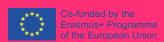


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# **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Dear Friends.

It is my utmost pleasure to welcome you to the pages of our yearly magazine.

Last year was the second in a row where our lives were heavily affected by COVID-19 pandemic. In some of EUSA Member countries, university competitions on national level were organized, in some others national legislation did not leave the space for it. This consequently also resulted in not celebrating the European Universities Games in Belgrade. Despite of local circumstances, we all made lots of efforts to keep university sport alive. I'd like to thank you for dedication, enthusiasm, passion for not to giving up. Most of the European countries kept mandatory online education, but as a result of vaccination and other measures, sanitary restrictions started to be reduced. One of the first European countries which lifted restrictions was Hungary. Thanks to the kind invitation of the Hungarian University Sports Federation, we got the chance to organize in September, postponed from 2020, our General Assembly in Budapest.

With very high attendance of the Members, the Assembly discharged Executive Committee elected in 2016 and has chosen new leadership. Adopted in 2019 electoral procedures allow GA to elect more gender balanced EC. For the first time a Student Representative, Flobena Nikoli from Albania, became a full, voting member of the EC. There was as well time to pay the tribute to our esteemed Colleagues who served to university sport and EUSA for many years. General Assembly took resolution to award EUSA Honorary Member title to Ceslovas Garbaliauskas from Lithuania and Kemal Tamer from Turkey and EUSA Order of Merit to prof Jean Francois Sauterau from France and prof Adam Kiss from Hungary.

The main task of newly elected Executive Committee is to restore university sport at the European level after the pandemic. Believing that in 2022 and onwards, social life will not be only digital, keeping sanitary protection measures in place, we wish to enjoy the sport at the venues. Very good cooperation with Polish NUSA and the OC of the EUG 2022 Lodz/Poland

make me confident that we will meet in July in Lodz. The preparations for the 2024 Games Debrecen Miskolc are also already ongoing, and the 2026 edition will be attributed in 2022.

This year unfortunately started with conflicts and war on European territory. This unimaginable act was condemned by most, including the sports world. EUSA reacted quickly and showed solidarity with Ukraine, not only on declaration level, but also by establishing a special financial solidarity fund. Working together with the local hosts and organisers of the EUG2022, we also plan to welcome athletes from Ukraine to Lodz.

Thanks to institutional and personal partnerships, as well as our previous experiences, EUSA and its Institute continue carrying out projects and initiatives, many of them being funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, including the European Universities Games. We are very proud and honoured by the acknowledgment of our work and trust put in us at European level. The support was given also by the International University Sport Federation – FISU, who as every year, allocated resources in Continental organizations projects.

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

I hope to see you soon and invite to come to Poland, to Lodz to take part in VI edition of the EUSA European Universities Games 2022!

Adam Roczek, EUSA President





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# **EUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**BUDAPEST: SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2021

The General Assembly of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) was held in-person on September 10 and 11 in the Hungarian capital Budapest, hosted by the Hungarian University Sports Federation (HUSF/MEFS), in cooperation with the University of Physical Education (TF), supported also by the International University Sports Federation (FISU).

Following the 2019 EUSA Extraordinary General Assembly, Conference and Gala held in Aveiro, Portugal, in-person gatherings have been few and far between as a result of the global pandemic. However, with great effort and care and in line with all the safety protocols at local and international level, delegates from 38 EUSA member countries were able to meet in person for this General Assembly.

The event started with the welcome speeches by EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, on behalf of the host – MEFS Executive Committee member Mr Zoltan Rakaczki, FISU Acting President Mr Leonz Eder, as well as video addresses by

the President of the European Olympic Committees Mr Spyros Capralos and Head of the Sport Unit of the European Commission Ms Floor van Houdt.

Mr Bruno Barracosa from Portugal has been, after successfully chairing the previous Assembly, again elected Chair of the Assembly.

The Assembly delegates adopted modification to the statutes, also allowing proxy representation of member associations who could not attend the event in person due to the special circumstances, as well as having the possibilities to call online and hybrid assemblies.

Taking into account the newly adopted statutes and proxies, 43 countries have been represented at the event. The Assembly also confirmed San Marino as its new, 47th member association.

Reports from the period 2018-2020 were presented by EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik and Treasurer Mr Lorenz Ursprung, highlighting the sports and educational events in the period. Reports on financial parts and reports were presented as well before the outgoing Executive Committee were thanked for their work over the last mandate.

Among the outgoing Executive Committee members, the

Assembly awarded the title of Honorary Members to Mr Kemal Tamer from Turkey and Mr Ceslovas Garbaliauskas from Lithuania, as well as the Order of Merit to Mr Jean-Francois Sautereau from France.

Being an electoral General Assembly, new members were voted in and welcomed onto the EUSA board. The new EUSA Executive Committee for the next 4-year period is now as follows:

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EUSA wishes to once again thank the Executive Committee members, as well as commission members from the previous mandate for their selflessness, hard work and efforts, and wishes to the new Executive Committee members the very best in their upcoming mandate, as together we continue to grow the organisation and develop university sport across Europe.

Participants also enjoyed a formal dinner, with entertainment programme, celebrating diversity and inclusion in society and also specifically in university sport. The attendees were addressed by EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, FSU President Mr Lenz Eder, MEFS President Mr Lajos Mocsai and Hungarian State Secretary for Sport Ms Tunde Szabo.

EUSA also conveys a special word of appreciation for the local organising committee in Budapest – the Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS), in cooperation with the University of Physical Education (TF), supported also by the International University Sports Federation (FISU), for the great lengths they went to in hosting a highly successful and memorable event.



### **EUSA-FISU STRATEGIC DIALOGUE** BUDAPEST: SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

Following the electoral General Assembly of the European University Sports Federation (EUSA) in Budapest, the EUSA-FISU Strategic Dialogue was organised on September 11 in the afternoon. The event was focused on the leaders of university sport in Europe and covered two main themes, relevant to the field of sport in higher education.

The event started with the opening addresses by the EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek and the Acting President of the International University Sports Federation (FISU) Mr Leonz Eder.

The first panel was on University Sports and the Covid-19 Pandemic: Impact and future perspectives. Moderated by Mr Lorenz Ursprung, the discussions covered the current situation and looked at examples of good practice.

The first two panellists were FISU Acting President Mr Leonz Eder and EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, who reflected on the new reality, and shared their experiences of having to postpone and/or cancel the international university sport events.

The Vice-President of the Croatian Academic Sport

Federation (HASS) Mr Haris Pavletic, and the President of the Czech University Sports Association (CAUS) Ms Ivana Ertlova shared the experiences of organising the national university sports championships, games and educational events also in this period.

The second panel looked at the International and European University Sports Calendar in the current and upcoming year. Moderated by Ms Anna Edes, the panellists reflected on the planned university sport events in and beyond Europe.

FISU Development & NUSF Relations Manager Mr Tarmo Jaakson shared the plans of the celebrations of the International Day of University Sport (IDUS) in September, Winter Universiade Lucerne 2021 in December, Summer World University Games Chengdu 2022, Championships and World Cups



2022, as well as educational events.

EUSA Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik recalled the successes of the past EUSA events, as well as the great interest and desire of students, universities and associations for taking part in the European Universities Championships and Games. The calendar for 2022-2024 will bring the next seasons of the European Universities Games and the European Universities Championships, and the bidding for the events in 2025 (Championships) and 2026 (Games).

The President of the German University Sports Federation (ADH) Mr Joerg Foerster shared the plans for the 2025 FISU World University Games in Rhine-Ruhr and the big support of student athletes behind the initiative.

The coordinator of the European Universities Games Lodz 2022 Ms Tatsiana Andruska presented the concept of the EUSA's flagship event, which is to be hosted next year in Poland. The local hosts are working with the university and city officials, as well as with other key stakeholders, in hosting the much-awaited event for student athletes, celebrating sport and education, also engaging with university and organisation leaders continent-wide.

The EUSA-FISU Strategic Dialogue, as well as the preceding EUSA General Assembly were organised by the European University Sports Association (EUSA), hosted by the Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS) in cooperation with the University of Physical Education (TF), and supported also by the International University Sports Federation (FISU).











# **EUSA-EUG2022 CONVENTION** LODZ: SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2021

The EUSA-EUG2022 Convention was held on September 24 and 25 in Lodz, host city of the next edition of the European Universities Games.

The Convention was an occasion for the newly appointed EUSA Technical Delegates to meet in person, and establish strong connection to the local sports experts, as well as for the transfer of knowledge from the hosts of the previous Games to the next organisers of the EUSA flagship event.

The event was opened by a welcome address on behalf of the Organisers by the Rector of the Lodz University of Technology Mr Krzysztof Jozwik, on behalf of EUSA by the 1st Vice-President of the

European University Sports Association Mr Haris Pavletic, as well as by the FISU Acting President Mr Leonz Eder, remotely.

The programme then continued by the introduction of the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and the EUSA Institute by EUSA Communications and Projects Manager Mr Andrej Pisl, followed by the presentation of the European Universities Games in Lodz by Organising Committee Coordinator Ms Tatsiana Andrushka.

EUSA International Relations Officer Ms Lea Medvesek gave an insight and relevance of the registrations and accreditations procedure any introduced the main features of the system which provides these features.

The introduction to the EUSA Sports Programme and its characteristics was done by EUSA Sports Manager Mr Miha Zvan, and the role of Technical Delegates was presented by EUSA Technical Delegate for Futsal Mr Tomasz Aftanski.

The details about the sports and planned venues of the European Universities Games 2022 were presented by EUG2022 Sports Manager Mr Kamil Kozlowski.

Highlights of the knowledge transfer programme was the afternoon part, where EUG Consultant Mr Besim Aliti shared his insight and importance of quality project management.

From the past organisers, the participants were able to get some tips from experienced organisers of the past EUSA













Championships and Games. Mr Nikola Vincetic from the Croatian Academic Sports Federation shared the story and innovative approaches from the 2016 European Universities Games, which were held in Zagreb and Rijeka in Croatia.

Ms Filipa Godinho from the University of Coimbra also shared the lessons learned from the 2018 European Universities Games, held in Coimbra, Portugal in 2018.

The second day was dedicated to inspection visits of the sports venues, reviewing in more details the plans for accommodation, logistics, services and events during the next year's event.

The participants also enjoyed the sports activities programme,

consisting of #BeActive #LetsIDUS morning run, featuring also the EUG2022 mascot EUGenio, and the sport climbing challenge at the Zatoku Sports center. These activities are part of the promotion of the HealthyLifestyle4All initiative, as well as celebration of the European Week of Sport and the International Day of University Sport.

The long-awaited European Universities Games in Lodz will be held in July 2022, offering 20 sports. EUSA-EUG2022 Convention in Lodz was part of the Unisport project, supporting mobility in sport, co-financed by the European Union.





# EUSA WEBINAR ON GENDER EQUALITY ONLINE: JULY 1, 2021

The European University Sports Association and the EUSA Institute hosted an insightful webinar on gender equality on Thursday, July 1, continuing the work in striving towards equal representation.

The webinar saw 50 people from 22 different countries register for the online event, which looked to address gender-unbalanced representation in decision-making positions in sports organisations and discuss the challenges women encounter when running for top positions.

Following an introduction by EUSA Education and Development Manager Ms Sara Rozman, EUSA Vice-President Mr Haris Pavletic gave a welcome address, indicating the importance of gender equality and the measures EUSA is taking to achieve this at various levels.

The first of two keynote speeches was delivered by Ms Milica Antic Gaber, a Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Ljubljana, who discussed the topic of gender quotas in relation to achieving gender equality in sport.

The second keynote address was delivered by Ms Ally Forbes, a Senior Lecturer from the Department of Sport at the University of Wolverhampton, who shared a case study

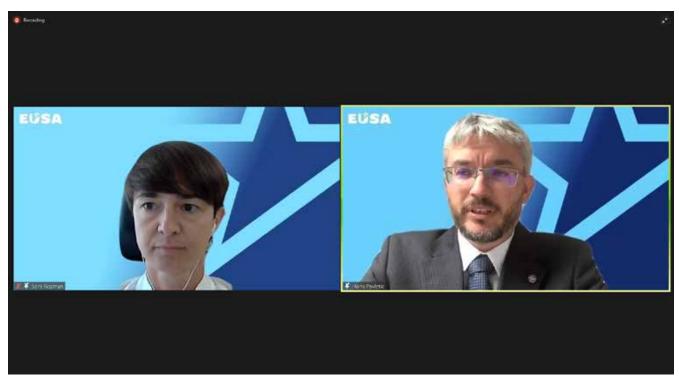
example of achieving gender equality in the workplace.

An engaging question and answer session followed, allowing meeting attendees to further probe the topic and receive astute answers from the expert speakers.

The second part of the webinar involved a panel discussion addressing gender imbalance in sports organisations. Moderated by EUSA Executive Committee member and Inclusion and Diversity Commission Chair Mr Bruno Barracosa, speakers on the panel included EUSA

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Olympic and Paralympic
Committee Mr Havard Ovregard.

Measures and realistic objectives on advancing gender equality in sport leadership was discussed, with webinar







attendees once again given the opportunity to engage in a question-and-answer session thereafter before the conclusion of the online event.

The webinar again depicted EUSA's commitment to improving equal gender representation, as signalled by its recent change in statutes and internal documents which aims to increase the minimum gender representation quota within the EUSA Executive Committee following this year's General Assembly.

EUSA through its Institute is also involved in a number of Erasmus+-funded projects including Gender Equality Tooklit (GETZ), Rainbow Youth for Sporting Equality (RYSE), Inclusion in Sport (iSport), Innovating Football Leadership through Practice and Policy (iFlipp), PROmoting GendeR Equality in Sports (PROGRES) and Work for a Cause, Serve for Sport (W4C-S4S) which look to promote equal opportunities in sport at various levels across Europe.





# **EUSA AWARDS CEREMONY** ONLINE: FEBRUARY 11, 2021

On Thursday, February 11, the European University Sports Association held its EUSA Awards Ceremony online, recognising and celebrating the achievements and contributions of individuals, universities and associations in European university sport.

Organised virtually, the occasion served to acknowledge the stand-out achievers who excelled in EUSA events over the 2019/20 season, while also appreciating the efforts of many who have contributed to the growth and development of university sport across the continent.

The virtual audience was made up of EUSA's member associations, partners, stakeholders, university authorities, student-athletes and all associated with the EUSA family.

Following a welcome message from EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek, a recap of the sporting action from the 2019 European Universities Championships was shown, with the audience taken back to some of the most

memorable highlights from the highly successful 2019 season.

### **Award Categories**

### Most Active National University Sports Association

The first award of the ceremony was the Most Active National University Sports Association (NUSA) award, given to the German University Sports Federation (ADH) for their active participation and presence at the 2019 EUSA Championships.

### Most Successful NUSA

The Most Successful NUSA award, determined by the results and the final placement of the participants at the European Universities Championships, was then handed out, with French University Sport Federation (FFSU) being named winners

following their successes across the 21 different championships organised.

### **Best University**

The next award announced was the Best University award, based on the results and achievements from the past Championship season, with the University of Zagreb topping the podium with their 16 medals earned across the 2019 season.

