



European Encounters by the Education through Sports Agency (APELS) "Sports and Diversity"

Organized with

**The Council of Europe's Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)
and
The Sports Sciences Research Team
from the Marc Bloch University of Strasbourg**

20th and 21st November 2008 in Strasbourg (France)



THE ORGANIZERS

After more than 30 years of experience in the field of international sports legislation, the Council of Europe adopted Resolution CM/Res(2007)8 on 11 May 2007 creating the **Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)** in order to give new momentum and dynamics to pan-European sports co-operation. The EPAS aims to promote sport and emphasise its positive values, to establish international standards and develop a framework for a pan-European platform of intergovernmental sports co-operation while at the same time helping the public authorities of member States of the EPAS, sports federations and NGOs to promote sport and make it healthier, fairer and better governed.

Created in 1996, **the Education through Sports Agency (APELS)** is a militant organization that takes action with its network in favour of people in order to contribute to their education and social and professional integration through physical and sporting activities. People weakened more and more as society seems to deprive them of education, social cohesion and social and professional integration. APELS defends its precious idea of sports being "social and citizen". When there is drifting in the sports field, the organization makes itself heard; it suggests corrective solutions. In 2004 APELS organized a European project offer called EUROPA EDUCASPORT that picked out and recognized good education and citizen practices through sports in Europe (this project was the AEES 2004 prize winner and was supported by the European Commission).

Recognized by the Ministry of Research since 1992, **the Research Team in Sports Sciences of the University of Strasbourg (EA 1342)** devotes itself to analyzing physical and sporting activities in modern society. Since 2004, the agency pursues its research primarily in Human and Social Sciences (Sociology, History, Management Science and Anthropology) with the objective to complete a study on sports processes and phenomena in our contemporary society. Sports and bodily practices as well as organizations and markets are approached from spaces (local to global), situations or conditions (19th to 20th century) and various cultural contexts. As a member of the Doctorate School of Humanities of Strasbourg, the team regroups twenty researchers and thirty doctorate students. It is integrated into the European Confederation of Upper Rhine Universities (EUCOR), gathering eight European universities of the Upper Rhine.

Within the scope of its European activities the Education through Sports Agency in connection with the Marc Bloch University of Strasbourg is organizing European encounters in Strasbourg the 20th and 21st November 2008 on the subject "Sports Subject to Test Diversity".

This exceptional event, sponsored by Jan Figel, European Commissioner in charge of education, development, culture and youth, belongs entirely to the continuation of the White Paper on sports published by the European Commission and to the European Year of Intercultural Dialog.

CONTEXT AND CHALLENGES

The European Commission declared the year 2008 to be the "European Year of Intercultural Dialogue" in order to make all people living within the European Union, especially youth, aware of the importance to develop active and open European citizenship worldwide. This year mobilizes the civil society and multiple players at the European, national and local levels to build a better "live together".

In response to the division of national communities in several European countries, sports has often been presented as a universal language and model for intercultural dialog as well as integration for excluded population. In its European Charter the Council of Europe greatly emphasizes the necessity to keep sports exempted from all types of discrimination based on religion, race, sex and political opinion.

Drafted in 2007 by the European Commission, the White Paper on sports, in itself, suggests developing in each country of the European Union actions aiming at "social integration by and through sports".

However, the reality does not always measure up to the real principles and intentions. Unfortunately, sports may still constitute a place for ethnic assertions and specific discrimination (sexual, ethnic and/or related to physical appearance and sexual orientation). And this, in spite of sports, education and social policies implemented at the European scale. This is why sports projects for immigrants are more and

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more frequent in the name of multiculturalism. But these targeted policies are also subject to controversy for risking and encouraging ethnic seclusion and communities within society.

- Beyond the media's swelling effect what is the real importance of these phenomena in Europe?
- How should we conceive real citizen education through sports without any profound knowledge on diversity in the sports public and excluded population in the sports world; and all this for economic, social and cultural reasons?

European encounters "Sports and Diversity" suggest an overview, a thought and an exchange around integrated and citizen functions of sports.

OBJECTIVES OF THESE EUROPEAN ENCOUNTERS

Encounters on November 20th will be held at the European Youth Centre in the Council of Europe and will be dedicated to young researchers working in different European countries on the issues of integrative and citizen functions of sports, as well as to journalists and national and European media representatives who deal with sports and its social and educational dimension.

The second day on November 21st will be held at the European Parliament uniting 300 European players from social and education policies through sports: officers from sports authorities, NGOs, socioeducational associations, local, national and European institutions, scientific experts, etc.

