

Athletes' Social Protection in Europe:

“From National Practice to European Coordination?”

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12:30	Registration (Welcome Coffee)	14:45	Lunch & Coffee Break
13:00	Conference Welcome / Introduction to the Topic <i>Martina Jeričević (Croatian Ministry of Tourism & Sport)</i> <i>Dario Đerđa (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Dean)</i> <i>Vanja Smokvina (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law)</i>	15:15	Keynote: <i>Erica Puppo (FIFPRO Europe, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Manager)</i>
13:15	“Evaluating Athletes’ Social Protection: The SOPROS Project” <i>Jürgen Mittag, Lorenz Fiege (German Sport University Cologne)</i>	15:30	2 nd Panel: Athletes’ Social Protection in the European Model of Sport: Towards a (new) Key Feature? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Walter Palmer (co-founder of World Players’ Association and European Athletes & Players Association)</i>• <i>Deena Blacking (The Cyclists’ Alliance)</i>• <i>Axel Schäfer (Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly)</i>• <i>Simona Kustec (University of Ljubljana, former Slovenian Minister of Sport)</i>
13:45	Keynote: <i>Sandra Paovic (Croatian Olympian/Paralympian)</i>		
14:00	1 st Panel: “Status quo: Good and Bad Practices at the National Level” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Martina Jeričević (Croatian Ministry of Tourism & Sport)</i>• <i>Laura Montvilaite (Lithuanian Athletes Ombudsperson, Lithuanian Ministry of Education, Science, and Sport)</i>• <i>Milos Milenković (NOC Serbia)</i>• <i>Nik Berger (KADA, Austria)</i>• <i>Gordan Kožulj (WC medallist and member of the Croatian Olympians Club)</i>		

Chair: *Vanja Smokvina (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law)*

Chair: *Andrea Cattaneo (Edge Hill University)*

16:15 Conclusions and Outlook
(Jürgen Mittag, German Sport University)

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