

SCHEDULE OF SIDE EVENTS

To take place during the
**SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON:
“Combating Racism, Intolerance and Discrimination in
Society through Sport”**

19 - 20 April 2012

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increasing the openness of OSCE activities and expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV the participating States decided to facilitate during OSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on OSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.

Thursday, 19 April	
<p><i>Title: Football for equality – Tackling racism, nationalism and homophobia in Central and Eastern Europe</i> <i>Convenor: Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and co-operation (VIDC) and People Against Racism (Slovak Republic)</i> <i>Time: 13.30 – 15.00</i> <i>Venue: Segmentgalerie 1 – 1 floor</i> <i>Language: English</i></p>	
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<p><i>Title: A Conversation on National Football League Diversity and Social Cohesion Initiatives</i> <i>Convenor: US Mission to OSCE</i> <i>Time: 13.00 – 14.00</i> <i>Venue: Segmentgalerie 1 – 1 floor</i> <i>Language: English</i></p>	<p><i>Title: Education of young people for quality family life and proper self respect, as a method of prevention of discrimination, intolerance, violence or racism in sport and at sport events.</i> <i>Convenor: Family Center, Zagreb</i> <i>Time: 12.00 – 14.00</i> <i>Venue: Ratsaal - V floor</i> <i>Language: English</i></p>

OVERVIEW OF SIDE EVENTS

As submitted by the organizers
Hofburg, Vienna

Thursday, 19 April

Time: 13.30 – 15.00
Venue: Segmentgalerie I
Title: Football for equality – Tackling racism, nationalism and homophobia in Central and Eastern Europe
Convenor: Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and co-operation (VIDC) and People Against Racism (Slovak Republic)
Language: English

Summary: In 2009 several NGOs and sport organizations linked to the FARE network have started the project “Football for Equality”. The initiative is backed by the European Commission (DG Justice) in the framework of the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Program.

The emphasis is on the promotion of football free from racism, ethnic discrimination and homophobia focusing on Central and Eastern Europe. In addition to awareness raising activities, exchange of know-how and transfer of knowledge between Central and Eastern Europe and between LGBT (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender) groups, migrants and ethnic communities are at the fore.

Project measures (until 2013) include:

The Italian project partner UISP is organizing a wide reaching campaign against homophobia in sport in Italy which already kicked off in July 2011 in the course of the annual Mondiali Antirazzisti (the Antiracist World Cup).

Within the course of FARE Action Weeks against Racism and Discrimination in Football initiatives and activities of grassroots organizations will be supported.

The organization teams of the Euro Games 2011 in Rotterdam will closely cooperate with the organization teams of the Euro Games 2012 in Budapest. The Euro Games are organized by the project partner European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF) is the largest LGBT sport event in Europe.

Awareness raising measures and campaigns will be implemented alongside the UEFA EURO 2012 in Poland and the Ukraine; there will be diversity trainings for the Fans’ Embassies’ staff, special Fan Guides for LGBT groups and a contact point for LGBT fans, the Pride House.

The SHDM side event on 20 April 2012 will be jointly hosted by VIDC and the Slovak project partner People against Racism. The event aims to present the initial results of the program and share experience and knowledge on practical work.

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Venue: Segmentgalerie I
Title: A Conversation on National Football League Diversity and Social Cohesion Initiatives
Convenor: US Mission to OSCE
Language: English

Summary: Every year, more than 100 million people around the world watch the annual championship game of the National Football League (NFL), known as the Super Bowl. Like the World Cup and soccer, the Super Bowl and American football is a sport that brings persons from many diverse backgrounds together. Diversity is reflected not only in the sport's players, but also management, and fans. It is not uncommon to see men and women and persons of different ages, races, and religions playing a game of American football at a park or on the side of the road. However, American football did not always have this unifying factor or ability to break racial barriers. For years, Black players were not allowed in the NFL, and it was only in 2003 that the "Rooney Rule" required NFL teams to interview minority candidates for head coaching and management positions. NFL diversity and anti-discrimination efforts such as these have positively impacted society and have been credited with changing some negative societal views of minorities. Additionally, women and minorities now occupy senior management roles in the NFL and American football is often used as a vehicle to unite communities, including encouraging positive interactions between youth from diverse backgrounds.

Please join us for a discussion on American Football and its use as a tool for social change.

Time: 12.00 – 14.00
Venue: Ratsaal
Title: Education of young people for quality family life and proper self respect, as a method of prevention of discrimination, intolerance, violence or racism in sport and at sport events
Convenor: Family Center, Zagreb
Language: English

Summary: The more young people live and prepare for quality family life based on mutual, tender, respectful, unconditional, irrevocable, permanent, serious and mature love and care, and develop self-respect based on their value as human persons regardless of their economic status, education, successes in life or other changeable characteristics, the more will alcoholism, drug addiction, laziness, and choosing violence and insults as a method of communication be absent from their lives.

Differences in race, nation, religion, preference for a certain club are not reasons for violence and/or insults to people who are different, but an excuse or rationalization of people who accept insults and/or violence as a method of communication.

It is possible to help young people develop better family relationships and higher self-respect. We will discuss methods to do so.