



ENGSO Policy Review Working Group

A report to the General Assembly

Belgrade, Serbia

14.- 15. May 2010

Background of the Working Group



Background – documents and resources

- **The ENGSO General Statutes and Regulations**
- **ENGSO Strategic plan for 2007-2011 – approved by General Assembly Helsinki 2007**
- **The ENGSO Manifesto – published in 2009**
- **Report / mandate from ENGSO General Assembly in Paris 2009**
 - “The Newly elected ENGSO Executive Committee will take into account the amendment proposed by the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee & Confederation of Sports, seconded by CCPR, Swedish Sports Confederation, NOC*NSF and NOC Iceland. According to this amendment clarification of ENGSO activities is needed and for this work an independent working group will be established.”
- **Mandate – “terms of reference” – by ExCom to the Policy Review Working Group**

Challenges – what is ENGSO?



What is ENGSO...according to the ENGSO website...

A “Pan-European sports organisation”

“European National Sports Confederations and National Olympic Committees, if they are the national umbrella organisations for sports, form the association “European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation” (ENGSO) which is a non-profit making or distributing organisation with public responsibilities

“This means that the members of ENGSO represent the national sport in its broadest sense – from children and youth sponsors, over “sport for all” activities to elite sport

ENGSO presently has 40 national umbrella sports organisations as members and 1 organisation as observer.

ENGSO is today the only European sports organisation having been granted consultative status by the Council of Europe

ENGSO’s own background description for future vision...

Challenges – where is ENGSO going?



The aim of ENGSO...according to the ENGSO website...

to promote and to defend the independence and autonomy of sports on Europe

to meet the political and economical impact of EU on sport in Europe

to assist in improving sports development - from children and youth sport, over “sport for all” activities to elite sports – in the member countries

to take active part in development of the East-West and North-South co-operation

to raise the status and credibility of sports in the member countries, as well as actively combat the negative tendencies in sports

to support voluntarism as an important factor for development in society;

to develop democracy in sports;

to promote equality between men and women in sports;

to build bridges between different organisations dealing with “sport for all” activities.

Challenges – what does ENGSO stand for?



The Vision / Mission of ENGSO

The vision of ENGSO is to be the strong voice of organised sport in Europe

ENGSO General Statutes

We believe that the autonomy of sport, its democratic, non-governmental and mainly voluntary character and its commitment to the practice of good governance, including transparency, are essential for a healthy future of both inside and outside of sport

ENGSO Strategic Plan 2007-2011

The mission of ENGSO is to promote the interests of sport organisations in Europe

ENGSO General Statutes

ENGSO exists to be a proactive front runner in the sports political field, a strong networking organization for sport in Europe and a counterpart for European governmental institutions dealing directly or indirectly with sport

ENGSO General Statutes

ENGSO is and should be seen as professional, proactive, open, progressive, diplomatic in sports political matters and up to date on in sport matters in Europe as well as continuously developing as an organisation.

ENGSO Strategic Plan 2007-2011

Formation of the Working Group



Procedures of the nominations

A notice was sent out to all members inviting them to nominate persons to be appointed to the Policy Review Working Group. Very few nominations were entered.

No doubt this reflects the internal crisis of activity / interest of members towards ENGSO and to participate in its future policy.

Members of the Working Group

Mr. Olafur Rafnsson – ISL – Chairman

Mr. James MacDougall – ENG – Member

Mr. Jukka Pekkala – FIN – Member

Mr. Zdenko Kris – SVK – Member

Mrs. Romana Caput-Jogunica – CRO – Representing ENGSO ExCom

Mr. Jan Holze – GER – Representing ENGSO Youth

Mr. Michael Trinker – AUT – Representing ENGSO EU Working Group

Mr. Tomas Töönise – EST – Adviser

Mr. Stefan Bergh – SWE – Adviser

Mandate of the Working Group



Mandate – “terms of reference” – for the Working Group

“Regarding the work of the former Development Group and especially in accordance with the decisions made by the ENGSO GA 2009 in Paris and proposal of ENGSO members, a new Working Group, ENGSO Policy Review Working Group, will be established with the aim of evaluating and reviewing the development process and the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2007-2011

Objectives

- **To analyze the policy and role of ENGSO in the European Sports Political field**
- **To act as a consultative body for the ExCom**
- **To be responsible for the identifying of new human resources, both paid members of staff and volunteers on the ENGSO Committees and Working Groups, from amongst the membership.”**

Objectives of the Working Group



Clear objectives of the Policy Review Working Group

- **To realize who we are working for**
- **What are their needs and interests**
- **How can we assist them achieve their objectives**

