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LEGISLATION AND DIRECTIVES AT THE EU LEVEL

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- The EU is in charge of developing policy and fostering cooperation and initiatives in support of sport across Europe.
- The European Union did **not have an official EU sport policy until the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty in 2009.**
- **The White Paper** on Sport set the basics of the development of the EU sport policy, followed by 2009 entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty and adoption of three EU Work Plans for Sport by the Council of Ministers (2011-2014, 2014-2017 and 2017-2020).



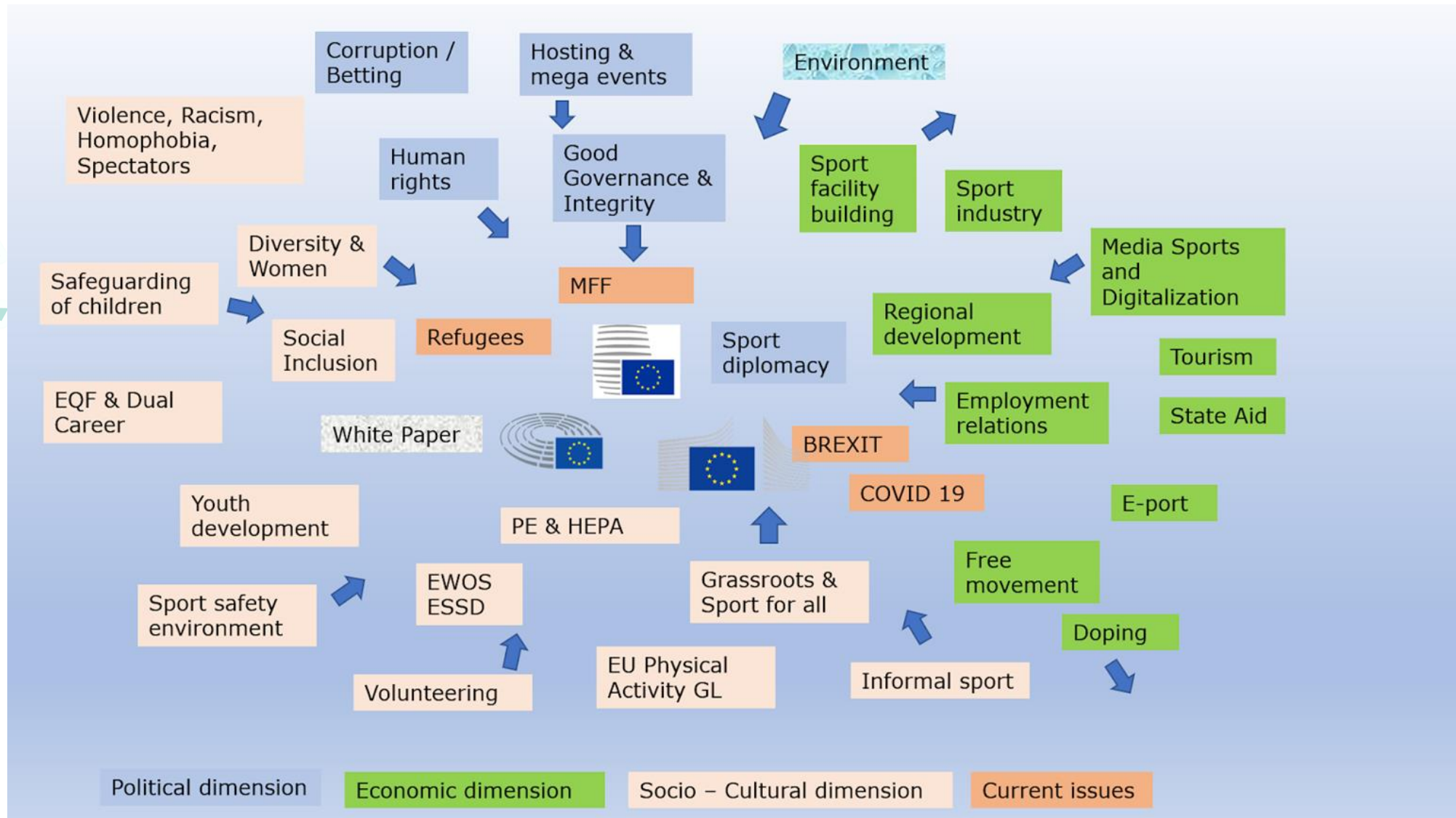


Milestones in European sports politics and policies

1954	Council of Europe: European Cultural Convention including a reference to sport	<p>European Parliament</p>	
1963	Council of Europe: European sport certificate		
1974	ECJ: Walrave / Koch – Association Union Cycliste Internationale (preliminary)		
1975	Council of Europe: European Sport of all Charter		
1976	ECJ: Dona / Mantero (preliminary ruling)	1978	Public hearing on human rights violations in Argentina
1985	European Commission: Adonnino Report on a People's Europe	1980	Debate on the Olympic Games and the Boycott of the Moscow Games
1985	Council of Europe: European Convention on spectator violence and misbehaviour at sport events and in particular at football matches	1985	Resolution on measures to combat vandalism and violence in sport
		1988	Resolution on vandalism and violence in sport
		1988	Larive-report on Sport in European Community and a people's Europe
		1989	Van Raay report on the freedom of movement of professional footballers
1990	Council of Europe: Anti-Doping Convention		
1991	First European Sport Forum		
1991	Commission and UEFA Gentleman's agreement in football		
1991	European Commission: Communication – The European community and sport		
1993	EU Office of German Sports in Brussels		
1994	European Commission: Study on the impact of EU activities on sport	1994	Resolution – The European Community and Sport
1995	European Commission: EURATHLON		
1995	ECJ: Union Royale Belge des Societes de Football Association ASBL vs Jean.-Marc Bosman (Bosman Ruling) (preliminary ruling)		

1997	Amsterdam Treaty adopted – including a declaration on sport (No.29)	1997	Resolution on the role of the European Union in the field of sport
1997	European Commission: Sports Unit		
1997	European Commission: Working Document on developments in and prospects for Community action in sports matters		
1999	European Commission: Helsinki Report on Sport	1999	Resolution on urgent measures to be taken against doping in sport
2000	Nice Treaty adopted – including declaration on the specific characteristics on sport and its social functions		
2001	European Commission: Discussions with UEFA / FIFA on international football transfers	2002	Report on the proposal for an EP and Council Decision establishing the "European Year of Education through Sport 2004"
2002	Special Eurobarometer 58.2	2003	Resolution on Woman and sport