### **Most Active University**

The University of Zagreb was also handed the Most Active University award, having 139 participants present across the 2019 EUSA Championships.

### Enno Harms Fair Play

The winner of the annual Enno Harms Fair Play award was then announced, with the award recognising a fair play gesture or situation during a EUSA sporting event which stands out above the rest. For their commendable actions of fair play in assisting both teams and organisers at the EUSA Beach Volleyball Championships after they were ruled out with a team member getting injured in training just before the competition, the Enno Harms Fair Play award was given to the male beach volleyball team from the Technion Israel Institute of Technology.

# Medals of Appreciation

Following an address from FISU President Mr Oleg Matytsin and an enjoyable highlights package from the FISU Summer and Winter Universiades, four Medals of Appreciation – a new category of awards introduced this year to recognise significant contributions from partners, member associations and individuals in the sphere of European University Sport – were then handed out.

### EUSA Medal of Appreciation for Partners

The first was the EUSA Medal of Appreciation for Partners, given to WAKO Europe for their integral role in the organisation of the very first EUSA European Universities Kickboxing Championship held as part of the European Universities Combat Championships in Zagreb, Croatia in 2019.

### Medal of Appreciation for Member Associations

The second special award announced was the Medal of Appreciation for Member Associations, given to the University Sports Association of Poland (AZS) for their organisation of the Integrated Championships, which aims to integrate athletes with disabilities into mainstream sport competitions.

### Medal of Appreciation for Member Officials

The winners of the Medal of Appreciation for Member Officials was then announced, with this awarded handed to both FADU's Secretary General Mr Manuel Veloso and former President Mr Daniel Monteiro for their sacrifice and dedication in organising the EUSA Extraordinary General Assembly, Conference and spectacular Awards Ceremony and Gala in Aveiro in September 2019.

### Medal of Appreciation for International Cooperation

The last special award, the Medal of Appreciation for International Cooperation, was given to Mr Kairat Zakirianov, President of the Student Sports Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan for his immense contribution to the development of both student and Olympic sport in his country and across Europe.

### **EUSA Order of Merit**

The final award handed out in the ceremony was the prestigious EUSA Order of Merit, given to an individual who, through their involvement and commitment, gave significant contribution to the development and promotion of university sport in Europe.

For strengthening his association as former President of the Hungarian University Sports Federation on a national, as well as European and international level, organising five successful European Universities Championships and helping his federation successfully bid for the seventh edition of the European Universities Games, the EUSA Order of Merit was awarded to Mr Adam Kiss.

EUSA once again wishes to congratulate all the worthy winners. At the occasion of the EUSA General, the present award winners also received their awards in-person.

The EUSA Awards Ceremony was streamed online and is available for viewing at our social media channels on Facebook and YouTube.























# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The outgoing and newly-elected EUSA Executive Committee, who are responsible for the good governance of the organisation and implementation of decisions taken by the General Assembly, met online on several different occasions over 2021 as well as in person, to discuss and review the work done by the association while ensuring its continued progressive future path.



### Online: February 4, 2021

Members of the EUSA Executive Committee gathered virtually for the first meeting of 2021 on Thursday, February 4 as events and activities of the association over the coming year were discussed.

Among the discussed topics of this meeting, was the report of activities from the previous meeting in December, following with a given financial report, a report on the Development Fund applications received as well as the Executive Committee approving funding for selected developing members in 2021.

The activities planed for the year were also discussed in detail, beginning with the highly-anticipated European Universities Games, which were to take place in Belgrade, Serbia, and followed with a report on the competition's registration status and COVID-19 protocol. Reports were then presented focusing on the European Universities Cycling Championship, planned to be taking place in Nijmegen, the Netherlands in June, as well as next edition of the European Universities Games, being organised in Lodz, Poland.

A final update was also given regarding this year's virtual

EUSA Awards Ceremony taking place on Thursday, February 11, which was a celebration of European university sports, reflecting on the recent most memorable action in both EUSA and FISU events. This celebration was the place where outstanding individuals, universities and associations were awarded for their achievements and contribution to university sport.

### Online: March 30, 2021

The second virtual meeting of the year was held on March 30, 2021.

The main discussion topic were the European Universities

Games, seeking possibilities and options after receiving the news that the event could not be held in Belgrade in July.

The Executive Committee members were also acquainted with an office report from the past period as well as the updates on other planed activities and events of the organisation and its Institute.

### Online: May 17, 2021

Executive Committee members met online on May 17 for its third time of the year.

This meeting started with the recognition of success of our European members from





Germany and Italy, on the respected attribution of the 2025 World Summer and Winter University Games.

Some significant attention was also given on the report of the past period, office activities, changes in member countries. Before the members started reviewing and approving the annual accounts for EUSA and its Institute, they were also given updates on various projects, co-financed by the EU and FISU.

The discussion continued with the focus on the European Universities Games. As a follow up on the working in Belgrade, an update was given, discussing the possibilities of hosting the event in the Serbian capital in an alternative year. Wider picture of the preparations of the 2022 Games in Lodz were discussed next, ahead of the Supervision Commission meeting.

On this EUSA Executive Committee was also confirmed that the EUSA General Assembly and the Strategic dialogue will take place in Budapest in September 2021.

### Online: June 7, 2021

The fourth online meeting of the year was held on Monday, June 7, discussing several important topics.

At the meeting various possibilities surrounding the hosting of the European Universities Games in Belgrade, Serbia in the future.

The agenda was followed up with a progress report regarding the 2022 European Universities Games in Lodz, Poland as well as the electoral General Assembly, taking place from September 10-11 in Budapest, Hungary.

The final points of this meeting were reserved for the information on opening the registration for the Games later in the year, and on the bidding procedure for the

2025 European Universities Championships in July.

### Online: August 5, 2021

The last virtual meeting of the year for the current composition of the EUSA Executive Committee was held on August 5, before the General Assembly.

The main focus were the preparations and the topics of the electoral General Assembly and the EUSA-FISU Strategic Dialogue, organised on September 10 and 11 in the Hungarian capital.

Related to the preparations for the EUG2022 Convention and supervision visit of European



Universities Games in Lodz, EUSA Executive Committee nominated the technical delegates for the upcoming period.

### Budapest, Hungary: September 10, 2021

On September 10, existing EUSA Executive Committee members met for its last meeting of their mandate.

This live meeting took place just before the General Assembly in the Hungarian capital. The focus of the first part of the meeting was on the final preparations for the EUSA Assembly and EUSA-FISU Strategic Dialogue, while the second was devoted to the review of main achievements of the board in the mandate, that were heavily affected by Covid-19 pandemic.

During the meeting EUSA President, Mr Roczek, thanked the members of the EC for their devotion and support in the mandate, which was prolonged for an additional year due to the Covid19 circumstances, preventing having an electoral General Assembly in the past year.

Gratitude was expressed and given from the Executive Committee to the commission members for their work via an online meeting, where chairs of each of the commissions reflected on the past achievements and thanked the members for their contribution over the past 5 years.

### Budapest, Hungary: September 11, 2021

After the elections at the EUSA General Assembly, the newlyelected members of the EUSA Executive Committee members had their first, constitutive meeting, on September 11.

With the proposal of EUSA President, Mr Adam Roczek, 3 Vice Presidents have been confirmed and appointed and the newly elected Executive Committee opened the call for EUSA Commissions in the period 2021-2025.

### Online: October 5, 2021

Executive Committee members in the new composition met online on October 5, for its first full meeting after being elected.

The list of discussion of this meeting included a report of the activities of the past period, confirmation of position of additional Vice-President and setting the calls for Commissions and Bidding for the EUSA General Assembly.

### Warsaw, Poland: November 12-13, 2021

The first full in-person meeting of the newly-elected Executive Committee was held in the Polish capital Warsaw on November 12-13, 2021.

The hosts of this meeting were the University Sports Association of Poland (AZS) in cooperation with the University of Warsaw, and the event was also supported by the International University Sports Federation (FISU).

This meeting was started with the part where the participants and members of the Executive Committee of EUSA were welcomed on behalf of the hosts by AZS Secretary General Mr Dariusz Piekut and Mr Marian Dymalski in his role as AZS Vice-President and FISU Vice-President and was followed by an overview of the activities of the organisation, presenting the main past achievements and future plans.

EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek thanked the hosts for the invitation and hospitality, and lead the meeting. Among the first points on the agenda was the overall office report, presented by EUSA Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik, continued by a financial report presented by the EUSA Treasurer Mr Francis Cirianni.



The discussion of The Executive Committee members was followed with the EUSA Sport Calendar 2022-2024, focusing on two upcoming seasons of the European Universities Games and Championships. In continuation, they discussed about the bidding process being still open for the European Universities Championships 2025, and in process for the European Universities Games 2026 as well as the presentation of EUSA endorsed events and partnership sport events that were set to be held in 2022.

Following the cancellation of the European Universities Games in Belgrade due to Covid-19, the opening of the registration for the Lodz 2022 Games was confirmed and set for December.

Besides the updates given on the sports events, the EUSA Executive Committee members received an update of the projects, co-financed by FISU and the European Union. EUSA, through its Institute, is a proud partner in several projects, many of them co-financed by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

Under the topics of international cooperation, participants received updates from the members, FISU and continental federations, as well as the partner and other organisations. Apart from the presentation of the hosts (AZS), members also had a chance to hear updates from the Portuguese Academic Federation of University Sport (FADU), represented at the meeting by its President Mr Andre Reis and Secretary General Mr Manuel Veloso.

At the final part of this meeting, the EUSA Executive Committee members discussed several internal matters, got acquainted with the candidatures submitted by the national university sports associations for the EUSA Commissions.

### Online: December 20, 2021

EUSA Executive Committee members met online on December 20, for its last meeting of the year, reviewing the activities and planning ahead.

The meeting started with the general overview and reports by the EUSA President Mr Adam Roczek and EUSA Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik, highlighting activities in the past period, following the last inperson meeting which was held in Warsaw in November.

Participants then focused their attention to the European Universities Games Lodz 2022, being updated on the preparations and entries, after the event opened registration on December 15. In order to ensure safety and well-being of all participants as well as the local hosts, vaccination restrictions for all participants was introduced.

EUSA Executive Committee members conditionally attributed the European Universities Championships for 2025 in 14 sports and reopened the bidding for the remaining sports. At the same time, it was decided that Rowing will be featured also as a Championship in 2022 and 2024, as this sport is not on the programme of the European Universities Games in Lodz and Debrecen-Miskolc.

Members of the EUSA Commissions were also nominated at the meeting, completing the Education Commission, Inclusion and Diversity Commission, Medical Commission, Student Commission and the Technical Commission.

Participants also heard the presentation of the university sport activities in Ukraine, and reopened discussion on e-sport.



# EUSA PROJECTS EUSA gives importance on having an impact through sport and promoting sport values and is involved in various projects and initiatives which provide equal opportunities and educational activities through a set of different programmes. 24 / 25



# SPORTS FOR ALL

European University Sports Association continually promotes equality, respect and full inclusion of student athletes, while simultaneously promoting the spirit of fair play at all our events.

### Gender

EUSA's sporting events are available for men and women, something we are proud of. Reflecting on the statistics of event participants from the last sports season in 2019, we can note that male participants still outnumber female participants 59%-41%. Although this ratio has improved over the years, we acknowledge 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 47 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 were planned for 2022; but due to the war in Ukraine, it was decided that this year, the solidarity fund will be used solely to support Ukraine.

#### **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 Lodz, while including Sitting Volleyball and Para Power lifting as promo events. 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 attributes the Enno Harms Fair Play Award to showcase the noble gestures present in European university sport.





# EUSA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Through the work of EUSA and the Organising Committees of EUSA events, and with the support from the International University Sports Federation (FISU), EUSA is able to offer young people from all over Europe a unique opportunity to participate as part of the organisation of EUSA events as international volunteers.

International volunteers have a chance to be present at the European Universities Championships and the European Universities Games, assisting the local organising teams and the local volunteers. The main aim of the volunteer programme is to give students and young people 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

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 in 2022 and 2023, to help us carry out the European Universities Games Lodz 2022 and the season of the European Universities Championships in 2023 (registration to open in December 2022).







### **EUSA EXHIBITION**

EUSA initially launched an exhibition on university sport in Europe in 2014. The exhibition is supported by the International University Sport Federation (FISU), and by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, providing an overview of the development of university sport, with a special focus on European context.

After 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.

Since its reveal in 2014, the exhibition travelled extensively around Europe, visiting Austria,

Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and Switzerland. The exhibition has also been on display during various FISU events including the Universiades and General Assemblies.

In the past season, the exhibition rested a bit due to the pandemic, but was again displayed at the EUSA General Assembly in Budapest in September 2021.

The exhibition has been part at each edition of the European Universities Games since 2014, and the upcoming 2022 edition

of the Games in Lodz will be no exception. All participants, visitors and guests will be able to view it for the duration of the event.

As a travelling exhibition, it 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.



# EUSA CLUB OF DONORS – SOLIDARITY FUND

In order to allow us to continuously support our activities and programs on the one hand and our members from developing countries on the other, we need to raise additional funds. That is why we decided to establish the Club of Donors.

The general aim of the Club of Donors is to support dedicated projects enabling further development of University Sport in Europe. In 2022, the fund is dedicated to the support of Ukrainian national university sports association, their universities and students.

With this goal in mind, we kindly ask all friends of the university sport movement to join us!

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. All donations in the current year will be used for the Solidarity Fund for Ukraine.

The Club of Donors contributes to our development fund which over the last decade has made over 100.000 EUR of funding available, annually supporting five to ten members. In 2022, the fund is dedicated exclusively to support Sports Students' Union of Ukraine, the Ukrainian universities and students.

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



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## **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.

The 2021 Awards, as well as the awards for the previous

season for those present, were presented at the EUSA General Assembly in September in Budapest on September 11.

### 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

### 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.

### **2021 AWARDS**

### Order of Merit

Mr Jean-Francois Sautereau (FRA)

### **Honorary Members**

Mr Kemal Tamer (TUR)

Mr Ceslovas Garbaliauskas





















# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNIVERSITY SPORT (IDUS)

The International Day of University Sport (IDUS) was celebrated throughout Europe at several events with active participation of the EUSA Staff, event participants as well as 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 and the #LetsIDUS campaign are commemorated around the world on September 20. In Europe many of the IDUS celebrations are also linked to the European Week of Sport (EWOS), which takes place between September 23-30. Despite the official dates, activities and events span across September and October.

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, among them several EUSA member associations who organised an array of events to promote healthy and active living.

EUSA, in cooperation with local hosts organised two educational events in September: the EUSA-FISU Strategic Dialogue in Budapest, Hungary, and the EUSA-EUG2022 Convention in Lodz. Poland. Apart of the educational events, the 2021 edition of IDUS and EWOS were celebrated by organising and participating in sports activities, including #LetsI-DUS #BeActive morning runs and sport climbing. EUSA joined the #HealthyLifestyle4All initiative and its office staff were present at the Opening of the European Week of Sport in Slovenia, and had an active afternoon in Liubljana, with a city walk and doing the SLOfit physical health battery testing at the Faculty of Sport at the University of Ljubljana.

Several activities were also organised throughout Europe,

### Albania



Albanian Federation of University Sport (FSHSU) Volunteering Academy students and representatives of Fan Noli University went for a hike together. A conference followed the sports event.

