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Preparatory Actions in the field of sport 2009 and 2010

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Background

In its resolution on the White Paper on Sport of 14 April 2008, the European Parliament called on the Commission to propose an EU sport programme as well as Preparatory Actions in the field of sport as of 2009.



What is a Preparatory Action ?

- ✚ An exceptional financial tool
- ✚ Can be funded for a maximum of three successive financial years,
- ✚ For the preparatory and testing stages preceding the adoption of a programme





... to prepare what ?

To prepare the implementation of the new EU competence on sport based on Lisbon Treaty and, eventually, an EU sport programme:

Aiming in particular:

- ✚ To support, coordinate or supplement the actions of the member States
- ✚ To develop the European Dimension in sport



How ?

Paving the way for the implementation of the treaty mandate to:

- ✚ Support and coordinate the actions of the member States

Mainly: Supporting policy-making process by facilitating knowledge building and knowledge sharing (through studies, surveys, conferences and seminars)

- ✚ Supplement the actions of the member States

Mainly: Supporting suitable networks and good practices (through call for proposals)

...And Including: Promoting European visibility at sporting events (through direct grants)



Life cycle

Budgetary proposal	Budget allocations	Financial decision	Implementation	Monitoring and evaluation
Commission	Budget authority	Commission Work programme	Commission: - tenders - proposals	Lessons learned

Budgeting

	2009		2010		2011	
	PDB	Budget	PDB	Budget	PDB	Budget
Preparatory action	€1,5 m	€6,0 m	€1,5 m	€3,0 m	€1,0 m	?
Special events	0	€1,5 m	0	€8,0 m	0	?
Total		€7,5 m		€11,0 m		





Procedure: Financial decisions

2009: Annual Work Programme on grants and contracts for the preparatory actions in the field of sport and special events (Commission Decision, March 2009)

2010: Annual Work Programme on grants and contracts for the preparatory actions in the field of sport and special events (Commission Decision, April 2010)

2011: ...



Implementation 2009 (overview)

3 main areas:

Supporting policy-making process by facilitating knowledge building and knowledge sharing:

- + Through studies, surveys, conferences and seminars

Supporting suitable networks and good practices:

- + Through call for proposals

Promoting European visibility at sporting events:

- + Through direct grants



Implementation 2009 (i)

....Supporting policy-making process by facilitating knowledge building and knowledge sharing (through studies, surveys, conferences and seminars)

The Commission financed in 2009:





- ✚ A study on “Equal Treatment of Non-nationals in individual sport competitions”
- ✚ The Eurobarometer survey
- ✚ An EU conference on Anti-Doping
- ✚ A conference about “Licensing systems”
- ✚ The preparation of the 2010 EU Sport Forum



Implementation 2009 (ii)

....Supporting suitable networks and good practices (through call for proposals) in the following areas:

- (a) Promoting health-enhancing physical activity
- (b) Promoting education and training in sport
- (c) Promoting European fundamental values by encouraging sport for persons with disabilities
- (d) Promoting gender equality in sport

-  Wide-spread interest: 207 project proposals were submitted across the 27 Member States.
-  After a tight selection process, 18 project proposals were selected for funding.
-  With their various partner networks, these projects involve a total of 150 organisations
-  The projects are implemented between December 2009 and March 2011.



Implementation 2009 (iii)

... Promoting greater European visibility at sporting events (through direct grants)

- ✚ The XVI Mediterranean Games (Pescara, Italy). The Mediterranean Games, held every four years under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee, are a multi-sport event mainly for nations bordering the Mediterranean Sea, where Europe, Africa and Asia meet.
- ✚ The X European Youth Olympic Festival (Tampere, Finland). The EYOF is a biennial multi-sport event for youth athletes from the 49 member countries of the association of European Olympic Committees.



Implementation 2010 (i)

....Supporting policy-making process by facilitating knowledge building and knowledge sharing (through studies, surveys, conferences and seminars)

The Commission will finance in 2010 (€0,5m) :

- ✚ A study about the contribution of the sport sector to employment and economic growth
- ✚ A seminar on statistics
- ✚ The preparation of the 2011 EU Sport Forum



Implementation 2010 (ii)

....Supporting suitable networks and good practices, through call for proposals (€2,5m):

- ✚ Supporting the fight against doping.
- ✚ Promoting social inclusion in and through sport.
- ✚ Promoting and supporting volunteering in sport.



Implementation 2010 (iii)

... Promoting European visibility at sporting events (through direct grants, €8m), to:

- ✦ The 10th biannual European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (EYOWF), which is to be held from 12 to 19 February 2011 in Liberec in the Czech Republic. €2.m
- ✦ The European Special Olympics Summer Games in Warsaw, Poland (18-24 September 2010) and the essential preparations for the World Special Olympics Summer Games in Athens, Greece (20 June – 4 July 2011). €6.m



Monitoring and Evaluation

The Commission is closely following the implementation of these Preparatory Actions and will proceed to a significant evaluation on process and results.

The experience of the Preparatory actions will be taken into consideration:

- ✚ For the impact assessment and the preparation of the implementation of the new EU competence on sport
- ✚ For the analysis of the added value of the EU intervention