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The think tank Sport and Citizenship, a key player in Europe

The think tank Sport and Citizenship strengthens its position in Europe vis-à-vis the European institutions and stakeholders in the field of sport and its expertise on topics related to health, disability and "sport for all".

"I count on [Sport and Citizenship] to identify new areas where European sports policy should be developed "declared Tibor Navracsics, the new European Commissioner in charge of Sport.

As part of the Erasmus Chapter Sport + program, the European Commission granted its political and financial support to the think tank Sport and Citizenship for its project "PASS - Physical Activity Serving Society". Sport and Citizenship provides a strategic policy framework for action to promote physical activity in Europe, inspired by the Designed to Move Campaign launched on several other continents. The project will start in January 2015 for a period of 36 months, with the support of prestigious European partners: ISCA, TAFISA , FESI , EUPEA , ICSSPE and the SPOLINT Institute.

"Our expertise and that of our partners will help mobilize policy makers at European, national and local level to push the citizens toward physical activity. Otherwise it is the life expectancy of future generations which will be questioned” commented Julian Jappert, Executive Director of Sport and Citizenship.

In addition, Sport and Citizenship will provide its expertise in 3 European projects on the topics of the promotion of sport for young disabled people, the promotion of gender equality in coaching, and on the European Week of Sport.

Apart from this decision by the European Commission, following its repeated actions towards the European institutions and according to its objective to anchor sport as a sustainable political topic, the think tank Sport and Citizenship welcomes the creation of the “Sport” intergroup at the European Parliament.

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