The objectives of these two days are:

- **Define leads for sports policies at the European scale that could encourage cooperation through physical and sports practices among countries in the youth and social integration sectors;**
- **Recognize and encourage innovative publications by young researchers;**
- **Promote research and exchange on good practices and cooperation between different players (administration, political officers, associations) based on field experts and scientists' perspectives;**
- **Promote dialog between youth and institutions of European countries;**

OUR PARTNERS

European Institutions: European Commission ("Europe for Citizens Programme"), European Parliament, Council of Europe, EUCOR

French Institutions : National Agency for Social Cohesion and Equal Opportunities, Secretariat in charge of Youth, Sports, Clubs and Associations, Secretariat in charge of European Affairs, Marc Bloch University of Strasbourg

Territorial authorities: City of Strasbourg, Regional Council of Lower Rhine

Company: Gaz de France

Media: Euractiv, Le Taurillon

« Sports and Discrimination in Europe »
Young European Researchers Communications

20th November 2008

European Youth Centre
30 rue Pierre de Coubertin- Strasbourg (France)
Tel (+33)3.88.41.23.00

Today's preparation, organized by the doctorate students in Sports Sciences of Strasbourg and the European Universities of the Upper Rhine (EUCOR space) with the support from the Doctorate School of Humanities and the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of the Council of Europe, gave rise to a communication sent in March 2008 in all Sports Sciences institutions of Europe (member states of the European Union, Council of Europe and Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)). The objective is to mobilize students together (Master, Doctorate, Young Doctors) working on the subject of public diversity in the sports world. Today has a dual objective:

- Confront national university analyses through sports functions and question the presuppositions based on oral communication;
- Form a network of young European researchers around human and social sciences applied to sports;

Interpretation will be provided in English and French.

9am: Welcoming

9:30am: Opening

Council of Europe and Marc Bloch University of Strasbourg Representatives
Education through Sports Agency Representative
Other Representatives and Partners of these European Encounters

10am - 12pm: 1st session – Sports Practices and Sexual Discrimination

Recent surveys have shown that girls who come from the least privileged social classes do the least sports. Beyond the financial or traditional constraints on female practice, there appear also new cultural or religious constraints, as observed in some popular urban neighbourhoods that lure young girls from sports. If there exist more "male type" sports and more "female type" sports, how should we conceive an arrangement in terms of sex in the sports world? Do variations form based on social belonging, cultural influences and geographic locations?

- **University Expert: Catherine Louveau (University Professor, Paris Sud 11)**
- **Expert Researcher: Elke Grimminger (Doctorate student in education, University of Fribourg, Germany)**
- **Local Sports Policies and Local Youth: females clearly show lack of interest**
GUERANDEL Carine, Doctorate student, Sports, organizations, identities Laboratory (EA 3690), Paul Sabatier University of Toulouse, France
- **Sought objectives, perception of obstacles in the practice of Physical and Sports Education, physical self esteem: differentiation based on religion. The case of young Muslim girls**
LONGCHAMP Laure, Doctorate student, 'Agrégé' Professor, CRIS, Claude Bernard Lyon 1 University, France
- **Gender in Ice Hockey: Women in Male Territory**
GILENSTAM Kajsa, Doctorate student, Sports Medicine Unit, University of Umeå, Sweden

- **Parents' perception of dropout behaviours in their children**
SANCHEZ MIGUEL Pedro Antonio, Doctorate student, Faculty of Sports Sciences, University of Extremadura, Spain
- **Girls from secondary schools and their access to sports**
FROHN Judith, Post-doctorate student, University of Wuppertal, Germany
- **In appearance of education : the reconstruction of biography in coherence with body and sport focusing on gender, discrimination and foreignness**
REICHEL Isolde, Doctorate student, Institute for Sports Sciences, University of Vienna, Austria

12pm - 2pm: Lunch (and poster sequence)

Posters:

- **Involvement of girls from Arab-Muslim culture at the Faculty of Physical and Sports Education. Comparative study on French and Tunisian students' motor practices**
TLILI Haifa, Doctor, Research Group for One Europe of Culture and Solidarity (GEPECS), Paris Descartes University, France
- **Women in wrestling**
SCHUBRING Astrid, Doctorate student, Sports Sciences Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany
- **Being a football (soccer) player or a gymnast, a daughter of Muslim and North African immigrants in Ile-de-France: the social rise of girls from working-class areas**
PARMENTIER Charlotte, Doctorate student, Sports, Politics and Social Transformations Laboratory (JE 2496), University of Paris-Sud Orsay, France

2pm - 3:30pm: 2nd session – Deficiencies and social difficulties: which sporting means to implement?

