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Is homophobia the last taboo in sport?

- **The 2012-2013 survey by the EU Agency for the Fundamental Rights (FRA)**: among 93 000 persons **one out of 10 in our survey felt personally discriminated because of being L/G/B/T at sport or fitness club in EU",** and up to 20% for transgender persons with large variations across European countries
- **In 2011, the UEFA Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) recommend** that UEFA continues to tackle homophobia, which is often referred to as "football's last taboo" (p.11)
- Several other recent researches demonstrate that **homophobia** is still very much **present in sport**

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Project Partners

- European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation
- Pride Sports (GBR)
- Out in Slovenia (SLO)
- FSGL (FRA)
- FARE Network
- FVV (GER)
- Atlasz (HUN)

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Pride in Sport's Aims

To raise awareness and understanding of homophobia and practice which discriminates against lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people in sport

To enhance the capacity of LGBT sports groups and networks both on a local/national/pan-European level **to share knowledge** and contribute to the debate on **best practice in LGBT inclusion in sport**

To **promote LGBT human rights through sport**, bridging the gap between new member states in the East and old member states in the West

To **improve networks of those working to combat homophobia and promote LGBT inclusion** in sport across Europe – including grass roots organisations, Sports Governing Bodies and campaigning organisations

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What has been Achieved?

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An academic Colloquium

- Paris, December 2-3, 2011: “Sport and Homosexuals, Sport for Homosexuals: Models of Integration, Examples of Rejection”
- An academic conference, exploring issues of self-organisation amongst LGBT athletes, integration in mainstream sport and role of media and public authorities
- Legacy: networks, video resources, proceedings, DVD

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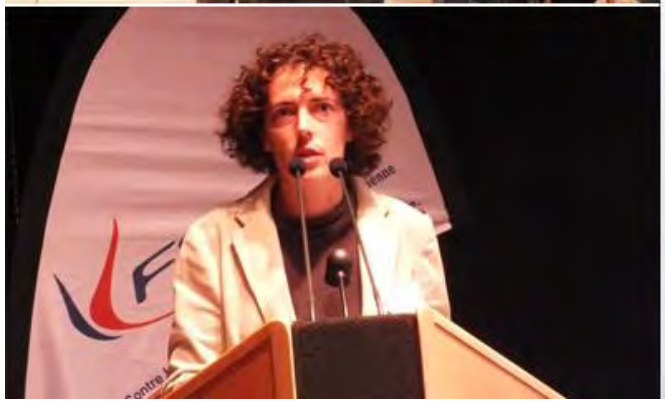

SPORTIFS HOMOSEXUELS ET HOMOSEXUELS SPORTIFS

L'HOMOPHOBIE EN QUESTION

2 ET 3 DÉCEMBRE 2011, PARIS

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Exhibition
"Against the Rules: Gay and Lesbians in Sport"

- The EGLSF exhibition aims to challenge homophobia and transphobia in sport and help remove the taboos from the subject of homosexuality
- Shown during **London Olympics 2012** at PrideHouse (English) and during the **EuroGames 2012,** the European LGBT Sport Championship in Budapest (English & Hungarian)
- Legacy: touring exhibition, free to rent, media interest

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Anti-Discrimination Gaming Application for Young People

- Aims:
  - Young people feel able to ‘stand up’ to discrimination where they encounter it
  - Young people feel positively about the inclusion of minorities in sport
  - A reduction in prejudicial attitudes and behaviour by young people
  - Fun enough to get engaged in it

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UpFront

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About the Game

UPFRONT IS A SIMPLE, FUN FOOTBALL GAME

UpFront is a game for players aged 11 – 16, but we hope everyone will enjoy playing! UpFront is a simple, fun football/soccer game, with added educational value; promoting...

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UpFront

- Single player game
- Player must avoid obstacles on the pitch
- A narrative about the fans explains that prejudice affecting the progress of the players and fans
- This relationship between discriminatory fans and the game player promotes the message that discrimination effects others and needs to be overcome
- 4 languages – English, French, German, Spanish
- Special website: www.upfront.mobi

