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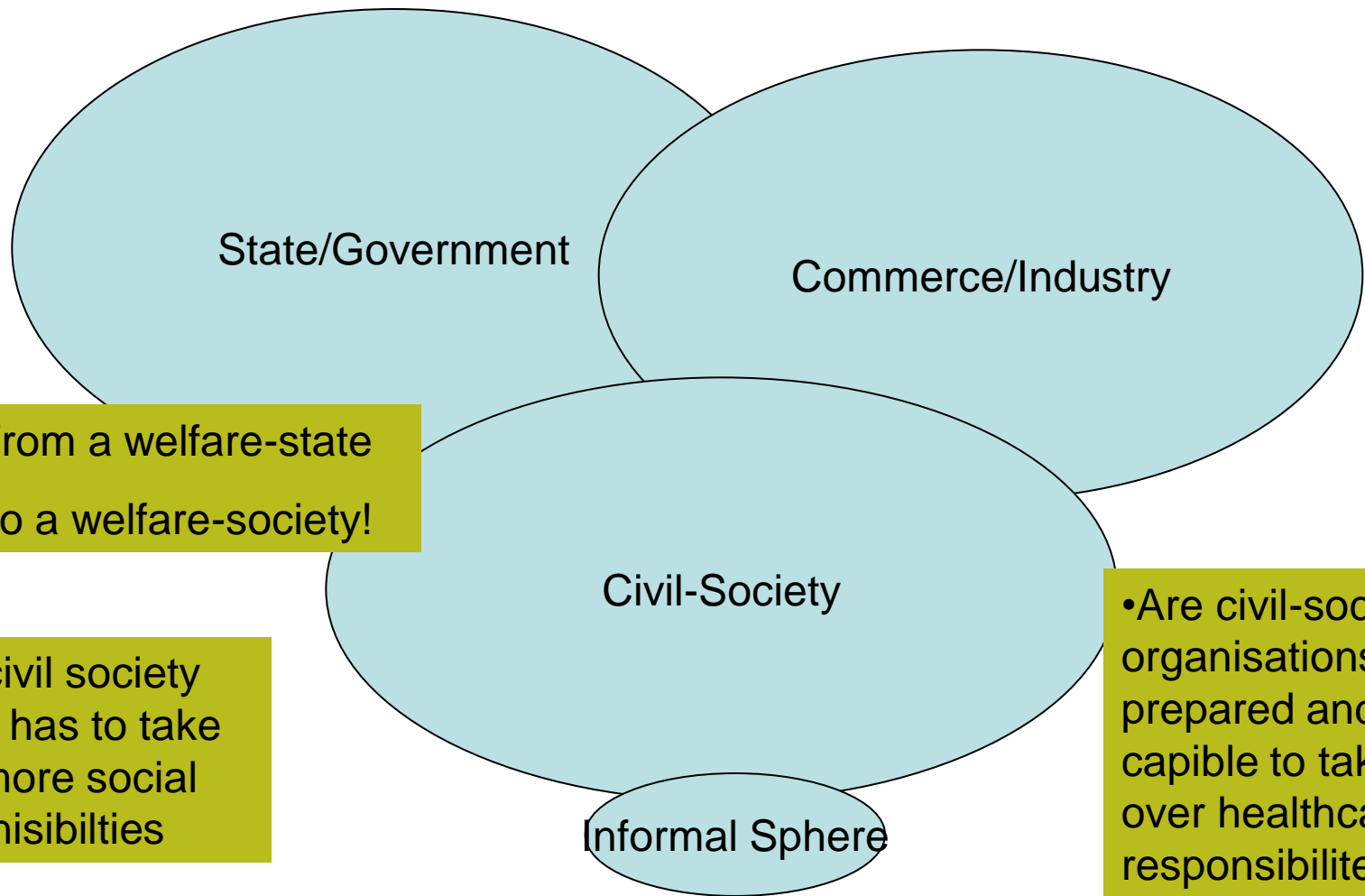
Trends - Opportunities - Challenges for Volunteering in Europe

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- The topic of volunteering is actually high ranking on the political agenda all over Europe.
- Governments recognise much more the civil society sector with its volunteering engagement because they expect the civil society sector should take over more social responsibilities than before.
- This is a driving force for the EuroVolNet-project, when we are going to develop voluntary competences in sport organisations.

Overcoming of traditional borders between social structures



From a welfare-state
to a welfare-society!

- The civil society sector has to take over more social responsibilities

- Are civil-society organisations prepared and capable to take over healthcare responsibilities?

Organised sport has a fairly good starting point to develop volunteering competences!

- Organised sport is the largest sector of volunteer engagement: 35 mill. volunteers in Europe!
- In most European countries the sport sector relies heavily on volunteers (France 80%; Netherlands 87%).
- Volunteers in sport dedicate an average number of 4-5 hours per week to their engagement and contribute to a high extend to the social added value (in Germany appr. 7 billion € per year)!
- There is still no real decrease of volunteering in sport. But the structure of engagement has changed!
- Many sport organisations take care actively to recruit, to keep, to educate volunteers in special programs.

But on the other hand we've also to admit deficits:

- There is a rather big difference within European countries in regard to volunteering involvement in sport, in regard to recognition and in regard to manage volunteers in sport.
- The support from the governmental sector is often rather weak.
- We observe often a mismatch between expectations of today's volunteers and what hosting organisations can offer.
- Education and training of volunteers seem often not to be sufficient.
- And we've to identify still a lack of clear and consistent policy on volunteering in many sport organisations.

This situation is the starting point of our today's seminar:

- To point out and to promote the values of volunteering in sport
- To improve recognition
- To remove barriers
- To improve motivation
- And in general: to improve management strategies!

- **Thank you for coming!**
- **Feel encouraged to contribute to the topics.**
- **Enjoy the friendly and always open atmosphere, as it is usual in all our ISCA events!**