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Prevention of sexual harassment and abuse in sports

Impulses for an open, secure and sound sporting environment in Europe
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OUTLINE

THE PROBLEM	sexual harassment and abuse in the sport sector exists
THE PROJECT	awareness raising, collection of prevention inititatives and transnational exchange
THE FOLLOW UP	educational action/campagne funded by DG Justice/EU
THE RECOMMENDATIONS	issue on the political agenda, research, European task force

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THE PROBLEM

Testimonial: I was a dead girl walking, my coach destroyed my life

Paedophile coach began abusing a 10year old swimmer over seven years

"I put my whole heart and soul into my sport and my coach took advantage of that."

He had the authority to use occasions after or before training to abuse her

"I've lived in a prison cell for the past thirty years of my life, since I was ten because I had a dream to swim for my country, …. I lost everything and now I'm working very hard to stay alive and to be well and healthy and to move on with my life."

She attempted suicide, spent time in psychatric hospitals, her mother committed suicide

"All I say is that please if you're in a position to protect children please don't let any other child end up with a life like mine."

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THE PROBLEM

What we know

sexual harassment and abuse in the sport sector is existing

not enough reliable numbers, the phenomen of sexual and gender harassment is under-researched

wide variation in the extent to which the issue is recognized and addressed in countries, regions, federations

sport organisations and governmental structures in many EU-countries lack approriate structures to prevent and protect

the nature of abuse is the same in different countries of the EU (abuse of power, migration of perpetrators …)

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THE PROJECT

heterogeneous network of sport federations and child protection organizations

11 renowned European expert/academic advisors

inform and raise awareness about the need of action, structures, mechanisms to prevent and to protect

European conference in 2012, Berlin: *Safer, better, stronger – Prevention of sexual harassment* download all presentations: www.dsj.de/childprotection

catalogue *Prevention of sexual and gender harassment and abuse in sports – Initiatives in Europe and beyond* download: www.dsj.de/childprotection

recommendations to the European Commission *Safer, better, stronger! Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse in sports*

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THE PROJECT

Conference „Safer, better, stronger

The European conference

Safer, better, stronger! Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse in sports

Berlin, 20 and 21 November 2012

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

12:00 - 13:00	Registration
13:00 - 13:10	Opening by **Ewald KÖNIG**, editor-in-chief at EurActiv.de, conference chair
	Welcoming address by **Ingo WEISS**, chair of German Sports Youth (dsj)/Board member of German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB)
13:10 - 13:30	**Bart OOIJEN**, Sport Unit/Directorate-General Education and Culture, European Commission
13:30 - 13:45	Welcoming address by **Johannes-Wilhelm RÖRIG**, independent representative of Germany for issues of sexual child abuse
13:45 – 14:15	Key note speech "**The truth of abuse**" by **Karen LEACH**, a former swimmer, Ireland
14:15 – 15:00	Key note speech "**What we know about sexual harassment and abuse in sports**" by **Celia BRACKENRIDGE**, professor at Brunel Centre for Sport, Health and Wellbeing, Brunel University, the United Kingdom and **Kari FASTING**, professor at the Department of Social and Cultural Studies, Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Norway
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Symposiums I &II - For more information see below
17:00 – 17:15	Coffee break
17:15 – 18:45	Symposiums I &II - For more information see below
18:45 – 19:15	Closing session with **Heike TAUBERT**, Minister for Social Affairs, Family and Health in Thuringia and Chair of the Standing Committee of the Sports Ministers of the Federal States of Germany
19:15 – 19:45	Reception with mulled wine at the terrace of the house of the representative of the free state of Thuringia
20:15 – 22:00	Dinner at the NH hotel

Wednesday, November 21, 2012

9:00 - 09:15	Background of the European network by **Jan HOLZE**, chair of the youth organisation of the European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation (ENGSO Youth), Germany
09:15 – 10:00	Key note speech "**Results of the project on prevention of sexualized violence in sports – impulses for an open, secure and sound sporting environment in Europe**" by **Daniel RHIND**, lecturer at the Brunel Centre for Sport, Health and Wellbeing, Brunel University, the United Kingdom
10:00 - 11:30	Symposiums III &IV - For more information see below
11:30 -12:00	Coffee break
12:00 - 13:30	Symposiums III &IV - For more information see below
13:30 – 14:00	Closing session with inputs of partner organizations on the future actions
14:00 – 15:00	Convivial get-together and a light lunch

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THE PROJECT

Catalogue of initiatives

1. Introduction
2. Empirical findings and existing recommendations
3. The status quo in selected European countries
4. Initiatives in Europe and beyond

   a) **Action plans and policies**
   b) **Education and training**
   c) **Awareness raising**
   c) **Research**
   d) **Monitoring/ evaluation**
   e) **Supporting and protecting procedures**

5. Conclusion

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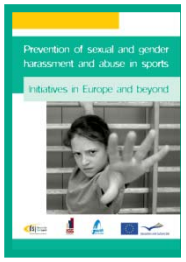
Catalogue of initiatives in Europe and beyond

1	• Sexual harassment and abuse study among Norwegian female elite athletes
2	• Women in sport in the Czech Republic - experiences of female athletes
3	• Prevalence of male sexual harassment among Greek female sports
4	• Detection and prevention of sexual harassment and violence in sport (France)
5	• Breaking the cycle of child sexual abuse (Greece)
6	• Respect in Sport. Canada's online program
7	• From research to a social change – preventing sexual harassment in sports (Czech Republic)
8	• A model to prevent sexual abuse in sport (Canada)
9	• Red card against sexualised violence in sports (Germany)
10	• Police check for those working with minors and the mentally disabled in sports clubs (Norway)



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Catalogue of initiatives in Europe and beyond

11	• Good sport environments for children (Denmark)
12	• Establishing the National Child Safeguarding in Sport Panel (UK)
13	• Member protection policy (Australia)
14	• Against sexualised violence – a commented guideline for safeguarding children and youth in sports clubs (Germany)
15	• 'Sexuality and policy' framework (Belgium)
16	• Helpline for sexual harassment in sports (Netherlands)
17	• What about the respect – we not me (Denmark)
18	• The FA respect and licensed coach scheme (UK)
19	• Evaluating child protection and safeguarding within a national governing body (UK)

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THE FOLLOW UP

Sport respects your rights -
Empowering young Europeans in sport for a culture of respect and integrity against sexualised violence and gender harassment

Daphne III Programm 2011/2012/European Commission
01. April 2013 – 31. March 2015

Empowering 16-22 year old Europeans in sport to combat and raise awareness about sexualized violence and gender harassment through youth-led campaigns and local cross-sector networks in six European countries

Coordinator: Sportunion Österreich
German Sports University Cologne
ENGSO Youth

Partner: Deutsche Sportjugend (DE), Italian Aerobic and Fitness Federation FIAF (IT), Campaign against Homophoia (PL), NOC*NSF (NL) , ÖLV (AUT), Sportverband DJK (DE), Universität Edgehill (UK)

www.sport-respects-your-rights.eu

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Safer, better, stronger!
Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Abuse in sports

THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations to the European Commission

The physical, social and emotional interaction experienced during sports and recreational

put sexual and gender harassment and abuse in sports (SGHA) **on the political agenda of relevant European agencies**

support the **development of national strategies and guidelines** for the prevention of sexualized violence in sport

include **European data drawn from statistical and research instruments on SGHA the sport sector** and pay special attention to **cross-national longitudinal studies**

establish **a European network of stakeholders, experts and governmental agencies**

support a **European Task Force on sexual and gender harassment and abuse in sport to develop an evidence-base policy response**

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