

Strategic Choices for the Implementation of the New EU Competence in the Field of Sport: EU-wide public consultation

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On 1 December 2009, the Lisbon Treaty entered into force. As a result, the role of the EU in the field of sport acquired a new dimension. Article 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provides the EU with a new competence aimed at developing the European dimension in sport. The Treaty text calls on the EU to promote European sporting issues, notably by taking account of sport's specific nature, its structures based on voluntary activity and its social and educational function.

The role of the European Commission is to develop concrete policy options in view of the new Treaty competence. For this purpose, the Commission will make proposals for the implementation of the new provisions on sport in the course of 2010.

In this framework, the Commission is conducting a consultation process with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders.

The services of the Commission now intend to extend this consultation process to the wider public. This [online consultation](#) is addressed to organisations and citizens with an interest in sport in order to obtain their input regarding strategic choices for the implementation of the new EU competence in the field of sport.

Further information on EU activities in the field of sport can be found on this website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/sport>

The outcome of this consultation and information on how the Commission used the opinions of respondents will also be published on this website.

Filling in the questionnaire will take approximately 20 minutes.

The [online consultation](#) will remain open until 1 June 2010.

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