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Role of EU policies in shaping the European Sport Model

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COMPROMISE 1 on having regard (AM 2 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva, AM 4 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, AM 3 Marquardt)

- having regard to Articles 26 and 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), which specify the competences of the Union with regards to its internal market,

–having regard to the revised UNESCO Charter for Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport of 2015,

COMPROMISE 2 on recital C and D (AM 7 Marquardt and AM 8 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva, AM 9 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva, AM 18 Marquardt, AM 32 Marquardt and 48 Marquardt)

C. whereas sport *and physical activity serve as vectors* for integration *and inclusion and offer a sense of community*, especially for people with fewer opportunities;

D. whereas sport *and physical activity play* a vital role in promoting EU values such as democracy, respect, solidarity, diversity and equality;

COMPROMISE 3 on recital E (AM 12 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, AM 13 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva)

E. whereas the European Sport Model is underpinned by key features such as the principles of solidarity, sustainability, integrity, inclusiveness, sporting merit, territoriality and openness of competitions;

Ea. whereas there is a need to maintain a healthy balance between national team competitions and club competitions;

COMPROMISE 4 on recital F (AM 14 Marquardt, AM 15 Pappas, Morace, AM 16 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 17 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo)

F. whereas the European Sport Model encompasses *professional and grassroots* sport;;

Fa. whereas the majority of grassroots sport revenue is based on citizens' own payments, unpaid work by volunteers, support from the local businesses and subsidies from municipalities;

COMPROMISE 5 on recital Ha (AM 20 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Zdrojewski, Heide AM 26 Pappas, Morace, AM 27 Pappas, Morace)

Ha. whereas athletes often face insufficient social protection, rising intensity of their sports and match calendars, as well as challenges with combining education and employment with their sport careers;

COMPROMISE 6 on recital K (AM 11 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, AM 22 Marquardt, AM 28 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, AM 29 and 30 Marquardt, AM 31 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, AM 111 Glavak, Sokol)

K. whereas there *are new and evolving trends in* ownership such as *those arising from foreign investment and multi-ownership in sport;*

Ka. whereas there are threats from excessive commercialisation, pure-profit entertainment ownership models and competitions which put the competitive balance and integrity in professional sport at risk;

COMPROMISE 7 on Paragraph 1 (AM 33 Marquardt, AM 34 Pappas, Morace)

1. Reiterates its unwavering commitment to defending the European Sport Model in which sport *and physical activity* serve societal objectives *and contribute across key EU policy areas;*

COMPROMISE 8 on Paragraph 2 (AM 37 Marquardt, AM 38 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo)

2. Recognises the need to protect the European Sport Model, ensuring the ongoing sustainable development of sport *and physical activity* from grassroots to professional and at *local*, regional, national and European levels;

COMPROMISE 9 on Paragraph 3 (AM 39 Pappas, Morace, AM 40 Marquardt)

3. Stresses the need to further develop the European Sport Model in line with the interests of citizens, EU values and policy priorities such as equality, diversity, inclusion, *sustainability*, health and well-being, the European social model as well as EU competitiveness;

COMPROMISE 10 on paragraph 4 (AM 36, 43, 49 Marquardt, AM 51, 64, 131 Pappas, Morace)

4. Calls on all stakeholders to intensify their efforts to promote safe, inclusive, and equitable sport, *accessible to all*, with a focus on advancing gender equality, combating all forms of violence, *discrimination* and harassment, and improving the accessibility of sports infrastructure;

4a. Stresses in this regard the need to ensure inclusion of persons with disabilities, including their involvement in governance and decision-making processes;

4b. Highlights that the European Sport Model must be based on the principle of sport as a public good, ensuring that public investment in sport returns benefits to society in the form of inclusion, health, education, and social cohesion;

