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# EOC EU Office - 10 Year Anniversary

European Olympic Committees - EU Office

2009-2019



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@EOCmedia President Kocijancic

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"The @EOCmedia plays a key part in the dialogue between the @EU\_Commission and the sport movement, helping us formulate European sports policy. The EU Office brings expertise into policy discussions – this is input I am grateful for. - @TNavracsicsEU, Commissioner responsible for sport

It is with great pleasure that we celebrate today the 10th anniversary of the EOC EU Office. What has started in 1993 as the Office of German Sport has become a truly European endeavour in 2009. Today the Office counts 27 partner organisations and engages staff from 5 European countries.

I am proud to say that the EOC EU Office stands for an honest and competent work, a great variety of activities, and is held in great esteem for its expertise in Brussels and beyond. This is primarily thanks to the outstanding and highly motivated staff who, over the past 10 years, have made of the Office a pillar of the EU sports policy scene. I would like to thank all of them warmly for their excellent job! I can promise that we will do our very best to keep up this level. We are looking forward to cooperating with you in the upcoming 10 years!

Kind regards,  
Folker Hellmund  
Director EOC EU Office



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"@olympijskytym has become core partner of @EOCEUOffice 5 years ago. This partnership & having a staff member at the Office have been instrumental in building our international outreach. We are proud to be integral part of the Office." @olympijskytym Vice President @Romankumpost



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"As successor to the EU Office of German Sport, @EOCEUOffice has proven how sport benefits from a competent representation in Brussels. Not only number of topics covered, but also number of partner organisations have increased continuously since 2009." @DOSB CEO @VeronikaRuecker



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"As Vice President of @sportintergroup at @Europarl\_EN, I had the pleasure to work closely with @EOCEUOffice. Their efforts have greatly contributed to the development of the EU sport policy, as they link sport movement with the European Institutions." Bogdan Wenta, former MEP



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"As one of first partners, @EuroAthletics has long relied on the @EOCEUOffice for guidance & advice in the field of @EuSport policy. Cooperation on numerous projects has led to tangible benefits for our organisation, members & our sport." @EuroAthletics President @SvenPres



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"There is no doubt that in @EOCEUOffice we found the ideal partner as it is one reference point for European Sport, representing the @EOCmedia & other international sports federations like ours to the different European institutions." – Kamil Novak, Executive Director @EuroBasket



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"Team sport is something specific in the world of sports due to its tremendous impact. We need strong partners and the @EOCEUOffice serves not only as a source of information, but also as a port of call for the coordination of interests." - @EHF President Michael Wiederer

# 2009

## 2009 - Opening of the EOC EU Office



**SPORT+RECREATION ALLIANCE**  
(previously CCPR)



Comité Olympique et Sportif Luxembourgeois



INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE



Riksidrottsförbundet  
Swedish Sports Confederation



20<sup>th</sup> February - Opening of the EOC EU Office



1<sup>st</sup> July - LEN becomes a partner



10<sup>th</sup> November - European Evening of Sport



# 2010

1<sup>st</sup> January - EHF becomes a partner



EUROPEAN HANDBALL  
FEDERATION

February - Kick-off for the Athletes 2 Business EU Project



1<sup>st</sup> July - IIHF  
becomes a partner



25<sup>th</sup> January -  
*Unified Position  
Paper by the Sport  
Movement on  
Sport and the  
Lisbon Treaty*



16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>  
June - NOCs  
*Seminar on  
Sport and EU*



6<sup>th</sup>  
December -  
*First EU  
Structured  
Dialogue  
Meeting in the  
field of Sport*



*“Since its opening in 2009, the EOC EU Office is promoting the interest of the Olympic Movement and other major international, European and national sport federations in Brussels with great success. Its strong commitment to organised sport in Europe, both in and beyond the EU borders, and the team’s expertise in EU sport policy have been of great value for all partners of the Office. The EOC EU Office has successfully fostered a better understanding of how important sport is for our societies in the European Institutions. Sport brings people together and professional athletes are key role models for citizens. The political awareness of this in Brussels is also a result of the EOC EU Office constantly striving to give sport the place it deserves: to be at the heart of EU policy.*

