

Ethics4Sports - An ERASMUS+ co-funded project surrounding perceptions of fairness in grassroots sport.

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Ethics4Sports Newsletter



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Ethics4sports:The Final Conference



The **Ethics4Sports ERASMUS** project has culminated in its final meeting. After two and a half years, we have reached the end of the road, with a lot of work done and new tools developed, which we hope other organizations can use in their work towards a more ethical future in the world of local sport.

The international Consortium, representing Spain, Italy, the UK, France and Germany, convened the last meeting of the Steering Committee of the project

participants of the project were involved in the presentation, which took place in front of a large local audience.

This closing event was attended, in addition to representatives of the project partners themselves, by: authorities such as the Mayor of Sant Cugat and representatives of the Diputació de Barcelona, among others; representatives of the Centre of High Performance of Sant Cugat (CAR); athletes; and other people linked to the world of grassroots sports. In this action the project, its products and conclusions, were presented, before the graduation took place of local technical staff, captains and athletes in front of an enthusiastic crowd.

E4S Deliverables



Ethics Code

As a result of the work of the Consortium, and with the valuable collaboration of the stakeholders, E4S has produced several deliverables that are now available to anyone interested in debates and policies around sporting ethics.

First of all, a basic code of ethics was created, as a starting point for sports clubs to develop their own code, one that responds to their local reality. We called it the 'Big Six': a set of easily understood illustrated principles which might act as a means of general guidance for young athletes about how to play sport fairly, respect opponents and officials, and listen to coaches before all others. For further information, please, visit:

<http://www.ethics4sports.eu/en/resources-publications/the-big-six.html>

Evaluation Tools

Evaluation tools have also been developed. These will allow sports bodies and clubs to analyze what is going on in their organization concerning the ethical behavior of its agents (technical bodies, athletes and their relatives), and various supporters. Applied at different moments, these tools can help us obtain a vision of the evolution of different types of behaviour and can indicate the result of our work on promoting ethical behaviour

Handbook on Fairness & Ethical Behaviour

The *Handbook on Fairness & Ethical Behaviour* has been produced as a guide to some questions of ethics in both recreational and professional sport. It includes examples of differences between sports, on good practice from around Europe, and recommendations about the prospects of pursuing a practical and realistic agenda in relation to promoting fairness in sport, especially at local and recreational levels. The Handbook is available at

http://www.ethics4sports.eu/en/documents/e4s_electronic_handbook_on_fairness_170904-1.pdf .



E4S EthicsApp

The most digital tool of the project is an app. The E4S EthicsApp has been developed for coaches, parents and other stakeholders to report on what they see and experience in sporting contexts, building up a picture of general behavioural patterns in sports clubs, while allowing informed feedback to help dealing with ethical problems. It is available at Google Play Store for Android, and at Apple Store for iOS, and also at



Stretch the Values

Another good tool for coaches and technical teams working with young athletes is *Stretch the Values*, a document produced to facilitate the implementation, application and dissemination of ethics among young athletes both in schools, grassroots and amateur sport. Audio-visuals and a Moodle Platform have been used to disseminate the contents. Available at

http://www.ethics4sports.eu/en/documents/stretch_values_en.pdf .

E4S Policy Recommendations Report

And, finally, the Policy Recommendation Report, a summary of the main outcomes and conclusions from the project will, we hope, directly contribute to the EU and Member States thinking and policies in the field of good governance and ethics in local sports.

THE PROJECT – BUT NOT THE STRUGGLE - IS OVER



After the end of the E4S project, the work in ethics in grassroots sports will, of course, be continued in their home locations by the involved partners. We have

It is our view that governing bodies and grassroots sports networks around Europe must be convinced to keep working on ethical behaviour with their stakeholders, coaches, athletes, relatives of the athletes and club managers. Some sports have more pressing ethical problems than others, but there are plenty of good role models available in all sports.

Sant Cugat in Catalonia in Spain has adopted E4S as a city project, so that, from the same City Council and with the involvement of different agents of the city, some continuity is given to this important task of reflection and working for a better present, as well as an improved future for sport in our society. We hope this model can eventually be spread to other parts of Europe.



1. Help team mates, respect opponents.
2. Follow the rules and laws.
3. Play fair. Don't cheat.
4. Only hear the coach.
5. No Referee, no game.
6. Have fun and try to win !



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