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Dear colleagues,

Following the UN request, we received through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, regarding actions to implement Decision 77/27GCIE on the subject: "Sports as a catalyst for sustainable development" and for sport related initiatives - actions of the member states undertaken and/or planned between January 2022 with a horizon of February 2024, on specific themes such as: social inclusion and inclusion, research development, information collection and data dissemination, poverty eradication and promotion of prosperity, protection of sport against corruption and crime, gender equality, conflict prevention/peace building, we propose the following actions/initiatives/programs that include some of the above thematic fields as their main objectives.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

1. #BEACTIVE

- Ensuring no one is left behind (advancing empowerment, inclusiveness and equality through sport)
- Physical activity – sport for all – healthy lifestyle

For the 9th year, the European Commission promotes the **European Week of Sport with the #BeActive campaign**. Launched in 2015, the European Week of Sport promotes healthy and active sport and lifestyles in order to increase the physical and mental well-being of all European citizens. It takes place every year from 23 to 30 September. The European Week of Sport promotes participation in sport and physical activity, and aims to raise awareness about the numerous benefits of both. It encourages European citizens to "**#BeActive**", not only during the Week, but to stay fit all year long. The Week is for everyone – regardless of age, background or fitness level – and helps individuals, public authorities, the sport movement, civil society organisations and the private sector collaborate in the field of sport.

#BEACTIVE HELLAS HIGHLIGHTS 2022

- ***Beach Volley Workplace Tournament***
A fantastic event for employees in the sports sector, an initiative of the General Secretary of Sports and President of #BeActiveHellas Organizing Committee Mr. George Mavrotas with the participation of the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs Ms. Niki Kerameus, employees of the General Secretariat of Sports, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Hellenic Olympic Committee, Olympic Winners, Olympians and distinguished athletes-police officers from the Hellenic Police Sports Association. Altogether, a huge, happy sports team!
- ***3X3 Tournament within the frame of FIBA 3X3 U17 European Championship***
A super event within the frame of FIBA 3X3 U17 European Championship, with the participation of the Minister of Sports Mr. Lefteris Avgenakis, the General Secretary of Sports and President of #BeActiveHellas Organizing Committee Mr. George Mavrotas, the President of the Hellenic Basketball Federation Mr. Vangelis Liolios and Mayors and Vice Mayors of the neighbouring municipalities. Action between the central government and the local government, sporting moments of joy and entertainment!
- ***Walk, Run, Roll Together***
An event organized by the Panhellenic Association of the Graduates of Physical Education and Sport, and the Hellenic Skateboarding Federation with the participation of citizens of all ages and people with disabilities. Skaters, cyclists,

roller skaters with compatible and electric skates participated in all routes. An event dedicated to Truce with the aim of promoting the Athens seaside and its accessibility without a car!

#BEACTIVE HELLAS HIGHLIGHTS 2023

- ***Pan-Hellenic School Relay – I run for EY (well-good in English)***
In the framework of the European Sports Week, we invited Primary, Secondary and High schools throughout the country to participate in the pan-Hellenic school relay, which took place on September 23-30, 2023, under with the theme "I run for EY" (well-being, happiness, diligence, fair play, heartiness, responsibility, kindness). The students run a symbolic route, choosing which the "EY" theme they are running for. In this way, a Pan-Hellenic "EY Relay" will be held jointly supporting the central theme "I run for EY". This symbolic route, in addition to its sporting dimension, also includes Olympic Values whose influence is unparalleled in improving our society. The children run, after all, to remind us that EY (well-being, happiness, diligence, fair play, heartiness, responsibility, kindness) is the intended attitude of LIFE to be mastered with effort, determination and ethics integrity. Action development space: schoolyard, indoor or outdoor gym, nearby park or any available space

- ***Panhellenic Association of Gyms - Association of Gym Owners of Attica - Hellenic Society of Cardiology - Wednesday, September 27, 2023***
In connection with the World Heart Day, the Panhellenic Association of Gyms and the Association of Gym Owners of Attica in collaboration with the Hellenic Society of Cardiology co-organized a social action aimed at reducing mortality and morbidity from cardiovascular diseases. It is about a part of actions and events for the European Week of Sport and the anniversary of #BEACTIVE DAY 2023. The event took place on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 11:30 at Sintagma Metro Station multipurpose hall. Among other things, a round table on the value of sport for human and especially for cardiovascular health was held.
Speakers: Olympic Fani Chalkia (gold medal), Voula Zygouri, President of the Hellenic Olympic Champions Association and others

- ***Information Seminar: Integrating Sustainability in Athlete's Dietary choices (SustDiet) – September 26th, 2023***

Organized by: Athens Network of Collaborating Experts (ANCE)
Venue: Aegean College

One of the targets of the European Green Deal's "Farm to Fork Strategy" (F2F) is to promote sustainable food consumption and facilitate the shift to healthy, sustainable diets. Indeed, a healthier and more sustainable EU food system is a cornerstone of the Green Deal in order to achieve a complete overhaul of the EU's food system towards achieving climate neutrality by 2050. This project aims at:

- Enhancing the knowledge of professional and non-professional athletes and other sports professionals (coaches, trainers, fitness instructors etc.) on sustainable food choices and their effect on the athletes' health and sports performance and on the environment, so that they not only change their dietary habits, but become role models and agents of change
- Increasing awareness among athletes, sports professionals and organizations on athletes' dietary choices carbon footprint
- Enhancing access to dietary guidelines and flexible educational tools for professional and non-professional athletes that are aligned with sustainability principles
- Enhancing the knowledge and skills of sports nutrition professionals on the impact diets have on the environment and how they can assist athletes to shift to more sustainable diets.

