



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



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BETWEEN SCHOOL SPORT FEDERATIONS OF THE WESTERN
BALKANS COUNTRIES
ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
SCHOOL SPORTS

WHEREAS, The Western Balkans Federations:

Government of Republic of Srpska
Ministry for Family, Youth and Sport
Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mrs. Gorica Bilak-Moconja, Higher Associate for School Sport

Montenegrin School Sport Federation
Mr. Dragan Drobnjak, President

Serbian School Sports Federation
Mr. Željko Tanasković, President
Mr. Uros Savic, Secretary General

Macedonian School Sport Federation
Dr. Aleksander Tufekcievski, President
Mr. Zoran Popovski

School Sport Federation of the Republic of Kosovo
Mr. Adrian Telaku, President

Albanian School Sport Federation
Mr. **Vladimir Rada**, President
Mr. **Rauf Dimraj**, President of Honor

Hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Wishing to act in good faith, for the development of multilateral relations between the Federations of the respective countries of the Western Balkans region in the field of physical education and school sports.

Encouraged by common will to promote cooperation between our countries in the field of physical education and school sports, for the encouragement, development, promotion, expansion, monitoring and regulation of sports activities in the educational system, and for the involvement of students in economic and social developments in the region.

Encouraged by the fact that we have a lot to exchange and learn from each-other by sharing and respecting our respective cultures in the field of physical education and school sports.

Convinced that our cooperation in the field of physical education and school sports is an instrument of high values and mutual benefits for all countries in the region and beyond, by encouraging the establishment of a higher level of cooperation and exchange of values in the field of physical education and sports for the new generation of students in each country.

Convinced that physical education and school sport constitute one of the most efficient healthy bridge for establishing mutual and consolidated cooperation,

NOW, THEREFORE, hereby agree as follows:

Article 1

The parties shall support and establish cooperation in the field of physical education and school sport between countries in the region, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefits.

This cooperation shall include:

1. Organization of joint (bilateral and multilateral) educational and sports activities, with the participation of school students of the countries in the region and beyond;
2. Drafting of joint projects and ensuring respective agreements for the encouragement and promotion of sport talents;
3. Development of projects and initiatives in the framework of support programs by European Union for the countries in the region;
4. Organization of cultural activities in different sport areas and disciplines, besides the development of activities, promoting the exchange of cultures in the respective countries.

Article 2

The parties shall encourage the exchange of experiences and programs in the field of physical education and school sport.

Article 3

The parties shall encourage direct cooperation between them, achieving it through the exchange of visits between directors and experts in the aforementioned areas, as well as through conferences and other joint activities.

Article 4

Whenever possible, the parties shall establish to work together on a mutual action plan schedule, in the field of physical education and school sport.

Article 5

The parties shall undertake to establish and develop joint bodies, deemed necessary for the establishment of cooperation in between, pursuant to Article 1 of this Memorandum.

Article 6

The parties shall encourage direct cooperation between responsible institutions, government authorities, public and non-public of the respective countries, involved for coordination in the field of education, sport and regional topics.

Article 7

The parties shall establish cooperation within the legal framework of their respective country and in accordance with the principles of the European Union, the Council of Europe, the United Nations and international and regional school sport organizations.

Article 8

This memorandum shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the parties, arising from other international agreements which are binding upon them.

Article 9

This memorandum shall not exclude any other possible form of cooperation, which are not specified in it, but are in accordance with its objectives.

Article 10

Whenever appropriate, the parties shall agree, to cooperate for the financial accomplishment of mutual commitments arising from this memorandum through a constructive and good communication.

Article 11

This memorandum shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the latest written notice, by which the parties inform each other, through their respective governing bodies about decision-making procedures required for its entry into force completes, or it may otherwise enter into force upon being signed by all the founding parties.

This memorandum can be modified and adjusted for signature by counterparts Federations of other regional countries and beyond, that are not the founding parties.

The duration of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be five (5) years, and it shall be automatically renewed for a subsequent period of five (5) years if none of the parties have submitted any written complaint to withdraw from this memorandum, through their head of management. In such a case, the memorandum shall expire in six (6) months from the date of receipt by the parties of such notification.

In the case of termination of this memorandum, its provisions shall continue to apply to any exchange program agreements or projects initiated pursuant to this memorandum that are yet ongoing, until their completion, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

This Memorandum may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the Parties. The procedure for the entry into force of this Memorandum shall also apply for the entry into force of its subsequent amendments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the respective Parties have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in English, in (7) authentic copies.

For the Parties of this Memorandum of Understanding:


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Ministry for Family, Youth and Sport
Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina




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