



Sport and Cultures in Dialogue



SPORT CITIZENS' FORUM IN SLOVENIA *18 to 21 November 2010 - Bled, Slovenia*



On the basis of input from Local Citizens' Panels in Albania, Macedonia and Croatia, the Sport Citizens' Forum in Slovenia will formulate conclusions and recommendations on the role of sport and sport organizations in promoting volunteering and developing civil society. The Sport Citizens' Forum will use a wide array of facilitation formats, such as plenary debates and presentations, discussions in small groups as well as participatory methods for prioritizing and formulating ideas and visions for the future.



The aim is that diverse facilitation formats will ensure that each and every participant has the opportunity to express his or her views on the matters discussed and to capture the input efficiently.



The conclusions and recommendations of the Sport Citizens' Forum will be disseminated to policymakers in the EU and the national level of the participating countries, other stakeholders as well as the general public.

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THE AIM OF SPORT AND CULTURES IN DIALOGUE

Through the project 'Sport and Cultures in Dialogue' ISCA (International Sport and Cultures Association), CESS (European Confederation sport and Health) and project partners will organize and facilitate a direct and trans-national dialogue between citizens in EU member states and candidate, respectively potential EU candidate countries from South East Europe - Croatia, Macedonia and Albania. The dialogue will focus on the role of sport in developing civil societies and in particular highlight current strengths and weaknesses of sport and its organizations and exchange best practices on sport's societal roles through events:

- Citizens Panel in Tirana, Albania, 7. – 9.5.2010
- Citizens Panel in Skopje, Macedonia 28. – 30.5.2010
- Citizens Panel in Zagreb, Croatia, 1. – 3.10. 2010
- *Sport Citizens' Forum in Ljubljana, Slovenia: 18. – 21.11.2010*



WHO IS ORGANISING THE EVENT?

The Forum will be coordinated by ISCA and CESS and organized by one of Sport and Cultures in Dialogue project partner:

Sport Union of Slovenia



WHERE THE EVENT WILL BE HELD?



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Bled, Slovenia has only one island but its uniqueness makes it more attractive than many an archipelago. Sheltered by picturesque mountains, the island reigns in the middle of an Alpine lake. Its charm has made it a symbol for centuries of a town to which guests from all over the world love to return. This town, which has already existed for a thousand years, is BLED.



CITIZENS' FORUM IN SLOVENIA

Citizens' Forum in Slovenia takes great pleasure in inviting you to join the dialogue, to increase knowledge and awareness of the societal role of sport and sport organizations, including the content of the White Paper on Sport, to train the civic competences such as openness and receptiveness towards other people's views and various methods of reaching decisions though deliberations, compromise and consensus, to learn from the opportunity to meet other sports organisations and other institutional stakeholders in the field of sport and to strength intercultural competencies through the meeting.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Forum is expected to attract:

- persons who represent the leadership or management level of the involved civil society organizations
- citizens who are active in civil society debate or organizations at the grass-root level,
- local authorities and organizations,
- citizens' groups,
- civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations,
- educational institutions, universities,
- organizations active in the field of voluntary work



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ACCOMMODATION AND FORUM MEETING ROOMS

Hotel Astoria Bled

<http://www.hotelastoria-bled.com/>

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Jelovica

<http://www.hotel-jelovica.si/?l=gb>

Hotel Astoria and Hotel Jelovica Bled are a three-star higher middleclass hotels close to the lake. A pleasant park leads down to the lake shore. The hotels are close to the old town centre.



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SPORT CITIZENS' FORUM IN SLOVENIA PROGRAM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010

Arrival and welcome dinner

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010

09:00-09:30 // "Let's act today, for the Europe of tomorrow"

External presentation on the Europe for Citizens Program

09:30-10:00 // "What is role of sport in the Europe of tomorrow?"

External presentation on Active citizenship and the EU White Paper on Sport

10:30-12:30 // "We bring activities to our citizens"

Presentations of good examples from Albania, Macedonia, Croatia, Slovenia, Denmark, France, Italy, Bulgaria, Romania, Spain

12:30-14:00 // Lunch

14:00-15:00 // Panel recommendations and conclusions

- »How can we increase the knowledge and awareness of the societal role of sport and sport organizations?«
Recommendations and Conclusions from the Local Citizens Panel in Albania
- »Intercultural dialogue through the structured cooperation with civil society is fundamental to creating a »Healthy Europe« and »Healthy Identity « as the value of belonging to a community«
Recommendations and Conclusions from the Local Citizens Panel in Macedonia
- »The role of civil society in health and quality of life promotion in EU countries«
Recommendations and Conclusions from the Local Citizens Panel in Croatia

15:30-16:30 // Group discussion on the Recommendation and Conclusions from the Local Citizens' Panels

- Review of input and recommendations from the 3 citizens' panels held in Macedonia, Albania and Croatia on the societal roles of sport.
- Mapping out of the working areas for the forum's declaration.