### Armenia



On September 20, an event dedicated to the IDUS2021 took place in the sports hall of Yerevan State University. 100 students from 10 universities participated in sport climbing and tug of war tournaments.

### Austria



Various sporting events took place in Austria, including local academic Tennis Championship in Klagenfurt, University Runs in Graz and Salzburg, and celebration of the annual Sports Day 2021 jointly by Unisport Austria and the University Sports Institute of the University of Vienna.

### **Belarus**



Various sports and mass events were held in the higher education institutions, highlight being the 1st Youth Festival, organised by the Ministry of Education together with the Belarusian Association of University Sports and Republican Center of Physical Education and Sports for Pupils and Students.

### **Belgium**



Along with an online promotion, IDUS2021 was celebrated on the occasion of the cycling UCI World Championships that took place in the Flanders region between 19 and 26 September. Around 250 students were active on this event from different university colleges.

### Croatia

Sports and educational activities were organized across Croatia, with EU-Conexus University Games in Zadar; a hike in Rijeka, followed by relaxation and stretching workshops, futsal match and outdoor fitness in Osijek; 3x3 basketball, futsal and chess events in Zagreb, rowing regatta in Split, and other activities.

### Czech Republic



IDUS and EWOS 2021 was promoted during two events in Prague with conferences and workshops during the University Sports EXPO focusing on university students' dual career. A tennis tournament was also organized for students and teachers. In total, around 270 participants took part in these events.

### Estonia



From 17 to 26 September, Estonian Academic Sports Federation (EASL) coordinated IDUS2021 celebrations with more than 1000 participants from 14 universities all over Estonia, offering trainings, lectures about nutrition and university sports, relay races, bike trips and other smaller competitions.

### France



The French University Sports Federation (FFSU) celebrated in several regions with various sports activities, conferences and workshops gathering in total more than 5000 participants and 200 universities and high schools with several sports.

### Hungary



Students of the Hungarian Academy of Volunteer Leaders helped their university and national sports federation to organize university sports events. Budapest University of Technology and Economics held a day exclusively focusing on sports. During a 3 days festival, over 20 sport competitions took place.

### Germany

The German University Sports Federation (ADH) hosted a run, gathering 988 competitors – making as many kilometres and metres of climbing within one hour. The Hessian University of Applied Sciences for Police and Administration came out on top as the 380 runners covered an impressive total of 3,074.42 kilometres and 24,258 metres of climbing.

### Italy



Several sport activities involving hundreds of participants were organized at territorial level with the cooperation of University Sport Centres (CUS). The Education Program for Sport Instructors for disability people entered its final part and the Research on Dual Career of student athletes in Italian Universities was presented to the Italian Government.

### Kosovo

Kosovo University Sports Federation organized a successful outdoor sportive event with most of the country's universities participating. Students enjoyed 3x3 street basketball games, gymnastics and other sport activities, all in good ambiance with a DJ managing the music.

### Montenegro



Students Sports Association of Montenegro prepared promotional and sports activities from September 26 to October 9. In total, two hikes, a Student Cross Country, kayaking, a futsal cup and tennis tournament with participation from all Montenegrin universities were organized.

### North Macedonia

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, a FISU Student ambassador conducted an event dedicated to IDUS2021. Students attended am online zoom session during which they learned more about IDUS, talked about the importance of sport and its positive impact on health, followed by a home workout.

### Norway



The celebrations went online with a massive digital promotion of the IDUS2021. The Norwegian Association of University Sports and Student Clubs posted content on social media and encouraged students and clubs to share their sport activities.

### **Poland**



IDUS2021 has been celebrated in Poland by many, including EUGenio, the official mascot of the European Universities Games in Lodz. EUGenio visited various locations in Lodz to promote University sport and the Games next year. An event has been promoted online with the tasks and challenges for the mascot.

### **Portugal**



The Portuguese Academic Federation of University Sport (FADU) had two main activities to celebrate the IDUS and the European Sports Week: a padel tournament and a frisbee experimentation session in Aveiro. A guided visit to the Student-Athlete's House, the new space of FADU in Aveiro was also organised.

### **Russian Federation**



Hundreds of events were held across the Russian Federation: sports festivals, competitions, multi-sports demonstrations, challenges, contests, educational and cultural events. More than 55000 participants and 557 universities took part in the IDUS events in more than 50 regions.

### Slovakia

Main activities were focused on promotion through social media, with a special competition held on Instagram. Stories and post related to the International Day of University Sport and European Week of Sport invited students and faculty staff to engage in activities.

### Slovenia



In Slovenia, apart from the activities of the EUSA office, several other university sports events were held throughout September and October, marking also the start of the new academic year. Among them were conference on dual career in Ljubljana, the night steps run in Maribor and free sports activities in Slovenian university sports centers.

### Sweden



There were lots of different activities all around the country, inviting students to try sports. While some events proposed beach volleyball matches and slackline practice, cleaning up the local woods around rowing club houses was held in Uppsala.

### Switzerland



In Switzerland the attention was given on the promotion of the Winter Universiade which was planend to be held in Lucerne in December. Among other activities, Water Relay was held also in Switzerland.

### Turkey

IDUS and EWOS have been celebrated between 20-30 September with social media activities like COLOUR OF IDUS by the students. Students and universities who celebrated the activities, shared them on their social media accounts.

### Ukraine



Various sporting events were held throughout Ukraine. Vinnytsia was the center of the events, hosting the General Meeting of the Sports Student Union of Ukraine and sports events, including basketball, field hockey, boxing, table tennis, hand-to-hand combat, badminton, rhythmic gymnastics, karate, weightlifting, mini-football, bowling, volleyball, etc.

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# EUROPEAN WEEK OF SPORT

The European Commission and the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union launched the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Week of Sport in the cities of Ljubljana and Bled on September 23, also launching the new HealthyLifestyle4All initiative.

The launch was done in two parts. In the morning, more than 30 different sports were demonstrated at the sports day in the Tivoli park in Ljubljana, giving an encouraging signal for the many activities that are taking place during the European Week of Sport across Europe between September 23 and 30.

Slovenian Minister of Education, Science and Sport Ms Simona Kustec, and the European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, Youth and Sport Ms Mariya Gabriel, together with representatives of the Olympic Committee and the City of Ljubljana symbolically launched the festivities.

The Sports Day in Ljubljana was attended by over 1000 people, putting emphasis on intergenerational cooperation. EUSA representatives Mr Matjaz Pecovnik and Mr Andrej Pisl took the opportunity and present the EUSA anniversary

book to the EU Commissioner Ms Gabriel and Slovenian Minister Ms Kustec.

The second part was held in Bled, where the seminar dedicated to the Launch of the HealthyLifestyle4All initiative was held. Key stakeholders, including the European Olympic Committees, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), European sport governing bodies, national coordinators and partners were present at the event. The seminar was followed by the







official opening of the 2021
European Week of Sport at the
Lake Bled, followed by the Gala
dinner. At the ceremonial event
in Bled, in presence of high
officials, partners and selected
guests, including the Prime
Minister of Slovenia Mr Janez
Jansa, the EU Commissioner
Gabriel also officially opened
this year's edition of the
European Week of Sport.

The goal of the European Week of Sport, which runs under the #BeActive slogan, is to encourage all people to engage in physical activity not only during the Week of Sport, but throughout the year. This is an extremely important priority in the EU, as sport and physical activity are important for maintaining and enhancing

health and contribute to active and healthy ageing.

Commissioner Gabriel launched a new pledge, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and promote the role of lifelong physical activity the #HealthyLifestyle4All campaign. Joining the initiative requires the set up of a specific activity, project and content. Amongst the first organisations to join the initiative is also the European University Sports Association (EUSA), and was signed on its behalf by Mr Matjaz Pecovnik, Secretary General.

EUSA also celebrated the European Week of Sport at the EUSA Convention in Lodz, with educational programme, as well as sports activities. Elsewhere in Europe, EUSA members, with universities and youth initiatives, celebrated the European Week of Sport hand-in-hand with the International Day of University Sport and the #LetsIDUS campaign (see previous chapter for details).

For more information about the European Week of Sport, #BeActive campaign and the #HealthyLifestyle4All pledge, please see https://sport. ec.europa.eu.









#### HEALTHY LIFESTYLE FOR ALL

As a follow-up to the Tartu Call for a Healthy Lifestyle, the HealthyLifestyle4All is the European Commission's campaign that aims to link sport and active lifestyles with health, food and other policies.

The Tartu Call for a Healthy Lifestyle was launched at the opening of the European Week of Sport in 2017 in Tartu, Estonia. Commissioners Navracsics, Andriukaitis and Hogan signed the Tartu Call warning against childhood obesity, unhealthy diets or physical inactivity. It contains 15 commitments bringing together work in a range of fields, such as sport, food, health, innovation and research, to promote healthy lifestyles. The Tartu Call sent a strong signal on the importance of healthy lifestyles, and invited EU Member States and civil society to contribute.

Commissioner Mariya Gabriel officially launched the HealthyLifestyle4All campaign at the European Week of Sport in 2021 in Bled, Slovenia, in presence of the major European and international sport

organisations and national sport authorities.

On that special occasion, Commissioner Gabriel invited sport organisations, civil society, international, national, regional, and local authorities, to join in the co-creation of the initiative to promote healthy lifestyles amongst generations and across social groups.

This new follow up project, HealthyLifestyle4All showcases the European Commission's commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles for all, across generations and social groups, noting that everyone can benefit from activities that improve health and well-being.

With the goal to promote a broad outreach, uptake, and ownership of healthy lifestyles across society, the European Commission wished to involve sport movements at national, European and international level; state authorities (ministries), cities & regions (local governments) and civil society organisations of the EU Member States, the Erasmus+programme countries, the Eastern Partnership and Western Balkans countries.

The main features of the HealthyLifestyles4All initiative are consisted of three pillars

- 1. Increased awareness of a healthy lifestyle across all generations
- Easier access to sport, physical activity, and healthy diets, with special focus on inclusion and non-discrimination to reach disadvantaged groups

3. Teaming up for a holistic approach to food, health, well-being, and sport

The European University Sports Association (EUSA) is one of the first pledge signatories, and is - in cooperation with the EUSA Institute, EUSA members and partners - promoting the importance and benefits of healthy lifestyle, including physical activity and sport, health and well-being, food and nutrition through promotion and campaign via our channels, targeting our members and partners, participants of our sports and educational events, as well as the general public.



PLEASE SEE

sport.ec.europa.eu/initiatives/ healthylifestyle4all for more information

# SUPPORTING MOBILITY AND GOOD PRACTICE EXCHANGE IN UNIVERSITY SPORT

The project Supporting Mobility and Good Practice Exchange in University Sport (UNISPORT) supports learning mobility and exchanges while promoting the international dimension of sport, targeting management of university sport in general, as well as organisation of sports events on national and international/European level.

The project links EUSA Institute as the applicant, national university sports bodies and universities in three countries – organisers of the European Universities Games – Portugal, Serbia and Poland, 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 aimed to strengthen the competences and qualifications of the partners and their staff, develop international cooperation, encourage similar exchanges within our networks and contribute towards European network of skilled sport staff.

In addition, the project included modern technologies as powerful innovative tools

for collaboration, knowledge sharing and management.

The outcomes have been presented at educational and sports events, and as guidelines available to sport event organisers, benefiting university sport bodies and the sports movement in general.

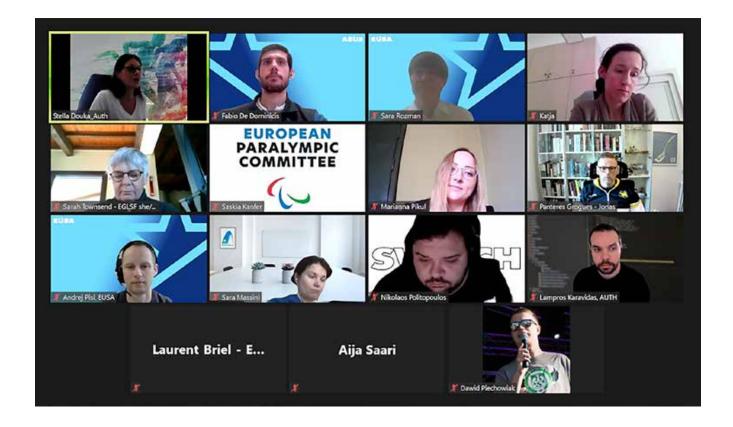
The project is supported by the European Union through the preparatory actions call Exchanges and mobility in sport.











#### **INCLUSION IN SPORT**

Inclusion in Sport (iSPORT) project promotes diversity and social inclusion in sport by enhancing the sporting experience of all participants – athletes and volunteers, especially targeting women, LGBTIQ+ and people with disabilities, while promoting equal opportunities and awareness of the importance of health-enhancing physical activity through increased participation in, and equal access to, sport for all.





The project started in 2021 and will conclude in 2023 and its main goal is to increase participation of the target groups in sport competitions and tournaments. It also aims to offer the experience of shared sporting experiences and the opportunity to learn about the uniqueness of each other.

Within the project, educational resources will be made available, through online

educational modules and guidelines, as well as through a scenario-based interaction by the users.

The project consortium consists of eight partners from eight countries, led by the EUSA Institute (SLO). Project partners include: European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (SWE), European Paralympic Committee (AUT), European Gay and Lesbian Sport

Federation (NED), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (GRE), Finnish Paralympic Committee (FIN), University Sports Association of Poland (POL) and Panteres Grogues Sports Club (ESP).



## 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 main aim of PRODUCE was to create an educational peer to peer network among young journalists in Europe while simultaneously providing guidelines for active learning and giving non-formal knowledge to budding reporters through practical experience at various European Universities Championships.

The two-year project, whose activities were restricted due to the current global pandemic, was extended to the end of 2021, allowing the goals of the initiative to be reached.

While reporters were set to gain experience and training at the European Universities Games in Belgrade in the summer of 2021, the cancellation of this event had seen reporters gain

experience at various events in the partners' own countries, with an online training workshop organised for all participants to mutually benefit.

PRODUCE project partners together with partners of the United Forces to Support the Education of University Sport Community (Uni4S) project, met in November during Varsoviada, a sports event in Warsaw. The event recorded over 500 participants this year and it served as a learning opportunity also for project partners. Experiences gained have been very valuable and the outcomes will be shared in the resource materials which will be developed through the projects and will also be publicly available.

The project's final conference took place in Zagreb in November 2021. The project's aims, activities, expectations and plans for the future were presented. On this conference were highlighted the main successes and challenges of the project and its importance to the partners.

The transnational project included the following partners: EUSA Institute (SLO) as the lead, with AZS Sport club Poznan (POL); SportIndeks (SRB); KK Hrvatski Dragovoljac (CRO); and AIPS Europe (MLT) as partners. The project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.















#### EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

The European University Sports Association, through its EUSA Institute, is an accredited organisation with a Quality Label for running European Solidarity Corps (ESC) activities in volunteering and solidarity projects, 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.

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. We usually host two international volunteers through these programmes, taking gender and geographical diversity into account.