*The growing number of organisations that have become partners of the Office over the last years, from international to European and national federations as well as NOCs, is a clear sign of the well-deserved trust placed on its staff and their expertise. Four successful EU-funded projects, namely Athletes to Business, Sport for Good Governance, SIGGS and POINTS, gathering more than 30 NOCs are also important milestones in the development of the EOC EU Office.*

*We are very well aware of the growing importance of sport in Europe and that EU financial plans for further funding of sport via Erasmus+ programme and other EU funds are promising. It is our wish and expectation that organised sport which is represented by National Olympic Committees, National Sports Federations, numerous sports clubs and other organisations will be treated even better as it should also be one of the priorities of the EU Institutions.*

*On behalf of the European Olympic Committees, I would like to offer our best wishes to the happy 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the EOC EU Office!”*



**Janez Kocijančič,  
EOC President**

*“The European Olympic Committees play a key part in the dialogue between the European Commission and the sport movement, helping us formulate European sports policy and make it a reality for the benefit of both amateur and professional sportspeople. The EOC EU Office brings expertise into policy discussions – this is input I am grateful for. I wish a happy anniversary to the European Olympic Committees EU Office and look forward to continuing our cooperation.”*



**Tibor Navracsics,  
Commissioner responsible for sports**

*“The work of the EOC EU Office is of high importance for the Olympic Movement. Congratulations to its tenth anniversary. The EOC EU Office facilitates many important sports related discussions on the EU level. In these discussions we need to speak with one voice. It is also a well-established destination for the European administrators when they want to discuss sports in Europe. These discussions are of paramount importance for the Olympic Movement, especially when we look at the European Sports model which is under pressure, if not under threat. It is based on solidarity, inclusivity and millions of volunteers across our continent. But the value of an organisation, of an activity, is no longer determined by the contribution to society but just on money and markets. We are entering into serious problems as this purely market approach ignores the societal contribution sport has all over Europe. Therefore we need to bundle our efforts and the EOC EU Office is offering great support.”*



**Thomas Bach,  
IOC President**

# 2011

**January** - *The Olympic and Sports Movement meets with Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou*



**February** -  
*Start of the Lobbying Campaign "Mainstreaming of Sport into EU Funding Programmes"*

**30<sup>th</sup> March** - *Final Conference of the Athletes to Business (A2B) EU Project → Adoption of Guidelines on Dual Careers*



**6<sup>th</sup> May** - *EU Workshop during EOC Seminar in Slovenia*

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** -  
*EOC Athletes Commission*



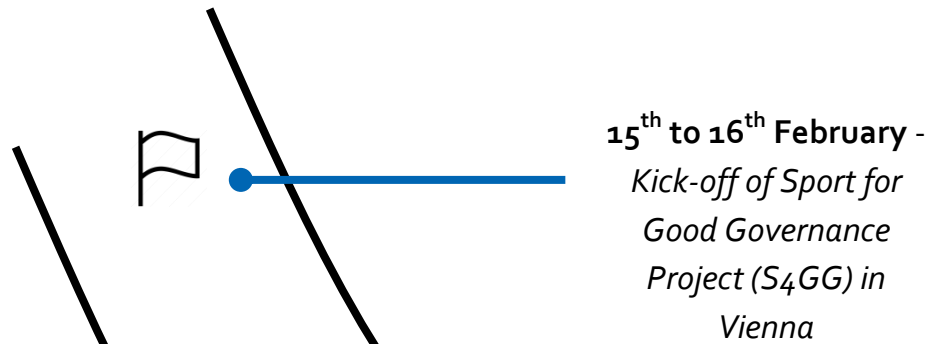
**15<sup>th</sup> June** –  
*European Evening of Sport*







2012



15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February -  
Kick-off of Sport for  
Good Governance  
Project (S4GG) in  
Vienna



December - Launch of the EOC EU  
Office [Twitter Account](#)



FEDERAZIONE  
SPORTIVA NAZIONALE  
RICONOSCIUTA  
DAL CONI

1<sup>st</sup> April -  
CONI becomes  
a partner



May - Launch of the Lobbying  
Campaign for a Sport Chapter to be  
created in the Erasmus+ Funding





