

EWS and the question of democracy A challenge for the future



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"Sports, a challenge for women Women, a challenge for sports"

- EWS French Chair major achievements
- Challenges to meet in the future
- Some reflections as an introduction to the Conference debates



European Women and Sport Work 2002 – 2004



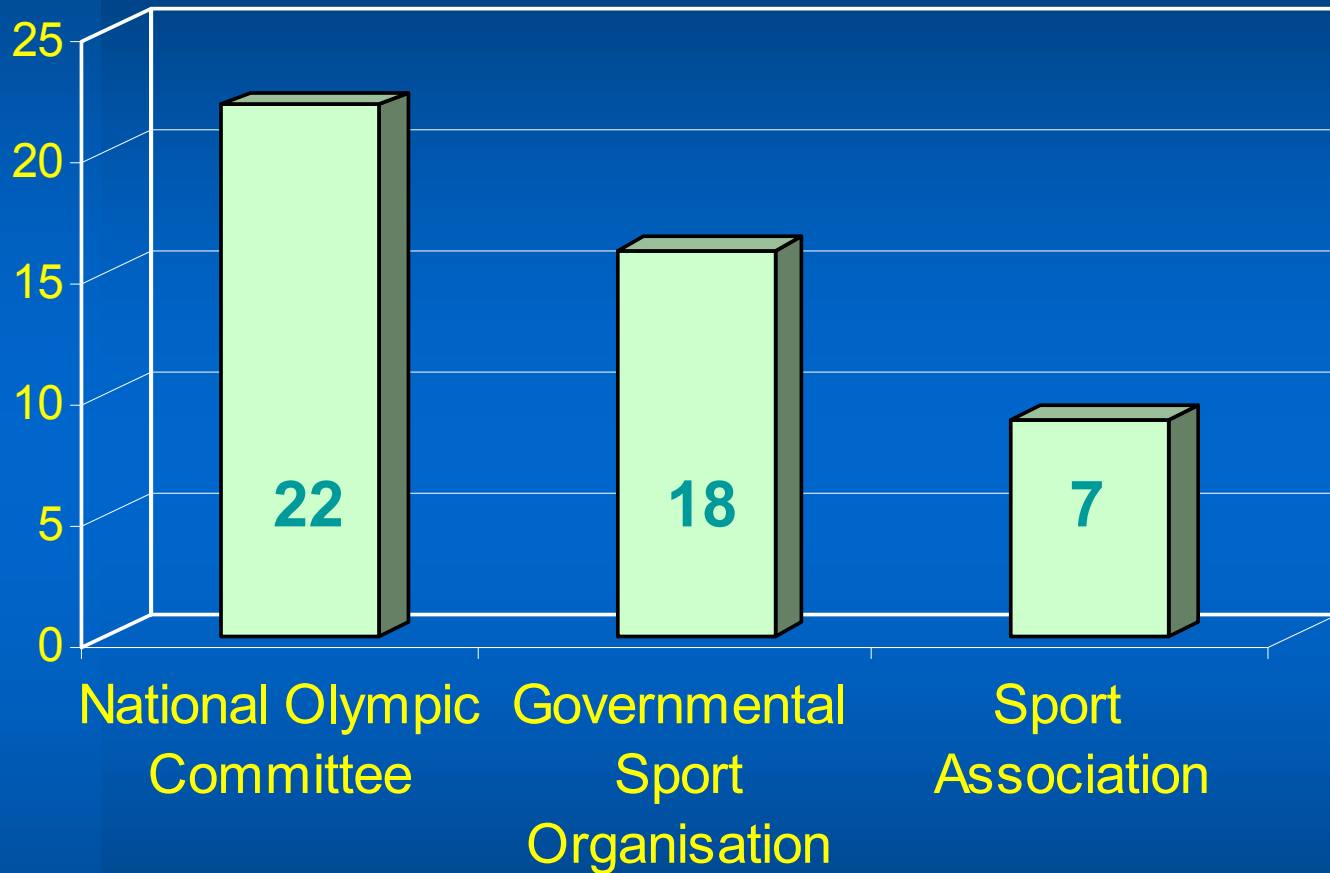
- Report on the two-year chair period

Expanding the network



- 47 Contact-Persons
- 41 European countries

47 Contact Persons



Updating the EWS guidelines

- EWS new status of partnership within the ENGSO
- Membership in the EWL
- A co-chair period to facilitate the transition between two consecutive chairs