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

In the fall of 2021, EUSA with its Institute welcomed two new international ESC volunteers into the office: Ms Anouk Renaud from France and for the very first time a volunteer from Russia, Ms Aleksandra Andreeva. The two volunteers are based in Ljubljana for a oneyear period and will assist where possible in various spheres of EUSA-related projects and other work. The progress of the volunteers is constantly monitored by a mentor, and they are given constant support and assistance 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 we only accept applications for volunteering in the EUSA Office during the announced calls. For short term volunteering opportunities, please see the FUSA 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.



## 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 to develop the GETZ toolkit comes from the continued prevalence of gender inequality in sport and the need to look at this issue from a different perspective, from the perspective of the next generation. Consortium partners recognised 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. The main focus of the project was 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.

On April 22, within the 2021 Women in Sport & Exercise (WISE) conference, entitled "Redressing the Balance", the GETZ gender equality was successfully held online. Over 600 participants from several countries registering for the WISE conference also had a chance to get an overview of the Gender Equality Toolkit for Generation Z – GETZ project, the resources developed within the project, the experiences gained by the partnership consortium, as well as get insights from keynote speakers and student representatives.

Having an international focus, the event aimed to bring together practitioners and academics from a range of disciplines to allow discussion and debate issues surrounding women's participation in sport, exercise and physical activity. The purpose of the conference is to raise awareness and address inequalities from both academic and practitioners point of view, as well as share areas of good practice.

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 EUSA Institute (SLO).

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













## EDUCATION MODEL FOR PARENTS OF ATHLETES

The Education Model for Parents of Athletes (EMPATIA) offers an on-line multilingual educational programme for parents of young and talented athletes involved in a dual career path.

The project that started in 2018 offers useful resource materials on its official website in English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Slovenian. The EMPATIA Educational website is open to all Parents and Guardians of talented, elite athletes-students who combine sport & education.

The educational programme is based on evidence-based knowledge on dual career parenting, and on eminence-based knowledge of parents' experiences, perceptions, opinions and needs in supporting athletes as students.

This dual career parenting education programme will help parents understand and manage their roles in dual career of athletes, and to lay the foundation for their proactive,

manageable and effective alliances with other relevant stakeholders, such as coaches and teachers.

In early 2021, workshops were organised in several European countries targeting parents and guardians of athletes. Partners then met in October in-person in Rome, with some partners attending also online, reviewing the main project outcomes and setting the final tasks before the project officially concluded at the end of November 2021.

Apart from the resources also academic research papers have been published, and the project has been presented and disseminated by project partners across Europe and beyond.

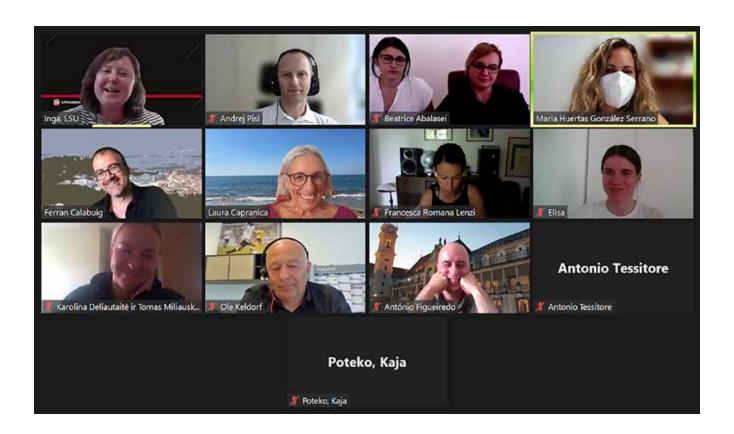
The University of Ljubljana coordinated this project and the consortium is composed of 10 partners, representing universities, institutes and sports bodies from four countries and two European networks: University of Rome Foro Italico (ITA), University of Limerick (IRL), University of Coimbra (POR), Institut National du Sport, de l'Expertise et de la Performance-INSEP (FRA), European Athlete as Student (EAS) Network (MLT), EUSA Institute (SLO), Italian National Olympic Committee-CONI (ITA), Sport Ireland Institute (IRL) and Ginásio Clube Figueirense (POR).

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









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

The project Media as a Channel of Athletes' Dual Careers Promotion and Education (EdMedia) promotes education in and through sport with special focus on skills development, as well as supporting the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Dual careers of Athletes.

The project, launched in 2019, focused on shaping a positive image of the Dual Career path for athletes and encouraging sports organizations to pursue the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes.

Project partners conducted an analysis of related scientific articles, athletes' dual career image formed by media, gap between practice and EU Guidelines on Dual Career of Athletes, as well as different models of implementation of athletes' dual career.

Based on the results of the analysis, recommendations for

the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Dual Carrier of Athletes and Strategy of raising awareness through media have been developed.

Ultimately, the project implemented an educational program using on-line platform for athletes and sport organizations.

Project partners met for an online meeting on September 6, reviewing the last steps before the end of the official project lifecycle and the co-funded part.

The project is led by the Lithuanian Sports University (LTU), partnering with the

European Athlete as Student Network (MLT), EUSA Institute (SLO), University of Rome Foro Italico (ITA), Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (ROU), University of Valencia (ESP), German Sport University Cologne (GER) and the University of Ljubljana (SLO).

The EdMedia project is cofunded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.









#### ATHLETES FRIENDLY EDUCATION

The 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 legacy of the project is to find the most effective way to improve athletes' education through an innovative educational approach, that can be implemented in Dual Career programmes in the EU framework and at national levels of the EU Member states.

The goal is to 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 created new instruments of cooperation and secured

sustainable partnerships between higher education institutions and businesses while establishing a list of educational programmes, at the EU level, with already developed mechanisms.

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.

The final AFE conference on dual career has been held on December 15, presenting the main outcomes of the Athletes Friendly Education project on evaluation system of Educational Institutions which support athletes during their sport career and education. Athletes Friendly Education Handbook – Award

for Educational Institutions supporting the Dual Career of Athletes, as well as the scientific publication Athletes Friendly Education are available for download at the official website, as well as in hard copies.

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

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















### HALTING HARASSMENT AND ABUSE IN SPORTS USING LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

The Halting Harassment and Abuse in Sports using learning Technologies (HALT) is a three-year project launched in 2019 focusing on raising awareness of best practices in preventing violence, harassment, discrimination, intolerance and racism in sports.

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 by developing e-learning material.

The new learning technologies and tools are accessible through the online platform: digital game, movie, whistleblowing service and online community of practice where all of the above tools are available, along with informative materials. HALT project offers several interactive resources, which have now been enriched also with an app for mobile devices.

As a partner of the HALT project, the EUSA Institute, supported by the City of Ljubljana, hosted an informative workshop on May 26 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The participants discussed several aspects of harassment and abuse in sport, including psychological violence and emotional abuse, sexual harassment, violence and neglect, with specific focus on the situation in Slovenia.

The final conference on stopping harassment and abuse in sport was held in Madrid on December 17, as one of the last activities of the HALT project. The event started with a presentation of the project and its resources. A very interesting panel debate was the focal point of the event, having a futsal player / survivor of sexual harassment and abuse, director of women and sport programme, NGO communications specialist and a psychologist. Jose Manuel Franco, State Secretary of Sport and President of the Spanish High Sports Council closed

the conference, thanking the speakers and HALT partners for their work in this field.

The Serious Game with role-play capabilities has been developed using realistic scenarios in order to engage users, mainly young athletes, in critical situations which will help them to be aware towards harassment and abuse in sport.

Whistle-blowing service set up so users may anonymously report danger, risk, malpractice or wrongdoing in sports, which affects themselves or others. After submission, users are referred to possible services that include professionals in their country with whom they should talk about their experiences.

Everyone is also invited to join the community of practice

platform, where additional resources are available, and the platform can also be used to share tips and discussions on the topic.

The project is coordinated by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (GRE), partnering with the 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).

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





#### 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.





Affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, the partners adjusted their activities, extending the period of the 2-year project (started in January 2019) to end of June 2021.

During the last period of time, the partners focused on grassroot sports and offering educational activities.

The general objective of the project is to combat doping especially in tennis recreational environments through the establishment of a transnational network and creation of engaging, deterring, and detecting educational programmes and innovative open resource online educational courses, leading to the development of an Ethical Code.

Results from the project are disseminated through multiplier sport events, as well as through the project's interactive webbased platform.

Match Point is coordinated by the Bulgarian Tennis Federation (BUL), partnering with the Polish Tennis Federation (POL) and Romanian Tennis Federation (ROU) as tennis governing bodies, having University of Vienna and Austrian institute for Sport Medicine (AUT) as research partners and EUSA Institute (SLO) as European Non-Governmental organisation.

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



PLEASE SEE www.eusa.eu/projects/matchpoint

for more information





## INNOVATING FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP THROUGH PRACTICE AND POLICY (IFLIPP)

The Innovating Football Leadership through Practice and Policy 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 plan at National and European levels.

The three-year project started in 2020. It aims to 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.

During online meetings, partners discussed the training pack together and debated on what specific topics should be included in the material produced, as well as the way how the material will be presented according to the different target groups.

The EUSA Institute, organised an insightful workshop as part of the project in June 2021. The one-day event gathered participants from football clubs, sports organisations and institutions, and focused on the experiences of women in leadership positions in the sports sector. Participants dismantled gender stereotypes based on two case studies before hearing the stories of two inspiring women who shared their experiences in football. The final session of the day encouraged participants to identify and address strategies and skills that are important for women in leadership positions in sport organisations.

Education content and trainings will be held in 2022, finishing with a final conference, where the project main outcomes and resources will also be shared.

The project is led by the Fare Network (NED), with six partner organisations including 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. The partners welcomed a new project partner Hawar help, who replaced DiscoverFootball (GER).

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











## BRAND VALUE ALIGNMENT THROUGH DUAL CAREER

The objective of the Brand Value Alignment through Dual Career (BRAVA) 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.

The primary focus of the project is to encourage corporate managers and private companies to recognise the employability of Dual Career athletes and coaches while putting the spotlights on the challenges encountered by them.

The 3-year project aims to structure an evidence knowledge based on dual career employee athletes and to define and enable new European guidelines, which support dual career in the workplace and which facilitate appropriate brand alignment strategies and Corporate Social Responsibility policies. The project will produce publications, guidelines and strategies on working experiences, perceptions, opinions and needs of dual career employee-athletes and coaches, with brand

alignment and corporate social responsibilities.

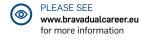
The project partners of the BRAVA project met online for the official kick-off meeting on March 3, 2021, while some activities started already earlier on. Partners met once more online in September to exchange ideas, present the work done and the steps to come with a focus on the selection of the workshops' participants: former/ current athletes, coaches and corporate managers. The future participants - from Denmark, Italy, Ireland, Serbia, Slovenia and Belgium – will have the chance to give their opinion during national focus groups (online or in person) and online concept mapping. The scientific community is also an important voice in this project and the researchers will be vital in enriching the data in this field.

Partners of this transnational project include University of Limerick (IRL – project coordinator), European Platform for Sports and Innovation (BEL), Roma Tre University (ITA), Faculty of Sport and Physical Education University of Nis (SRB), University of Ljubljana (SLO), European Athlete as Student (MLT), Fondazione Human Age Institute (ITA) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).

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







#### **GREEN SPORTS HUB EUROPE**

Making the sport sector more sustainable is the main idea behind the Green Sports Hub Europe (GSHE) project which officially launched in 2021.







The three-year project aims to test the potential of the sports sector as a high-profile & news agenda-driving industry, to be a channel for the societal change needed to make the European Green Deal a reality by focusing on good governance so that leaders have the knowledge and skills to place environmental sustainability at the heart of their strategy.

The project works as a support system for organisations to share knowledge and best practices, so that they can learn from each other and develop. Making use of experts, listening to the needs of the sector and equipping sports organisations and their events with the necessary tools, project partners will look to translate existing standards on environmental sustainability into concrete action, while aiming for the GSHE approach and tools to become a central component of sports organisation good governance.

The initiative spans beyond the initial project partners, so sports organisations, NGOs, academia,

experts, events organisers, environmental movements, youth and fans are welcome to join the partnership of stakeholders, under the slogan We Play to Renew.

From July to the end of September 2021, a survey on existing barriers in sport and sustainability was launched which aimed to gather firsthand information about sport and sustainability from people and structures directly involved in the sport sector. The survey has been designed to generate new knowledge and highlight existing barriers and issues encountered by structures and actors in the sport industry. The information gathered was used to create supporting tools for the sport structures whilst drafting recommendations to advocate policy makers and governing bodies for a greater support towards sustainable sport practice.

In October, the European Volleyball Confederation (CEV) hosted a hybrid project meeting, in-person at their headquarters in Luxembourg, also with online participation of some partners. The two-day meeting started with a group discussion on the values and meaning of the project for the partners, fine-tuning the purpose and the target audience for the tools under development.

The project is coordinated by Surfrider Foundation Europe (FRA), with project partners including Association of Cities and Regions for the Sustainable Management of Resources (BEL), Sports Confederation of Portugal (POR), UKActive (GBR), Green Cycling Norway (NOR), Olympic Committee of Slovenia (SLO), European Volleyball Confederation (LUX), Rugby Europe (FRA), European Athletics Association (SUI) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).

Green Sports Hub Europe also supports the EUSA Green Policy which has been recently adopted by the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and sets a more strategic sustainable policy for the organisation.

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





#### WORK FOR A CAUSE, SERVE FOR SPORT

The goal of the project Work for a Cause, Serve for Sport (W4C-S4S) is to educate and equip volunteers for participating in the organisation of national and international sporting events, also to equip volunteers for assisting people with disabilities in sporting events thus fostering social inclusion, equal opportunities in sport.

The project started in January 2020 and will be running until December 2022. The W4C-S4S project also aims to promote volunteering in a specifically sporting context, to facilitate accessibility of volunteer services for organizers of sport events by developing an international Sports Volunteer Application and to strengthen the capacity of organizers of sports events for recruitment of volunteers and on volunteer management.

Sports and the physical activity sector relies heavily on volunteers to ensure that activities and events take place and are enjoyed. Being a volunteer enables individuals to be part of the environment and benefit without necessarily taking part in an activity. For providers, having

a diverse volunteer workforce of different ages, ethnicities and impairments ensures a wider range of experience and knowledge.

The EUSA Institute's past experience in working with numerous volunteers across several sporting events will be most useful in the project, which will look to collect data and conduct surveys with volunteers on their experiences, before creating modules to assist both volunteers and volunteer trainers in future.

On March 30 partners of the project, including the EUSA Institute, met online to officially kick off the two-year initiative. The meeting allowed all partners to virtually meet and introduce themselves to each other, before the project's aims, objectives, outcomes and activities were presented in depth by the project coordinators.

Led by the City of Zagreb, partners of the project met online on October 5, also symbolically marking 2 months to go until the International Volunteer Day, celebrated annually on December 5. On November 5, as part of the transnational project Work for a Cause, Serve for Sport (W4C-S4S), an international survey on volunteering was launched, symbolically marking a month to go until the International Volunteer Day, celebrated annually on December 5.

The project coordinator is the City of Zagreb with five project partners: the Municipality of Almussafes (ESP), Society for

the Development of Voluntary Work Novo Mesto (SLO), Institute for Social Innovation and Cohesion (GRE), GEA – Social Cooperative Society (ITA) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).