The Council of Europe adopted a recommendation in 1999 where member state governments are asked to adapt their sports equipment and incite sports institutions "to take measures in order to abolish any distinction between sports for the disabled and the majority". What kind of evolutions can we notice in the different European countries? Furthermore, in what way do leisure sports allow to integrate the marginal or excluded population socially within society? Where does the truth lie irrespective of the political intentions and the proliferation of all sports and public means?

- **University Expert: Otto Schantz (University Professor, Koblenz, Germany)**
- **Expert Researcher: Frédéric Reichhart (Doctor in STAPS, Strasbourg II, France)**
- **Sports: a means for relationship assistance. Workshops for RMI (Minimum Income Support) beneficiaries on giving enthusiasm through sports: normative control or support in identity negotiation**
LE YONDRE François, Doctorate student, LARES-LAS (EA 2241), University of Rennes 2, France
- **Sports: a means for active visibility in Guadeloupe**
VILLOING Gaël, Doctorate student, ACTES Laboratory (UPRESS-EA 3596), University of Pointe à Pitre, Health, Education and Situations for the Disabled Laboratory (JE 2516), University of Montpellier I, France
- **Italian Sports Policies and Disability: synoptic analysis**
DIGENNARO Simone, Doctorate student, 2nd Rome Tor Vergata University, Italy
- **The problem of integrating the mentally challenged through sports in Germany, and a possibility of improving the situation**
REUTER Christiane, Doctorate student, Sports Sciences Institute, University of Würzburg, Germany

4pm – 5:30pm: 3rd session – Sports policies subject to test “ethnic minorities” (or people with immigrant backgrounds)

As a promoter of a humanist concept in sports, the Council of Europe disseminates the idea of an amateur sports factor: including immigrants. According to a multicultural perspective, sports programs in certain European countries are specifically organized by public authorities and the sports movement for ethnic minorities. In France, particular identities will not receive public support. Given the co-existence of communities without common civic space, isn't there a risk of confining individuals within their cultural differences? Is it necessary to reserve time slots in swimming pools or fitness classes for women for religious reasons, and therefore enhance the malfunctioning of sexual and cultural coeducational systems?

- **University Expert: Nicola Porro (University Professor, Cassino, Italie)**
- **Expert Researcher: Jérôme Beauchez (Doctor of Sociology, Strasbourg II, France)**

- **"Integration through Sports" subject to test international comparison. "Community" Football (soccer) and Turkish immigration in France and Germany**
WEISS Pierre, Doctorate student, EA 1342 "Sports Sciences", Marc Bloch University, Strasbourg, France

- **Social Integration of Migrants in Basel through Sports**
BARKER-RUCHTI Nathalie, Post-doctorate student, Institute of Exercise & Health Sciences, University of Basel, Switzerland

- **Multiculturalism and sports: integration process through sports activities**
GRANATA Sabrina, Doctorate student, University of Catania, Italy

- **Romanian migration in Brussels. The football (soccer) perspective**
BEIU Adrian, Researcher, CEVIPOL, University of Brussels, Belgium

5:30pm: Concluding Remarks

- Council of Europe and Marc Bloch University of Strasbourg Representatives
- Education through Sports Agency and its Scientific Council Representatives
- Other representatives and partners of these European encounters

Scientific University Committee: Klaus Boes (Prof., Director of Sports Sciences Institute, Karlsruhe, Germany), Christian Civardi (Prof. of British Civilization, University of Strasbourg 2, France), Antonio Da Silva Costa (Prof. in Sports Sciences, University of Porto, Portugal), William Gasparini (Prof. in Sports Sciences, University of Strasbourg 2, France), Petra Giess-Stüber (Prof. in Sports Sciences, University of Fribourg, Germany), André Gounot (Dr. in Sports Sciences, University of Strasbourg 2, France), Christopher Kennett (Dr. in Sports Sciences, University and Centre for Olympic Research of Barcelona, Spain), Pierre Lanfranchi (Prof. of Contemporary History, University of Leicester, Great Britain), Catherine Louveau (Prof. in Sports Sciences, University of Paris 11 Orsay, France), Nicola Porro (Prof. of Sociology, Motor Sciences and Health Institute, University of Cassino, Italy), Uwe Pühse (Prof. in Sports Sciences, University of Basel, Switzerland), Otto Schantz (Prof. in Sports Sciences, University of Koblenz, Germany).

