

Council Conclusions on Legacy of Major Sporting Events and Policy Debate on the European Sport Model

The [Working Party on Sport](#), using a silent procedure, approved the [Hungarian Presidency's Council Conclusions](#) on Fostering the Lasting Legacy of Major Sporting Events. The Council Conclusions aim to highlight the important role of sporting events in creating a lasting legacy at national and international levels. The Conclusions are scheduled for a vote at the [next meeting of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council](#) (EYCS) on 26 November.

The draft of the Council Conclusions emphasises a collective commitment by Member States, the European Commission, and the sports movement to ensure major sporting events leave a positive and enduring legacy. This requires a strategic approach from the start, considering legacy impacts during the bidding, preparation, and hosting stages. Emphasising sustainability, the Conclusions call for **organising these events in a circular, climate-neutral way**, involving cooperation with stakeholders such as sustainability experts, universities, and research centres to pilot eco-friendly innovations. Public engagement is crucial, with local communities and key stakeholders encouraged to participate early to foster a shared sense of purpose. To reach diverse communities, the Conclusions stress promoting **social inclusion, gender equality, and respect for diversity**. The draft also highlights the importance of monitoring and evaluation, recommending enhanced data collection and the use of established guidelines, such as those from the [OECD](#), to measure the events' long-term impact accurately.

In addition to the Council Conclusions, the EYCS Council will hold a policy debate on the European Sport Model based on the background document. This discussion paper explores the importance of the European Sport Model in preserving the values of sport in Europe and examines ways to strengthen the link between professional and grassroots sport. This policy debate should also reflect on the planned long-term strategic document on the future of EU sport policy and the planned study as outlined in the [EU Work Plan for Sport for 2026](#).