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











#### MICRO LEARNING ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR ATHLETES

The Micro Learning Entrepreneurship for Athletes (MLEA) project addresses the collaborative partnership priority to promote education in and through sport with special focus on skills development, as well as support the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes.

The project is developing a tailor-made, modular curriculum on entrepreneurship for athletes and former athletes. All the curriculum's modules will be delivered by academic experts and they will be recorded. Educational material will follow the micro-learning approach to help athletes make most of their time and achieve their educational goals. MLEA will integrate gamification elements to increase athlete's engagement and will enable online microlearning ondemand by offering bite-sized, small learning units with the necessary amount of information to help athletes achieve their goals. The project is extremely important for all professional athletes and focuses on the development

of their Dual Careers and time management.

On February 10, the initiative was officially kicked off by project partners via online meeting.

Partners of the MLEA consortium met for a live meeting on September 27 and 28 in Croatia, defining the survey which will be used to finalise the entrepreneurship courses, targeting especially talented and elite athletes.

Educational partners also drafted the planned online modules and will finalise them after receiving valuable feedback from the talented and elite athletes. The course will then be further promoted by the national Olympic Committees

and the EUSA Institute, reaching students and athletes in partner countries and wider.

The project looks to address a glaring gap in entrepreneurial education for athletes (in partners' countries and EU level in general) that is adequate for athletes dealing with contemporary issues such as balancing sports and education/employment career.

The project is coordinated by Zagreb School of Economics and Management (CRO), with project partners including Croatian Olympic Committee (CRO), Stiftelsen Stockholm School of Economics Institute for Research (SWE), WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management (GER), Olympic

Committee of Bosnia (BOS), Olympic Committee of Serbia (SRB), Olympic Committee of Slovenia (SLO) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).

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









## PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY IN SPORTS

The PROmoting GendeR Equality in Sports (PROGRES) 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.





The two year-project officially got underway in 2021 during the online kick-off meeting partners of the project. Over the course of the project duration, partners will look to analyse the gender gap within European football federations and associations; collect good practices of gender mainstreaming in sports organisations, develop tools for the improvement of gender mainstreaming in the governance of football federations and associations and create awareness-raising campaigns about gender mainstreaming, targeting sports stakeholders in particular.

All partners met online in October to work on the promotion of gender equality and equal opportunities in sport and on the dissemination of the project.

The project is led by the Malta Football Association, with the support of partners Centrul FILIA (ROM), TREK (GRE), University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (ITA), Norwegian Football Federation (NOR), Football Federation of Macedonia Skopje (MKD) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).

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



## 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 primarily to improve experience for gay, lesbian, 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.

Moreover, the project aims to create an inclusive environment that welcomes and shows young people that sport offers them a safe place. By training the educators, RYSE takes a preventative approach and hopes that LGBTIQ+ young people are increasingly less likely to become disengaged from sport in the first instance.

The project started by taking a co-produced approach where

young people outline what they expect from an inclusive and non-discriminatory sports environment to create a Rainbow Sports charter. The project then went on to train youth sports educators in how to create such an environment. In both aspects, the project worked across different youth sports settings, targeting both formal and non-formal education settings.

The project partners met online on July 7, making sure that the extended project period will also reflect the agreed modifications, providing safe space in sport for LGBTIQ youth. The project partners prepared a charter for inclusive sport, an educational toolkit with supporting video material.

As these materials were on the verge to be finished, a hybrid final seminar has been held in Zagreb on December 4. Different ways to create a more inclusive environment in sport and difficulties encountered by the LGBTIQ+ community were discussed by the speakers, the organizations such as a National Olympic Committee and online media, from both an academic and young people point of views.

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 Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.







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## (UNI)TED FORCES TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF (UNI) VERSITY SPORT COMM(UNI)TY

The (Uni)ted forces to support the education of (Uni)versity sport comm(Uni)ty – (Uni4s) project started in March 2021 and will go on for 2 years. It focuses on promoting education in and through sport with special focus on skills development in university sport.

The project aims to create educational opportunities for university sport bodies. Partners' experiences and recommendations will be made available towards the end of the project in an online publication, freely available to download and share. The project seems to be gaining in importance, as the need to create conditions for skills development of participants in the area of organising university sport events grows each day.

First phase of the project revolves around meetings and discussion over particular topics.

The outcomes of those meetings will be put together

and will create the final product of the project – a guidebook.

Second phase of the Uni4S project in 2022 will be dedicated to evaluation of the guidebook, gathering feedback through a series of activities, and finalizing the ultimate version of the guidebook. That material will be translated into Dutch and Polish language.

A first live meeting took place in Lodz in September and was focused on two main topics: Volunteering and the organisation of international university sport events.

A second live meeting was held in Warsaw in November during Varsoviada, a sports event for first-year students. This meeting was also attended by the partners of the PROmoting DUal Career through Education of young journalists (PRODUCE) project. The event recorded over 500 participants and it served as a learning opportunity also for project partners.

The topics of the meeting were university sport events and communication. Experiences gained have been very valuable and the outcomes will be shared in the resource materials which will be developed through the projects and will be publicly available.

The project is led by the University Sports Association of Poland, working with another national university sport body Studentensport Netherlands and a local organisation University Sports Association Warsaw, as well as the EUSA Institute.

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



Uni4S



# BE(ACH) VOLUNTEER, BE(ACH) FAIR

The main idea of the project is to facilitate in exchanging knowledge about volunteering systems and to improve the volunteer's policies by using the benefits of beach handball – fair play being a main sport's rule – as a model during the organisation of sport events.

The ultimate goal of the project is to set the guidelines related to volunteers' management that could be useful for future sport events, particularly in Beach Handball competitions.

Partners of the Vol Fair project met on June 22 for an online kick-off meeting. The meeting was attended on behalf of EUSA and its Institute by the Sports Manager Mr Miha Zvan, Technical Delegate for Beach Handball Ms Jelena Eric and Communications & Projects Manager Mr Andrej Pisl.

The next meeting is foreseen to be a live one, during the Camelot Beach Tournament in Tilburg (NED) in the beginning of August.

Funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, the project will run for a period of two years. VOLFAIR is led by the Beach Handball Club Zagreb (CRO) and partnering with the University Sports Association of Poland (POL), Camelot Beach Handball Tournament (NED) and the EUSA Institute (SLO).











## **NEW PROJECTS**

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) announced the selection results of the 2021 Erasmus+ Sport – Call for proposals in February; the Cooperation partnerships, Small scale cooperation partnerships and Not-For-Profit European Sport Events. EUSA is proud and happy to announce that a project with the EUSA Institute as a partner, and our flagship event have been selected for funding from the European Union.

European University Sports Association (EUSA) with its EUSA Institute will take part in the "Future volunteers – Key to success is Generation Z: K2S – GENZ" project, focusing on volunteering and skills development. In addition, the project Lodz, we can – EUGames 2022 (EUGames) was selected for funding as the not-for-profit sport event.

Besides the EUSA Institute, in this small-scale cooperation partnership project there are two other partnering organizations, Sports Club of Miskolc University (MEAFC) and Hungarian University Sports Federation (HUSF/MEFS) from Hungary. The project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

Members of the partnership are committed to the development of the university sports movement and the core values of this community. Long-term goals include encouraging the active participation of young people, promoting the values of volunteering as a valuable job experience as well as learning through practice. This project will study the requirements in the field of volunteering, especially taking

the characteristics and needs of Generation Z, gathering feedback from stakeholders and producing strategically thoughtful professional materials. The projects duration is 12 months from April 2022 until March 2023.

EUSA Institute will also be taking part in the project Young Integrity Ambassadors Program: YIAP, supported by Erasmus+ programme in the field of youth, focusing on volunteering and good governance. The project is foreseen to start in June 2022.

The projects are co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of

the European Union. We are proud to take part in projects like this and to be able to continue our active contribution to the development of university sport and sport in general on the European level, also with the support of the European Union through the Erasmus+programme.





#### **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, organizing 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 organizational tasks aimed at providing education in sports at university level, working closely with EUSA while also partnering with other organizations.

The organization was established for the purposes of developing university sports, organizing 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 and goals, the Institute collaborates with individuals, interested groups, civil society, nongovernmental organizations 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.







# UNIVERSITY SPORT IN EUROPE AND BEYOND The development of university sport is a long-term task that requires solid strategy and cooperation on a global level. Through collaboration with FISU and other organisations, devoted to university sports, we strive to continue the growth of university sport worldwide. 60 / 61



#### **EUSA MEMBERS**

As an umbrella organization, EUSA is comprised of 47 national university sports associations (NUSA) in Europe, governing sport in higher education. The members serve on local, regional, national, European and international levels. The mission of the EUSA member associations is to improve the conditions of the student-athletes within their countries on several levels, encouraging and enabling them to actively pursue their university studies as well as engagement in sports.

#### **Electoral Assemblies**

A General Assembly was held online on 4<sup>th</sup> February, during which new French University Sport Federatin (FFSU), President Cédric Terret was elected. He will lead the new board composed of 24 elected members for the period from 2021 to 2024. In this elective General Assembly except a new president, a new Federal Steering Committee, composed of 24 elected members including 10 women and three

ex-officio members was elected for the following 2021-2024 mandate.

During the annual general meeting held online on February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Student Sport Ireland awarded honorary membership to Joanne Wylde (nee O'Halloran), Paddy Gallagher (Paddy and Noel Collins (Cork IT).

This ellection was followed up with the ellection of Matthew Dossett, Deputy Head of Sport

in Trinity College Dublin, as the new Student Sport Ireland President and with UCD PhD student Catherine Mahony reelected as Vice President.

The Turkish Federation's 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly and 7<sup>th</sup> Financial General Assembly were held on November 5 in Ankara, where Prof. Dr. Mehmet Günay, got a second ellection, this time as the president of the federation.

Swiss University Sports held its General Assembly online in April. Five new board members have been elected to succeed former members who resigned. The association also welcomed a new sport performance director and elite sport and studies coordinator: Simone Righenzi.

The Council of ministers approved the appointment of Albert Soler as the new Director General of the Spanish National Sports Council (CSD), on May 4.









Essi Lumme, a student of biotechnology and chemical engineering at Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, was elected chairman of the Student Sports Association (OLL) for 2022. He is currently vice-president of the union.

In the Electoral Assembly of the University Sports Federation of Kosovo, held on March 9 in the premises of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports of the University of Pristine, it was voted unanimously that the leadership of FSUNK for the next four years, will be taken by prof. Diellza Kelmendi.

During this meeting, with all the pro votes, Flamur Hyseni was elected Vice President of the Federation, while as members of the Executive Board were elected: Musa Selimi, Muhamed Krasniqi, Perparim Avdullahu, Abedin Bahtiri, Afrim Selimi, Gani Ibrahimi and Abdyl Beqiri.

## University sport developement meetings

On February 18, the General Assembly of the Student Sports Union of Ukraine was held at the National University of Physical Education and Sports of Ukraine. Its participants summed up the work in 2020, paid attention to the discussion of the social project "Active Parks - Locations of Healthy Ukraine", the development of e-sports in higher education institutions, holding all-Ukrainian sports and sports events among students, participation in international sports events such as the European University Games and the World Summer and Winter Universiades in 2021.

In September, CUSI President Antonio Dima, FISU President Leonz Eder, and President of the Organizing Committee Alessandro Ciro Sciretti, signed the contract, officially confirming the assignment for the FISU World Winter University Games 2025 in Turin.

On November 18-19, 2021 EUSA Representatives Mr. Adam Roczek, President, Mr. Haris Pavletic, 1st Vice-President, Mr. Francis Cirianni, Treasurer and Mr. Matjaz Pecovnik, Secretary General visited Salerno, the Candidate City for the organization of the EUSA European Universities Games 2026.

As a part of the UniSport Finals, the national finals of university sports, the Regional Conference on University Sports was held in Split. Organized by the Croatian Academic Sports Federation, in cooperation with the European University Sports Association, participants from 12 European countries gathered to share their knowledge and expertise on university sports and talk about its future. The topics of the conference were current events in the world of university sports with a special focus on future projects.

A meeting of the Lithuanian Students' Sports Association Executive Committee was held on September 29 to discuss the 2021 Organization of Lithuanian student championships, the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> event of Lithuanian students, the organization of the Best Honor, an extended list of participants of the Winter University and current issues.







#### EUSA Members – Awards

On 30 October the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) and Football Association won FISU's 'Gender Equality Project' Award for their Women's Leadership Program. The project played a major role in increasing the quantity and quality of female talent in the leadership pipeline to support the FA in assuring a fit for future representative workforce.

The French University Sport Federation has been rewarded with the Trophy "Actors of Sport Management and Sport Economy, in the National Assembly for the organization of the U'RUNCHALLENGE, mobilizing around 13500 participants and 450 universities and schools.

On May 17, the Spanish University Sport Committee (CEDU) attaches the golden plaque of the royal order of sporting, merit to the first female team FC Barcelona Football in recognition of its freshly acquired title of Champions League for the first time in its history. The distinction took into account "merit and circumstances of the professional sports and of individuals and entities", and is the highest recognition that might be granted from CEDU to entities or institutions.

Austria was awarded the contract for the FISU World University Championship Sport Climbing Innsbruck 2022. For the WUC Sport Climbing in June 2022, 250 student athletes and the associated officials, trainers and supervisors from all over the world are expected in Innsbruck.

#### Gala Events

On November 26, in the Moscow Concert Hall "Academy", with the support of the Moscow Department of Sports, the annual "Stars of Student Sports" Ball was held – which is a solemn ceremony of awarding the best representatives of student sports and projects aimed at developing the student sports movement.

Many outstanding competitors, including medalists and even Olympic champions, met at the Academic Sports Gala, which took place on October 27 in Gdańsk. The host at the European Solidarity Center was AZS Gdańsk, which celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The gala

began with the celebration of the centenary of AZS Gdańsk. Many Olympic medalists from this club could be seen on the stage. Then, the most important partners of AZS were also honored, including the Ministry of Culture, National Heritage and Sports.

On May 27, the annual awards ceremony of the Croatian Academic Sports Federation was held for prominent individuals and teams in the academic year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 (last year's award was not held due to a pandemic). The event brought together a large number of officials from sports, political and social life, members of the community of Croatian and

international university sports, as well as laureates.

On January 11, the Athlete of the Year gala program announced who were the best athletes of 2020. The list included a large number of university athletes, whose successes have strengthened the raison d'être and the importance of university sports.

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#### Special Anniversaries

On the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Turkish federation, the "Bests of Sports" Gala night was organized on November 4 and the highest number of medals and plaques were presented to the universities that participated in the most activities in the domestic and European Championships between 1996-2021.













## INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (FISU)

As we come to grips with the global pandemic that is shaking our era, sporting events on all levels have taken a hit. From national tournaments to regional leagues as well as continental and international championships, all sectors of the sporting and events industry have suffered a strong blow.

The FISU World University Games are not only a way for student-athletes to aspire at being the best in their category and push themselves further, they are also a medium through which students can network, socialise, and exchange with people and cultures from all around the world. A place where

common goals and motivations reunite a section of the world's population into a similar direction.

