

# Volunteering and N Sports Organisations



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# 1. White Paper on Sport

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**“Volunteering in sport organisations provides many occasions for non-formal education which will need to be recognised and enhanced”**

White Paper on Sport, 2007

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**“Sport provides attractive possibilities for young people’s engagement and involvement in society and may have a beneficial effect in helping people steer away from delinquency”**

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**(14) In order to understand better the specific demands and needs of the voluntary sport sector in national and European policy making, the Commission will launch a European study on volunteering in sport**

White Paper on Sport, 2007

## 2. Volunteering in Sport in the UK



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- **Over 10 million people volunteer per week in the UK**
- **26% of volunteers volunteer in Sport**
- **2.7 million volunteers per week in sport**
- **€18bn to the British economy every year**

Towards a Better Future of Youth Sport,  
[sportsthinktank.com](http://sportsthinktank.com), 2008

# 3. Volunteering in Europe

Age	Pop (m)	Volunteering per day (mins)	Volunteering per year (millions of hours)
15-24	62,5	7,5**	2900
25-44	144,3	9,5**	8300
45-64	125,6	12***	9200
65+	83,3	16**	8100
			28500

\*Demography of EU- Eurostat 2006

\*\*The life of women & men in Europe: A statistical portrait- Eurostat 2008

\*\*\*Extrapolation of Eurostat data

# 4. NPVSO in Europe

## Percentage agreeing that local sports clubs provide opportunities to be physically active?

Denmark	87	Ireland	72	Spain	55
Holland	87	UK	72	Cyprus	54
France	86	Slovenia	65	Portugal	49
Belgium	84	Estonia	63	Hungary	48
Austria	80	Greece	61	Latvia	42
Finland	80	Italy	61	Slovakia	41
Germany	79	Malta	60	Poland	37
Luxembourg	77	Czech Rep	57		
Sweden	75	Latvia	55		

Eurobarometer 64.3  
2006 Health & Food

## 4. NPVSO in the UK

- **93% use volunteers**
- **39% of clubs in profit**
- **8% strong financial position**

# 5. Challenges to NPVSOs



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- **Health and Safety Regulations**
- **Fire Safety**
- **Criminal Records Checks**
- **Music Licensing**
- **VAT Directive**
- **Water Charges**
- **Alcohol Code of Practice**
- **Participation levels- membership fees**
- **Funding**

# 6. Fields of Study

- **Types of organisations volunteers volunteer in**
  - sports clubs**
  - schools**
  - governing bodies**
  - charities, etc**
- **Types of volunteer**
  - full time**
  - part time**
  - junior**
  - student**
  - elite, etc.**

# 6. Fields of Study

- **Relevant demographics**
  - age
  - gender
  - ethnicity, etc
- **Barriers**
  - lack of time
  - bad club management
  - changing cultures, etc.

# 6. Fields of Study

- **Motivations**
  - love of sport
  - putting something back into society
  - helping children to improve their health
- **Balancing the needs of modern volunteering**
  - increasing professionalism around risk aversion
  - health and safety
  - child protection, etc.

# 6. Fields of Study



- **Numbers of volunteers and clubs**
- **The study should be longitudinally replicable**
- **What support volunteers and clubs want**

# 7. Policy Recommendations



- **Investigation of threats to NPSO from National and Community law**
- **Clarify best practice from Europe on the interpretation of community law**
- **Determine the specific features of non-profit voluntary sports organisations compared to profit-seeking businesses**
- **Explore the possibilities of taking specific features of non-profit voluntary sports organisations into account in the application of community law**
- **Put forward new legislative action**

# 8. Workshops

- **Best Practices** - Marie
- **Challenges** - Jukka
- **Recognition** - Kim
- **Recommendations** - Michael

Thank you for your attention, I hope that you enjoyed the presentation.

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