**The only unconditional objectives...ENGSO does not have
autonomus purpose for existing without these objectives...**

ENGSO's framework



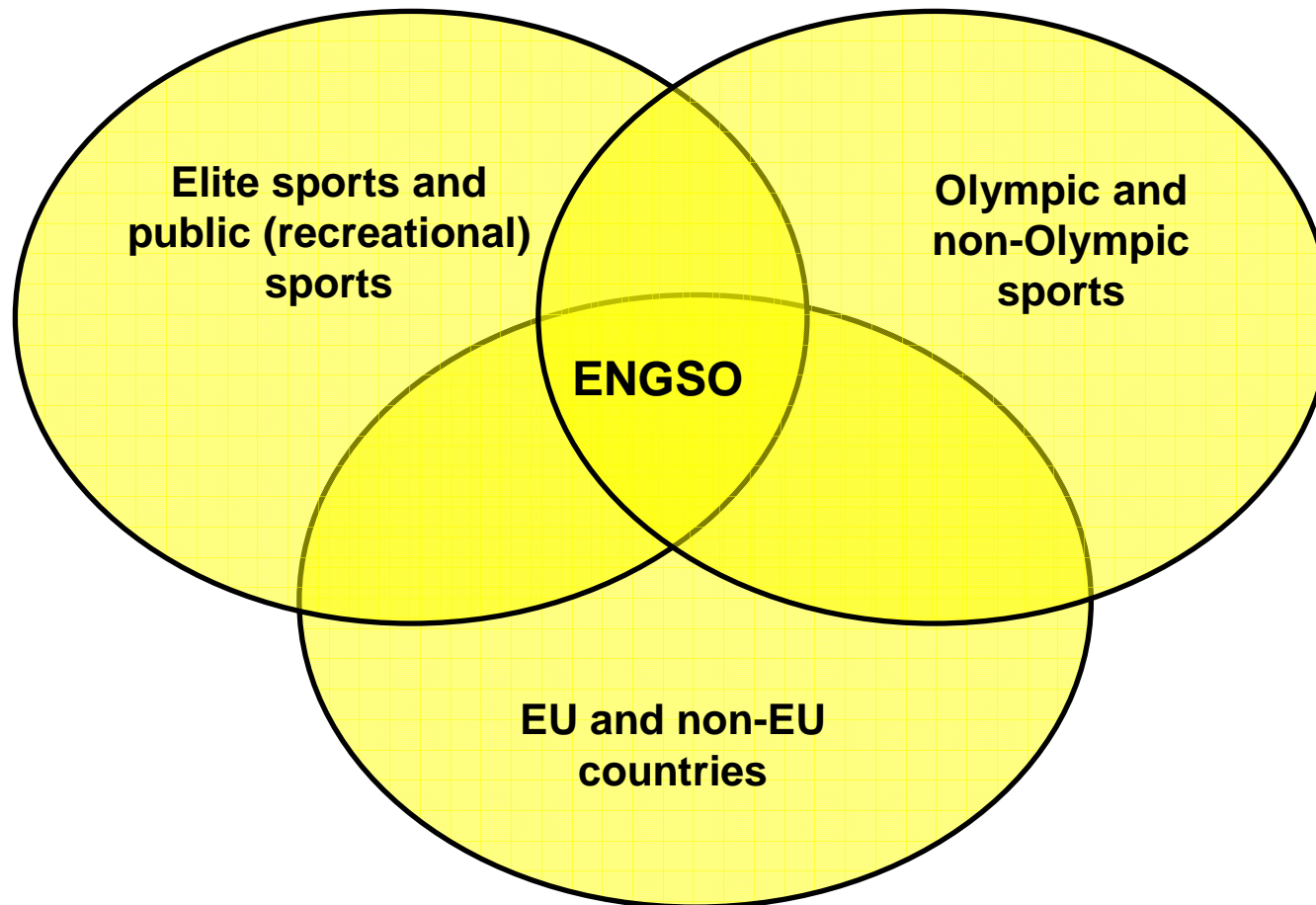
ENGSO has a good, structured framework...

- **General Statutes**
- **Organization – structure**
- **Secretariat (s)**
- **Policy – Strategic Plan**
- **Platform for discussions**
- **Newsletter**
- **New website**

ENGSO's framework



Challenges - ENGSO's diverse Europe



ENGSO's membership structure



Analysis – who are the members?