Despite the challenges, FISU – with the help of its member associations and organising committees – has been able

to continue its work and adapt itself to the current situation.

Although 2021 has been tough on major international events, FISU has still been able to adapt and maintain some of its scheduled events. Despite the cancelation of the Lucerne 2021 Winter Universiade, Central







Switzerland was still able to host the Heads of Delegations meeting and has established its legacy projects that were left behind from the preparations of this winter edition of the FISU World University Games, that will continue to have a positive impact on the region and the country for years to come.

FISU also saw new FISU ambassadors join the ranks after another successful year for the FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy. International Day of University Sports (IDUS) held in September around the world broke yet again participation records with over 600 physical and virtual events held in 121

countries in all five continents, with a strong increase in social media activities compared with previous years.

The FISU Healthy Campus programme is also going forward as an increasing number of universities from around the world join into

the programme to encourage healthy living for university students and staff on campuses. This benchmark for mental and physical health in university campuses is set to become a global standard, with universities from 31 countries are now part of the programme,



following the programmes second year of existence.

You too can bring the FISU Healthy Campus Programme to your university by talking with your student's union and with the directorate of your university. Take part in the global benchmark for healthy campus living, to best create an environment that benefits staff and students. Check out the programme here: https://www.fisu.net/healthy-campus

All eyes are now on China, with the summer edition of the postponed Chengdu 2021 FISU

World University Games. The event, first re-scheduled to take place on 23 June to 7 July 2022, has been rescheduled again, postponed due to Covid-19 to 2023. The event will unite university students from all around the globe to share their experiences, knowledge, and culture with each other, while competing to be crowned the world's n°1 student-athlete in their respective sport disciplines.

For FISU, sport and education are at the core of the University Sport Movement, which is why we are also looking forward to

the Costa Rica 2022 FISU World Forum in December. This forum will focus on the theme of University Sport as a Driver for Sustainable Development. This will include discussions about health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, and the reduction of inequalities.

In addition, the hosts for the 2024 FISU World Forum has been selected, and we would like to congratulate Split, Croatia, for its impressive bid.

Finally, 2022 will see an actionpacked calendar of sports with the 2022 FISU World University Championships and University World Cups, check out our calendar on FISU.net for more information on the upcoming season.

Looking even further ahead, FISU has a strong line up for years to come. 2023 will see the FISU World University Games in Lake Placid and Chengdu. In addition, this year has seen a double attribution for two hosts of the Summer and Winter editions of the 2025 FISU World University Games given to the host region of Rhine-Ruhr (Germany) and the city of Torino (Italy), and the bidding process

to host the 2027 and 2029 FISU World University Games has opened with already two strong bids from Chungcheong Megacity (Republic of Korea) and North Carolina (USA) competing with each other to host the 2027 FISU World University Games.

The bidding process for the winter editions of the 2027 and

2029 FISU Games, as well as the summer edition of the 2029 FISU Games is still open for city candidates to submit their proposition.

We are living challenging times, where adaptation and innovation are key to the success of any enterprise, no matter the scale. But with challenges, come change and

opportunities, and FISU is aware of the opportunities heading its way, as well as the support and inspiration it can bring to its global university communities worldwide.











# ASIAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (AUSF)

In the past year of 2021, as the pandemic continues to make face-to-face communities difficult all over the world and onsite university sports events are still very hard to deliver, which caused tremendous challenges to member federations. But it is encouraging to see that with the massive campaigns in administering vaccination, some countries or regions began to resume onsite sports activities at local or national level. Knowing the fact that the virus can't disappear right away, we are learning to live with it and adapt ourselves to the new normal, to resume sports events when the situation allows on the one hand; and strictly following preventive measures advised by medical experts on the other hand.

Thanks to the experiences gained in 2020, AUSF has become more poised than last year and convened 4 online **Executive Committee meetings** and 1 Steering Committee meeting regularly to cope with the challenges brought about the pandemic. To keep the sustainability of the Asian university sports movement, 2021 has seen two online events staged, Chess and Cheerleading championships. From 2-13 September, the 2021 Asian University Chess Championship was staged successfully, with 91 players from 13 countries taking part in the men's and women's category, repeating the successful footprint in the last year. The 3rd Asian University Cheerleading Championship was held online from 4 September to 15 October, bringing together 438 athletes and officials from 5 countries and regions to compete in 7 categories, boasting a large number of participants at this difficult pandemic situation.

Following the successful delivery of the first edition, AUSF celebrated IDUS 2021 with the second edition of the AUSF Run Challenge, in order to promote the IDUS spirit. Over 49,000 participants from 9 member federations took part in the running from September 19th to 21st. Besides the centralized event, AUSF member federations celebrated the festival in different ways to engage more participants at local level, such as Fit Challenge, Half Marathon, Yoqa Session, as well as Educational Forum and Conferences etc.

We are delighted to see that the MOUs with Asian Chess Federation and Wushu Federation of Asia, have been signed to promote Chess and Wushu among Asian youth, opening up more high level sports competition opportunities for our student athletes and coaches. Based on the mutual trust, we renewed the MOU with FISU-Oceania, and continued to create sports and educational opportunities for member federations of both parties.

In November, with the support of all member federations and strategic partners, we completed the first ever online General Assembly successfully in the history of AUSF, allowing us to review our past work and plan our future. We believe it would certainly light our way to get through the pandemic challenges and make further progress with the direction fixed up in this session.

Mr. Adam Roczek, the President of EUSA, also attended the meeting and gave a warm speech to Asian university sports community.

Looking ahead to the next year, as AUSF will be 30 years of age, we plan to organize a series of activities to mark the historic moment for the whole AUSF family. In the short term, large-scale in-person events may not all be resumed soon, the online, offline or hybrid format of competition existing concurrently could become a kind of new normal. We will keep monitoring the evolvement of the pandemic situation and try our best to stage offline events gradually from the next year. 3 on 3 Basketball, Rugby 7s, Archery, Men's Basketball, Football Cup and Chess Championship will be organized, if situation allows.

In the face of the spreading pandemic, we shall be more united than ever to care and help each other, be more proactive than ever, as well as to take decisive actions to sustain our shared undertakings. With solidarity and cooperation, we will be able to be confident to find the light out of the tunnel in the end, when our member federations will all resume their actions regularly, and students' athletes together with their coaches will come back to venues to train and compete at national and international level.













# FEDERATION OF AFRICA UNIVERSITY SPORTS (FASU)



2021 saw a bigger return of physical events on the African continent with the easing of travel and meeting restrictions that characterized the previous year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. It was a largely successful year for FASU, highlighted by the celebrations of its 50 years of existence, the General Assembly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> FISU-FASU-NUSF Strategic Dialogue, the FASU General Assembly, and four championships, two of which were qualifying tournaments for the FISU World Cups.

FASU, its entire leadership under President, Ms. Nomsa J. Mahlangu appreciates its members, partners and friends for being part of a successful 2021 amidst the new challenges.

#### The 3<sup>rd</sup> FISU-FASU-NUSF Strategic Dialogue and General Assembly 2021

This hybrid event was held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Conference Hall in Addis Ababa – Ethiopia hosted by H.E W/ro Adanech Abebeb, Mayor of Addis Ababa and H.E Dr. Berhanemeskel Tena, President of Kotebe Metropolitan University among other local dignitaries. FISU was represented by the Acting FISU





President, Mr. Leonz Eder and members of staff

170 participants from Botswana, Cameroon, DR. Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia. South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Algeria, Belgium, Burundi, Comoros, Egypt, Estonia, Kenya, Libya, Morocco, Portugal, Russia, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Switzerland and France engaged in a series of hybrid presentations and discussions under the theme; "University Sports in a changing World."

## FASU Championship 2021

Four championships were organized while two were cancelled in a year that witnessed a growth in participation even with the COVID19 restrictions. Events held included; 2<sup>nd</sup> FASU Tennis Slam - October 8-10; 4th Afro Varsity 3x3 Basketball -November 6-7 2021; 2nd Kings of Africa Universities Rugby 7s - Oct 9-10 2021 and 5th FASU Cross Country Championship -November 20 2021 attracting participants from four of the five zones of Africa, with only central Africa not being represented.

The Rugby 7s competition saw University of Johannesburg-UJ (South Africa) win the men's event while University of Pretoria won the Women's competition to qualify as Africa's representatives at the FISU University World Rugby 7s Cup in Kazan, Russia 2022. South African universities continued their dominance at the championships with Stellenbosch University wining the women's tennis while University of Pretoria won the men's at the 3-day event and UJ caping it up with the men's Cross-Country win. Kenya's Kenyatta University won the Women's Cross Country while Uganda's Uganda Christian University won both the men and women events at the 4th FASU 3X3 Basketball Challenge and qualified as Africa's representatives at the FISU University World Cup 3X3 Basketball in China.

## FASU@50 Celebration series

FASU, is one of the oldest continental university sports bodies which was formed in April 1971 by 17 universities from 10 African countries. FASU has put together a series of events in commemoration of this milestone through monthly webinars and a physical celebration, from August until December, to reflect on the past and set a path for the future. The events were held under the theme: "History harnessing the future".

Three webinar panels discussed Africa-related topics including; "The Journey and milestones, casting a torch on FASU growth path" by current and past leaders; "The role of students in the growth of university sports" by student leaders as part of the IDUS celebrations; and "The role and effectiveness of FASU Zones in promoting University Sports" by Presidents of the 5 FASU Zones.

The November webinar was international and discussed "50 Years ahead, The University Sports Legacy I want to see" with panelists including; Mr. Leonz Eder; the Acting FISU President Mr. Adam Roczek the EUSA President; Mr. David Schmude the FISU Oceania President; Mr. Yanqing Xue the AUSF President and Ms. Nomsa Mahlangu the FASU President.

Live celebrations and a gala were held in 10th October Kampala, Uganda at the closure of the FASU Championships. Among those awarded for their contribution to university sports in Africa were; Mr. Hassan Chikh the 2<sup>nd</sup> FASU President. Nadjid Gadouche, Coordinator of the interim committee for the revival of FASU, Prof. Era Mugisa a founding Executive Committee member, Peninnah K. Aligawesa, 1st Female FISU Vice President, Dr. Ralethe Malumbete, 3rd FASU President, Shadrack Adeoti, 2nd FASU Secretary General, Ben Naobeb, former CUCSA President, Louis Nel & Orodele Boladele the longest serving CEOs of NUSFs.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> All Africa University Games, Kenyatta University 2022

Following the postponement of the flagship games from 2020 due to the COVID 19 pandemic outbreak, the 10th FASU Games 2022 shall be held from 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June this year at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, the Capital city of Kenya. Over 5000 participants are expected to compete in the ultimate university sports event on the Continent. A Pre-Games Scientific conference FISU/ FASU/NUSF Seminar shall be organized on the sidelines of the events.









## FISU AMERICA

FISU America is the continental organization representing NUSFs of the American continent. Like EUSA, we intend to lead the university sports movement on the continent.

Despite the difficulties of the past two years, we could find a way to continue promoting university sports, adjusting the planned activities and events. FISU America, its affiliated countries and the university sports community have been protagonists of overcoming, creativity and new ways of building and experiencing sports practice.

In 2021, virtual events consolidated as permanent events on our calendar as they found an enthusiastic and committed youth.

FISU AMERICA today celebrates the achievements of the university students and multidisciplinary team that participated in the 2021 events virtually and who kept up with the new – adapted- way we experience university sports.

In 2021 we celebrated the FISU America eSports- FIFA21, FISU America Chess 2021, the Strategic Dialogue and the International Day of University Sports 2021.

In addition, there was a technical visit to the facilities in Mérida, Mexico for the 2<sup>nd</sup>

edition of the FISU America Games. In December, was held the first FISU America's Rectors Advisory Board – virtual meeting.

We can proudly affirm that thousands of student-athletes and other participants have been involved.

## FISU America eSports- FIFA21

This innovative initiative, which was the first international e-Sports university competition in 2020, brought 30 university

students from 9 countries together for the 2021 edition.

## FISU America Chess 2021

Eight days of intense activity of plans, strategy, tactics and at the same time sacrifices, surprises and time troubles, made this second continental edition attractive with the support of the commentators who made each match more enjoyable. It was an honour to have 13 nations participating and the presence of nearly 250 chess players.

#### Strategic Dialogue

The third edition of the FISU AMERICA Strategic Dialogue was held over two days and was held virtually. The main objective of the event was to exchange experiences, projects and proposals with FISU and other entities that take part in university sports in the continent, becoming today the main environment to jointly build the paths that world university sports must follow.

To close the event Leonz Eder, Acting President of FISU, mentioned: "I am very impressed, not only by the preparation of this Dialogue but also by the result of these two days of work...".

#### **IDUS 2021**

For the celebration of the International Day of University Sports, this year, the proposal for the different NUSF was

carried out differently. Some countries had the opportunity to have face-to-face events, others virtually and others with the new modality of being hybrids.

FISU America launched an innovative game proposal. This continental game consisted of 5 different challenges, from September 16 to 22, so that each NUSF or participant could show how wonderful university sports are in their countries. Each challenge focused on the values that represent university sports.

- **Fun:** videos were requested representing the fun of university sports.
- Personal Improvement:
  a FISU America Academic
  Conversation held "Get ahead
  of the game. A continental
  view from the psychology of
  sport".
- Participation: it was about taking part in an E-sports tournament off Clash Royale.

- Pride: the university sports community was requested to make a short video where they showed elements of pride in their country.
- Cooperation: an activity that proposed teamwork between student-athletes and the university sports community that wanted to participate.

The proposal had a great impact on the community that actively participated coming from:
Argentina, Brazil, Honduras,
Venezuela, Mexico, Chile,
Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba,
the Dominican Republic, Virgin
Islands. The proposals had
varied scopes that reached up
to 22,417 people. The winning
country was Brazil.

#### A new goal for 2022

Given the success of last year and expecting to meet again, 2022 will be a year of synergy between the NUSF of FISU America. At the moment, we have the following onsite events scheduled, that the pandemic conditions are permitting: FISU America Chess Online 2022, in April; III FISU America Forum, in Colombia in May; FISU America 3X3 Lima 2022, in July in Peru; FISU America Esports 2022 – FIFA in August; FISU America IDUS 2022, in September and II FISU America Games Merida 2022, in October in Mexico.

"We are proud to create a movement that unites us and reminds us that we share the same passion and purpose, no matter where we are." Alim Maluf Neto, President of FISU America

FISU AMERICA: one continent, one passion.









## FISU OCEANIA

FISU Oceania is the smallest of FISU's Continental University Sport Federations with 12 members across the region. Whilst geographically dispersed, collaboration and connections are strong in the region and between members.



FISU Oceania members include American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Papua New Guinea and Samoa.

Executive Committee members for 2021 are: David Schmude AUS (President), Nicola Clayden NZL (Vice President), Amy Sasser MHL, Alifereti Cawanibuka FIJ, Cornelius Papau PNG, Martin Doulton (FISU Oceania representative to FISU), Ben Hall (FISU Oceania's FLVA student ambassador).

Despite the global setbacks and postponements throughout the 2021 calendar year, university sport activities were still able to be held across the Oceania region.