2013

27<sup>th</sup> February - *European Evening of Sport*



18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June - *Athletes Seminar*



June -  
Meeting of  
*Jacques Rogge (IOC President) and Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner responsible for Sports*

June - *Adoption of the new MFF 2014 - 2020 with a new Sport Chapter in the Erasmus+ Programme*



25<sup>th</sup> June - *Final Conference of the Sport for Good Governance (S4GG) Project*



2014

3<sup>rd</sup> April - EOC Athletes Commission Meeting



2<sup>nd</sup> April -  
Seminar on EU  
Funding for  
NOCs

October  
- New  
Office  
Website

Successful Lobbying for the Establishment of the Sport  
Intergroup at the European Parliament



March -  
Meeting of  
EOC  
Delegation  
with EU  
Commission  
Vice-  
President  
Šefčovič



1<sup>st</sup> September -  
COC becomes a  
partner



1<sup>st</sup> December - EOC becomes a partner of the  
European Week of Sport



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*“The Czech Olympic Committee has become a core partner of the EOC EU Office almost 5 years ago, thus building close ties and excellent relationship with the Office for half of its existence. This partnership, and the active contribution of our staff to the work of the Office, has been instrumental in building the international outreach of the Czech Olympic Committee. We are proud to be an integral part of the EOC EU Office family. I wish the Office many more successful projects, events, and lobbying initiatives for the benefit of the Olympic movement in Europe and beyond, and I look forward to continuing our great cooperation.”*

**Roman Kumpošt, Vice President of the Czech Olympic Committee**



*“As the successor to the EU Office of German Sport, the EOC EU Office has proven over the past 10 years how sport benefits from a competent representation in Brussels. Not only the number of topics covered, but also the partner organisations of the Office have increased continuously since 2009. Folker Hellmund and his team stand for sound analyses, knowledgeable reporting, sustainable EU projects and targeted lobbying for the benefit of grassroots and elite sport in Europe for 10 years. The entire DOSB would like to thank you for the excellent cooperation over this period and wishes that the entire team maintains its enthusiasm for defending the interest of sport in Europe.*



**Veronika Rücker,  
CEO of the German  
Olympic Sports  
Confederation**

*Sport has been a part of my life both as a professional player and as a politician at the European Parliament. As a Vice President of the Sports Intergroup in the European Parliament, I had the pleasure to collaborate closely with the EOC EU Office while working on influencing the EU policy on sport. The efforts of the EOC EU Office have greatly contributed to the development of the EU sport policy, as they link sport movement with the European Institutions. This fruitful cooperation at all levels is fundamental both for the professional and the grassroots sport. I would like to thank all staff of the EOC EU Office for making it happen and I hope that we will continue to collaborate in the future.*



**Bogdan Wenta,  
Former MEP and Vice President of the  
Sports Intergroup, European Parliament**



# 2015

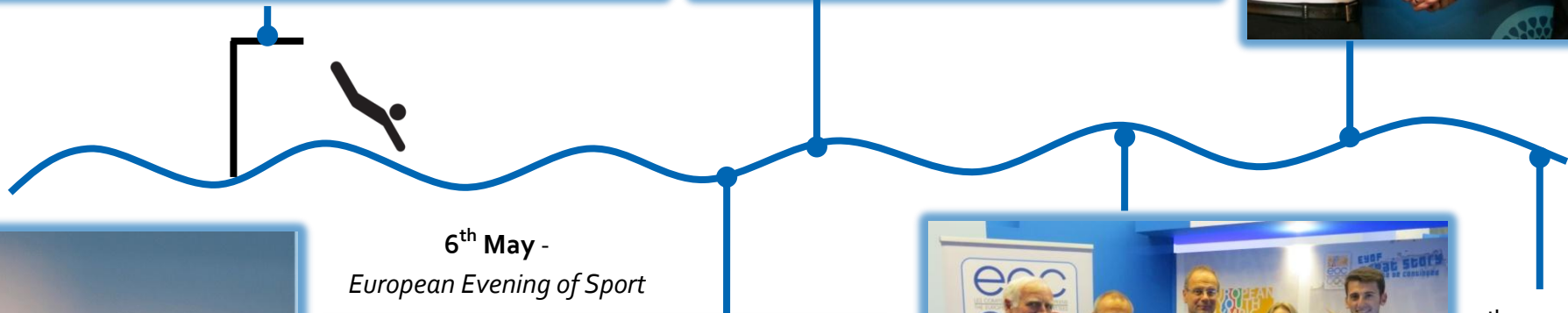
**4<sup>th</sup> February** - *Start of the SIGGS Project*



