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SEVERAL SPORTS, DIFFERENT NATIONS, ONE MISSION.

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1 – Engagement

The first year of the new EMCA board, constantly supported by the President of the Assembly and by the Secretary General, was marked by several, important steps, both internal and external. The four areas (Projects, Development and Sustainability, Finance and Legal, Marketing and Communication) constantly worked to develop our Association's structure and outreach, in a very fruitful partnership between senior managers and junior experts, the present and the future of EMCA.

Our institutional outreach was marked by three relevant steps:

1.1 – European Olympic Committee (EOC)

After several meetings involving the President and Secretary General of the European Olympic Committee with the President and Director of Communications of EMCA, the EOC officially communicated the intention to formally structure the relation between the two entities, based on the shared mission.



1.2 – European Parliament

EMCA contributed to the elaboration of the "Report on EU sports policy", prepared by Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and former professional football player Tomasz Frankowski, which was adopted by the European Parliament (EP) plenary on November 23rd. A specific meeting was held with Mr Frankowski on the 10th of November, where the EMCA President and Secretary General stressed the importance of the proposed item highlighting the need for more targeted and increased solidarity and more financial redistribution, as well as exchanges in skills and know-how, especially between professional and grassroots sport; Further engagement will take place once the draft report on EU sport policy is accepted by the plenary of the European Parliament.



1.3 – Global Digital Community

Coorganised by Save the Dream, Pontifical Council for Culture and Sport at the Service of Humanity on 7 December 2021 an online kickoff meeting was held in order to start the Global Digital Community. Intention of this initiative is to use the patronage of religious communities and their sport infrastructure, so as to maximise their usage for the additional involvement of youth to do sport activities. Panels were set up to determine the possibilities, discuss and set down the fundamental principles, recognise the possible operational plans and paths and engage all participating organisations and experts that are already onboard this international incentive. On behalf of EMCA, Federico Eichberg and Bojan Mijatovic participated in the work of the panel groups.



3 – Olympic & Paralympic achievements

Reports from Bayer, Ferencvaros, HAŠK Mladost, Levski, Lazio & Olympiacos

The year we left behind was marked by the Games of the **XXXI Olympiad**, the highest achievement an athlete can dream of. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games saw the participation of many athletes and coaches from EMCA clubs whose achievements enriched the medal tally.

In addition to the impressive achievements of the many athletes and coaches from our clubs who participated in Tokyo 2020, as well as the medal tally, as evidenced on this page, we highlight several important achievements below.

Ferencvaros had as many as 28 athletes, take part 12 medals won (2 gold: **Danuta Kozák** - K4-500m, kayak and **Nikola Jakšić** - men's water polo team, Serbia; 1 silver: **Iannis Fountoulis** - men's water polo team, Greece; 9 bronze: **Danuta Kozák** - K2-500m, kayak; **Anna Illés, Vanda Vályi** - women's water polo team; **Soma Vogel, Szilárd Jansik, Tamás Mezei, Dénes Varga, Márton Vámos, Gergő Zalánki** - men's water polo team).

In the ranks of **Bayer Leverkusen**, we have 14 athletes who competed in the Paralympic Games and 11 athletes from the Olympic Games. The most successful athlete is Paralympian **Taliso Engel**, who, in addition to winning a gold medal, also set a **new world record** in the 100m breaststroke with a time of 1: 03.52 min. In addition to him, Bayer athletes won 8 more medals: **Johannes Floors**, track & field, Gold 400m, Bronze 100m; **Irmgard Bensusan**, track & field, 2x Silver 100m & 200m; **Markus Rehm**, track & field, Gold long jump; **Léon Schäfer**, track & field, Silver long jump, Bronze 100m; and Olympian **Karl-Richard Frey** in judo, Bronze in the team event.



