



EUROPEAN YOUTH AND SPORT FORUM 2008

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THE YOUTH ACTION PLAN ON SPORT AND SOCIETY

30TH OF NOVEMBER TO THE
6TH OF DECEMBER 2008
PARIS, FRANCE

Invitation

You are invited to participate in the European Youth and Sport Forum 2008. The forum will gather over 100 participants from across Europe to discuss the role of youth in sport. Built around the current EU sport agenda and the "White Paper on Sport", the forum will put forward its perspectives on the role of youth in sport. Participants should be between 18-30 years old and bring some experience in youth, community or sport involvement to the Forum.

Date and venue

The forum will take place from the 1st to 6th of December 2008 in the French capital, Paris. Famous for its Eiffel tower, its architecture and often referred to as a city of romance, Paris will enable youth to show their true colours in sport.

Transport-wise you will have plenty of options to find your way to Paris with two major airports and more than several European train connections.

The forum will take place in the 'House of Sport', residence of the French Olympic and sport committee located next to the 'Cit  Universitaire' (the University city) an ideal environment, vibrant and filled with youth energy. Participants will be lodged in a nearby youth hostel, located 2 tram stops away from the 'House of Sport' or 10 minutes by foot for those who wish to take in the French winter air.

Content

Based on the results of the European Youth and Sport Forum 2005, 2006 and 2007, EYSF2008 will canalise the contributions and perspectives of young people in the field of youth and sport. In this same continuity, the EYSF2008 will contribute to the political discussion on a NGO and GO level and reflect the EU sport agenda during the French EU Presidency. The participants will be encouraged to discuss, exchange ideas, experiences and views regarding the following topics:

- Public health and physical activity
- Education and training
- Volunteering in sport, active citizenship and non-profit sport organisations
- Social inclusion in and through sport
- Prevention of and fight against racism and violence in sport
- Structural dialogue with sport stakeholders
- Social dialogue
- Sport and environment, sustainable development

Outcomes

EYSF 2008 will demonstrate how youth and sport put the spirit and the words of the white paper into practice, whilst uncovering further trends. The forum will additionally, act as a platform where good practices from local, national and European levels will be identified and discussed. These 'best practice examples' will be collected to form the 'pink paper' which will be a catalogue gathering information on various initiatives and will serve as impetus for GOs and NGOs to join these efforts in a political and structural sense.

The EYSF2008 will deliver much more than recommendations, it will deliver options, solutions for citizens, volunteers, professionals and decision makers to put into action what has been formulated by the "White Paper". On the final day of the EYSF2008 the 'pink paper' will be presented to French and European political institutions and representatives. It is hoped that the recommendations will influence the future European and national agendas and be discussed during the Czech Republic EU presidency at the next sport directors meeting and youth ministers meeting.

Through networking, participants can learn about different projects and programmes that may assist them with their work through promoting active citizenship and facilitate future European integration. In this regard it will be essential to focus on the European youth, sport and cultural programmes and the impact that they could have on civil society in the coming years.



The European Youth and Sport Forum 2008 will take place thanks to the following partners:

Organisational partners

- **ISCA** - International Sport and Culture Association
- **ENGSO Youth** - European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth
- **CNOSF** - Comité National Olympique et Sportif Français (French Olympic Committee)

Associated partners

- **FFEPGV** (Fédération Française d'Education Physique et de Gymnastique Volontaire)
- **FSCF** (Fédération Sportives et Culturelle de France)
- **FFSU** (Fédération Française du Sport Universitaire)
- **USEP** (Union Sportive de l'Enseignement du Premier degré)
- **UNCU** (Union Nationale des Clubs Universitaires)
- **UFOLEP** - L'Union Française des Œuvres Laïques d'Education Physique (French Multi-Sport Federation)

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Methodology of the Forum

The forum will be based on the principles and practise of non-formal education and is conceived to allow a learner-centred approach taking into account the needs, interests and the experiences of participants.

Through the use of Open Space Technology participants will be empowered to influence the agenda and the outcomes of the forum. Participants will have the oppor-

tunity to make personal contributions and will be encouraged to organise follow-up projects after the forum and thereby transfer the new gained knowledge to young people in their community and organisations.