**16<sup>th</sup> April** - *Meeting of the Olympic Movement with the EU Institutions on Data Protection*



**1<sup>st</sup> October** - *CEV becomes a partner*



**6<sup>th</sup> May** -  
*European Evening of Sport*



**8<sup>th</sup> December**  
*Seminar on EU  
Funding for  
NOCs*

**September** - *EOC meets Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner responsible for Sports*



# 2016



TEAM GB



1<sup>st</sup> April - BOA  
becomes a  
partner

25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April -  
Athletes Seminar



21<sup>st</sup> May  
Workshop  
for NOCs  
during EOC  
Seminar in  
Tarragona



29<sup>th</sup> November - SIGGS Final Conference

1<sup>st</sup> February - FIBA becomes a partner



31<sup>st</sup> May -  
Structured  
dialogue  
between EU  
Sports  
Ministers and  
representatives  
of the IOC,  
EOC, FIFA and  
UEFA on Major  
Sport events



June - Handover of the Commission High  
Level Groups' final reports to the  
Commissioner with EOC Representatives



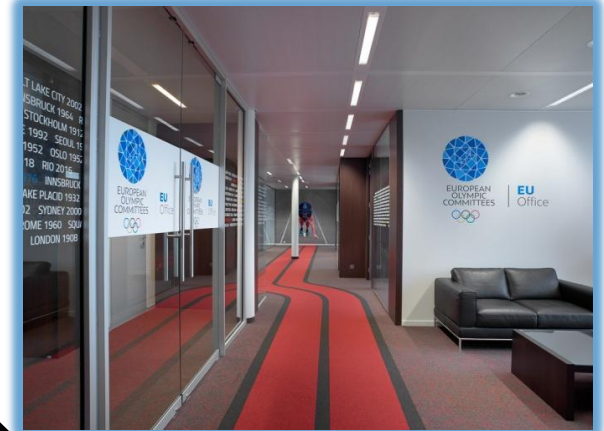
# 2017



9<sup>th</sup> March - Meeting between EOC President Kocijančič and Commissioner Navracsics



1<sup>st</sup> April - Portuguese Olympic Committee becomes a partner



1<sup>st</sup> October - New Office at Avenue Cortenbergh, 71



1<sup>st</sup> January - Finnish Olympic Committee becomes a partner (following VALO)



19<sup>th</sup> June - European Evening of Sport



14<sup>th</sup> November - Antitrust Seminar for Partner Organisations

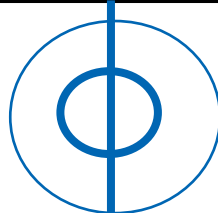


2018

1<sup>st</sup> January - Croatian Olympic Committee becomes a partner



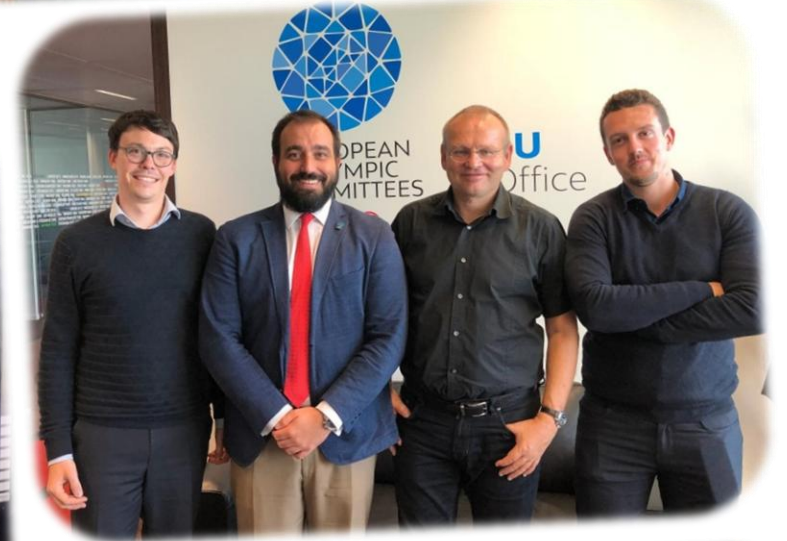
18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June - Funding Seminar for non-EU Countries