Duration: 01/01/2022 to 31/03/2024

Partners: KMGME (Coordinator - Germany), ANCE (Greece) Bolu provincial directorate of youth and sports (Turkey), Malta Exercise Health and Fitness Association (Malta), Sport Evolution Alliance (Portugal), Mathaino Diatrofi (Greece), Defoin (Spain)

2. HealthyLifestyle4All

- Healthy lifestyle
- Ensuring no one is left behind (advancing empowerment, inclusiveness and equality through sport)

As a follow-up to the [Tartu Call for a Healthy Lifestyle](#), the European Commission set up HealthyLifestyle4All, a two-year campaign running in 2021-2023 and aiming to link sport and active lifestyles with health, food and other policies.

It showcased the European Commission's commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles for all, across generations and social groups, noting that everyone can benefit from activities that improve health and well-being.

To promote a broad outreach, uptake and ownership of healthy lifestyles across society, the European Commission involved

- sport movements at national, European and international level
- state authorities (ministries)
- cities and regions (local governments)
- civil society organisations

in EU Member States, Erasmus+ programme countries, Eastern Partnership and Western Balkans countries.

Three are the main pillars of this initiative that have as follows:

1. **Increased awareness** of a healthy lifestyle across all generations
2. **Easier access to sport**, physical activity and healthy diets, with special focus on inclusion and non-discrimination to reach disadvantaged groups
3. **Teaming up for a holistic approach** to food, health, well-being and sport

3. **SHARE initiative (2018-2023) [© European Union, 2022]**

- Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination
- Reinforce the 2030 Agenda and eradicate poverty in times of multiple crises, leading to the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions

The main goal of the SHARE initiative was to raise awareness on the role of sport and physical activity in the context of regional and local development.

SHARE aimed to raise sport's profile in European, national, regional and local policy agendas.

SHARE brought together

- public authorities
- sport organisations
- universities
- small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- business support organisations

across Europe who are engaged in highlighting sport's importance for regional development.

Launched by the European Commission in 2018, and running until 2023, SHARE ensured sport is taken into account as part of policy and investment decision-making at European, national and regional levels.

The SHARE initiative had a wide scope, with activities taking place across the sport movement.

SHARE focused on highlighting success in sport, particularly by highlighting a growing [database of best practices](#).

SHARE was also active in building the case for sport via

- capacity-building activities
- events
- research and policy papers (see below)

Increased collaboration

The SHARE initiative aimed to increase collaboration, facilitate discussions and create a forum to grow and implement best practices – particularly between public authorities and the sport movement.

By building stakeholder capacity and strengthening partnerships in the field of sport, new funding can be unlocked for sport-related activities.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the European Union Work Plan for Sport (1 January 2021-30 June 2024) (2020/C 419/01)

- Leveraging sports events to promote action to combat climate change, advance peace and/or sustainable development

The Council and the representatives of the governments of the member states meeting within the Council, establish an EU WORKPLAN FOR SPORT for the period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2024:

The EU Work Plan deals with the following priority areas:

- Protect integrity and values in sport;
 - Socio-economic and environmental dimensions of sport;
 - Promotion of participation in sport and health-enhancing physical activity.
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SPORT COOPERATIONS AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- Conflict prevention/peace building
- Leveraging sports events to promote action to combat climate change, advance peace and/or sustainable development

The Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports of the Hellenic Republic underlining the friendly and close relations with various countries, in order to strengthen and develop friendly relations through sports, stressing the universal benefit of Sports as basis for greater cooperation between the Hellenic Republic and each of these countries, in order to achieve social and economic well-being of their peoples, establish sports cooperation by signing relative agreements (Memoranda of Understanding), within the framework of their respective competence, by fostering as a priority the exchange of expertise in various sectors as: Institutional cooperation, science and technology applied to sports, sports medicine, the fight against spectator violence, doping, match fixing and other degenerative phenomena in sports, the organization of sports events, the training of sports specialists, programs for the support and encouragement of sports for the disabled, the protection of young practitioners in sports, the participation of women in sports, both in management and competition, sports infrastructure, sports tourism etc. These protocols come as a part of a wider set of cooperation articles and agreements in various sectors (financial, agricultural, educational etc) the two countries in question may sign under the supervision and arrangement by their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs. In this respect, our country, the Hellenic Republic, is currently on the final process of completing the content and texts of such sport protocols/agreements, with the following countries: 1) Serbia, 2) Kenya, 3) Cuba, 4) Qatar, 5) while on December 7th, 2023 signed a sport protocol on sport cooperation with the Republic of Turkey. Lastly, the Hellenic Parliament is responsible to ratify these protocols after their signing.

