



# Recommendations for environmentally sustainable sport in Europe – sport as a driver of **green** change

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# 2021- 2024 EU Work Plan for Sport - priorities

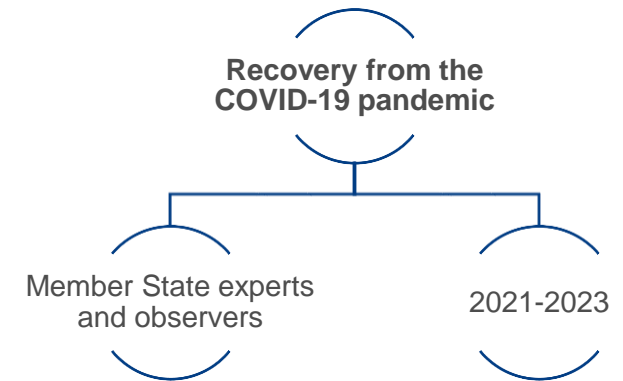
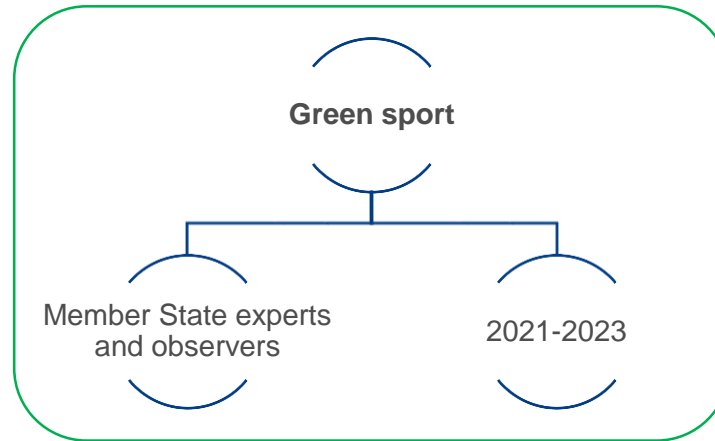
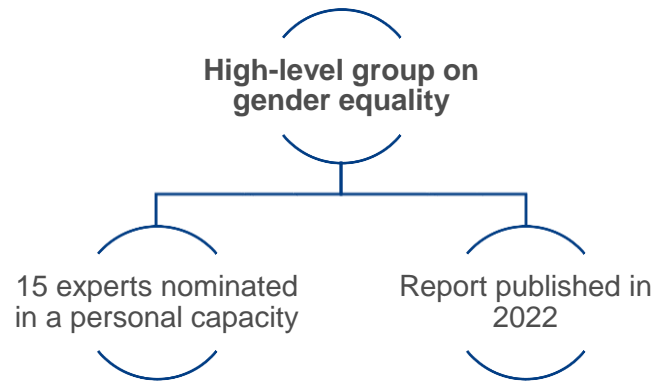


Socio-economic and  
 environmental  
dimensions of sport

Protect integrity and values in  
sport

Promotion of participation  
in sport and health-  
enhancing physical activity

# Commission expert groups



# Composition of expert group

- Official members: nominated by Member States; typically ministry of sport officials
- Observers: sport stakeholders and representatives of the European sport community; e.g. EU office of the European Olympic Committees, UEFA, FIFA, FIA, FIM, FESI, EuropeActive, UNFCCC, European Environmental Agency, etc.

# Main objective

Key topic	Theme	Goal	Working format	(poss.) Output / target date	Leader(s)
Innovation and digitalisation	Sport innovation in every dimension and on all levels of the sport sector (including the local sports clubs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Best-practice exchange</li> <li>— Knowledge-building</li> <li>— Follow-up to the Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on sport as a driver of innovation and economic growth <sup>(13)</sup></li> </ul>	Council and preparatory bodies	(poss.) Council conclusions on sport innovation (First half 2021)	PT Presidency
			Seminar	First half 2021	PT Presidency
			Group of interested Member States	First half 2021	BG
			Group of interested Member States (focused in particular on the use of digital tools in coach education <sup>(14)</sup> )	2021 - 2022	DE HR
			Seminar	Second half 2023	BE
Green Sport	— Education for sustainable sport	— Best-practice exchange	Expert Group	2021 - 2023	Commission
	— Environmentally friendly sports practice, facilities and events	— Knowledge-building	Group of interested Member States	2021 - First half 2022	FR Presidency
	— Evolution of sport and its practice in the light of climate change	— Awareness rising			NL
		— Elaboration of a proposal for common framework with shared commitments, taking into account the European climate pact	Council and preparatory bodies	(poss.) Council Resolution on a Green pact for sport, possibly accompanied by a multi-stakeholder declaration (First half 2022)	FR Presidency

# Objectives

- Identify key sustainability opportunities and challenges for the European sport sector
- Help define the subject of green sport in Europe: scope and participating sectors, stakeholders and audiences.
- Promote environmental sustainability *in* the European sport sector; and *through* the power of sport.
- Provide simple, high-level guidance to **help Member States align their sport sectors with the objectives of the European Green Deal.**
- Make recommendations to support sport decision-makers in Members States; European and national sports bodies.
- Highlight existing relevant initiatives and provide good practice examples and further reading for European sports practitioners.



## Examples of topics covered

### **Sustainable sport infrastructure**

- Maintenance (energy management); renovation; construction;
- Impact of climate change on sport infrastructure

# Sustainable sport events

- Provides concrete ways event organisers can make more sustainable sports events, covering the main aspects that cause sport events to damage the environment; e.g.:
  - transport and mobility;
  - waste (reduction and management);
  - catering (organic and local) etc).
- Provides policy makers and authorities with suggestions to facilitate change.



## Innovative cross-sectorial solutions

- focus on **how different sectors relate to each other and can contribute to mitigating and reducing the negative impact of sport on the environment**, climate, and biodiversity, by working together in an innovative manner.
- Identify the main external (e.g. public authorities, NGOs, etc) and internal stakeholders (sport community) involved and
- Elaborate potential for closer collaboration across different stakeholders, with concrete suggestions

## Capacity building, education and promotion of sustainable sport practices (including the sport movement's contribution to the European Climate Pact)

- Capacity building, across the sport movement (federations, clubs, incl. private sector)
- Education: coaches education (e.g. in outdoor sports) and university curricula
- Using the fascination and reach of sports/athletes as a driver for green change: environmental sustainability through sport

# Timing

Recommendations for a common framework for sustainable sport

Expected publication date: (late) summer 2023

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