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THE RELEVANCE OF THE ACTIVE LEISURE
SECTOR & INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION
FRAMEWORK TO THE EQF (SIQAF)



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QUALIFICATIONS IN SPORT

Views from the Commission

Sport perspective

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Does sport need qualified workforce?

- Physical inactivity
- Injury prevention
- Threats to sport
- Social inclusion
- Education through sport

COACH



Good coaching may be defined as the development of character, personality and habits of players, plus the teaching of fundamentals and team play.

Claire Bee

Basketball coach



Coaches have a key role in sport, as by leading and guiding participants they have an impact on participants' knowledge, skills, prospects, aspirations, health, wellbeing and values. There are an estimated 5 to 9 million coaches in Europe, who influence 50 to 100 million Europeans;

The work of coaches is associated with responsibility, skills and competences, which are described in countries' coaching qualifications and those of sport organisations;

Council Conclusions on the role of coaches in society (2017)



Does sport need qualified workforce?

- Coach/instructor part of strategy on sport
- New challenges
- New skills
- Different needs
- More responsibility
- Mobility



Expert Group on Human Resources Development in Sport (2014-2017)

- Second EU Work Plan for Sport (2014-2017)
- Follow-up to Expert Group on Education and Training in Sport, which prepared European guidelines on dual careers. This group also prepared a report on the inclusion of sport-related qualifications in National Qualifications Frameworks (NQFs).
- Dealt with **education, training, employment and volunteering** in sport



Expert Group on Human Resources Development in Sport (2014-2017)

- Deliverable 2: *Practical guidance on compliance of national qualifications with international qualification standards of international sport federations*
- December 2016
- Recommendations:
 - Recognition, validation;
 - Reference tool;
 - Requirements for the job role/profile;
 - Learning outcomes;
 - A mapping of existing international qualification standards of international sport federations



Expert Group on Human Resources Development in Sport (2014-2017)

- Deliverable 4: Report on the state of play concerning the inclusion of sport qualifications in NQFs with a reference to EQF
- July 2017
- Overview + Recommendations
- 17 countries state that sport qualifications are aligned with EQF
- Recommendations:
 - Recognise the value of informal and non-formal learning and training;
 - Produce an EU Sport Qualifications Action Plan and Guidelines Document



Third EU Work Plan for Sport (2017-2020)

- Council Resolution from May 2017
- Established Commission Expert Group on **"Skills and Human Resources Development in sport"**
- Priority 3: Sport and society – *Education in and through sport*
- Invite the Commission to promote the recognition of skills and competences in sport



EQF recommendation 11 (May 2017)

“Support the setting up of voluntary procedures on the levelling of international qualifications through national qualification frameworks or systems and information exchange and consultation between Member States on those procedures to ensure consistency”



Erasmus+ Sport 2017

- **Priority:** *Promote education in and through sport with special focus on skills development, as well support the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes.*
- 15 collaborative partnerships (out of 66) and 21 small collaborative partnerships selected (out of 84)
- 25% of total budget (31,3 M)



Erasmus+ Sport 2018

- Priority: Promote education in and through sport with special focus on skills development, as well support the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes.
- 25% of total budget (37,4 M)
- Deadline: **5 April 2018**
- Evaluation on-going
- Results in September



Current Commission activities in the field of sport



Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions 2018

- **Three specific calls:**

1. PP: "Sport as a tool for integration and social inclusion of refugees"
Estimated budget: EUR 1,400,000
2. PA: "Exchanges and mobility in sport"
Estimated budget: EUR 1,200,000
3. PA: "Promotion of European values through sport initiatives at the municipal level"
Estimated budget: EUR 1,000,000

- **Tentative schedule:**

1. Publication of the call for proposals: April – May 2018;
2. Deadline for proposals: June - July 2018;
3. Start of the projects: 1st January 2019.

https://ec.europa.eu/sport/calls_en



#BeInclusive EU Sport Awards

- Aim: to highlight outstanding work and commitment in promoting social integration through sport across Europe.
- The call for entries for Europe-based organisations will officially open from in **June**.
- The 3 best sport projects supporting social inclusion are awarded (each project - €10,000). Preselected projects will be awarded €2,500.
- It is open to any organisation – public or private, commercial or not-for-profit – that has successfully launched this kind of project.
- Awards ceremony: November 2018 in Brussels
- https://ec.europa.eu/sport/be-inclusive_en

#BeInclusive EU Sport Awards

- Number of applications received in 2017: 297.
- Jury pre-selected 9 projects.



- The **3** best sport projects supporting social inclusion were awarded €10,000 each:
 - Mitternachtssport e.v. (Germany)
 - De Rode Antraciet (Belgium)
 - Asociación de Danza Integrada 'Meetsharedance' (Spain)



Thank you!

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