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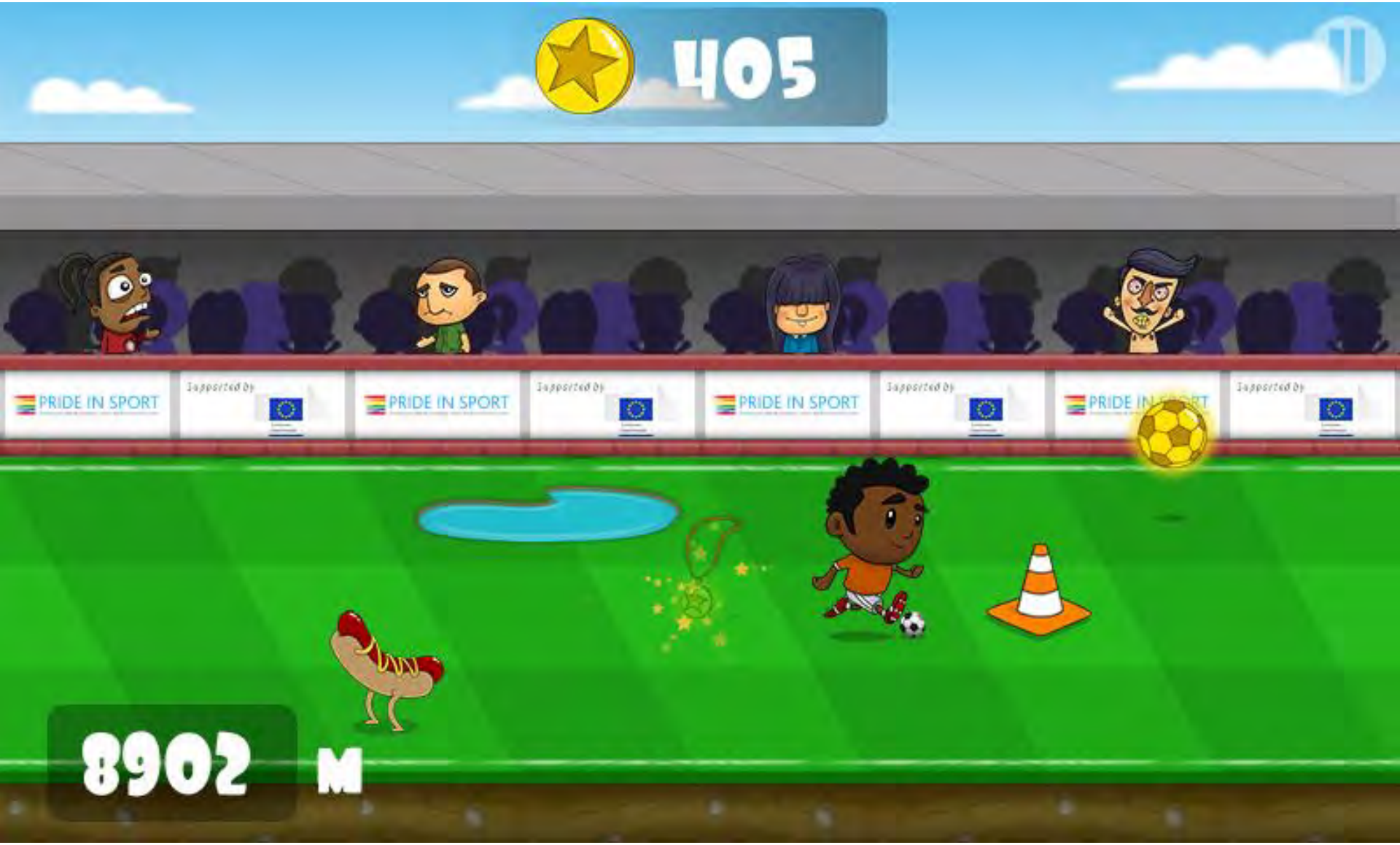

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Fact sheets – Guidance documents

- For sports governing bodies:
  - basketball, football, swimming, volleyball

- Contents:
  - What are the issues?
  - Taking action – providing frameworks and strategies
  - Where to start – proving simple guidance
  - Examples of best practice and references

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"You're not allowed to use the sprinkler system to keep your audience awake."

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Good Practice on LGBT Inclusion and Anti-homophobia Campaigning

- 20 (+1) projects on preventing homophobic violence and discrimination
- Grassroot activities focusing on education, training, media work and LGBT sports participation
- Covering 11 specific sports: athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, dancing, football, hockey, swimming, tennis and volleyball
- Projects in 12 different countries
- Legacy: conference, best practices

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Recommendations

1. improving available researches and data on LGBT sport participation and homophobia in sport and alternative prevention strategies
2. investing in education and transfer of knowledge at all levels of the sport movement; disseminating LGBT inclusive best practice in sport
3. contributing to the adoption of a Charter against Homophobia and Transphobia, and related Action Plans at national and European level
4. investing in expert organizations to have a coordinated EU-wide approach and operation
5. enabling a platform and ensuring resources for systematic monitoring, reporting and evaluation

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