



EU Parliament vs. White Paper

Connecting the dots

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- European Parliament
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European Parliament



- Members
- 736
- Elected in what way?
- Once every five years, by voters across the 27 member states of the EU on behalf of it's 500 million citizens.

Drafting legislation



- Environmental protection
- Consumer rights
- Equal opportunities
- Transport
- Free movement of:
 - Workers
 - Capital
 - Services and goods
- There is a joint power with the council over the annual budget of the EU

White Paper on sports

- **The societal role of sport** (public health, doping, social integration)
- **The economic dimension of sport** (events, supporters access, betting, merchandise)
- **The organisation of sport** (media, transfer, ambush marketing)
- **Follow-up** (cooperation and communication between member states)

Connection

- Doping:
- *The task of the member states is to ensure more comprehensive information and education for every sport competitor regarding performance-enhancing drugs and the effect on health due to prescriptions.*
- Education, people and health:
- *Dual career, reintegrate into the labour market*
- *Honesty and respect for the rules, the values of fair play*
- *Fight against obesity*
- *EU support-award*

Connection

- **Social inclusion and anti-discrimination**
 - *Professional sport organizations and clubs campaign against discrimination, racism and xenophobia.*
 - *What is missing on the white paper considering discrimination?*
 - *Equal pay for both genders*
- **Policing of sports events**
 - *Strict rules and better policy on being consequential with sanction against racism and violence.*

Connection



- **Economic aspects:**

- *Betting, gambling and lotteries must be under more control to ensure the safety of the consumer.*

- **Employment of sports people:**

- *Athletes should have the same rights as other workers. Unions which allow the athletes to speak up for themselves.*



Any questions?