

ACES EUROPE HEADQUARTERS

Rue de la Science, 14-B
1040 Brussels - BELGIUM
BE0831576545

aces@aces-europa.eu
www.aceseurope.eu
+32 25888 08 13

Gian Francesco Lupatelli
President and Founder
ACES Europe and MSP



PARTNERS

MSP ITALIA AND MDP INTERNATIONAL
Both associations are the main partners and founders of ACES Europe.

EGFA
Euro parliamentary Group Friends of ACES
led by MEP Santiago Fisas with MEPs
Silvia Costa, Alberto Claver and Catalin Ivan as Vice-presidents.

GCE
Grup Consultatif Européenne (supported by
MEP Andrey Kovatchev with MEP's Lara
Comi, Brando Banfi and James Fernández
as Vice-presidents and Antonio Silva
Mendes (former EU Sport Director) as
Honorary President.

ALLIANCES

IJF, International Judo Federation
WBSC, World Baseball Softball Confederation
EWS, European Week of Sport
FIDE, International Chess Federation
ECU, European Chess Union
CONI, Italian Olympic Committee
ETTF, European Tennis Table Federation
EPC, European Paralympic Committee
FESJ, Federation of the European Sport Good Industry
HOSB, House Of Sport in Brussels
ANCI, Federation of Municipalities in Italy
FAGDE, Federation of Sport Managers in Spain



GOOD GOVERNANCE
DEVELOPED BY



Follow us on



DOWNLOAD FROM THE WEBSITE
OUR MAGAZINE!!!



EUROPEAN CAPITALS AND CITIES OF SPORT FEDERATION



ABOUT US

ACES Europe is a non-profit association based in Brussels which assigns every year the recognitions of European Capital, City, Community and Town of Sport. The allocation of these recognitions are done by ACES Europe, according to the principles of responsibility and ethics, being aware that sport is a factor of aggregation of the society, improvement in the quality of life, psycho-physical well-being and complete integration within social classes in the community. ACES Europe is recognized by the European Commission in the White Paper (Art.50).



Awards



EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF SPORT
1 award per year to either the capital of the country or any city with more than 500,000 inhabitants.



EUROPEAN CITY OF SPORT
Multi awards throughout Europe per year to a city between 25,000 and 500,000 inhabitants.



EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF SPORT
A group of small cities, multi awards throughout Europe.



EUROPEAN TOWN OF SPORT
Multi awards throughout EUROPE per year to a city of less than 25,000 inhabitants.



THE EUROPEAN CITY/TOWN OF SPORT OF THE YEAR
To become the best City/Town of all the awarded cities/towns of the year.



WORLD CAPITAL OF SPORT
Same format as the European Capital of Sport but outside Europe with the support of the main international organisations like United Nations.

After the success in Europe we export the format to all around the world looking for the best sport policies and practices. Presenting the opportunity for communities to unite throughout the world under the same flag of sport and health for all.

European Sport and Healthy Company



ACES Europe and DCH - International Organization of Human Capital Directors (EHCA - European Healthy Companies Association) have joined forces to recognize publicly the effort made by those companies promoting sport and health among their employees.

European Capitals Of Sport



Legacy

Antwerp, European Capital of Sport 2013 increased in almost 10 points the Active people in the city (from 48% to 58%).

Legaria, European City of Sport 2014, Research from La Rioja University which says that due to the award the ROI in the city was of 44.5M euros.

Torino, European Capital of Sport 2015, more than 1,000 sport events during the year.

Kosice, European City of Sport 2016 has launched the Official Opening Ceremony of the EMCS.

Valencia, European Capital of Sport 2011, created a European Observatory of Sport Good Practices.

Glasgow, European Capital of Sport 2003, started the Programme Sport & Movement dedicated to Seniors. Not drugs prescriptions, movement prescriptions. The study showed that 1 euro invested in sport = 3 euros saved in health. Money saved with movement prescriptions was dedicated to sport halls for seniors.

Funding, more than 50 cities have been involved in different EU Grants during the last years.

Investments
Great opportunity for the cities to ask for investments (from local, regional or national governmental). Examples: Kosice European City of Sport 2016 = 10M€ in investments, Marseille European Capital of Sport 2017 will invest 20 Million euros: 10M for activities, 10M for infrastructures.

1 Year of Sport
52 weeks of sport in the cities during the year of the award. Each year are recognize 30 cities (approx) within different categories: European Capital of Sport, European City of Sport, European Community of Sport and European Town of Sport.

Media Impacts
More than 1.500 million impacts per year in medias: on line, of line, radio, tv, papers, magazines, events, activities.

European Network
Our network of cities awarded is composed by more than 400 members with names like: Madrid, Glasgow, Stuttgart, Milano, Copenhagen, Dublin, Istanbul, Valencia, Cardiff, Torino, Stockholm, Antwerp, Marseille, Sofia, Budapest between others smaller like Firenze, Marbella, Santander, Leicester, Innsbruck, Olarova, Izzi, Leicester, Plovdiv, Nice, Parma, North Lanarkshire, Bilbao, Noordwijk, Gandomar, Gotehead, Kosice, Liepaja. The best network in sport are here, in ACES Europe.



How to present a candidature?

First step, a letter of Intention from the Mayor of the city which wants to become as candidate at aces@aces-europa.eu or hugo.donoso@aces-europa.eu

After the candidature is confirmed ACES Europe starts the official procedure:

- ◆ Sign Regulations.
- ◆ Fee as candidate.
- ◆ Bid File.
- ◆ Plan and visit the city by the Evaluation Committee.
- ◆ If the municipality meets the required standards for the awards as assets and score by Evaluation Committee then they will be requested to attend the Awards Ceremony in the European Parliament.

Benefits of the award

- ◆ International recognition.
- ◆ High visibility.
- ◆ Put in value the sport policies of the city.
- ◆ Take part into the biggest network of cities in sport in Europe.
- ◆ Share experiences between members.
- ◆ Participate in seminars, congresses, meetings and evaluations during the year and ongoing.
- ◆ Increase and improve the sport policies if possible.
- ◆ Have the opportunity to participate in different UE grants with other cities.

Obligations

- ◆ Responsibility as awarded city during the year.
- ◆ Respect the image rights and promotion rules (Art. 20).
- ◆ Design a sport calendar with activities which promotes health, wellbeing and integration.
- ◆ International Congress or International Sport Competition as minimum requirement.
- ◆ Produce a summary of the activities in the municipality during the year of sport with results and conclusions.

Awards Ceremony

Once a year (normally in November) ACES Europe gathers all cities awarded in the European Parliament where takes place the ceremony. The President delivers the flag to the winners accompanied by European Authorities, MEP's and policymakers.