COMPROMISE 11 on Paragraph 5 (AM 6 Marquardt, AM 54 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 55 Pappas, Morace, AM 56 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Zdrojewski, Heide, AM 45 and 57 Marquardt, AM 58 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 59 Princi, AM 60 Pappas, Morace, AM 61 Glavak, AM 66 Pappas, Morace, AM 70 Pappas, Morace, AM 89 Sousa Silva, Zdrojewski, AM 86 Pappas, Morace, AM 121 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov)

5. Underlines the vital role of physical activity for *all, regardless of age*, highlighting its immediate and long-term benefits for physical and mental health, as well as its contribution to developing *and maintaining people's social and life skills*;

5a. Stresses the importance of promoting physical activity among children and young people, including the involvement of athletes and para-athletes as role models and calls for the increased investment in the necessary school sport infrastructures, quality physical education and extracurricular sport programmes;

5b. Stresses the preventive role of sport in addressing the social isolation, violence and radicalisation of youth and highlights the need to protect them from any forms of abuse in sport;

COMPROMISE 12 on paragraph 6 (AM 62 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Gurlas, Glavak, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marculajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva, AM 67 Pappas, Morace, AM 68 Marquardt, AM 69 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 77 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, Marquardt)

6a. Acknowledges that the grassroots sport in Europe is characterised by a strong civil society engagement with community-rooted clubs and associations, which are based on volunteering;

6. Underlines the crucial role of volunteers in sport and calls on the Commission to develop recommendations jointly with the Member States to support and incentivise volunteering in sport, including guidelines to attract, acknowledge and retain volunteers in sport, both for grassroots and professional sport;

COMPROMISE 13 on paragraph 7 (AM 74 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, AM 75 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 81

Pappas, Morace, AM 133 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo)

7. Stresses the fundamental importance of the principle of solidarity in ensuring that sport serves *and promotes* the interests of all, rather than the profits of a few, and reiterates the need to strengthen the connection between professional and grassroots sport through more effective *financial* solidarity mechanisms *to optimise its development*;

7a. Calls on the Commission to encourage sport governing bodies to implement mechanisms and policies in youth development which should be aimed at rewarding clubs for training players who contribute to the continued success of professional competitions, thereby ensuring the long-term competitiveness of the sport sector;

COMPROMISE 14 on Paragraph 9 (AM 79 Marquardt, AM 80 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo)

9. Calls in this regard for the Commission to support legal certainty for sport governing bodies and explore the need for redistribution mechanisms between big and small leagues, *clubs* or competitions and in different disciplines, including youth sports;

COMPROMISE 15 on Paragraph 10 (AM 82 Marquardt, AM 84 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Zdrojewski, Heide, AM 85 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev)

10. Stresses the need to *significantly* increase funding for sport and *physical activity*, especially under the new Erasmus+ programme for 2028-2034 *in line with the existing horizontal priorities* and to support further synergies between other programmes and funds;

COMPROMISE 16 on Paragraph 11 (AM 90 Pappas, Morace, AM 91 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 92 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marculajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva, AM 93 Marquardt)

11. Recognises the *potential* flagship role of the Erasmus+ programme in financially supporting grassroots sport organisations and the programme's positive impact on citizens and society;

11a. Calls on the Commission for accessible and substantial funding schemes for sports clubs and organisations, with clear and accessible mechanisms ensuring that earmarked funds reach the grassroots level;

COMPROMISE 17 on Recital Fb and Paragraph 11b (AM 42 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, AM 46 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, AM 47 Marquardt, AM 53 Glavak, AM 59 Princi, AM 87 Princi, AM 88 Glavak and AM 145 Princi)

Fb. whereas sport is a driver of the EU's cohesion policy, particularly in rural and disadvantaged remote areas which are challenged by limited funds, infrastructure and declining membership;

11b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to support investment in safe and accessible sports infrastructure at all levels through EU funds such as ERDF, with a particular focus on rural and disadvantaged urban neighbourhoods;

COMPROMISE 18 on paragraph 12 (AM 94 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, AM 95 Marquardt,)

