

HOW THE MFF 2028-2034 CAN SUPPORT SPORT ORGANISATIONS' ESSENTIAL ROLE

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PLANS (NRPPs)

National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs) should provide an integrated framework for addressing the economic, social and territorial needs of Member States and regions. As a cross-sectoral policy tool, sport contributes directly to healthier communities, social inclusion, regional attractiveness and sustainable economic development. Explicitly recognising sport within these Plans would enable investments that better respond to demographic change, regional disparities and territorial cohesion.

Recognise sport as a driver of territorial development

Sustainable and modern sport infrastructure, community-based sport, volunteering and active tourism generate benefits that extend far beyond the playing field. They improve health and wellbeing, strengthen community cohesion, create opportunities for non-formal learning and volunteering, support neighbourhood regeneration, and contribute to local economies through events and active tourism. Integrating sport into NRPP would therefore help maximise the impact of EU investments across regions.

THE EOC EU OFFICE THEREFORE CALLS FOR

- explicitly recognising and mentioning sport as a cross-sectoral contributor within NRPPs;
- investing in accessible and sustainable sport infrastructure, community-based sport and volunteering as drivers of social cohesion and territorial resilience;
- supporting active and sport tourism as contributors to sustainable regional development and local economies; and
- strengthening partnerships between public authorities and sport organisations to deliver regional development objectives.