17:30-20:00 // "Castle mood"

Read more at: http://www.slovenia.info/en/kul-zgod-znamenitosti/Bled-castle.htm?kul_zgod_znamenitosti=10104&lng=2

20:00 // Dinner



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2010

5TH SLOVENIAN SPORT FOR ALL FORUM, 9.00 – 16.00

The purpose of the Forum of experts is to exchange experience with examples of good practice and to exchange expertise between the organizers of sports/recreational events and programmes. Their aim is to establish an environment which favours and supports the transfer of expertise and good practices between the members of the Union.

This year main topics will be:

1. Nature friendly sport
2. Voluntarism in sport
3. Sport Facility management

SPORT CITIZENS' FORUM / WORKSHOPS DAY, 9.00 – 17.00

09:00-10:00 // "Workshop on the societal roles of sport – health promotion", led by Croatian Medical Association, Croatian Sports Medicine Society

10:00-11:00 // "Workshop on the societal roles of sport - social inclusion and sustainable development", led by Intelektualet e rinj, Shprese (IRSH)/Albanian Youth Parliament

11:30-12:30 // "Workshop on the societal roles of sport – education and training", led by GARD, Citizens' Association for Recreational Movement

12:30-14:00 // Lunch

14:00-15:00 // "Future workshop on action related to European citizenship and democracy, shared values, common history and culture through cooperation within civil society organizations on local, national and international level", led by CESS.

15:30-16:00 // Coffee break

16:00-17:00 // Future workshop on the societal roles of sport - health, education and training, volunteering, social inclusion and sustainable development, led by ISCA.

18:00-19:00 // "We like physical Activity"

20.00 // Dinner and entertainment

21:00-22:00 // Creating the first draft of the Declaration of the Sport Citizens Forum – editors' group meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010

09:00-10:00 // Finalizing the draft of the Declaration of the Sport Citizens Forum – editors' group meeting

10:00-10:30 // Coffee break

10:30-12:00

Presentation of the Declaration of the Sport Citizens' Forum to international guests and institutions, led by SUS

Panel debate by national and international guests and institutions

12:00-13:00 // Lunch (optional)

SPORT CITIZENS' FORUM IN SLOVENIA PARTNERS IN FOCUS



INTERNATIONAL PROJECT PARTNERS INVITED TO SPORT CITIZENS' FORUM IN SLOVENIA

- International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)
- Danish Gymnastic and Sports Association (DGI)
- Union Sportive de l'Enseignement dru Premier degree (USEP)
- European Confederation sport and Health (CESS)
- Italian Sport for All Association (UISP)
- Romanian Sport for All Federation (FRSpT)
- Bulgarian Young People Federation (BYPF)
- Croatian Medical Association, Croatian Sports Medicine Society
- University of Zagreb, Faculty of Kinesiology
- GARD, Citizens' Association for Recreational Movement
- Federation Sport for All Macedonia
- Sport Union of Slovenia (SUS)
- Intelktualet e rinj, Shprese (IRSH)/Albanian Youth Parliament



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THE SPORT UNION OF SLOVENIA

The Sports Union of Slovenia covers sports for all organizations. It includes more than 100 sport for all clubs with altogether approximately 95.000 members, and it is one of the largest sports organizations in the country.

Its activities are oriented towards clubs and individuals; however, the emphasis is laid on further development and modernization of sport for all activities. The purpose is also to attract and include as much people as we can into sport, as well as to include various expertise and to exchange experiences. This is achieved through various sports for all activities and events, educational programs, qualified staff, information activities, expert materials and publications, organization and functioning of advisory services for various groups of recreational athletes of all age groups (from children and young people to adults and the elderly).

SUS believes that Sport for All and popular culture plays an increasingly important role in our societies. Such an increasing importance leads to new challenges and demand for development of the organizations governing this sector. SUS role is to assist development for Sport for All through international cooperation and partnerships. SUS is also involved in international activities through ISCA International Sport and Culture Association, through PATHE project, SEE activities, ISCA Health Network,

Environment and sport Network and Youth Network.

SUS gives special attention to the South East Europe Sport For All Network, which should have the important role in contributing to its overall goals such as peace, stability and democratic development in the region. This approach is long-term in its orientation and it takes a lot of effort to become reality. What is particularly important, is the equal representation of all different peoples in this process, as well as neutral and independent treatment of initiatives coming from different countries/organizations.

SUS has always been active in youth activities on the local level (Wind in my hair – with sport against drugs) and on the international level: participating in different "Youth in Action" activities. We believe that active citizenship and active participation of young people in national and international activities give also to sport for all possibility to promote citizenship, to raise the participation of young people in their communities and how to become more aware about the importance of such engagement. Develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union – SUS uses the sport for all concept, meaning that it promotes sport and physical activities to bring people together, from all social groups, and engage them into dialogue.