12. Believes that financial sustainability regulations are essential in sport *to ensure the long-term viability and integrity of professional sport within the Union* and *encourages the Commission and Member States to promote consistent financial governance standards across all professional sports* and stresses the need to effectively enforce and update these measures, including appropriate *oversight* on *athletes* salaries;

COMPROMISE 19 on Paragraph 13 (AM 101 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Heide, AM 120 Marquardt)

13. Urges the Member States to continue to insist *that the award of hosting rights for major sports events should be merit-based and* that hosts, organisers *and sponsors* uphold the values of the European Sport Model, including human rights, *democratic values* and sustainability;

13a. Calls on the Commission and Member States to encourage environmental responsibility and climate adaptation in sport, including sustainable equipment and sport infrastructure management, carbon responsible event organisation and environmental education through sport;

COMPROMISE 20 on paragraph 14 (AM 105 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Heide AM 106 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo)

14. Acknowledges the rising trend of foreign investment and ownership in European sport and calls on the Commission to *consider its impact when supporting efforts to* safeguard the financial integrity and competitive balance of European sport;

COMPROMISE 21 on paragraph 15a (AM 110 Pappas, Morace, AM 113 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Fourlas, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva, AM 114 Pappas, Morace, AM 118 (part 1) Marquardt)

15a. Condemns all forms of match fixing that undermine integrity and fair play, and calls on Member States and sporting bodies to strengthen preventive measures through enhanced monitoring, educational campaigns, and cooperation with law enforcement;

15b. Urges the Council to break the deadlock on the signing and ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions;

COMPROMISE 22 on paragraph 16 (AM 116 Pappas, Morace, AM 117 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 118 Marquardt (part 2))

16. Highlights the need to address at the EU level the growing *problem* of doping across all levels of sport *through educational and awareness raising campaigns;*

COMPROMISE 23 on recital Ja and paragraph 16a (AM 24 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, AM 108 Pappas, Morace, AM 109 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 115 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva)

Ja. whereas the revenues lost by sports events organisers from online piracy of live sport content could be reinvested in the European sports ecosystem;

16a. Encourages the Commission and Member States to intensify actions against piracy and calls on the Commission to bring forward a proposal for targeted legislation to address the issue of online piracy of sport and other live content, including strengthening digital enforcement mechanisms, Know Your Business Customer obligations, promoting cooperation with online platforms, and raising awareness among consumers;

COMPROMISE 24 on paragraph 16b (AM 98 Pappas, Morace, AM 112 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Zdrojewski, Heide, AM 157 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Heide)

16b. Highlights the rise of dynamic ticket pricing which can impede the accessibility of sport events in Europe and calls for the close monitoring of market participants' compliance with EU legislation;

COMPROMISE 25 on paragraph 17 (AM 123 and 166 Marquardt, AM 124 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, AM 125 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Zdrojewski, Heide, AM 126 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva, AM 138 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, Sousa Silva)

17. Recognises that the autonomy of sport is conditional upon good governance, and calls on international, European, and national sport organisations, as well as stakeholder representative organisations to implement the highest standards of governance, *integrity* and transparency *with appropriate checks and balances to ensure accountability;*

17a. invites the Commission to review the effectiveness and consistency of current Union measures in these areas and to develop targeted actions and policy responses to address persisting challenges;

17b. Calls for a collaborative approach between sport organisations and public authorities to uphold these standards and to ensure that sport remains a trusted, safe and ethical space for all participants;

17c. Stresses the importance of ensuring that all institutions, sports governing bodies and stakeholders abide by the principles set out in the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union in the field of sport;

COMPROMISE 26 on paragraph 23 (AM 142 Pappas, Morace, AM 141 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Zdrojewski, Heide, AM 143 Marquardt, AM 144 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Zdrojewski, AM 146 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Sousa Silva, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa, AM