2004	European Year of Education through Sport (EYES)	2004	Resolution on respect for core labour standards in the production of sports goods for the Olympic Games
2004	Special Eurobarometer 62		
		2005	Resolution on doping in sport
2006	Council of the EU: Arnaut Report	2006	Declaration on forced prostitution in the framework of world sports events
2007	European Commission : White Paper on sport	2007	Resolution on the role of sport in education
2007	Council of the EU: Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)	2007	Belet-Report
2008	First EU Sport Forum	2008	Resolution on the White Paper on sport
2008	European Commission: EU Physical Activity Guidelines		
2009	EOC EU Office in Brussels	2009	Resolution on Social Economy
2009	European Commission: Preparatory Actions in the field of Sport		
2009	Association of European Team Sports		
2009	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) including 165		

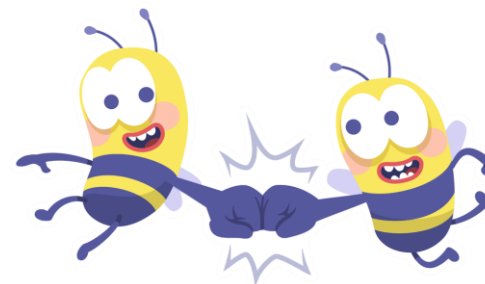
2010	Council of the EU: "Resolution on the EU structured dialogue on sport"		
2010	Special Eurobarometer 334	2010	Resolution on increased support for grassroots sport
2010	New Council formation "Education, Youth, Culture and Sport"		
2010	Council of the EU: Conclusions on the role of sport as a source of and a driver for active social inclusion		
2011	European Commission: Communication – Developing the European dimension of sport		
2011	1 st EU Work Plan for Sport (2011-2014)		
2011	Formation of 6 Expert groups on Sport		
2011	ECJ: Football Association Premier League vs QC Leisure and Karen Murphy vs Media Protection Services Ltd (preliminary)		
2012	European Commission and UEFA: Financial Fair – Play and EU State Aid policy	2012	Fisas Report – on the European dimension in sport
		2012	Resolution on a European Dimension in sport
2013	Council of the EU: Recommendations on promoting HEPA across sectors	2013	Resolution on match fixing and corruption in sport
2013	Council of Europe: Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions		
2014	Special Eurobarometer 412		
2014	European Commission: Draft Arrangement of Cooperation with UEFA		
2014	Erasmus+ Sport Programme 2014-2021		
2014	2 nd EU Work Plan for Sport (2014-2017)		
2015	House of Sport		
2015	High-Level-Groups on sport diplomacy and sport for all and Expert Group on HEPA	2015	First European Week on Sport
		2016	First European School Sport day (ESSD)
2017	3 rd EU Work Plan for Sport (2017-2020))	2017	Takkula Report – on an integrated approach to Sport Policy: good governance, accessibility and integrity
2017	European Commission: Decision on anti-trust proceedings against the ISU		
2017	Expert group on Skills and Human Resources Development in Sport		
2018	Special Eurobarometer 472	2018	Hearings on transfer system in football, mental health in elite sport and child trafficking in sport
2019	Council of the EU: Convention on the Manipulation on Sports Competitions		
		2020	Debate on the impact of Covid-19 on youth and on sport
		2021	Resolution on the impact of Covid-19 on youth and on sport



The EU fosters the idea of improvement of the general well-being, overcoming societal issues (e.g., racism, social exclusion, gender inequality, etc.), and economic benefits through sport.

