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Foreword

Carlos Cardoso
ENGSO President

Dear ENGSO friends,

Another year has passed, and the 27th ENGSO General Assembly (GA) is at hand. As ENGSO President, I have the great pleasure to address to you some words in conjunction with this document. I must start by expressing our deep gratitude to all of you dedicated Members for your contributions over the year that helped us once more to achieve the goals laid down for 2018.

The 27th GA, where this Annual Report 2018 will be adopted, has the special flavour of being an electoral one. The time has come once again for another considerable change in our organisation. I will take this opportunity to let you know that after serving our organisation for more than one decade and having had even the honour of being ENGSO President for a four-year period, it is the time to say farewell. Soon I will join the group of former Executive Committee (ExCom) members, led by our founder, the unforgettable Bengt Sevelius, of the organisation that all of us cherish.

I am writing this Foreword in April, just a couple of days after the closing ceremony of what – at least in my opinion – was the best of all EU Sport Forums organised by the European Commission, not only in what concerns organisation, but above all the highly interesting matters discussed and the quality of the invited speakers. During this event in Bucharest, we discussed sport, and many real matters of interest to those that on sport fields follow the sports principles and the sports philosophy to "fight" for the happiness of a victory.

"The role of sport federations in the promotion of European Sport", "Challenges of less popular sports", "How will Europeans engage in sport in the future" or "Are rights and interest of athletes sufficiently taken into account by sport governing bodies" were some of the conference topics that attracted the interest of the more than four hundred participants. These are matters, which grassroots level clubs have to deal with daily, and which are in line with the principles of the European Sports Charter which all of us in sport must preserve. They are matters that all of us should be aware of during the difficult times that sport is going through.

I take here the opportunity to remember that only a few months ago, on the occasion of the European Olympic Committees GA in Marbella, Spain, the IOC president, Thomas Bach called upon National Olympic Committees to work with their Governments to defend the “European sports model” from the perceived threat of commercial enterprises.

A model based on solidarity, inclusivity and to which millions of volunteers across all continents happily contribute with their work, can only be built and developed under the traditional sports club structure. In fact, the solidarity model prevailed in sport since the late 19th century and has been the pedestal of sports’ evolution, making sport one of the most signi cantly developed sociological elds of the last century.

Devaluating the importance of the solidarity model could be fatal for the sport as a whole.

In response to these challenges, we organised the rst European Sport Platform, which offered ENGSO members and the wider sport movement to debate the topics of “the modern sports club” and “esports meets sports clubs” in November 2018 in Budapest.

In 2018, ENGSO also initiated the CHAMP (Clubs for Health-enhancement, Activation, Modernisation and Participation) project, which has been recognised and nanced by the Erasmus + funding programme. CHAMP’s aim is exactly to create tools to improve and modernise clubs, the basic cells of the sports network.

CHAMP continues the legacy of former ENGSO projects. 2018 saw the second year of the ENGSO-led ASPIRE project, a initiative that has strengthened ENGSO’s pro le as an advocate for sport that welcomes everyone. In 2018 we continued to lobby for European sport policy that enables the development of a thriving sports culture by adopting the ENGSO Policy Programme. One of its rst implementations was a Position Paper on the EU funding for sport post-2020, which has been our tool in demanding better EU funding opportunities for grassroots sport in the next EU funding period.

> ENGSO has been growing to become an ever stronger “bridge-builder” between the grassroots sports movement and the leading players of European sports policy.

To be t for future ourselves, last year we initiated the process to build a new ENGSO Strategy 2020–2023, which is, aside of the elections, another point on the GA agenda vital for the continued success of ENGSO for the years to come. With these words of hope for better and more supportive sport, I invite you to the 27th ENGSO General Assembly.

Carlos Cardoso
ENGSO President

Organisation

Membership

ENGSO is the European Sports NGO, a not-for-pro t umbrella organisation of National Sport Confederations and National Olympic Committees from 33 European countries, advocating for grassroots sport within European sports policy. In 2018, the Hellenic Paralympic Committee from Greece became an ENGSO member, while ENGSO also got its fourth associated member: the European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF).

Leadership

The Executive Committee is responsible for among other duties the execution of decisions taken by the General Assembly, the management of the budget, and ensuring the delivery of planned activities based on the Strategic Plan 2015-2019. At its meetings, the Committee discusses and prepares issues that are under its responsibility as indicated in the ENGSO Statutes.

How to become a member?

The members of ENGSO shall be:

- National Confederations of Sport
- National Olympic Committees
- European Sport Federations
- European organisations related to sport

Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary General. Every Member shall agree to be bound by the ENGSO Statutes and shall agree to further the aims, objectives and interest of ENGSO with the best of their abilitv.

For more details, please visit our website or scan the QR code below:
engso.eu/membership

Executive Committee meetings in 2018: 26-27 January, Copenhagen, Denmark; 20-21 April, Frankfurt, Germany; 8 June, Visby, Sweden; 28-29 September, Lisbon, Portugal; 23 November, Skype meeting

Composition of the Executive Committee:

President
Carlos Cardoso, Portuguese Sports Confederation

Vice-President
Agn Vanagien , Lithuanian Union of Sports Federations

Secretary General
Stefan Bergh, Swedish Sports Confederation

Treasurer
Karin Mattsson Weijber, Swedish Sports Confederation

Member
Lotte Büchert, National Olympic Committee & Sports Confederation of Denmark

Member
Stavri Bello, Olympic Committee of Albania

Member
Ilva Ciemite, Latvian Sports Federations Council

Member
Nataša Jankovi , Olympic Committee of Serbia

Member
Michael Leyendecker, ENGSO Youth Chair

Staff

All of the ENGSO activities and events are organised with the help of the ENGSO professional staff, providing support in the running of the organisation. They all took part in and contributed to the preparation of ENGSO events, meetings, activities and projects. They helped with the implementation of communication activities, the preparation and delivery of political initiatives, the implementation of the ENGSO Strategic Plan and Work Plan. The staff also provides support to our members with their inquiries.

The staff in 2018:

Policy Director
Heidi Pekkola
(until April 2018)

Policy Director
Kaisa Larjomaa
(from May 2018)

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Digital Designer
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ENGSO Intern &
ASPIRE Assistant
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ASPIRE Project

Activity, Sport, Play for the Inclusion of Refugees

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Orsolya Tolnay

Special Advisor
Sallie Barker

Communication
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