### FISU Oceania Governance

#### **General Assembly**

The FISU Oceania General Assembly was held virtually on 1 December 2021 with 10 out of 12 members in attendance. This General Assembly was a landmark occasion as Oceania members voted to adopt a new constitution and move its



legal entity to Australia. This historical moment sets the foundation for the next chapter in the history of the Federation.

#### Strategic Dialogue

The 2021 Strategic Dialogue was held virtually on 2 December 2021. Having this event held after the General Assembly enabled members to pro-actively discuss the strategic future of the Federation. Member contributions provided the foundation of the Federations 2022-2025 strategic plan which will be finalised early 2022.

#### FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy (FLVA)

Whilst global events saw the FLVA held online, this meant

that even more students from the Oceania region were able to take part. Student leaders from five National University Sport Federations and Oceania's representative took part in the program and were able to connect with the global student ambassador network.

### 2021 FISU Oceania FLVA student ambassadors:

- Angela Bernal (Northern Mariana Islands)
- Maggi Johnson (New Zealand)
- Matthew Barnard (Oceania representative)
- Mia Rennick (Australia)
- Raphael Arpa (Papua New Guinea)
- Rutha Pedro (Marshall Islands)

### International Day of University Sport (IDUS) – 20 September 2021

By far the most important day on the university sport calendar, IDUS 2021 saw activities across eight Oceania NUSFs. With a variety of lockdowns and different levels of restrictions in each country, students and universities were creative and inspiring in their celebration of university sport.

Events were held online and in person. Online events included quiz nights, activity challenges and online group fitness classes.

In 2021, two NUSFs were able to hold in person events; Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) and Papua New Guinea (PNG).

These events are worth highlighting due to the involvement of the NUSF student ambassadors Angela Bernal (NMI) and Phillie Julai (PNG) in planning and delivering their respective IDUS activities. To see FLVA ambassadors involved in organising these events provides an example to other NUSFs and shows the legacy the student ambassador can have on university sport in their country.

#### Oceania NUSF events

Both UniSport Australia and University Tertiary Sport New Zealand were fortunate to hold a number of intervarsity sporting championships across the year. Although their full event calendars were not able to be delivered, the events that could be held attracted high team numbers and student participation.

#### The future

FISU Oceania will finalise their strategic plan early in 2022. This plan will set the foundation for the next chapter of the Federation. Although disruptions and challenges can be expected, the Federation remains resilient and adaptable to change in supporting FISU events and activities as well as FISU Oceania members.

We look forward to continued collaboration with our continental friends, FISU and the wider university sport community.















## **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.

With the list of partners evergrowing, we are 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.



#### **EUSA Partners**





























































#### **EUSA Marketing Partner**



#### **EUSA Media Partner**



## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

On an annual basis, the European Commission organises a number of seminars, meetings and gatherings for sports stakeholders across Europe, including EUSA, to discuss various aspects of sport on the continent. Due to the pandemic, the number of events in 2021 was reduced, and held virtually in online form.

#### **Sport Info Day**

The European Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) organised an online info day on Erasmus+ Sport and other EU funding opportunities on March 23 and 24, 2021.

The event was opened by Ms Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth and Mr Marc Tarabella, Member of the European Parliament.

The new Erasmus+ programme will last 7 years, aligned with the new Multiannual Financial Framework – MFF), running from 2021 to 2027. Erasmus+ is also very ambitious in terms of policy objectives, and aims to be more inclusive, accessible, digital and sustainable. The idea is to foster the synergies between different sectors. The programme recognises horizontal priorities as well as sport specific priorities: encouraging the participation

in sport and physical activity; promoting integrity and values; promoting education in and through sport; and combatting violence and discrimination.

#### **EU Sport Forum**

The 2021 EU Sport Forum was organised by the European Commission, held on June 8 and 9 in an online form, drawing together over 500 participants, with an overall theme 'Towards a healthier, resilient and sustainable European sport'. The event gave participants an opportunity to get updates and views on the current topics in the field of European sport, with contribution of diverse speakers, exchanging and discussing views with policy makers of the EU institutions and Member States while tackling a range of topics during the sessions.

EUSA was represented at the online event by its President Mr Adam Roczek, Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik and Communications & Projects Manager Mr Andrej Pisl.

#### **EWOS Seminar**

As an official partner of the European Week of Sport and the #BeActive campaign, European University Sports Association (EUSA) joined the two-day European Week of Sport Key Players' Webinar held on June 22 and 23.

The webinar brought together the official partners and national coordinating sport bodies from all over Europe, to discuss key topics related to the highly successful #BeActive campaign, and the plans for the future.

Although the event was held online also this year, emphasis was given also on networking and sharing experiences and ideas between the participants.









## COUNCIL OF EUROPE

European University Sports Association (EUSA) works closely with the Council of Europe (COE), where we are members of the Consultative Committee of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), as well as member of the Conference of International Non-governmental Organisations (INGO).



The General Assembly of the Conference of International Non-governmental Organisations (INGO) of the Council of Europe meets twice annually. In 2021, the spring session was held online on April 26-29, and the autumn session was held in hybrid mode on October 4-6. EUSA attended both events online. At the spring assembly session, Mr Gerhard Ermischer has been elected as the new President of the Conference of INGOs.

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 2021 annual meeting online, between June 14 and 16. EUSA, being a member of the

EPAS Consultative Committee, was represented at the event as well. The joint meeting sessions of the Governing Board and the Consultative Committee was chaired by Mr Alexandre Husting (LUX), supported by EPAS Secretary General Mr Stanislas Frossard. The new Bureau was elected, confirming Mr Husting as the Chair for another 2-year mandate. Members of the EPAS Consultative Committee, chaired by Mr Kole Gjeloshaj, also met on a separate online meeting.

Several online events were also held throughout the year. An online webinar focusing on the revising the European Sports Charter was held on March 10. The aims of the consultation webinar were to get an outline of the state of play regarding

the revision of the ESC, in particular to identify features of the European sport framework and its organisation for possible inclusion, and discussing implementation and monitoring framework for the ESC.

On June 1, an online Forum on Sport and Human Rights was held, featuring two roundtables; focused on Arbitration, privacy and freedoms, discussing the topics of the right to fair trial, data protection and media freedom in sport. The second roundtable was on social rights and anti-discrimination, discussing the topics of young migrant athletes and human trafficking, economic and social rights of athletes, with focus on right to health, racism and hate speech in sport, gender equality in sport.

The 2021 EPAS Diversity Conference was held in a hybrid form on September 20, and it also featured contribution by EUSA. Athletes from the LGBTIQ+ community, sports journalists, human rights experts, representatives from the medical world, academics, speakers from sporting bodies and federations, gender equality experts, and other professionals from the sporting community striving for greater inclusion, came together to debate how to protect and promote the human rights of transgender and intersex athletes in sporting competitions.







## **ENGSO & ENGSO YOUTH**

European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO) and its youth section ENGSO Youth held their annual general assembly on June 17 online also in 2021, gathering its members and partners at their virtual meeting.

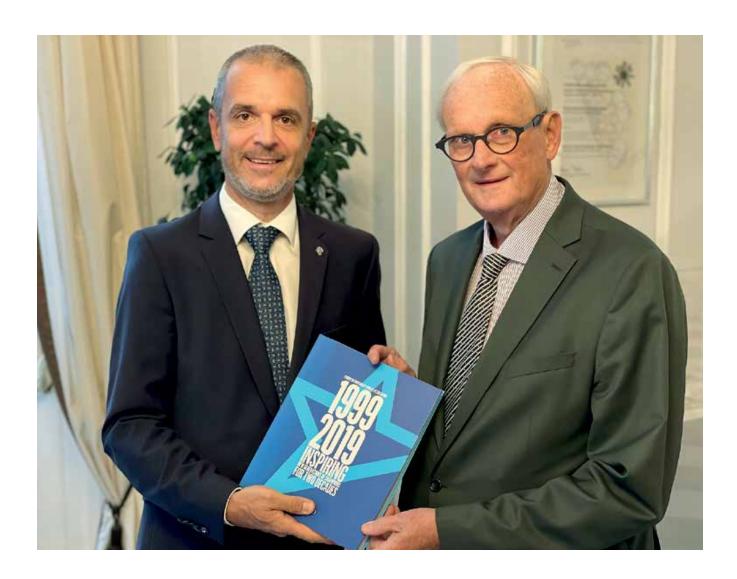
ENGSO president Mr Stefan Bergh welcomed the participants at the 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, and together with Secretary General Ms Sara Massini moderated the event. At the Assembly, the members confirmed the report and budget, also electing the Vice President – Ms Lotte Buchert (DEN), Secretary General: Ms Sara Massini (ITA); and two members of the Executive Committee: Mr Alexey Slautin (RUS) and Mr Magnus Svedrup (NOR).

The work and activities of the organisation for 2020 was presented in more details, also the work of the committees, including ENGSO Youth, Equality Within Sport and EU Advisory Committee.

European University Sports Association (EUSA) was present at the event as well, represented by its Communications and Projects Manager Mr Andrej Pisl. ÉUSA with its Institute is a partner organisation with ENGSO, with long-term cooperation, also on EU-funded projects. Most recent cooperation is in the field of equality and inclusion, with the Inclusion in Sport (iSport) project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ project of the European Union.

ENGSO's networking and exchange event – the European Sport Platform was held in Vilnius and hybrid mode on October 21-23, hosted by Lithuanian Sports University and Lithuanian Union of Sports Federations.







## EUROPEAN FAIR PLAY MOVEMENT

European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) held its 26<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in the Austrian capital Vienna on September 25, 2021. The Assembly was especially important as it was an electoral one.

Representatives from 22 member countries, 5 Honorary members and 4 associate members and partners took part in the event, including the European University Sports Association, represented by EUSA Secretary General Mr Matjaz Pecovnik.

The Assembly elected Mr Philippe Hoiusiaux from Belgium as the new President, Ms Baiba Veisa from Latvia and Ms Biserka Vrbek from Croatia as the new Vice-Presidents, Mr Ioannis Psilopoulos from Greece as the Secretary General, Ms Katarina Raczova from Slovakia as the Treasurer and Mr Bilge Donuk (TUR), Mr Khazar Isayev (AZE), Ms Hanna Wawrowska (POL) and Mr Robert Perc (SLO) as members of the Executive Committee.

EUSA Secretary General Mr Pecovnik thanked the outgoing President Mr Christian Hinterberger for the longterm cooperation. He also congratulated the newly elected President Mr Hoiusiaux and the new board, and presented the EUSA anniversary book.













# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2022

### **LODZ, POLAND: JULY 17-30**

We expect five thousand student-athletes to take part in the biggest sport event in this part of Europe. Are you ready for the Games?

## Łódź – the only host like that!

In 2018 Łódź, the third biggest city in Poland, was announced as the hosting city of the European Universities Games. Is it a coincidence? Not really, because Łódź is an academic city. There are many universities

and student life there is a pure pleasure. The main organizer is the Technological University of Łódź, one of the most technologically advanced universities in Poland which objective is to combine studies and sport. Graduates and students represented Poland at the Olympic Games.

Łódź is also one of the most important cultural centers in Poland. Participants of the EUG 2022 from all over Europe will surely find many interesting tourist attractions during their stay. David Lynch once said: «Łódź taught me how to dream». Łódź is a city in which various cultures clash in order to

form new and unique elements of urban fabric.

The European Universities Games held in Łódź will be special due to the cooperation between local authorities, universities and Polish University Sports Association. The Organizing Committee consists of specialists whose aim is to organize the most spectacular academic sport event ever made. Recently they worked on the most crucial elements of the Games such as a spectacular opening ceremony, chill out zones in which the participants would spend their free time and rest after the competition.

#### Volunteering

The help of volunteers is priceless during sport events. It is no different in the case of the European Universities Games 2022. The Organizing Committee will be supported by around 1000 volunteers to help during the Games. They would also like everyone working and helping during the event to

know the main objectives of the Games. The Polish University Sports Association is in charge of the volunteers department, including conducting interviews with potential candidates.

The main idea behind the Games is sport for everyone. The same is with volunteering – everyone can become one.

## EUGenio – the mascot of the EUG 2022

The European Universities Games will not be possible without the always smiling unicorn called EUGenio. The mascot selected by the Internet users became a true symbol of the Games. Inhabitants of Łódź had a chance to meet EUGenio during the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace where he promoted sport and an active lifestyle.

The Unicorn in strongly connected with the modern history of the city. In 2015 the main train stop called Stajnia Jednorożców (Unicorn's Stable) was put into the service of













the city. Shortly after that, a monument of a unicorn by Tomohiro Inaby was erected on the opposite side of the road. The unicorn symbolizes diversity and openness to the world – this is what Łódź is known for.

## A big sport event – many unique sports

The European Universities Games held on Łódź will be special also due to the sport program. Student-athletes will have a chance to take part in competition in 20 sports in modern venues. There will be also new sports introduced in this edition of the Games.

Student-athletes will take part in the competition in badminton, 3x3 basketball, basketball, beach handball, beach volleyball, chess, handball, football, futsal, sport climbing, swimming, tennis, table tennis, volleyball and water polo. Combat sports will be featured as well, including karate, kickboxing, judo and taekwondo. Para Table Tennis will be offered for students with disabilities, with para power lifting and sitting volleyball being offered as exhibition / promo sports.

## Ambassadors – Polish renowned athletes and EUG

The Games are first and foremost about people who devoted their lives to sport. For this reason the Organizing Committee decided to give a title of EUG Ambassadors to special athletes associated to Łódź. The title was given to Kajetan Duszyński, Dorota Banaszczyk, Adam Kszczot, Marcin Gortat, Euzebiusz Smolarek, Kamil Majchrzak and Artur Partyka as well as to sport clubs SKRA Betchatów,

ŁKS Commercecon and MUKS Widzew Łódź.

Kajetan Duszyński, Dorota Banaszczyk and Adam Kszczot are closely connected with the Technical University of Łódź. Kajetan and Dorota are students and at the same time full time athletes. The authorities of TUL do everything to help young student-athletes in achieving sport goals. Marcin Gortat is NBA runner-up and a sport icon of Łódź. Kamil Majchrzak is an outstanding Polish tennis player and Artur Partyka – European Champion and Olympic silver medalist in high jump. Volleyball



is said to be the national sport in Poland, and teams that were given Ambassadors' titles compete with the best teams from Europe and the world.

The Ambassadors will be present during the European Universities Games 2022. It will be a great chance for the spectators to meet professional athletes who are eager to share their experience and knowledge.

#### Countdown

In order to turn the attention of the inhabitants of the city to the event and use the events area of Łódź, the Organizing Committee has prepared a special clock that counts down the days that are left to the Games. The clock is located in one of the most frequent visited place in Łódź, and its unveiling was another mile stone in the preparation process of the Games.

## Promotion of EUG 2022

Sports tournaments for children and teens in the most popular disciplines with prizes and many other family-friendly activities these were the three-day Olympics for Łódź residents. The sports event (June 10-12) was a preview of what awaits us during the European Universities Games 2022 in mid July. The organizers – the local EUG committee, wanted to encourage the inhabitants of Łódź to be physically active, but also to show some EUG disciplines. The accompanying events during EUG 2022 will be: Erasmus Run and Sambodrom – a huge, colorful parade through Piotrkowska Street, the main street of Lodz.

