The Good Governance in Grassroots Sport project provides tools to identify dilemmas and fix potential poor governance incidents.

Find more: www.goodgovsport.eu

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**Focus on the policy**

Does your organization define clear responsibilities for the different parts of the organization, including the board, the management, staff and volunteers/voluntary committees?

How important is Stakeholder Management in your organization? Does it help you to ensure that your activity/project/program succeed where others fail?

Does your organization claim to be neutral, non-political, non-religious, while at the same time being governed by politically active persons?

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**Focus on the people**

Can you ‘fix’ your board?

“If it is not broken – don’t fix it!”

“Wrong!”

The saying “If it is not broken – don’t fix it!” does not fit to governance in grassroots sport organizations. On the contrary.

One of the important tasks in the leadership and management is to ‘fix’ it before it breaks. Poor Governance incidents can destroy your organisations’ credibility and long term development opportunities.

Do your board members for instance have double or multiple mandates – within your organization or in other organization?

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**Focus on the process**

Do your organizations’ members as well as stakeholders know how the organization is operating and do they have the tools to address concerns?

Is your organization perhaps represented at the board of the national lottery company, that provide you resources for your activities, through your director/president?

How do you manage your money?

The sustainability of a not-for-profit organization — its ability to fund its activities year after year — is a major responsibility. How do you make sure money is spent in a responsible way?
**Good Governance in Grassroots Sport (GGGS)**

Good Governance in Grassroots Sport (GGGS) project is a transnational project that increases organizational capacity for good governance by focusing on transparency and accountability, particularly at the grassroots sport association level. Good governance in grassroots sport is a prerequisite for organizational legitimacy and ultimately survival. If grassroots sport, with its most significant financial contributions stemming from individual members and public authorities, does not govern in an appropriate and legitimate way, it will lose not only reputation-wise, but also in terms of its continued support when it comes to membership and public financial support.

GGGS project partners will during the project period:

- increase the evidence - and knowledge base for good governance in grassroots sport in Europe;
- build capacities in key national non-governmental grassroots sport organizations through targeted learning opportunities;
- increase awareness and outreach on good governance to a broad target group in grassroots sport.

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**What do today’s external partners and society expect from grassroots sport organizations?**

- Transparency
- Democracy
- Accountability
- Inclusion

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**Project activities**

- Project kick off meeting
- 2 Project workshops
- Nonformal education program for Top political leaders from grassroots sport organizations: 3 GGGS Trainings
- Consultation for grassroots sport organizations
- Collection of good examples on good governance
- Principles on good governance in grassroots sport
- Desk research on good governance in sport in Europe

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**Project partners**

- **Sport and Citizenship, France**
- **Special Olympics E/E, Belgium**
- **Transparency International, Germany**
- **Romanian Sport for All Association, Romania**
- **UISP (Italian Sport for All Association), Italy**
- **DTB (German Gymnastics Federation), Germany**
- **JOUD (Estonian Sports Association), Estonia**
- **SOKOL (Czech Sokol Organization), Czech Republic**
- **UFOLEP (Union française des oeuvres laïques d’éducation physique), France**
- **Belfast City, Ireland**
- **DGI (Danish Gymnastics and Sports Associations), Denmark**
- **UBAE, Spain**
- **University of Cassino, Italy**
- **Institute for Sport Studies Denmark, Denmark**
- **SUS (Sports Union of Slovenia), Slovenia**
- **Municipality of Casalecchio di Reno, Italy**
- **Masi Sport Club, Italy**
- **City of Pärnu, Estonia**
- **Cardiff Metropolitan University (University of Wales), UK**
- **Semmelweis University Hungary, Hungary**
- **ISCA (International Sport and Culture Association), Denmark**