Scientific Committee and Organization of Young Researchers Committee: Clotilde Talleu (Head of Committee), Jérôme Beauchez, Romaine Didierjean, Guillaume Erckert, Amélie Fuchs, Johanne Geiger, Frédéric Guyon, Lionel Loew, Valérie Moralès, Frédéric Reichhart, Rémi Sarot, Sébastien Stump, Vitaly Tchirkov, Pierre Weiss, Célestin Yatie Yakam (Doctors and Doctorate students of Sports Sciences Research Team, Strasbourg II), Elke Grimminger (University of Fribourg, Germany), Astrid Schubring (University of Heidelberg, Germany).

"Sport and discrimination: the media perspective"

Seminar with sports journalists

20 November 2008 (Afternoon)

European Youth Centre
30 rue Pierre de Coubertin- Strasbourg (France)
Tel (+33)3.88.41.23.00

In the context of the European encounters: "Sport and diversity" and the Council of Europe's Anti-Discrimination campaign "Speak up for Diversity", and in collaboration with the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) a half-day seminar is being organized in partnership with Playthegame (<http://www.playthegame.org/>) and Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE). The seminar will be focusing on two areas of discrimination and sports linked to the media: namely,

- *Intercultural awareness and sports journalism*: "To what extent should sports journalists refrain from pushing the nationalistic coverage of sports fixtures to extremes? To what extent does their reporting undermine intercultural awareness and promote discriminatory attitudes?"
- *Using the media to put anti-discrimination initiatives on the agenda*: "Despite sponsors influencing how sport is reported, what can be done to encourage the media, especially the press, to give enough coverage to anti-discrimination initiatives such as the 'No to racism' campaign and to report on racism on the pitch or during sports events?"

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Interpretation will be provided in English and French.

2.00 pm	Welcome participants
2.15-2.40 pm	Opening by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Coordinator for Intercultural Dialogue
2.40-2.45 pm	Event moderator outlines the programme (Press)
2.45-3.15 pm	Presentation by the International Federation of Journalists on <i>Intercultural awareness and sports journalism</i>
3.15-4.15 pm	Discussion
4.15-4.30 pm	Break
4.30-4.45 pm	Presentation by FARE on: <i>Using the media to put anti-discrimination initiatives on the agenda</i>
4.45-5.45 pm	Discussion
5.45-5.55pm	Conclusions
6.30pm	Press conference in the presence of Lilian Thuram and researchers attending the conference

Participants (to be confirmed) :

Aidan White (Director, IFJ), Carine Bloch (Vice President Licra - Ligue Internationale contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme), Michael Fanizadeh (Football against Racism in Europe), Press moderator (DC), Heike Klempa (ECRI), Anne-Marie Faradji (Equality), Ivan Nikoltchev (Media), Lilian Thuram or other sports personality, 15 journalists including: Dan Wheeler (BBC), Gabby Logan (BBC) or Sue Mott (*Telegraph*), William Horsely (Association of European Journalists), Ian Morris or Margot Dunne (World Football Programme), Fabio Licari (*Gazzetta dello Sport*), Udo Seiwert-Fauti, Giuseppe Zaffuto, Seyfi Tashan, journalists from specialist media, and other sports journalists via the FARE network.

Anti-discrimination campaign team: Ulrich Bunjes, Carole Reich, Francine Raveney, Catherine Malard, Julie Dettwiller-Smith

**"Sports Subject to Test Cultural Diversity.
Integration and Cultural Dialog."
*European Conference***

21 November 2008

Parliament European

Entrance Winston Churchill-Avenue Président Robert Schuman
Strasbourg (France)
Room WIC 100

The aim of the European conference **"Sports Subject to Test Cultural Diversity. Integration and Intercultural Dialog."** is to give an overview of situations faced in different countries within the European Union. Researchers, players with practical experience, European deputies, heads of institutions, leaders of the European sports movement, students and great witnesses reunite to share their thoughts and experience with the objective to draw up a few recommendations to help integration and intercultural dialog by and through sports.

Round tables are organized around four themes:

- Cultural diversity in a particular type of sport
- Intercultural dialog in and through sports: which association/organization practices to implement?
- Diversity and sports education policies: what do the territorial authorities in Europe say?
- Integration through sports subject to test Europe

Interpretation will be provided in English and French.

