

# **European Parliament and what kind of connections it has to sport?**



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**Sorry about this**

# **Organisation and Role of Sport in the EU and its Member States**



- **Parliament has three main roles.**
- **1. Passing European laws**
- **2. Parliament exercises democratic supervision**
- **3. The power of the purse**
- **Retrieved online on the 24.05.2009**  
**[http://ec.europa.eu/publications/booklets/eu\\_glance/53/2006-en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/publications/booklets/eu_glance/53/2006-en.pdf)**

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- *Directly elected legislative arm of the EU*
- **The European Parliament (EP) is elected by the citizens of the European Union to represent their interests. Its origins go back to the 1950s and the founding treaties, and since 1979 its members have been directly elected by the people they represent.**

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- **The current parliament, elected in June 2004, has 732 members from all 25 EU countries.**
- ***Next election: June 2009***

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- Number of seats per country
- Belgium 24
- Czech Republic 24
- Denmark 14
- Germany 99
- Estonia 6
- Greece 24
- Spain 54
- France 78
- Ireland 13
- Italy 78
- Cyprus 6
- Latvia 9
- Lithuania 13
- Luxembourg 6
- Hungary 24
- Malta 5
- Netherlands 27
- Austria 18
- Poland 54
- Portugal 24
- Slovenia 7
- Slovakia 14
- Finland 14
- Sweden 19
- United Kingdom 78
- Total 732

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- SOCIETAL ROLE OF SPORT  
(Strengthening the prevention of and fight against racism and violence, Using the potential of sport for social inclusion, integration and equal opportunities and Enhancing the role of sport in education and training.)

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- THE ECONOMIC DIMENSION OF SPORT

Moving towards evidence-based sport policies, Putting public support for sport on amore secure footing. Retrieved online on the 25.05.2009

[http://ec.europa.eu/sport/white-paper/doc/wp\\_on\\_sport\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/white-paper/doc/wp_on_sport_en.pdf)

# **Organisation and Role of Sport in the EU and its Member States**



- **Sport in Germany**
- **Mainly organized in sports clubs.**
- **Maintained by the work of 2.1 million volunteers.**
- **Around 50% of those sport clubs charge a maximum membership fee of 3,5 for adults and 7,5 for adults.**
- **Breuer and Wickler (2005)**



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- **Conclusion**
- **According to Lampert, Mensink , Romahn and Woll (2007) differences can be found among different such as populations those coming from an low social economic background, migration background and there particular females**