- **23 National Olympic Committees**



- **12 National Sports Umbrella Confederations**



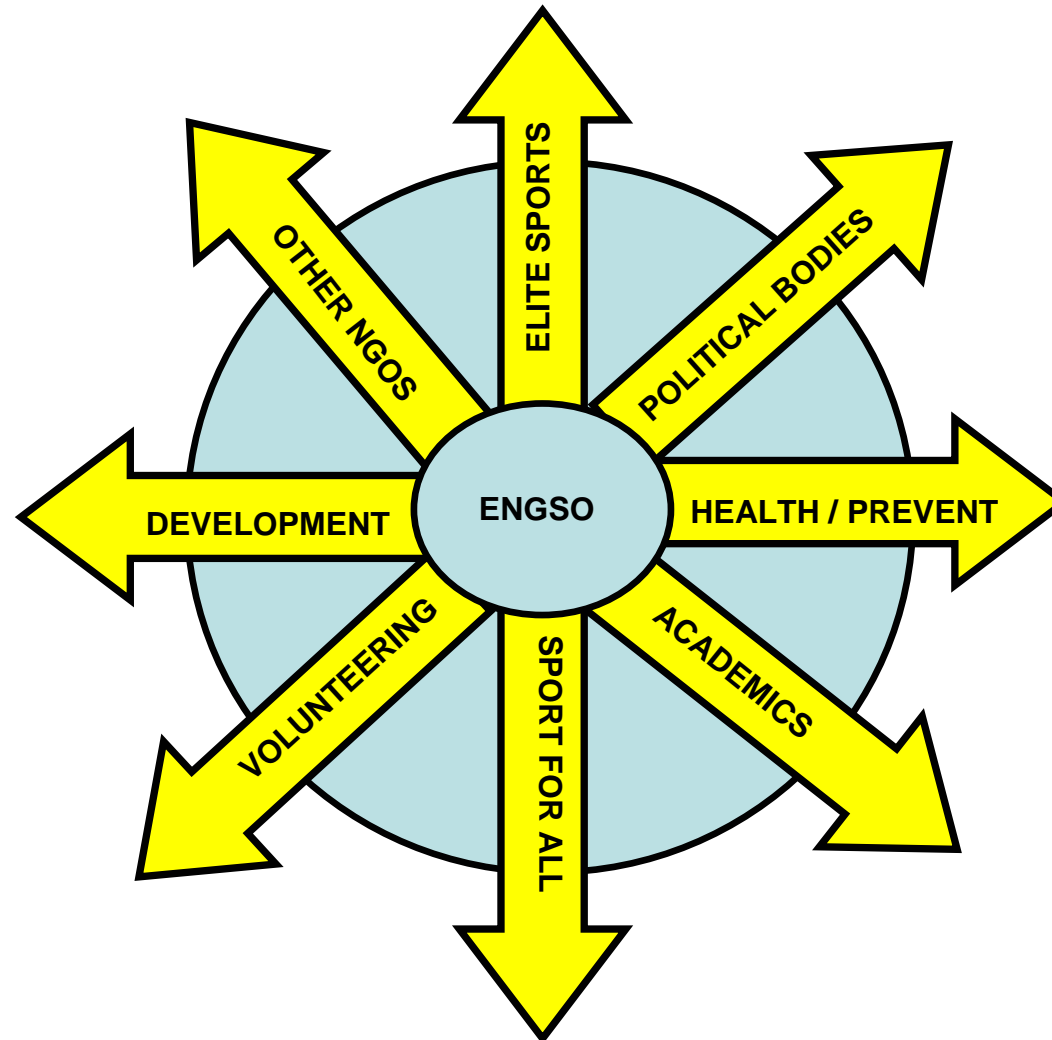
- **5 (merged) National Olympic and Sports Confederations**



- **1 Other structure**



Defining ENGSO's future directions



Working Group – Working plan



Preliminary dates / periods

September 2009 – ExCom meeting Prague – appointment of WG, define resources

October 2009 – 1st WG meeting & Report to ENGSO Forum in Portugal

February 2010 – 2nd WG meeting in Brussels, Belgium (EOC EU Office)

May 2010 – 2nd Report to ENGSO, General Assembly in Belgrade, Serbia

May-Sept 2010 – Processing analysis, defining objectives, reviewing policies

September 2010 – Consultation on preliminary proposals to ExCom

October 2010 – 3rd Report to ENGSO Forum

End of 2010 – Conclusions and final proposals submitted to ENGSO ExCom

April 2011 – ExCom final proposals submitted to ENGSO General Assembly

2nd WG meeting in Brussels



Main topics for the meeting

Members were paired together – and assigned preparation work

- Analyzing membership level – Jukka Pekkala / Jan Holze
- What ENGSO should be doing – James MacDougall / Romana Caput-Jogunica
- Revision of 2007-2011 Strategic Plan – Zdenko Kriz / Tomas Töönise
- Report on ENGSO's EU activities – Michael Trinker
- Financial Resources – Olafur Rafnsson / Stefan Bergh

The discussions were focused on the two first points since the latter two are consequence to results of the first two.

Very different opinions were viewed on ENGSO's structural location. Suggestions were made to focus more on work toward members, not only external representation.

The meeting agreed that with 2/3rd of members as Olympic Committees it is not realistic to focus on functions being provided by EOC.

2nd WG meeting in Brussels



Main results to work on until next meeting

To study further three options for membership – advantages / disadvantages

- **A Status Quo – with same members / principles as we have today.**
- **To replace / open membership to more members per country – even other NGOs**
- **To define a non-Olympic / non-Elite sport role of ENGSO (grassroot / sport for all)**

It will be necessary to analyze further ENGSO ExCom's strategy for these challenges

It will be necessary to understand views of members towards these challenges

It will be necessary to place ENGSO in International Sport structure according to this

Functions and financial resources will vary depending on which choice is made



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