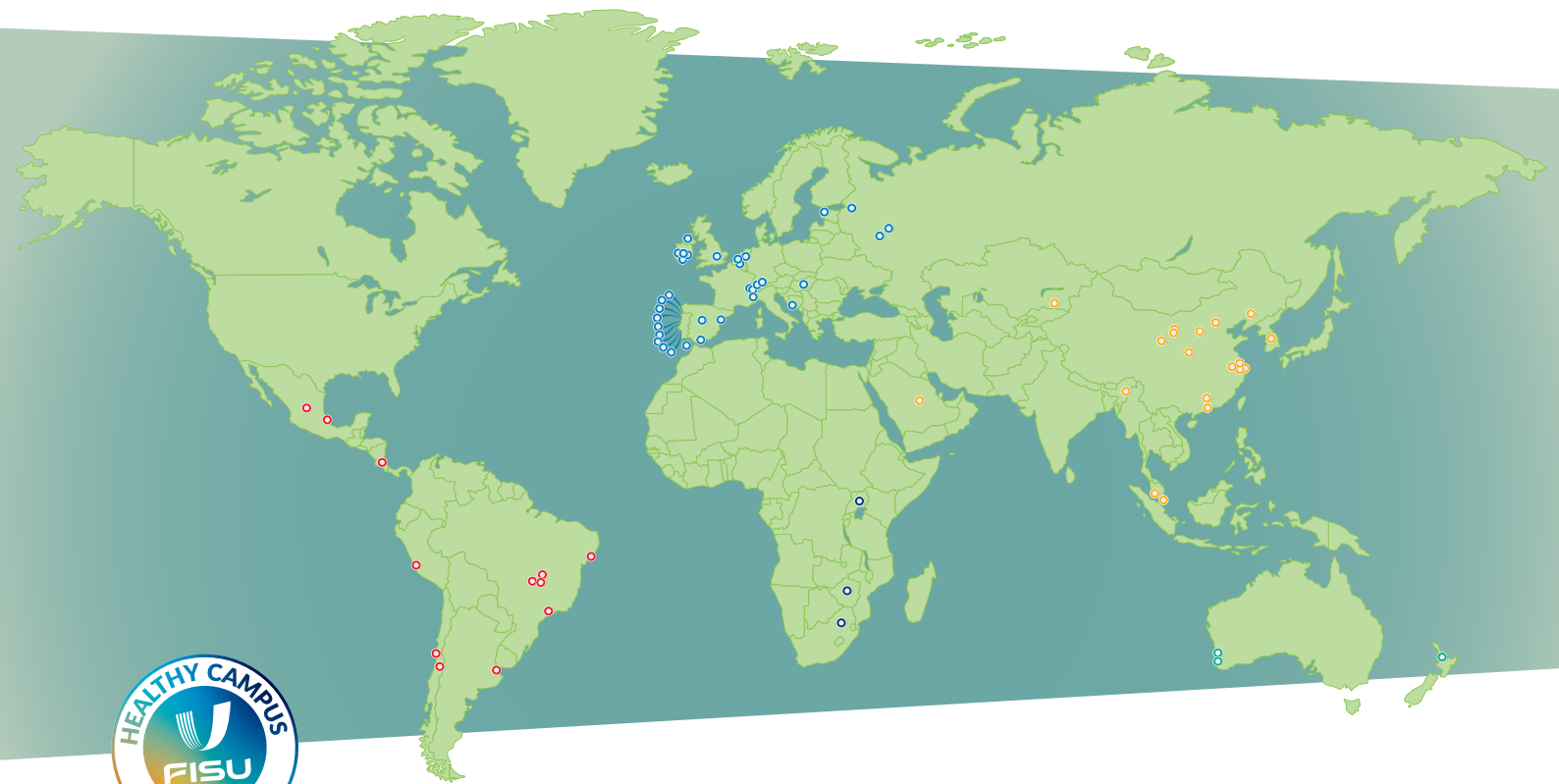
The two cities and MEFS are well-prepared for the task of organising this event at a very high standard. In terms of preparations, it is a significant milestone and it is very reassuring that the Hungarian government has decided to support the organisation of the event based on the preliminary budget. Despite the high quality

of sports and other infrastructure in both locations, further improvements are needed, which are being prepared and agreed upon at management level. The relationship between EUSA and the Organising Committee is ongoing with constant communication between both parties.

In terms of preparations for the event, 2021 will see the formation of the operational organising committee, preparation of the Master Plan and participation as observers at the European Universities Games in Belgrade, Serbia.



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