88

EMCA athletes participating at Tokyo 2020



24

EMCA coaches participating at Tokyo 2020

2

new world records at Paralympics Tokyo 2020

13



gold medals EMCA athletes at Tokyo 2020

13



silver medal EMCA athletes at Tokyo 2020

14



bronze medal EMCA athletes at Tokyo 2020



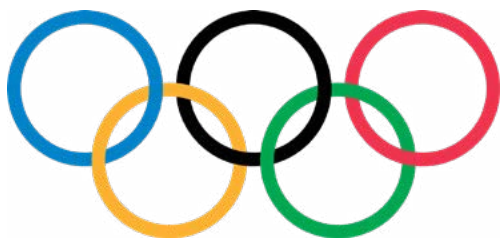
The element of **Olympiacos** was strong, as a total of 17 “red and whites” took part in the top sporting event in the world. Specifically, there are 16 athletes and the federal coach Theodore Vlachos. The Greek internationals of #TeamHellas are 9 in total with 6 players in water polo, which team won the second place at the Olympics: **Costas Mourikis, Giannis Foundoulis, Dinos Genidounias, Christodoulos Kolombos, Manolis Zerdevas, George Dervis**. At the same time, Olympiakos had a representative in swimming with Apostolos Christou and in Athletics with Dimitris Tsiamis. Another 8 athletes were competing in the international teams of Serbia (**Filip Filipović** gold medal), Croatia, Canada, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

HAŠK Mladost team had 8 athletes and 2 coaches representing Croatia at the Olympics 2020. There were 5 water polo players, one rowing pair and disc thrower Sandra Perković. The Rowing section of HAŠK Mladost has a tradition of world class results. At the Summer Olympics in Japan, brothers **Martin and Valent Sinković** have proved again to be on top of their class, but this time in Men’s Pair (coxless pair). With the time 6:15.29, they were for a second and a half ahead of their Romanian competitors. These were the third Olympics for them to wear Olympic medals, and second Olympics in a row that they won Gold Medals!

For the first time, a Croatian was refereeing at the Summer Paralympics in wheelchair fencing. **Bojan Mijatović**, referee in epee, sabre and foil, received his referee license in 2015, by invitation from IWAS - International Wheelchair and Amputee Sport Federation. Bojan is member of Wheelchair Fencing section of HAŠK Mladost.

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games also featured 11 athletes with the **Levski** (current and former) badge and 9 coaches. One of them was **Maria Grozdeva** who represented Bulgaria as a flag bearer. 2 medals for Bulgaria from Tokyo 2020 were won by the athletes from the clubs “Levski”. The girls from the rhythmic gymnastics ensemble **Stefani Kiryakova, Madeleine Radukanova, Laura Traats and Erika Zafirova** (all Levski athletes) deservedly won the highest award - a gold medal. **Taibe Ussein** won a bronze medal in the 62kg category at the Tokyo Olympic Wrestling Tournament. In the bronze match, Taibe defeated Lyubov Ovcharova of the Russian Olympic Committee with a technical ink and won in just 56 seconds.

S. S. Lazio’s honorary fencing athlete **Enrico Berrè** won the silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in the sabre team. As a most successful Paralympic athlete from EMCA clubs was **Antonio Fanitni**, from Lazio swimming. He won the gold medal and established the **new world record** in the 100 mt free style. He also won 3 silver medals in 400mt free style, males relay race (4x100 mt), mixed relay race (4x50) and a bronze medal in mixed relay race (4x100).



4 – European Week of Sport

23 – 30 September 2021

23rd September 2021 was the launch of the 7th edition of EWoS (European Week of Sport) and the 2nd time that Slovenia celebrates this day as the European Day of Sport - the only European country that has a national holiday of sport.

Bojan Mijatovic represented EMCA in Bled. There was a unique gathering of about 150 people from various areas.

The motto of this EWoS was “**JOY, RESILIENCE and INTERGENERATIONAL**” - as was shown with physical programmes for the elderly.

This year’s campaign is characterized by cooperation with WHO and various nutrition organizations, with the **#HealthLifestyle4All** launched. Health, nutrition, dietary concerns, as well as negative factors such as tobacco and alcohol customs were highlighted, all factors being liaised with physical wellbeing.

The afternoon was in the light of launching the new 2-year campaign **#HealthyLifestyle4All** - merging the sport sector for the WHO, other health organisations and various nutrition entities.

There were at the end of the conference verbalized and written pledges from every organization, from EC, WADA, IOC, EOC to various Slovenian organizations and government agencies. From the area of European sport movement organizations such as FESI and ISSF (International School Sport Federation) took pledges.

In addition to the above, the day of the launch showcased 30 various sports, with more than 2000 children and several veteran clubs in attendance. The participants had the chance to try some of the sports. Our own EMCA representative Bojan Mijatovic took partake in one the winning teams, promoting our Olympic ideals in a joyous manner.