MEASURES ON SPECTATORS VOIOLENCE

- Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination

According to the recent Greek government announcement, seven main measures on spectators violence are taken, that may include, among other things, prison sentence and fine for public statements/announcements/social media posts that are capable of inciting acts of violence or threats. Furthermore, the obligation of Super League and Basket League respectively to operate an integrated electronic surveillance system for their stadiums, while one supporters (Fan) club is allowed per team.

At the same time, among the measures on spectators violence, the clause of delinquency in financing from Bet profits is added.

More specifically,

1. Fan clubs (supporters clubs)

- Only one Club per team

- Framework of elections and administration of the Club
- Supervision of the Club by the Football Team (SA) that will also have the civil liability
- Mandatory establishment of a National Fan Clubs Federation within 6 months that will participate in the international Confederations of Fan Clubs
- Immediate operation of the Electronic Register of Fan Clubs Members

2. Electronic surveillance of sports facilities with cameras

- Mandatory full operation of the electronic surveillance system for the Super League and Basket League stadiums
- Certificate of its proper operation from the Hellenic Police two days before each sport competition (match)
- If the system malfunctions, the match will be played without the spectators presence
- If the system malfunctions on the day of the match, the next match will be held Without spectators presence

3. Restructuring of the Permanent Committee to Address Violence (PCAV)

- In application of Saint Denis Convention of the Council of Europe, a 5-member as well as flexible Committee is formed, including lawyers, judges and an officer of the Hellenic national Police.
 - Establishment of an Electronic Platform that will support the Committee's work, in collaboration with the Hellenic Police
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TAFISA

- Safely harnessing sport for sustainable development, peace and wellbeing in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, including through the use of technology
- Ensuring no one is left behind (advancing empowerment, inclusiveness and equality through sport)
- Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace

TAFISA Europe supports **TAFISA** (in 2009, TAFISA officially changed its name to 'The Association For International Sport for All' to more accurately describe its activities and its position as the leading international Sport for All association.

in many projects co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission. For an overview of these projects, please see the [TAFISA Erasmus+ projects page](#) . For more information regarding the possible support from the Programme Erasmus+, please see the [Erasmus+ Sport page](#).

- Vice President for Europe (in the TAFISA Board Of Directors) is Dionysios (Denis) Karakasis from Greece and the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports

TAFISA World Congress 2023 Düsseldorf - Call to Action

Covid, Climate, Conflicts – the current crises that the world is facing are pushing people, societies, and countries apart. We, the TAFISA World Congress participants, believe in the power of Sport for All as one of the very few unifying languages in the world. The TAFISA World Congress provides a safe, welcoming, and inclusive platform where we talk, listen to and respect each other, and where we are able to exchange openly and work together. This is a call for concerted action towards governments at all levels, the private sector, media, NGOs, global and regional institutions, across all sectors, to combine our complementary strengths and resources through the following actions:

- Implement Sport for All as a cross-cutting theme in all policy fields,
- Openly share and exchange knowledge and stories with the general public to increase impact,
- Recognize and support personal involvement through volunteerism and individual commitment to Sport for All,
- Invest people and resources in sustainable Sport for All as a means to contribute to the SDGs, and
- Make Sport for All a mandate and not an option.

Now is the time to act. More together than ever

4 November 2023 Düsseldorf, Germany

Hellenic Anti-Doping Association - HADA

- Safeguarding sport from corruption and crime
- Ensuring no one is left behind (advancing empowerment, inclusiveness and equality through sport)

In 2020, under the Law 4049/12 (article 11), the National Organization for Combatting Doping (EOKAN), successor of ESKAN, was established as a legal person under private law by presidential decree. The international term for the organization is HADA (Hellenic Anti-Doping Agency).

The primary goal of HADA is to create a healthy, doping- free sporting environment which will enable athletes to compete on equal terms. For this purpose, it plans and conducts reliable doping control tests, random and targeted, In and Out of Competition in every sport. The organization is also responsible for the proper training of the Doping Control Officers, for the integrity of the procedure and for the results management. Regarding prevention, HADA with the collaboration of the sports federations develops educational programs and launches information campaigns about the health risks associated with the use of illegal substances and also about the negative consequences of “fair play” violation. In addition, HADA collaborates with any equivalent institution and public authorities for combatting Doping. Also, it represents Greece in the committees of the European Council, in WADA and in equivalent international bodies. site.

Conference for Women's Sports

- Ensuring no one is left behind (advancing empowerment, inclusiveness and equality through sport)

“Gazzetta” is a Greek sport web site which organized the 2nd edition of the unique conference for women's sports, on December 11, 2023 at the Municipal Theater of Piraeus. Greek but also foreign champion athletes, emblematic figures of women's sports, older ones as well as the new generation, talk, testify their reality, share their experiences and all together aim to inspire and strengthen with their own presence the field of women's sports for a better tomorrow. The ambassador of Gazzetta Women, Mrs Vasso Nicopolidis, stated: Our aim is to take the 'step forward' so that the voice of all women involved in sports can be heard. The basic pillars of the summit were: Empowerment, Equality and Inspiration.
