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Election new president

The General Assembly and board of EASE elected a new president on the 28th of November 2016.

The newly elected President is Lobke Mentrop from the Netherlands. She replaces Karin van Bijsterveld, who decided not to stand for re-election. The General Assembly expressed its gratitude to Karin for her dedication to EASE, and wished her well on her future endeavours.

The General Assembly also prolonged the mandates of the following colleagues: Gladys Bezier as Vice President, Petri Heikkinen as Treasurer, Annika Eidfelt as General Secretary and Krisztina Biliczky as Board Member.





Strategy

Future opportunities

The EASE board has analysed and discussed the future opportunities and strategy of EASE. The report was discussed with the members. EASE is a platform of knowledge and experience and as such it is the only employers' organisation in the sport sector recognized by the European Commission.

We stand for a sports dialogue and are willing to help employers organisations with being a better employer. As a platform we can aim to further professionalize sport and labour relations in sport.

New membership

As part of developing a new strategy EASE now offers three different types of memberships.

Full membership, Associate membership and the new **Network membership**.

With offering a new membership structure, we hope to engage national sport organisations which are interested in labour relations and social dialogue, but don't have a formal social dialogue yet. We can provide them with the opportunity to share experience and to exchange and learn from good practices of other members.

Organisations which are interested in becoming a member can contact: ease@easesport.eu.



ESSA Sport

European Sector Skills Alliance for Sport and Physical Activity project launch On the 21st of November, EOSE together with Uni-Europa and EASE –who are leading the project- officially launched the ESSA-Sport project together with the national partners.

ESSA-Sport is a process of research and consultation designed to create a Strategic Action Plan as a basis for on-going collaboration to improve the supply of skills to the sport and physical activity sector including fitness and the outdoors.

Strengthening employability in the sport sector.

The European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Sports has adopted a joint opinion on 'Strengthening employability in the sport and active leisure sector'.

The social partners in the sector, European Association of Sport Employers (EASE) and UNI Europa Sports, as well as the observing partners EuropeActive and the European Confederation of Outdoor Employers (EC-OE) ('the partners') want to proactively shape the future of the sector.

A crucial step is being taken with this joint opinion aiming to identify the barriers to employability in the sport sector and to offer recommendations as to how these barriers can be overcome. The statement is addressed to European and national policy makers who are encouraged to use its conclusions to support new and existing policy initiatives.

Read the joint opinion [here](#)



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European Social Dialogue 2017

10th February 2017 Working Group

29th May 2017 Working Group

8th November 2017 Plenary meeting

End conference 2017

Project Supporting the test phase of the European Sectoral Social Dialogue
Committee for the sport and active leisure

23 & 24 March 2017 in Berlin

We would like to thank you for your active participation and contributions
and we wish you a restful and peaceful Christmas seasons!