Members participation in EWoS



6 – New project call

20 January – 23 March 2022

The EU Commission has launched the Call for Erasmus+ project proposals 2022. The amount of 52 million euros is available for granting EU Sport Projects. Priority will be given to partnerships which contribute to the implementation of key policy documents such as the EU Work Plan for Sport (2021-2024) or the Council recommendation of health-enhancing physical activity. Specific priorities in the sport field include; Encouraging healthy lifestyles for all, Promoting integrity and values in sport, Promoting education in and through sport and Combating violence and tackling racism, discrimination and intolerance in sport.

Every member that wishes to explore a project concept with partners within the EMCA framework is invited to share a short outline of the suggested scope with the EMCA board. Please send us the scope proposal before 11 February 2022 to m.looren.de.jong@multisportclubs.eu.

You are kindly reminded of the following deadlines:

- **20 January 2022 – Opening date of the Erasmus+ call**
- **11 February 2022 – Deadline for submission of project ideas with EMCA board**
- **23 March 2022 (17h00) – Deadline for submission of Erasmus+ project proposals**

Sport Info Day to be held online on 31 January and 1 February 2022

31 January – 1 February 2022

The European Commission and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) will hold an online Erasmus+ Sport 'Infoday' on 31 January 2022 and 1 February 2022 to inform potential applicants about the political context, programme, simplification and funding opportunities in 2022.

Be sure that you did secure your seat at this virtual Sport Info Day on this link:

www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/



7 – EMCA Meetings – Save the date

Project coordination day 26 February 2022, online

We will be holding a project coordination day on 26 February, which event will be held virtually. Further communication regarding this event will be sent to all members shortly where project ideas, proposed partners and other related information will be requested ahead of time. All members are invited to attend to partake in this event around project preparation and submission for this years project submissions.



Annual assembly TBD – late spring in Rome

The EMCA annual assembly will be held in the late spring, in person, in Rome. The exact date will be communicated to all members as soon as possible and we look forward to once again seeing you all in person.





BIG4SPORT, finished 31 December 2021

BIG4SPORTS was a 3-year project, co-financed by the European Commission, in the field of Erasmus + Sport. It was realised from 2019-2021 under coordination of EPSI (European Platform for Sports Innovation) and intellectual guidance of ICSS (International Center for Sport Safety). The project aimed to develop a new governance model for sports organisations, in order to achieve greater transparency and efficiency standards. At the end of the project, a manual was published, which can be freely downloaded from here: www.big4sports.eu/resources/

FAITH, finished 31 December 2021

FAITH (Football for active aging, inclusion and Together healthy) was a project that ended in December 2021. The project consortium consisted of 3 EMCA partner clubs, Levski Sport for All, Ferencvaros and Lazio Calcio 8. The project aimed to encourage elderly people (60 years +) to be physically active by taking part in Walking Football. The handbook and training material was devised as part of the project to show the correct exercises and training required for the participants, which was used by all partner clubs and teams. A final tournament took place with the teams in Hungary in December 2021. www.levski-sport.bg/category/proekti/faith/



SCORES, finished 31 December 2021



SCORES (Developing Skills and Competencies resulting in Employability through Sport), is a 2 year project involving 6 European countries, with Levski Sport for All being a partner for Bulgaria, and our partner EPSI also partaking. The project deals with Dual Careers, helping tackle employability and supporting services for young athletes seeking careers outside of the field of sport. This is done by connecting sport organizations with educational organizations and employers.



9 – Member Achievements

23 November 2021

During the annual Conference promoted by the European Platform for Sport and Innovation in SPA Francorchamps our director of communication **Christina Tsiligikiri** was awarded with EPSI prize for the excellent work carried out both in the framework of Olimpiakos and EMCA.



26 November 2021

A congress of the All Europe Taekwon-Do Federation was held in La Nusia, Spain, where a new board of directors was elected with President Leo Oros Duek (Israel) and Vice President Master Virginia Dionisi (Belgium), and in the next 4 years the chairman of Taekwon-Do Club "Levski" **Mr. Yavor Tasev** was elected Secretary General. His candidacy was also supported by our **Vanina Milanova**, President of the Assembly of the EMCA.

2 December 2021

The first meeting of the new program "Erasmus + learning mobility for staff" of international sports experts was held, organized by the European Executive Agency for Education and Culture (EACEA). The Secretary General of Levski-Sport for All, **Vanina Milanova**, President of the Assembly of EMCA, also took part in the discussion.

