

Sexualized Violence in Sport

Aims of the transfer activity

Based on surveys on sexualized violence in sport (EU survey 2016 'Gender-based violence in European Sport' – part study Austria; Erasmus+ project 'VOICE': 2016-2018) a task group is formed under the guidance of Rosa Diketmüller (University of Vienna, Institute of Sports Sciences). In collaboration with the ministry of sports (100% Sport) a plan of action for Austria is developed (2015) and implemented step by step. In 2017 a brochure has been published which serves as a basis for preventional work in Austrian sports / organizations. From 2017 on professional development programs are initiated (development of a curricula, implementation and evaluation) and the cooperation between science, sport and victim-support organizations (e.g. actions taken by the Erasmus+ project VOICE) is strengthened.

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Cooperation partners from outside of the University

Bundesministerium für Verteidigung und Sport; 100% Sport – competence center for gender mainstreaming in sport; Bundessportorganisation

Sport organizations: umbrella organizations and professional associations; sports club (65+), Landessportorganisation Salzburg (+ state government Salzburg); Fairplay victim-support organization (Ombudsoffice for Children and Youths Vienna, Selbstlaut, Institute for Sexual Pedagogy,...); European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation; European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation; European Paralympic Committee; European University Sports Association; NWG-Network; Österreichisches Bundesnetzwerk Sportpsychologie

German Sport University Cologne (GER); University Ljubljana (SLO); University Budapest (HU); University of Antwerpen (BE); University of Southern Denmark (DK); Edge Hill University (UK); University of Oslo (NOR)

Project description

In 2014 the European Union acknowledged that "gender based violence in sport, especially sexual harassment and abuse of minors, is a significant problem but requires additional research so that it can be better understood". The VOICE project is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union and aims at combatting sexualized violence through the voices of those affected. The VOICE project acts on this premise and aims to prioritize the voices of those who have been affected by sexual violence, abuse and exploitation in sport. VOICE will generate a crucial evidence-base from life-history interviews across 8 European countries. The accounts of those who have been affected by sexual violence will be used as a platform to produce knowledge-exchange and educational resources. The objective is to enhance the sports community's capacity to combat sexual violence and strengthen the integrity of sport.

A crucial feature of the project will be the staging of 8 Acknowledgement Forums across Europe with key stakeholders from the sport and victim-support communities. Those affected by sexual exploitation and abuse in sport will be at the centre of the project. Their experiences will help sport organizations to develop a deeper understanding of this problem and therefore, a greater capacity to prevent it within their own settings.

Integration of the transfer-activity in academic teaching

The courses "Gender-Sensitive Teaching in the Subject of Physical Education" and "Gender-Sensitive Leadership of Sports Groups, Teams and Organisations" are dealing with the content of this project.

Results/Impact

Transfer of knowledge from surveys to practice recommendations in sport for trainers, officials, athletes (brochures, handouts, policies, trainings...)

Transfer aspect of the activity

The collaboration between sport sciences / sport pedagogy and (sport) organizations raises awareness within the organizations and leads to a better understanding of sexualized violence. Know how on the mechanisms of sexualized violence is gained, preventative measures and how to deal with occurrences in that matter can be set. Respectful behaviour towards the athletes in day-to-day training routines. Sport politics is adapting their structures to support this objective at best.

Achievement of objectives

Accompanying monitoring by 100% Sport; partially accompanying process evaluation

Measures for a longer-term realization

Multi-year action plan, embedment of measures in given structures (guidelines, financial reward schemes, human resources development...); link to EU projects (VOICE...); cooperation with other countries on EU level (universities, sports organizations, victim support organizations, EU organizations); inclusion of EU recommendations and concepts

Visibility of the transfer activity

Website of the Department of Sport Science; project homepage, brochures, publications: brochure, EU survey

Webpage/Publications

<http://www.100sport.at/>

<https://institut-schmelz.univie.ac.at/en/subunits/education-and-sports-culture/sport-pedagogy/current-research-and-projects/details/news/voice-voices-for-truth-and-dignity-combatting-sexualized-violence-through-the-voices-of-those-affected/>

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