9:30am: Conference opening

- **Martine Roure (in demand), Vice-President of the European Parliament**
- **Thierry Philip, President of the Education through Sports Agency**
- **Bernard Michon, President of Marc Bloch University of Strasbourg II and President of EUCOR (European Confederation of Superior Upper Rhine Universities)**
- **European Commission Representative**
- **Elected representatives from the urban Community of Strasbourg, Regional Council of Lower Rhine and the Alsace region**
- **Representatives from Junior Minister of Youth, Sports and Clubs and Associations' Office (France) and the Secretariat for European Affairs (France)**
- **Representative from Gaz de France**

10am: Cultural diversity in a particular sport: what are the gaps between lectures and real life?

Sports (in the same way as music) appears as one of the most important vectors of integration and multiculturalism. The language of sports shared by all cultures, and the success of many sportsmen coming from immigrant backgrounds accredit the idea of sports encouraging cultural diversity. If this idea of sports being an integrative factor contributes to representing intercultural dialog through sports, then this vision of sports as an integrator shields a more complex socio-historical reality studied by researchers.

- What are the pertinent models of integration and cultural diversity management through sports through the viewpoint of our society transformations during the 20th century and the European construction?
- What are the results of multicultural and republican policies in sports?
- Are scholar physical education and sports likely to develop intercultural skill sets?
 - **President: European deputy**
 - **Prof. William Gasparini, Sociologist, Director of Laboratory of Research in Sports Sciences at the Marc Bloch University (Strasbourg II): Intercultural dialog or integration through sports? European models in question.**

- **Marianne Amar, Historian, Head of Research at the National City of History of Immigration (Paris): The test of reality: sports, migrations and integration in France (1919-1945).**
- **Prof. Petra Giess Stüber, Researcher in education at the University of Fribourg (Germany), Development of intercultural skills through sports and Physical Education in Europe**

11am: Intercultural dialog in and through sports: which association/organization practices to implement?

Sports at clubs and associations constitutes a meeting place for athletes coming from different horizons (geographic, cultural, religious and social) where each person checks in his distinct features and presents himself in the stadium or gymnasium with only sports character traits. However, discrimination based on ethnicity, sex and social status in addition to new identity affirmations lead us to question our sports identity based on community.

- What constitutes good association practices that ensure citizenship and equality within access to sports and irrespective of cultural differences?
- How is the intercultural dialog built in and through sports?
- What kind of answers can the sports movement provide when facing differential temptation?

- **Presidents : Emine Bozkurt, Member of the European Parliament (Nederland), Pal Schmitt, Member of the European Parliament (Hungary)**
- **Expert: Deutscher Olympischer Sportbund Representative (Germany) (in demand)**
- **Great witnesses: Education through Sports Agency (APELS), sample initiatives taken in Europe and Alsace: clubs, socioeducational associations, national and European federations (Football, Tennis, Athleticism, Rugby, etc.)**

1pm: Lunch

2:30pm: Cultural diversity and sports education policies: what do the territorial authorities in Europe say?

In France, sports is suppose to contribute to integration in unity (national and territorial community), not in diversity (ethnic or religious communities for example).

- What is the reality behind these republican principles in the field of sports?
- What does European comparison teach us on this subject?
- Which sporting means do the territorial authorities in Europe (cities, provinces, towns, regions, etc.) say will assure social cohesion in the suburbs?

With the help of exchanging perspectives and national examples, this round table leads the way to take into account public diversity in territorial sports policies.

- **President: European deputy**
- **Expert: Dr. Christopher Kennett, Centre of Olympic Studies and University of Barcelona (Spain)**
- **Great witnesses: Cities of Strasbourg (France), Barcelona (Spain), Rome (Italy), Land Baden-Württemberg (Germany) and Eastern Region of Europe community**

4:30pm: Integration through sports to test Europe: summary and recommendations

- **Summary by William Gasparini, Sociologist, Director of Research Laboratory in Sports Sciences at the Marc Bloch University (Strasbourg II)**
- **Jean-Philippe Acensi, Managing Director of the Education through Sports Agency**
- **European institutions and European Sports authorities personalities**

5:30pm: End of encounters

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BULLETIN OF PARTICIPATION AND RESERVATION

To send within the 17st October 2008

Warning: Participation is limited to 120 persons the 20th of November 2008 and to 260 persons the 21st of November 2008. You will receive a confirmation of your registration to your email address once your registration has been accepted

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I confirm my presence and would be present on :

- November 20th, at the Council of Europe
- November 21st, at the European Parliament
- I cannot be present at the European Meetings and cannot answer to the APELS' invitation to intervene during this event.

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