Sport policy plays an important role in the EU's external relations within three aspects:

- **the societal role of sport;**
- **its economic dimension;**
- **the political and legal framework of the sports sector.**



The entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty in 2009 and the White paper were the baseline for the first policy document adopted by the Commission on the sport after the Lisbon called the ["Developing the European Dimension in Sport"](#).

(a) the societal role of sport:

- fight against doping,
- education, training and qualifications in sport,
- prevention of and fight against violence and intolerance,
- health-enhancing physical activity,
- social inclusion in and through sport,
- voluntary activity in sport,
- cooperation with third countries and organisations,
- sustainable development in and through sport;

(b) the economic dimension of sport:

- evidence-based policy-making in the field of sport,
- sustainable financing of sport,
- application of EU State aid rules to sport,
- regional development and employability;



(c) the organization of sport:

- good governance in sport,
- the specific nature of sport,
- free movement and nationality of sportspeople,
- transfer rules and activities of sport agents,
- integrity of sporting competitions, including match fixing, corruption, money laundering and other forms of financial crime,
- European social dialogue in the sport sector,
- protection of minors,
- licensing system of clubs,
- media rights and intellectual property rights.

The Member States and the Commission established the following **expert groups** to address the following:

- anti-doping;
- good governance in sport;
- education and training in sport;
- sport, health and participation;
- sport statistics;
- sustainable financing of sport;
- match-fixing;
- gender equality;
- economic dimension;
- health-enhancing physical activity (HEPA);
- human resource management in sport.

The fourth EU Work Plan for Sport (2021-2024) was adopted by the Council of European Ministers of Sport in 2020.

The focus and key priorities of the plan:

- physical activity and creating sport opportunities for all generations
- recovery and the crisis resilience of the sport sector during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic’.
- Environmental dimensions of sport
- promotion of gender equality
- best practice exchanges and knowledge building
- increasing the proportion of women in leadership positions and coaching
- promotion of equal conditions for all athletes
- enhancing media coverage on women
- “green sport” (addressing greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency, waste disposal and the treatment of soil and water)
- innovation and digitization in sport sector



The European Commission SPORT INITIATIVES

To support the different policy developments in the field of sport, the European Commission designed different program funding schemes and other initiatives.

- **Erasmus+** actions in the field of sport promote participation in sport and physical and voluntary activities. The 2021-2027 programme puts the focus on grassroots sport and the support of EU-wide actions. Erasmus+ actions give the opportunity to staff of sport organisations to improve their competences and qualifications and to acquire new skills through learning mobility.
- The [European Week of Sport](#) was launched in 2015 to improve awareness of the importance of an active lifestyle. A wide range of activities and events are organised across Europe every year in September to encourage people to #BeActive.



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- **The EU Sport Forum** is the main platform for structured dialogue between the European Commission and sport stakeholders. The initiative seeks to build a future in sport through high-level dialogue between sport leaders, entrepreneurs, and other sport professionals.
- Launched in 2018, the **SHARE initiative**'s main goal is to raise awareness on the role of sport and physical activity in the context of regional and local development.

SHARE ensures sport is taken into account as part of policy and investment decision-making at European, national and regional levels.
- The **#BeInclusive EU Sport Awards** reward the best projects that have successfully supported inclusion through sport. The initiative rewards projects that are best practice in the field of inclusion and non-discrimination.

International sport initiatives and stakeholders

- UNESCO - [International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport](#)
- United Nations - [Sports for Climate Action Framework](#)
- [Olympic Charter](#)
- [Youth Ideas Labs 2022](#)
- [European Olympic Committees](#) – EOC the umbrella body for Europe's 50 NOCs committed to spreading Olympic values and inspiring sporty lifestyles.
- [ENGSO](#) (European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation)
- [International Sport Organization](#)



Let's mingle a bit

Q1: What do you think is the main issue in sport sector and why?

Q2: What sport has the worst impact on environment?

Answers to what sports has the worst impact on environment.

Air Sports

Golf

NASCAR, Formula 1, and Drag Racing

Water Sports That Use Motor Boats

Skiing & Snowboarding

Big-Arena Professional Sports



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