POINTS 

10<sup>th</sup> January - Launch of  
the EU POINTS Project







2019

1<sup>st</sup> January - Lithuanian Olympic Committee becomes a partner



February – POINTS project educational seminar at Interpol



10 Year Anniversary

20<sup>th</sup> February - The EOC EU Office celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

*“One of FIBA Europe’s main values is to always seek partnerships with institutions that share our commitment to sport and can help us strengthen its positive impact on society and especially the youth while they can also facilitate direct access to other partners, in sport and outside of it, that can help us towards that goal.*

*There is no doubt that in EOC EU Office we found the ideal partner as it is the one reference point for all European Sport, representing the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and international sports federations like ours to the different European Institutions.*

*FIBA Europe's commitment to the European sport structure scored major points in 2015 when our 3x3 discipline proved to be one of the biggest hits with fans at the inaugural European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan.*

*Becoming a partner of the EOC EU Office was the next logical step and FIBA Europe officially joined the EOC EU Office in February 2016.*

*Only one year later, in spring 2017 we ripped the first fruits of the active cooperation when the EOC EU Office actively guided us to how to secure co-funding from the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union for TIME-OUT programme, which ultimately proved one of the greatest educational initiatives ever. And we are certain that there is a lot more to come.*

*To our friends in EOC EU Office I would like to say Happy Birthday! And keep up the good work!”*

**Kamil Novak,**  
Executive Director  
of FIBA Europe



*“Good governance for any sport organisation in Europe calls an understanding of relevant European Union law and regulations and of the opportunities offered by the various European Institutions. As one of the first EOC EU Office partners, European Athletics has long relied on Folker Hellmund and his team for guidance and advice in the field of EU sport policy. Moreover, our cooperation with the team on numerous projects and activities over the years has led to tangible benefits for our organisation, for our Member Federations and for our sport. Throughout the relationship, the team’s service has been characterised by professionalism, unrivalled expertise and an unfailing willingness to help. On the occasion of the EOC EU-Office’s anniversary celebrations, we send our sincere thanks and congratulations for a job well done. Athletics and the sport movement in Europe are stronger for its work.”*



**Svein Arne Hansen,**  
President of the European Athletics

*“Team sport is something specific in the world of sports due to the tremendous impact made by the many interested stakeholders, as well as the public. We need strong partners and the EOC EU Office serves not only as a source of information, but also as a port of call for the coordination of interests. And all this now for ten successful years! Thank you and congratulations!”*

**Michael Wiederer,**  
President of the European Handball Federation



# Key Figures



**4** EU-funded projects

gathering **35** partners

including **20** NOCs



**107**

**Editions of Monthly Report  
each in 3 languages**

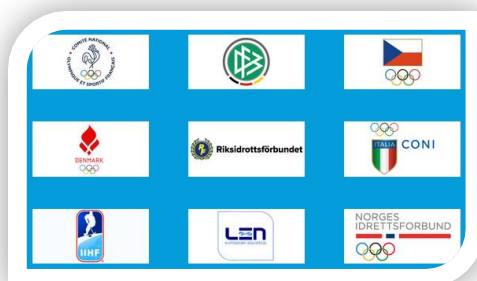


**50** trainees from **17** countries

# Key Figures



## 27 Partners



**+300**  
organisations have  
used  
the SIGGS  
self-evaluation tool



4434 followers on [Twitter](#)  
and 1400 tweets

**5** European Evenings of Sport  
with **+1500** participants



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