

UN- GA Resolution “Sport as an enabler of sustainable development”

The Austrian Federal Ministry responsible for Sport supports the aims of the General Assembly Resolution 73/24, entitled “Sport as an enabler of sustainable development”. The Austrian Federal Ministry responsible for Sport has already been active in this area over several years and has taken various respective actions.

Austria is a Federal State and sport falls within the competence of the nine federal provinces. Nevertheless, on the federal level the Federal Ministry responsible for Sport fulfills important tasks with regard to the promotion of sport in all its facets. The following statement therefore refers to sport on a federal level.

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- a) Ensuring that no one is left behind/**
- d) Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality**

Gender Equality

The Federal Austrian Sports Promotion Act (*Österreichisches Bundes-Sportförderungsgesetz BSFG 2017*), provides the basis for federal sports funding and explicitly refers to the promotion of women- and girls-sport, as well as the promotion of equality between women and men in sport. Activities are taken for example in the implementation of gender mainstreaming measures, the promotion of gender equality, combating peer violence and bullying in the field of sport, awareness raising measures and activities regarding the dangers of sexual harassment and sexual violence in sport, support for sport organizations in the education and training of persons of trust within their sport structures, as well as the provision of special training-programs for all relevant stakeholders in the field of sport.

People with disabilities

Austria has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and has established a National Action Plan on Disability for the years 2012-2020. The National Action Plan on Disability covers all parts of life and has an extensive chapter on sport. The sport chapter covers school sport, recreational sport, competitive sport and access to sport in broad terms (i.e. public transportation, access to sport venues both as spectator and as an athlete, etc.).”

Development Projects in the field of Sport

The Austrian Federal Ministry responsible for Sport is funding development projects in the field of sport. Funding is thereby granted to projects, which use sport not only as a means towards development cooperation, but further contribute to the implementation of at least one “Sustainable Development Goal” (SDG).

In 2019 the "Sports Integration Award" was awarded for the 11th time: Twelve sports projects from Vienna, Styria, Upper Austria, Tyrol and Vorarlberg, which promote the integration of immigrants and refugees in Austria, received the "Integration Prize for Sports 2018" granted by the Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF) in cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (BMEIA), the Ministry of Public Service and Sport (BMöDS), the Federal Sports Organization (BSO) and was sponsored by the company “Coca-Cola”. Two sports projects received main prizes of

3,000 and 2,000 euros each (Viennese climbing project "Miteinander am Berg" and the Styrian initiative "Sportvereint in Raaba-Grambach"), ten further projects were awarded 1,000 euros each.

Integration through Sport

Since 2011, the Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF) initiative TOGETHER: AUSTRIA visits schools and associations with volunteer "integration ambassadors" to motivate children and young people with and without a migration background to take advantage of their opportunities in education, work and society. "Teampay ohne Abseits" has been supplementing this initiative since 2015. With specially developed seminars, TOGETHER: AUSTRIA makes this topic of integration tangible in football clubs and facilities for the promotion of young people throughout Austria. This gives trainers the opportunity to present their teams interesting role models from sport and with experience in the field of integration: They are called "integration ambassadors" and the aim is to strengthen cohesion in their teams. This campaign is accompanied by the brochure "Teampay ohne Abseits", which provides facts and figures on integration in football, explains key terms such as prejudice, migrants or asylum seekers and shows how sports clubs can benefit from the free TOGETHER: AUSTRIA seminars.

c) Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

In cooperation with the Federal Environmental Agency (*Umweltbundesamt*), the Federal Ministry responsible for Sport launched the website "www.nachhaltiger-sport.at" (sustainable-sport). The website offers not only an online tool, which enables sport organizations to assess their current level of sustainability and to identify further potential, but further information regarding sustainability and respective measures. Sport organizations can further apply for the prize "*Nachhaltig Gewinnen*" (win sustainably). This prize is dedicated to sport organizations, which are already conducting or planning sustainable actions or initiatives in the social or ecological sector.

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a) Draw on the Kazan Action Plan, WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity and related frameworks to advance the consolidation of sport in cross-cutting development and peace strategies, policies and programmes

The national action plan on physical activity is one of the major instruments regarding the implementation of HEPA (Health Enhancing Physical Activity) politics. The Federal Ministry responsible for Sport as well as the Ministries responsible for Health and Education are actively working on implementing the various HEPA indicators. The Federal Ministry responsible for Sport for example, is very active in supporting various initiatives and projects to promote health and physical activities such as the initiative "Move children healthy 2.0" - a nationwide program to promote physical activities of children in kindergarten and primary schools as well as in sport clubs. This physical-activity has the goal to strengthen the cooperation between the organized sport and educational institutes and to establish a positive attitude towards sport for children.

The Federal Austrian Ministry responsible for Sport further annually organizes an one day open air event called "Day of Sport" in a central location in the capital during which over 60 sport federations (including disability sport) and sport clubs have the possibility to present their sport to the public and thereby promote physical activities for a healthy lifestyle.

b) Prevent and fight corruption in sport

Austria has ratified the “United Nations Conventions against Corruption” as well as the “International Convention against Doping in Sport”.

The Federal Austrian Sports Promotion Act (BSFG 2017) contains regulations regarding the granting of funds, which are accompanied by funding guidelines. The Austrian Law on Associations contains further rules with respect to the conduct of associations, liability and auditors.

In the field of “Good governance”, a strong emphasis is placed on a good cooperation between the government and the organized sport.

With respect to match-fixing, there is a strong focus on prevention and education, by the education of athletes, coaches and officials regarding the prevention of match-fixing, awareness raising among the target groups, as well as monitoring measures.

The Federal Austrian Anti-Doping Act 2007 (ADBG 2007) e.g. contains regulations for independent Anti-Doping Commissions or Organizations such as the Austrian National Anti-Doping Organization. Furthermore, it comprises the rights and duties of athletes and their support personnel as well as of sport organizations. The Austrian NADO not only fulfills important tasks in the fight against doping, but also plays a significant role in the area of prevention measures.

While provisions of the Austrian penal code are also applicable on corruption cases in sport, the national penal code further includes a certain legislation, particularly referring to sport fraud via the usage of prohibited substances, as stated in the Annex to the Anti-Doping Convention.

The Federal Austrian Sports Promotion Act (BSFG 2017) further supports the national anti-doping efforts, by obligating all beneficiaries to comply with the regulations of the ADBG 2007. Otherwise, violations can lead to repayment obligations of already granted funding or to the exclusion of future funding.