

# ONE-TO-ONE DISCUSSION WITH EOSE NATIONAL MEMBERS

**HELLENIC GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF SPORT, MINISTRY OF  
CULTURE AND SPORT (SGS)**

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 10am – 11am CET**

**NOTES OF THE DISCUSSION**

In attendance:

- George Pigos, Sofia Dimitriadi - SGS
- Geoff Carroll - EOSE

## 1) BRIEF EU POLICY UPDATE

As European Civil Society Organisation, one of the roles of EOSE is to share and provide information about latest EU Policy developments principally in the areas of sport, employment, youth, education and training.

Geoff briefly presented the EU Work Plan for Sport 2021 – 2024 and the priority areas and key topics which relate to the work of EOSE. George mentioned that he had a draft of the proceedings of the meeting: *"The Council of the European Union and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States Meeting Within the Council"* which he kindly sent on for information.

Geoff then presented the Erasmus+ Sport Programme and opportunities to take part, including priorities and types of projects. SGS colleagues highlighted that the recent CHANGE project addressed all of the Erasmus+ sport priorities and that the follow-on project was a high priority to ensure its outcomes were embedded. Geoff explained that the application for SKILLS4CHANGE had been updated and resubmitted. We await the results.

The new "Mobility in the Field of Sport" action to open in 2023 managed by national agencies was discussed. George expressed interest and undertook to make contact with the Greece national agency at the appropriate time.

Geoff also presented the EOSE contribution to the #HealthyLifestyle4All EU initiative. EOSE will gather and publicise case studies of actions towards a healthy lifestyle with a particular focus on inclusion and non-discrimination. SGS colleagues agreed to support EOSE's pledge and were immediately able to identify some initiatives in Greece which would take place in the summer. George looks forward to receiving a template so that he can complete a short case study in the autumn.

Geoff then mentioned the Task Force on harmonised sport statistics in the EU and the desire of EOSE to be engaged in this work. He added that EOSE's expression of interest in participating in the Task Force had not been taken up, and that representatives only seemed to come from the national level. EOSE will attempt to identify the Greece representative and inform SGS. EOSE will also send SGS any further information available about the task force.

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*Actions:*

*EOSE to update members on Mobility in Sport*

*EOSE to provide template for #HealthyLifestyle4All case study and SGS to identify and research a potential case study to be written up in the template.*

*EOSE to try to identify the Greece representative on the stats task force and inform SGS.*

*EOSE to send SGS any further information about the stats task force.*

## **2) LATEST AVAILABLE SPORT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR YOUR COUNTRY**

The overall objective of EOSE and its network of national members is to collate and analyse latest available statistics on the sport and physical activity labour market in Europe on an annual basis.

Geoff then made a brief presentation on the EU paid employment statistics for the 2019-2020, the first year of the COVID pandemic. This was followed by a presentation/discussion on Greece paid employment statistics for the same year.

The following points arose from the discussion.

- SGS has a meeting planned with the Greece national statistics office in September to discuss the whole issue of sport labour market in the country and hopefully receive the numbers for 2021. He is happy to share some of EOSE's analysis and discuss some of the possible reasons.
- Greece appears to be unusual compared to the EU as a whole. For example, the sport workforce as a whole increases by +20.8% during 2020 (compared to EU -3.7%), female workers go up by +24.7% (EU -5.9%), self-employment is up by +18.2% (EU +6.7%).
- At this time, SGS has no easy explanation for these findings, but undertook to discuss possible reasons with the Greece NSO later in the year.

*Actions: SGS to discuss EOSE Factsheet for Greece with the NSO.*

## **3) EOSE AND ITS NETWORK OF MEMBERS - COLLABORATION**

EOSE members are at the heart of the organisation, therefore we feel extremely important to create interactions with and between members, to regularly consult them to gather feedback and suggestions on the working relationship and priority actions for both EOSE and the sport sector.

The coverage of EU countries in EOSE membership was discussed. EOSE currently lacks members in Austria, Czechia and Slovakia.

*Action: SGS to inform EOSE about any possible contacts in Austria, Czechia and Slovakia.*

SGS expressed satisfaction with the EOSE Annual Activity Report and being a member of EOSE.

Geoff mentioned the dates for the 2022 EOSE General Assembly, a Save the Date and confirmation will be sent soon. SGS colleagues looked forward to the next GA and hoped very much that it would be possible to meet in-person this year.

SGS colleagues welcomed plans to update the EOSE website and looked forward to seeing a new, brighter and more accessible website presented at the GA.

Geoff also outlined EOSE's plan to run a 2–3-hour seminar on occupational/professional standards. SGS colleagues confirmed that they would be very interested in participating. October would be a favourable month.

*Action: EOSE to circulate Doodle poll to members for a possible seminar in October.*