



Recommendation 1190 (1992)¹

European sports co-operation

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Assembly last debated European sports co-operation in 1984 (see [Recommendation 993](#) and [Doc. 5270](#)). It expressed its satisfaction with the approach of the Council of Europe which was based on the Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS) and the Conference of European Ministers responsible for Sport.
2. It has followed the activity of the CDDS, the ministerial conferences held in Dublin 1986, Reykjavik 1989 and Rhodes 1992, as well as the informal ministerial conferences held in Lisbon 1985, Strasbourg 1985, Athens 1988 and Budapest 1991.
3. Four major texts have resulted :
 - 3.1. European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches (1985) ;
 - 3.2. Anti-Doping Convention (1989) ;
 - 3.3. European Sports Charter (1992) ;
 - 3.4. Code of Sports Ethics (1992).
4. The Assembly has taken account of the implications for sport caused by the political changes in central and eastern Europe. It considers that action is urgently needed on the parliamentary level to assure sports provision.
5. The Assembly has also noted the European Community's position on sport as set out in the communication of the Commission of 31 July 1991 and the constitution of the Community's European Sports Forum. It welcomes the understanding and co-operation that has been established between the Community and Council of Europe in this field.
6. Many problems, however, remain and amongst them :
 - 6.1. sports provision in central and eastern Europe (and related legislation) ;
 - 6.2. access to the countryside for sport and other leisure activities ;
 - 6.3. the classification of sites associated with sport ;
 - 6.4. equal sporting opportunities ;
 - 6.5. continuing violence associated with sport ;
 - 6.6. doping ;
 - 6.7. money in sport.
7. The Assembly welcomes the fact that the next informal meeting of European Sports Ministers will tackle the question of money in sport (France, 1993).

1. Assembly debate on 30 September 1992 (11th Sitting) (see [Doc. 6664](#), report of the Committee on Culture and Education, Rapporteur : Mr Müller). Text adopted by the Assembly on 30 September 1992 (11th Sitting)



8. It calls on governments of member states that have not yet done so, to ratify the conventions on violence and anti-doping referred to above.
9. It recommends that the Committee of Ministers ask governments of member states to implement as effectively as possible the new European Sports Charter and Code of Sports Ethics (agreed by the European Ministers responsible for Sport in Rhodes, 1992).
10. The Assembly further recommends that the Committee of Ministers :
 - 10.1. extend work on the values of sport and their promotion ;
 - 10.2. continue its efforts to assist sports provision in central and eastern Europe (with particular attention to legislation, a field in which the Assembly might also be involved) ;
 - 10.3. prepare an agreement on access to the countryside for sport and other leisure activities ;
 - 10.4. classify sites of significance for sport.