



CONSORTIUM

The consortium working together to achieve this ambitious project gathers experienced partners from various parts of the sport and active leisure sector across Europe.

Led by EOSE, it brings together a unique combination of stakeholders composed of 8 national organisations and 4 pan-European Associations from 10 different European countries ■



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DURATION

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If you are interested by the topic and wish to obtain further information about the project, or would like to share good practice or be involved in the consultation phases through the life of the project please do not hesitate to contact us: eoasesec@eose.org ■



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S2A SPORT

Improving Skills for Sport Administration

POTENTIAL & REALITIES OF SPORT IN EUROPE



In Europe out of 505 million citizens, 41%¹ exercise or play sport at least once a week and there are over 700,000 sport organisations. Over 1.5 million of people are employed in the sport sector and 35 million citizens are actively involved as volunteers.

“A growing and evolving sector”

It can be seen that the sport sector is a major player when it comes to economic growth and jobs, whilst it also has a role to play in health, education and social inclusion.

To meet the needs of the growing and evolving sector **sport and active leisure organisations are seeking well trained employees and volunteers** able to match the requirements of more demanding customers and participants, not to mention the demands on the sector from national Governments.

Sport is a sector of significance and if it is to meet its potential it is vital that those working and volunteering are equipped with the right skills and competences ■

¹Special Eurobarometer Survey on Sport and Physical Activity, March 2014.

FROM STRATEGY TO ACTION



The S2A project is focussed on the skills needed by “sport administrators” working in paid and voluntary middle management roles in the delivery of sport.

Sport Administration includes the processes and/or activities of running an organisation operating within the sport sector at local, regional, national and European levels.

It includes skills and competencies that enable individuals to coordinate, manage, market, organise and deliver sport in line with the governance and direction of the organisation.

“Working in paid and voluntary middle management roles”

It is recognised that a gap exists between the competencies of Sport Administrators within sport organisations and the skills needed to properly fulfil the realities and expectations of this position.

What skills do they need? Do they have access to appropriate training for the new challenges?

The S2A project will tackle these key issues ■

EXPECTATIONS OF THE S2A PROJECT



In response to the main education and employment challenges facing the sector and aligned with the main EU policies and tools, the Lifelong Learning Strategy for Sport and Active Leisure (or 7 Step Model) was developed by EOSE.

One of the key parts of the S2A project will be the implementation of the 7 Step Model for the development of industry-led occupational standards specifying the standards of performance, and defining the precise knowledge and skills Sport Administrators need to perform effectively as well as the production of a corresponding training programme handbook and material that will be tested and piloted in the second part of the project.

“Provide a co-ordinated response to identify the skill and competency requirements of the workplace”

Overall, the end goal will be to change and modernise existing training programmes, to equip those working or volunteering as Sport Administrators with the right skills and so to contribute to building the capacity and effectiveness of sport organisations across Europe ■