147 Pappas, Morace, AM 122, 127, 148 Marquardt, AM 149 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, Zdrojewski, AM 150 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 151 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, AM 152 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, AM 153 Pappas, Morace, AM 154 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 155 Minchev, Petrov, Zdrojewski, Heide, AM 156 Heide, Repp, Rafowicz, Gomes, Firea, Ros Sempere, Zdrojewski, Minchev, Ruotolo, AM 158 Pappas, Morace, AM 159 Pappas, Morace, AM 161 Pappas, Morace, AM 162 Pappas, Morace)

23. Calls on the EU institutions to protect and promote *and on the Member States to implement* the fundamental rights of athletes *and other workers in the sport sector*, including social rights *and protection*, such as the freedom of association, collective bargaining, non-discrimination, decent working conditions, *safety measures* and occupational health, *especially with regard to pregnancy and maternity leave*;

23a. *Emphasises the need for proactive risk management in developing and overseeing Occupational Safety and Health policies, including factors such as travel, match calendars and overlapping competitions*;

23b. *Calls on the EU institutions and Member States to further support initiatives related to dual career, lifelong learning, post-retirement, personal development and the mental health of athletes, in partnership with relevant organisations such as athlete commissions and associations*;

23c. *Stresses that sport calendar has become more intense due to the increase of continental and international matches and competitions and calls for the involvement of all stakeholders in the calendar decision-making process to avoid clashes*;

23d. *Supports the right of athletes to be free to represent their countries and reiterates that clubs should be required to release athletes for national team participation*;

23e. *Calls on the sport governing bodies to prevent domestic competition matches from being played abroad*;

COMPROMISE 27 on paragraph 23f and 23g (AM 78 Pappas, Morace, AM 100 Minchev, Farreng, Petrov, AM 160 Pappas, Morace)

23f. *Recognises the importance for international bodies to ensure a transparent and fair transfer system in line with EU law and European specificities and calls for a strong emphasis on safeguarding the rights of athletes across all sports, with particular attention to minors*;

23g. *Draws attention to the prominent role of sports agents or intermediaries and the unbalanced relationship that can exist between them and young athletes and stresses the need for a rules-based approach*;

COMPROMISE 28 on Paragraph 24 (AM 71 and 140 Marquardt, AM 163 Magoni, Gemma, Valchev, AM 164 Marquardt, AM 167 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Furlas, Glavak, Heide, Sousa Silva, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa)

24. Calls on the Commission to present a long-term strategy on sport *and physical activity* policy in response to the strong political impetus from Member States and EU institutions, focusing on key features of the European Sport Model and to propose concrete actions in this regard;

24a. Welcomes the existing dialogue on sport policy and calls on the Commission to ensure active engagement in the discussions at the EU, national, and grassroots levels, involving all relevant stakeholders in shaping long-term strategies;

24b. Calls on the Commission and Member States to support data collection and evidence-based policy making to strengthen the role of sport as a contributor to EU policy objectives;

COMPROMISE 29 on para 25 (AM 76 Pappas, Morace, AM 169 Marquardt, AM 170 Pappas, Morace, AM 171 172, 173 Zdrojewski, Verheven, Fourlas, Glavak, Heide, Sousa Silva, Kohut, Minchev, Marczulajtis-Walczak, Meleti, Bogdan, Bula, Tarr, Princi, Ripa)

25. Calls on the Commission to fulfil its role as the guardian of the treaties in one of the most important social and economic sectors of the Union by actively monitoring and addressing threats *at all levels* to the European Sport Model *based on values, including* breakaway competitions that endanger the overall sport ecosystem;

25a. Encourages the Commission to use all the appropriate tools at its disposal to protect the European sport sector from any initiatives aimed at undermining it and transferring the value that it creates outside Europe;

26 a. Stresses in this regard the need to protect the vertical nature of the European Sport Model whereby promotion and relegation take place at national level and the annual performance in domestic leagues is the sole criterion for qualification to European competitions;