Austria new EWS Chair

- Ms Liese Prokop,
EWS Chairwoman
- Ms Erika Köning-Zenz
General Secretary
- Countries selected for the 2004-2006
Steering group :
Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland,
France, Greece, Italy, United Kingdom



Modifying the EWS calendar

- To avoid clashes with:
 - the IWG World conference
 - the IOC World conference
- Alternate the EWS Conference and the EWS Open Meeting on the odd years
- To be discuss in depth for ratification under the Austrian Chair



Increase in networking

- International Women & Sport group (IWG)
- Exe Com of the European Sport Conference (ESC)
- Euro Mediterranean Seminar
- Co-operation with the EOC and contacts with NOCs delegates during the IOC world conference in Marrakech (see the report)
- Relations with the European Union institutions
- EWS survey: From 1995 to 2004 the evolution of women issues in sport in Europe

European Parliament Resolution on Women and Sport

- Adopted in June 5, 2003
- Calls on the Commission, Member States, NGOs and other sport organisations to support "Women and Sport" projects
- Provides support for the functioning of the EWS network
- Thanks to Geneviève Fraisse





The challenges the EWS still needs to meet

The challenges the EWS still needs to meet (1)

- The unequal access to sport facilities for women,
- The question of physical education which is still not very developed in many countries,
- The communitarisms which can obstruct, on a local scale the development of women's practices,
- The small number of women represented in decision making bodies,

The challenges the EWS still needs to meet (2)

- The way in which the image of women in sport is portrayed in the media,
- The implementation of the different resolutions on women and sport in the real life of the GOs and NGOs Sport organisations and the Olympic Movement



EWS future tools

- The European Parliament Resolution on Women and Sport might be an important lever to facilitate the work in each country
- The expectations of the third IOC world conference in Marrakech in March 2004 reaffirms the targets of 20% women on the executive boards
- EWS network must follow the implementation of these resolutions
- Paris Call for Action



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A challenge for the future (1)

- Gender equality is not only a women's struggle
 - this would be too reductive
 - universal expression of the democratic struggle
- Gender mainstreaming still remains a big issue, but could be an excuse
- Sport governance must be studied and reflected in depth
- We shall consider the increasing demand for democracy in our societies

EWS & the question of Democracy

A challenge for the future (2)

- **Democracy in sport**
 - is not only an issue of the definition of an ideal system,
 - not an issue of changing the system,
- **Democracy is an ongoing process that builds democracy beyond all the cultural and historical aspects of its limitations**



Concluding remarks

- That is why synergies, co-operation and co-ordination between all National and European Governmental and Non-Governmental Sport Organisations and the Olympic Movement are still and more than ever needed and should be increased if we want to reach our democratic goals.
- Engendering democracy in the world of sport is a long process

I hope this
Conference will
help the EWS
network to design
and update new
strategies and
plans for the
future

A collage of various images related to women's sports. At the top left is a group photo of many young women. Below it is a circular logo with a white background and a red border, containing a stylized white figure with red motion lines. The main text is on a blue background. Below the text are several smaller images: a woman in a white tank top, two women playing soccer (one in a red jersey, one in a white jersey), a woman in a white tennis outfit, a woman in a white jacket holding a tennis racket, and a woman in a yellow and black jacket. The bottom right corner shows a woman in a yellow and black jacket with a red and white striped object in the foreground.

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