SPORT AND DISABILITIES
EUROPEAN NETWORK

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22 PROPOSALS FOR THE PROMOTION OF DISABILITY SPORT IN EUROPE

GENERAL POSITION

- **Access to sport is a fundamental right.** It is the responsibility of the public authorities and of the sports movement to guarantee this access to all public authorities, whichever their specificities may be.

ABOUT THE GLOBAL POLICIES OF DISABILITY SPORTS

1. Work for the putting into place of a common definition to enable the collection of information and the analysis of the phenomenon of sport for disabled people in Europe, in particular on the available offer for disabled people.
2. Engagement and exchange of information and continuous good practices between Member-States, the European Commission and the relay of disability sport in the Member States
3. Development of a European relation between the politics of sport and the politics on disabilities
4. Dissemination and access to information for the public with disabilities and their entourage
5. Reliable resources (tools, guidelines, work groups, research groups)

ABOUT PARTICIPATION

6. Cooperation at national, transnational and European levels between the different institutions of sport, disability and disability sports;
7. Support the creation of a single place for the collection of data under the effigy of the European Commission, with national focal points in each Member State. The EU would then fully take on its role as a platform for exchanges.
8. Raising awareness for people who are disabled so that they understand the sports offer. This responsibility should fall under disability sport structures with the support of mainstream federations
9. More research on the levels of participation, the organisation in the Member States, the available resources, etc...

ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURES

10. Putting into place of European guidelines for the access to sporting infrastructures with the standards of quality
11. Development of / support for innovative projects and with a strong potential for spin-offs aiming to put into place new norms in terms of reception of disabled people.
12. More research and data concerning the state of the accessibility of infrastructures in Europe

ABOUT DEVELOPING THE OFFER

13. Development of a legal basis in Europe for the integration of specific lessons on how to deal with disabilities in training programmes for students in physical education as well as those for sport coaches.
14. Building bridges between the world of sport and the medical & social sector, in order to offer an adapted sporting activity within the establishments. In the period of budgetary constraints, the financing of these activities remains an equation to be solved.
15. Efforts to raise awareness around the different levels of care provided for disabled people. Fight for sport to be better recognised in institutional projects of establishments and give the means to people who have a project of this nature to be accompanied to the furthest extent possible.

16. The support of the development of human means (trained supervised staff) and the presence of relays in the territories are invaluable to the development and follow-up of projects.

17. Help for the acquisition of specific material, or in its offering to the public (mutualisation).

18. Develop a sporting offer of discovery, of leisure, to enable a first experience and arouse the desire to play again.

19. The adaptation of material means, people, pedagogical content, reglementary aspects… Training is invaluable here, same goes for the professionalization of clubs and welcoming public in structures, in order not to discourage potential engagement in physical activity.

ABOUT EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION

20. Help for the visibility of led operations, in the sporting encounters where the youth, with disabilities or not, can interact.

21. Communication on the different forms of disabilities, in order not to restrain oneself to the erroneous image of only people with reduced mobility.

22. Facilitate the interaction between practitioners, valid or not, in order to respond to the challenge of accompaniment.