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# newsletter

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## Introduction

### *newsletter*

The EASE board is pleased to inform you that EASE will publish a number of newsletters in 2015. In the first place to keep our members and other relations updated on EASE matters, also on national level. Secondly it is important to share knowledge on a regular basis in addition to the website [easesport.eu](http://easesport.eu).

So if you have any news or information related to EASE or if you want share relevant knowledge, use this opportunity to spread your knowledge among the members! You can send your text to [ease@easesport.eu](mailto:ease@easesport.eu)!

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Social Dialogue in progress. (Picture by Gladys Bézier)

# European Social Dialogue

## (ESSDC)

The second meeting of the ESSDC (European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee) was held on 20th May 2015 in Brussels. The main subject was 'sustainable employability'.

Social partners will produce a joint document with recommendations and wishes from the 3 subcommittees: Professional sport, Not-for-Profit Sport and Active Leisure and Outdoor Sport. Of course you can also discuss the subject with your representation on national level or you can send an email to [ease@easesport.eu](mailto:ease@easesport.eu).

A database with all [current members](#) (employers and employees organisations) in Europe is available on the website. In the near future we would like to add all possible candidates for membership in European countries for social dialogue.

It is an overview of the (start of) social dialogue.

To further investigate the possible development of social dialogue in other European countries a new project will be submitted to the European Commission. The draft project was discussed in the meeting. The deadline of submission of the project is mid June.

In the meeting the Sport unit of the European Commission and UNI Europa reported on various activities and on the EU expert Groups.

More info on the Social Dialogue can be found on [easesport.eu](http://easesport.eu).



Signing of the covenant. From left to right Mrs. Karin van Bijsterveld, Sir Graham Watson, Mr. Oliver Roehrig and Mr. Herman Smulders.  
(Picture by Lobke Mentrop)

## **COVENANT SIGNED !**

### ***COÖPERATION WITH EUROPEACTIVE AND EC-OE***

After intensive consultation and several meetings a covenant for

coöperation with EuropeActive and EC-OE was signed on the same day as the ESSDC meeting.

EASE and UNI Europa have a direct role in the social dialogue at European level in the sport. EuropeActive and EC-CO do not have a traditional role in the social dialogue, but they have excellent representation from employers in the fitness and outdoor sector. By coöperating we try to combine the best of both parties and to share knowledge and experiences. EuropeActive and EC-OE will be admitted to the social dialogue as observers. Both will contribute their contacts and experience in their sectors in order to strengthen the social dialogue. To view the comments from Sir Graham Watson -the president of EuropeActive- on the covenant click [here](#).

The signed agreement can be viewed as a PDF on the website by clicking [here](#).

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## OIRA TOOL

### *Online instrumente Risk Assessment*

The day after the ESSDC a meeting of the steering group OiRA (Online instrument Risk Assessment) was held as part of a project of all social partners. After the summer reces an online risk assessment tool will be produced for Health & Safety. In fact, there will be three tools for Professional sport sector, Not-for-profit sector and Active leisure sector. The test phase of the tool will be coming June and July.

The tool will shortly thereafter be available for all sports organizations on national level. We will keep you informed. If you have interest to be included in the test phase, please let us know at [ease@easesport.eu](mailto:ease@easesport.eu).

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## DISSEMINATION GUIDELINES

In the recent period several joint declarations and guidelines have been established, for instance the '[guidelines working hours](#)' and the '[guidelines health and safety](#)'. The main goal is that these guidelines and recommendations are spread wider and are discussed between social partners at national level. We ask you to keep us informed of all forms of distribution. And of course we would like you to publish the results at national level! Let us know at [ease@easesport.eu](mailto:ease@easesport.eu).