

PRESS RELEASE

A partnership for society: EL and ENGSO commit to enhancing the role of grassroots sport in 2020-2021



Brussels, 20 February 2020 – The European Lotteries (EL) and ENGSO, the European Sports NGO are further extending their partnership with a new two-year agreement (2020-21).

Aiming at strengthening the natural link between the members of EL and ENGSO – national lotteries and not-for-profit sports umbrella organisations – the agreement highlights the mutually beneficial collaboration in different areas in line with each organisation’s strategy, striving for responsibility, society, sustainability and integrity.

EL President, Hansjörg Höltkemeier: *“I strongly welcome the renewed partnership between EL and ENGSO over the next two years. As both Associations share similar core values, I am convinced that we will achieve much more together, taking our cooperation to the next level, in the highest interest of society and a credible and values-driven grassroots sport in Europe”.*

ENGSO President Stefan Bergh: *“Today, the role of sport in society is more and more recognised, also raising the expectations for grassroots sport. In such a time, the support of EL members for grassroots sport cannot be underestimated. The partnership between ENGSO and EL is essential for further enhancing the societal role of sport at a European level. We are thrilled about the continued mutual commitment and ready to explore further activities to reach our joint goals.”*

EL and ENGSO have been cooperating for over 11 years. Most recently, 2019 saw the second successful edition of the European Sport Platform in Rome, the conclusion of the ASPIRE project on the inclusion of refugees through sport, and the successful submission of the SPIRIT project on sport and mental health, supported by the Erasmus+ Programme and EL. Since its conception, the two Associations have also actively supported, as official Partners, the European Week of Sport, an annual European Commission led initiative. One particular highlight was a joint event to raise awareness about the importance of equality and ethics in sport.

Both Associations look forward to continuing their partnership and collaboration over the next two years for the benefit of society and grassroots sport in Europe.

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- Related article: Throwback to ASPIRE: conclusions and recommendations: available [here](#)
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About the European Lotteries

The European Lotteries Association (EL) is the European umbrella organisation of national lotteries operating games of chance for the public benefit. EL has members from more than 40 European countries including all EU Member States. The association's EU members contribute more than 20 billion EUR 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. Website: www.european-lotteries.org, Twitter [@EuropeLotteries](https://twitter.com/EuropeLotteries), [LinkedIn](#)

About ENGSO

ENGSO is the European Sports NGO and the leading voice for voluntary-based grassroots sport in Europe. Together with our 38 members – National Sports Confederations, National Olympic Committees and other sports organisations from 34 European countries – we form a network that brings together people of different ages and backgrounds that share a passion for sport. We aspire to grassroots sport that promotes stronger communities, with the mission to represent, develop and advocate for voluntary-based sport in Europe – guided by our values: democracy, equality, inclusion, sustainability, integrity and education. Website: <http://www.engso.eu>, Twitter [@ENGSOsport](#), [LinkedIn](#)