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Welcome to the SIGGS 3.0 project newsletter!

Browsing through this newsletter will provide you with a recap of the first 7 months in the project and an outlook on what is coming soon.

What is conducted as an Erasmus+ small-scale partnership can soon be used by your organisation to self-assess your governance and work on it step-by-step.

Find our more about SIGGS 3.0 on the <u>website</u> or invite colleagues to subscribe to the newsletter <u>here</u>.

The first 7 month with SIGGS 3.0

In January 2024, SIGGS 3.0 launched with the goal of updating and expanding the SIGGS self-evaluation tool to enhance the implementation of Good Governance in sports.



Kick-off Meeting January 2024



Mid-term Meeting
July 2024

Now, as we approach the end of Phase 1, we are finalising desk research and expert consultations to ensure the tool provides state-of-the-art information.

With the mid-term meeting in July, we have taken stock of the progress made over the first six months. This next period will consist of steadily combining various workflows to shape the final version of the tool.

We extend our gratitude to our external experts, whose invaluable expertise has been crucial in ensuring that the tool reflects the latest standards and best practices. Their contributions will enable future users to fully benefit from the enhanced capabilities of SIGGS 3.0.

Good Governance - What is it?

Good governance in sport is essential for ensuring transparency, accountability, fairness, and ethical behaviour within sports organizations. It includes principles such as integrity, autonomy, accountability, transparency, democracy, inclusion and diversity, and sustainability, which are key to fostering an ethical and well-managed sports environment.

Prioritising good governance promotes ethical behaviour and fair decision-making, building trust among stakeholders. It also enhances the reputation and credibility of sports organisations, attracts sponsorship, and ensures compliance with legal requirements. By focusing on good governance, sports organisations can operate more ethically, transparently, and sustainably, leading to better performance and success for the entire sports community.

SIGGS 3.0 comes at the right time

In December 2023, the sports world was reminded of the critical importance of governance through the European Court of Justice rulings. These ruling emphasised that sports governing bodies must adhere to high standards of good governance, focusing on transparency, objectivity, non-discrimination, and proportionality.

SIGGS 3.0 aims to empower sports organisations worldwide to enhance their governance standards and is open to:

- Continental and National Olympic and Paralympic Committees in Europe and worldwide
- International, European and National Sport Federations
- National and Regional Sport Confederations
- and many more

Self-evaluate your Good Governance



The SIGGS 3.0 Tool is designed as a free, online resource to help sports organisations assess and improve their governance practices. This comprehensive tool will offer a questionnaire that can be completed in just 15 minutes, providing an immediate assessment and generating tailored action plans based on the current level of governance. Covering six key dimensions—integrity, autonomy, transparency, democracy, inclusion & diversity, and environmental sustainability—the SIGGS 3.0

Tool ensures a holistic evaluation. It will be available in multiple languages, and allowing comparison with other sports organisations, and includes best-practice examples for inspiration. By using this tool, organisations can enhance their ethical standards, operational transparency, and sustainability, leading to better performance and success in the sports community.



EOC EU Office Toolbox

The new <u>EOC EU Office Toolbox</u> will serve as the future home of SIGGS 3.0. This platform designed to be the central hub for resources developed by the EOC EU Office with the support of Erasmus+ aims at fostering good governance in sport. It is a one-stop-shop for self-assessing governance with the SIGGS tool or working on specific dimensions with in-depth tools that cover competition manipulation, strategic stakeholder management, gender equality in leadership positions and carbon footprint measurement and reduction.





18.09.2024: SIGGS 3.0 Online Multiplier Event - More information and registration

13.11.2024: SIGGS 3.0 Live Testing at EOC EU Office Special Competence Seminar

December 2024: Launch of SIGGS 3.0 Tool

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