## Opening ceremony of the EUG Lodz 2022

The official opening ceremony of the European Universities









Games 2022 will be held on July 17 at 21:00 in Atlas Arena. The organizers intend to fill the hall to the last seat, and the audience can seat up to 10.000 people. Spectators will be able to see the march of over two thousand athletes from all over Europe with the flags of their countries and the emblems of universities that they will represent at the Games.

The opening ceremony will be graced by a performance by the 100-person CoOperate Orchestra from Poznań. Then, a visual presentation of the city – the host of EUG 2022 – Lodz, the Lodz University of Technology and the University Sports Association in Poland.

Among the invited special guests there will be, among others, the President of Poland, the polish Prime Minister, the President of the City of Lodz, the Rector of the Lodz University of Technology, the President of The University Sports Association, the President of EUSA. During

the ceremonial inauguration of the EUG 2022, the ambassadors of this event must not be absent – the greatest sports stars who have been involved in promoting the Lodz Games for over a year. The seats in the audience will be occupied by: Marcin Gortat, former NBA basketball player, Euzebiusz Smolarek, famous footballer, and athletes: Adam Kszczot and Kajetan Duszyński.

The biggest celebration of university sports in Europe

returns after a 4-year break. EUG 2022 will last two weeks and will end on July 30 with a symbolic handing over of the flag EUSA to the organizers of the EUG 2024, which will take place in Hungary.











## EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

The last edition of the European Universities Championships was celebrated in 2019, as Covid-19 pandemic unfortunately prevented us from having our sports events in 2020 and 2021. In 2023 we look forward to welcoming student athletes representing European universities and higher education institutions across 21 sports across the continent.

The last time the teams were scoring goals and running for victory on an EUC in football was in the capital of Spain, Madrid in 2019. In 2023 the honour of being a new place for victories will be taken from Albania, where the teams will meet and play in Tirana between the 25 of June and 2 of July. Located in the centre of the country, enclosed by mountains and hills with Dajti rising to the east and a slight valley to the northwest overlooking the Adriatic Sea in the distance, Tirana will be a host of an EUC for the very first time in 2023.

After the visit of the beautiful Italian town of Camerino, founded in the middle ages, for the EUC Table Tennis in 2019, we will be moving the competition and enjoyment

on the Morava River, to the sixth largest city in the Czech Republic, Olomouc. The city center of this city is well preserved, full with history, quintessential Baroque style and symbolic value and is protected by law as urban monument preservation. This championship will be taking place between the 4 till 9th of July.

Beginning of July will also be the time when the European University Championship in Tennis will start. It will be happening from the 3<sup>rd</sup> until the 9<sup>th</sup> and it will take place in the beautiful city of Granada in Spain. Spain is known to be a frequent host of EUCs, such as EUC in Handball, Bridge and Chess and Tennis in 2017 and EUC Football in 2019.

Thereafter, in early July, we will be moving to the capital of Montenegro, Podgorica. After being the host of EUC Tennis in 2019, this small city that is at the crossroads of several historically important routes, with beautiful sights and favourable climate, confirmed to be the new host for EUC Handball, between 8-14 of July, 2023.

The Hungarian city of Debrecen, will be a first-time host of EUC in 2023 and will be the venue for the always highly-anticipated 3x3 Basketball Championship. This championship will also happen in July, with the planned date between the 15-19 July.

The city of Miskolc, is not the first time host of EUC, as they hosted the EUC Basketball in

2017. In 2023, this city will be a double, warm welcoming host of the participants of EUC Badminton and EUC Water Polo, between the 10-16 of July.

Right after these two championships end, we are going to move to northern Portugal. From the beautiful city of Lodz, Poland, where we last had the EUC Volleyball, this time we will enjoy at the city of Guimarães. It is an exceptionally well-preserved and authentic example of the evolution of a medieval settlement into a modern city, which makes a perfect host of EUC Volleyball between the 16-23 of July, 2023.

Staying in Portugal, the city of Aveiro, will be host the EUC in one of the oldest sports, Basketball. For another

























championship we are moving from Poland and the picturesque city Poznan to Portugal and the city of Aveiro, as known as "the Portuguese Venice which is situated on the edge of an extensive coastal lagoon system and is a prosperous town with a good-looking centre and a youthful, energetic buzz. This city is looking forward of hosting and welcoming the participating teams from 22-30 of July, 2023.

After the amazing success with the previous EUC Combat Sports in Zagreb, Croatia in 2019, which was described as highly successful, with the participation of a total of 1,237 athletes from 404 different universities and 36 countries, in 2023 this exact same city will be the host of the newly planned EUC in Combat Sports. For the second time hosting the same EUC in 4 year difference, kicking off on July 20 until July 23 Zagreb will give the athletes the chance to face each other's abilities and try to defeat their opponent, performing in 4 sports: Kickboxing, Taekwondo, Judo and Karate. With this year's championship Zagreb is expecting to succeed even bigger.

Thereafter, 410 km away from Zagreb, we are moving to the second largest city in Croatia and largest city in the Croatian

coast, Split, to attend the EUC Futsal, which will be held from July 18-26, 2023. The city that traditionally holds sportsmen in high regard and it is famous for producing many champions, will make a great host and candidate to continue the good work that the city of Braga, Portugal last did in the EUC Futsal in 2019.

After July jam-packed schedule, in the fourth week of August, from 24-27, the city of St. Gallen in Switzerland will be the destination where the EUC in Orienteering will happen. After breaking the ice in the Czech Republic as in participation on EUC in 2019, Orienteering will make its second appearing on the sports program for championships happening in 2023. St. Gallen, is the compact metropolis of eastern Switzerland between Lake Constance and Appenzellerland that has a charming, trafficfree old town and its known as a cosmopolitan, outgoing university city.

After eight men and eight women teams from 10 universities from six countries, making up 68 participants in total, descended upon Antequera in Spain for the 2019 European Universities Golf Championship, in 2023 the host of the sport in which

players use various clubs to hit balls into a series of holes on a course in as few strokes as possible will move at the neighbouring country Italy. In the week from 6-10 of September, the European University Championship in Golf will take place in Ferrara, in northern Italy. Ferrara besides having broad streets and numerous palaces dating from the Renaissance is also a homeland of various fantastic golf courses spread along the historic city walls.

Meanwhile, from northern Italy, with our sports enthusiasm we are going to cheer the athletes of the EUC Rowing, which this time will be competing in northern Poland, in the city of Bydgoszcz. The championship will be held from 7-10 of September. The city that is known for its beautiful waterfront and Art Nouveau style buildings, will be hosting an EUC for the second time, in continuation of the good work they did with hosting the EUC Handball in 2019.

A day after the EUC Rowing is concluded, EUC Rugby 7s will be starting its competitions on September 11 in Portugal's hilly, coastal capital city, Lisbon. Being famous for its sunny weather, great nightlife,

colourful buildings, friendly locals as well as great sport and athletes, Lisbon and Portugal will make a great host for the fiery competitions on the rugby fields.

The last but not the least on the EUC 2023 schedule is the Beach Championship, during which, athletes will be competing in two sports Beach Handball and Beach Volleyball and it will be happening from September 19-25 in Malaga, Spain. Malaga as one of the oldest cities in the world, situated on the shores of the Mediterranean will be offering its sunny weather and beautiful sandy beaches as playgrounds for this championship.

Participation in EUSA events is open to students aged 17-30, studying at European universities and higher education institutes. The interest for EUSA events is strong, both in participation as well as the number of interested candidates to host the events, showing the determination and readiness of EUSA members to contribute to further development of the organisation and university sports in Europe.



PLEASE SEE www.eusa.eu/events/ championships/ for more information



# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES 2024

## DEBRECEN-MISKOLC: JULY 12-24, 2024



#### Two Cities, One Aim

Sports constitute a significant part of our lives. Both cities have outstanding sports infrastructure, and both can boast of individual athletes and teams achieving excellent results.

Accordingly, both Debrecen and Miskolc are cities of sports. In terms of the infrastructure, sports facilities and the commitment to sports, everything is in place for Debrecen and Miskolc to serve as the joint venue for the European Universities Games.

The exemplary cooperation of the two major cities will have advantages for the whole of Hungary. The combined population of 850 thousand

people in the two cities and their agglomerations represent a centre of gravity in the country, with the support of the Government of Hungary, as well as the majority of the country's population also supporting the successful implementation of the tasks undertaken.

The organisation of the European Universities Games will have a significant effect on the two settlements along with on their broader environments, in the areas of tourism, development of smart settlements and investment promotion.

"We consciously build sport cities, because we believe that sport is not only the foundation of a healthy society, but also contributes to the development of the infrastructure and the economy, advances the reputation of the settlement and promotes tourism".

## Two Universities, One Aim

With a history of over four and a half centuries, the University of Debrecen is Hungary's oldest institute of higher education continuously operating in the same town.

The predecessor of the University of Miskolc is the educational institution of mining and metallurgy, founded in Selmecbánya (today's Banská Štiavnica) in 1735, where advanced technical knowledge was first educated in the world.

Nowadays 40 thousand students study at the two universities, at 14 faculties in Debrecen and at 8 faculties in Miskolc. Both universities have outstanding education, research, and innovation capacities, as well as academic results recognised also in international terms, on the basis of which they play an important role in achieving objectives of national strategy as well.

They also undertake roles in the development of the economic and sports life of Hungary. The continuous development of the two universities and the meeting of challenges brought along a marked presence in economic and sport developments, in innovation and on the market as service providers.

With their experiences and network of relationships, the two universities are well prepared to undertake the tasks of organising and hosting the European Universities Games, and to accommodate the best Games ever.

#### Why Together?

- Education and sports are the two major foundations of human and social development. The cities of Debrecen and Miskolc, as well as their respective universities, lead the way in both areas.
- While Miskolc is one of the most important Hungarian centres of fine arts and theatre, Debrecen was a school town of Protestant roots, where literature and contemporary arts dominate.
- The academic structures of the two universities cover fundamentally different areas of life, with engineering and law dominating in Miskolc and natural sciences and humanities in Debrecen.
- Both cities and universities have successful individual athletes and teams with outstanding results and devote much attention and resources to the education of the next generation of athletes in every area.
- EUG 2024 will provide strong support for further development of both cities and enhance the significance and popularity of Hungarian

- and international university sports, while emphasising sustainability, as well as spectacular and novel elements.
- Through identifying the differences and building upon the synergies of the two cities, they undertake to organise the best European Universities Games ever.

## Importance of EUSA events

Year by year the Hungarian University Sports Federation (MEFS) is committed to promoting European Universities Championships and European Universities Games, to delegate the best possible studentathletes to participate, as well as to promote the educational events to involve students in the work and the various projects related to university sports and sports in general. Having the possibility to host the EUSA European Universities Games in 2024, in the next years, MEFS will work on promoting the participation and the engagement of students intensively in university sports in Hungary to organize the biggest and the best Games ever.

#### EUG 2024 Vision

- Exemplary cooperation between the two universities and two cities should contribute to the development of the region.
- EUG 2024 should contribute to the development of the university sports movement, local communities, and international relations.
- Everyone involved should enjoy the event as a sports festival, which will be the celebration of the European universities' sports.
- By applying smart and green solutions sustainability goals should be achieved throughout the project lifecycle involving all actors.
- Volunteers involved in the implementation of the project should gain valuable professional experience and opportunity to develop their individual competencies, and possibly become future sports leaders.





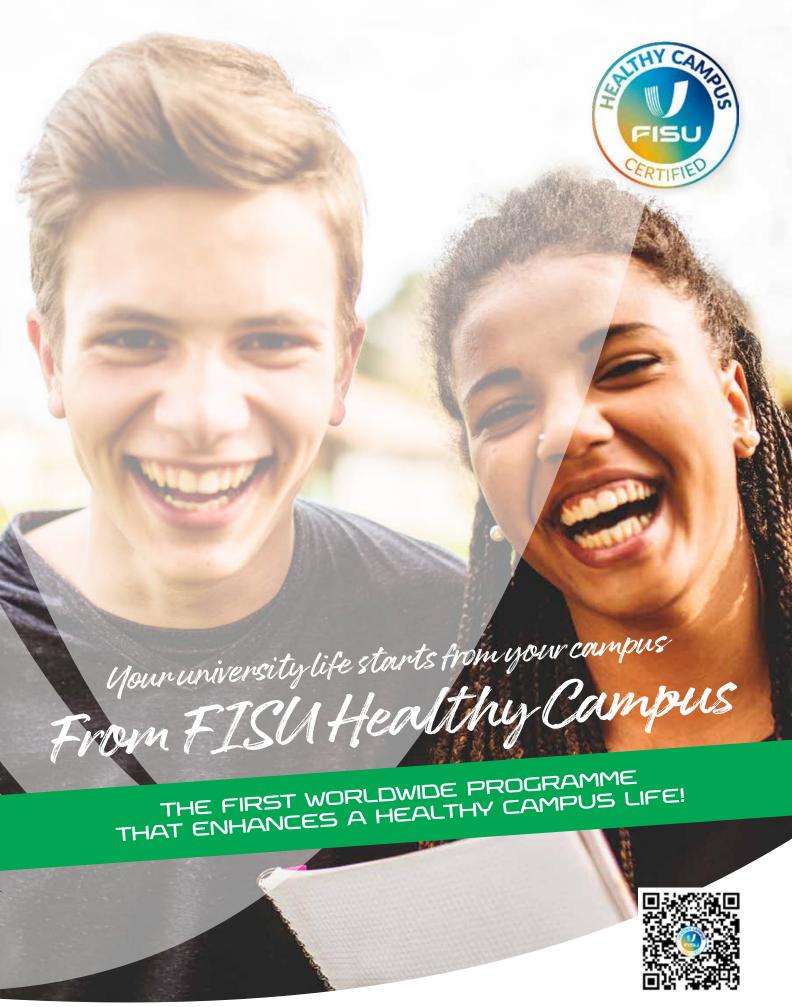


## UPCOMING EUSA EVENTS

2022			
EVENT		LOCATION	DATES
European Universities Games	_	Lodz, POL	July 17-30
European Universities Rowing Championship	C+	Istanbul, TUR	September 7-9
EUSA-FISU Seminar & EUSA Convention	-	Kranjska Gora, SLO	September 23-25

2023			
EVENT/CHAMPIONSHIP		LOCATION	DATES
Football		Tirana, ALB	June 25-July 2
Tennis	¢	Granada, ESP	July 3-9
Table Tennis		Olomouc, CZE	July 4-9
Handball	*	Podgorica, MNE	July 8-14
Badminton, Water Polo	=	Miskolc, HUN	July 10-16
3x3 Basketball	=	Debrecen, HUN	July 15-19
Volleyball	<b>V</b>	Guimaraes, POR	July 16-23
Futsal	-	Split, CRO	July 18-26
Judo, Karate, Kickboxing, Taekwondo	-	Zagreb, CRO	July 20-23
Basketball	•	Aveiro, POR	July 23-30
Orienteering		St. Gallen, SUI	August 24-27
Golf	O	Ferrara, ITA	September 6-10
Rowing	_	Bydgoszcz, POL	September 7-10
Rugby 7s	<b>5</b>	Lisbon, POR	September 11-14
Beach Handball, Beach Volleyball	c	Malaga, ESP	September 19-25





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