Profile of participants

Young people involved in voluntary work at a local, regional, national level or who are involved in NGOs or Sport for All organisations. Participant age must be between 18-30.

The Forum will preferably recruit young volunteers and professionals that have a specific experience with projects within the larger framework of the white paper themes and that can serve as role models for other youngsters, organisations and communities.

All participants are asked to carefully fill in the online application form.

Cost of participation

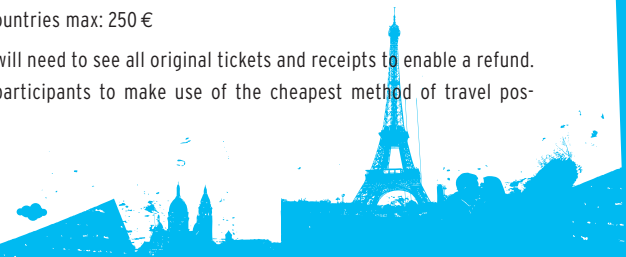
Participation is free along with a contribution towards travel expenses.

The organizers will provide accommodation and food.

Travel expenses will be refunded according the following model:

- Participants travelling from France, Belgium, Luxembourg max: 100 €
- Participants travelling from all other EU countries max: 200 €
- Participants travelling from non-EU countries but Council of Europe countries max: 250 €

The organizers will need to see all original tickets and receipts to enable a refund. We encourage participants to make use of the cheapest method of travel possible.



Language

The working language will be English. Applicants are requested to have good knowledge of English.

How to apply

To apply for a place on the EYSF2008, please complete the application form and return it to ISCA before the 1st October 2008. Successful applicants will be notified by the 15th October 2008.

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<http://isca-web.org/english/events/europeanyouthandsportforum2008>

Draft Programme

Sunday 30th of November

- Arrival and registration
- Welcome event and social activities

Monday 1st December

- Official opening and presentations
- Getting to know-each other
- Getting to know the Forum
- White paper on sport and European level discussion

Tuesday 2nd December

- White paper on sport and European level discussion
- Expert lectures
- Discussion on EU policy within Youth and Sport

Wednesday 3rd December

- Project and policy workshops
- Participants' good practices
- Thematic Networks
- 1st Edition of the 'Pink Paper'

Thursday 4th December

- Interactive merging of projects and theme
- Sport activity
- 2nd Edition of the 'Pink Paper'

Friday 5th December

- Steps into the future
- Presentation of Forum recommendations to French and EU Officials
- Opportunities for youth
- Closing Ceremony

Saturday 6th December

- Evaluation and departure



Some information about the partner organisations:

ISCA - International Sport and Culture Association



ISCA is an international non-governmental association open to youth, sport and culture organisations from all over the world. ISCA has 146 affiliated members in about 75 countries from all over the world, totalling some 39 million individual members. We strongly believe that everybody should have the opportunity to participate in international sports and cultural activities such as festivals, exchanges, seminars, tournaments and education programmes. We call it Sport and Culture for All.

Please find more information on the ISCA website: www.isca-web.org

ENGSO Youth - European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth



ENGSO Youth is the youth organisation of ENGSO (European Non-Governmental Sport Organisation). ENGSO Youth is the youth Sport for All organisation at European level. ENGSO Youth has 41 members, which are national umbrella organisations from across Europe. ENGSO Youth represents the interests of young people (under 35) involved in sports in Europe.

Please find more information on the ENGSO Youth website:

www.engso.eu/youth.htm

CNOSF - Comité National Olympique et Sportif Français (French Olympics and Sport Committee)



CNOSF is a State-approved association, which comprises all the sports federations (Olympic single sport federations, non-Olympic single sport federations, multi-sport federations). CNOSF represents the French sport movement to the ministry of youth and sport. It is addition-

ally repentant of the IOC in France and is therefore subject to the requirements of the Olympic Charter. The Baron Pierre de Coubertin founded the French Olympic committee in 1894. Please find more information on the CNOSF website: www.francoelympique.com

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