



## ISCA EUROPE

### FUTURE EUROPEAN CONTINENTAL STRUCTURE

The ISCA General Assembly 2008 decided to develop a new structure for Continental cooperation in Europe. You hereby find the proposal of the **ISCA Europe** as new European structure and cooperation, as proposed by the Executive Committee.

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## **1. Introduction**

ISCA general assembly 2008 decided to re-structure the ISCA European Continental cooperation. The aim is to establish the best fitting working, meeting, and communication structure for ISCA Europe - Europe here defined as a pan-European geographical area.

## **2. ISCA Europe - structural considerations**

The European members represent around one half of ISCA member organisations. The European members have historically been representing the 'sport for all' positions nationally and in many countries been the organisation advocating for a balanced support between grass-roots and elite sport sectors. National European 'sport for all' organisations have different sport political challenges. However, also many areas, where sport political cooperation and knowledge sharing could benefit the member organisations.

We would like to establish ISCA Europe to strengthen European Continental sport political cooperation.

## **3. ISCA Europe aims to act as a platform for sport political activities**

- To establish a strong sport political cooperation between European organisations giving priority to 'sport for all'
- To establish a strong cooperation between top leaders of the European 'sport for all' sector
- To establish a stronger European 'sport for all' profile.
- To address and influence relevant external European institutions, which have influence on policies and actions for sport and physical activity. (European Commission and Parliament, Council of Europe, World Health Organisation /Europe, etc.)
- To contribute by examples to the 'sport for all' development in the other ISCA continents.

## **4. ISCA EUROPE establishment and first year content**

The ISCA Europe is a proposal for the ISCA General Assembly 2009. If the ISCA European members agree to establish ISCA Europe, it will be in function from 24 October 2009.

However, to get an efficient start of ISCA Europe, the Executive Committee will request the coming leadership to implement the following content as part of the 2009/2010 ISCA Europe activities:

- Top Leader Forum
- Top Leader Seminar
- On-line Sport political network and news circulation
- Sport for All political Campaign weeks – optional

### **TOP LEADER FORUM**

The Top Leader Forum should gather the executive leaders of the European 'sport for all' organisations. The purpose of the meeting is, to discuss current challenges, to decide common sport political initiatives and to send 'sport for all' political messages to relevant national and European institutions.

The purpose of the meeting is as well to establish top leader network and to establish a forum, which can send 'Sport for All' political signals and take decisions on common initiatives.

### **TOP LEADER SEMINAR**

The Top Leader Seminar is an inspirational seminar, where external speakers present European level knowledge on selected topics. For example latest research on sport financing, participation and trends in 'sport for all', etc. The purpose of the seminar is to inspire national leaders based on presentations and discussions of international trends.

### **ON-LINE SPORT POLITICAL NETWORK AND NEWS CIRCULATION**

Today the circulation of 'sport for all' political news across borders are very limited. However, we often hear that examples from other countries can be very useful in national debates. An on-line political network has the purpose to has create a strong personal political network among the 'sport for all' top leaders in Europe.

### **SPORT FOR ALL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN WEEKS - OPTIONAL**

Based on a common trend or new challenges of European 'Sport for All' the top leaders could decide to make political "campaign week". A "campaign week" could take it starting point in common European knowledge and challenges. As example newly published research illustrates the share of national resources between top sport and 'sport for all'. The conclusion is that states support the top sport more and more compared to "sport for all". Based on such European level facts and findings the national organisations could agree to make a national press campaign, where each organisation puts focus on this situation nationally, but with references to other countries in Europe.

The purpose would be to use European level knowledge and network for national political promotion and lobby.

## **5. ISCA Europe – steering group and nominations**

At the meeting 5-7 June 2009 the Executive Committee decided to propose a structure, where ISCA Europe will be governed by a steering group of three persons, one chair and two steering group members.

The ISCA Europe chair and two steering group members will be elected at the General Assembly 2009 among the European members.

Nominations for ISCA Europe chair and nominations for steering group member can be forwarded to ISCA President until the General Assembly. However, to have an open process we would like to receive nominations at latest two three weeks before the General Assembly.