

## PRESS RELEASE

### **EL and ENGSO renew their joint commitment to an inspirational and values-driven European grassroots sport**

**Lausanne/Brussels, 19 December 2017:** ENGSO and EL have decided to renew their partnership for two additional years. Having both renewed their strategy, EL and ENGSO are looking forward to leverage the results of the cooperation to additional projects and activities which will further support the two associations' strategy.

EL President, Hansjörg Höltkemeier, states *"The strategy of both associations is based on similar core values, like society, integrity and responsibility and I am convinced that on this basis in the next two years we will achieve much more together, taking the cooperation onto a higher level, in the highest interest of a credible, values-driven and inspirational grassroots sport in Europe"*.

ENGSO President, Carlos Paula Cardoso has also highlighted *"Driven by the natural nexus between the two associations, we will be looking on how ENGSO and EL can be of further support to each other. We need to work further together to raise awareness about the significance of grassroots sport in Europe and the importance of EL Members in this domain, but also see how we can further support each other's strategy through concrete activities"*.

EL and ENGSO have been cooperating for the 9 last years. During the last term, the two associations have many achievements to look back on, including the organisation of successful events during the European Week of Sport (EWOS), in which they raised issues of significance, the launch of the ERASMUS+ co-funded project "ASPIRE" for the integration of refugees through sport, and the promotion of the importance of grassroots sport in different fora.

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#### **Links:**

- Visit the EL website [here](#)
- Visit the ENGSO website [here](#)
- Read more about the EL renewed strategy [here](#)
- Related press release: Lotteries, policy makers and sport stakeholders highlight the importance of grassroots sport as a tool for inclusion and empowerment: available [here](#)
- Related press release: ASPIRE Project on the social integration of refugees through sport: available [here](#)

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*European Lotteries (EL) is the European umbrella organisation of national lotteries operating games of chance for the public benefit. EL has members from 43 European countries including all 28 EU Member States. The association's EU members contribute more than 20 billion € p.a. to the state budgets and the funding of sport, culture, social projects, research and other causes of general interest. Unlike many commercial online gambling operators, EL members only offer gambling and betting services in the jurisdictions in which they are licensed by the respective national government.*