



Gender Equality - Policy Background at the EU Level

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EU Competence in Sport

- Lisbon Treaty 2009 -> EU Competence on Sport
- Article 165 of Lisbon Treaty:
 - “The Union shall *contribute to the promotion* of European sporting issues, while taking account of the specific nature of sport, its structures based on voluntary activity and its social educational function”
 - “Union action shall be aimed at *developing the European dimension* in sport, by *promoting* fairness and openness in sporting competitions and cooperation between bodies responsible for sports, and by protecting the physical and moral integrity of sportsmen and sportswomen, especially the youngest sportsmen and sportswomen.”
- Soft competence



Proposal for Strategic Actions 2014-2020

- ENGSO, IWG and EWS met Commissioner Vassiliou in April 2012
- Commissioner set up a Group of Experts
 - Involvement of many SCORE project partners
- Proposal for Strategic Actions on Gender Equality in Sport 2014-2020
 - Four areas: leadership, coaching, gender-based violence and media
 - SCORE project aims to implement recommendations on coaching



Council Conclusions on Gender Equality in Sport

- Council (= member states) adopted Council Conclusions on Gender Equality in Sport in May 2014
 - Invites Member States
 - Consider development and use of **educational materials** for the training of decision-makers and coaches... contributing to the elimination of gender stereotypes and the promotion of gender equality..
 - Calls sport organisations:
 - Consider and mainstream gender equality in sport and promote the elimination of gender stereotypes through promotional campaigns and **development and use of educational materials** for training of decision-makers and **coaches** in sport for all ages.
 - Encourage **increasing gender balance** on executive boards and committees in the field of sports, as well as in management and **coaching** and try to **remove non-legislative obstacles** preventing women from taking up such functions.



Council Expert Group on Good Governance

- One topic to be discussed in the Council Expert Group on Good Governance is gender equality
 - First meeting 5 March 2015
 - Recommendations on gender equality (leadership, coaching, gender-based violence and media)
 - Possible pledge board
 - Best practices will be also collected -> SCORE