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The exhibition *Against the Rules – Lesbians and Gays in Sport* is a travelling exhibition. You can rent and display the exhibition yourself free of charge. You only have to pay for transportation costs. The exhibition is at the moment available in the following languages: German, English, Slovenian, Polish, Slovak, Hungarian... and other languages will follow soon!

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# Against the Rules Lesbians and Gays in Sport

A TOURING EXHIBITION BY THE EUROPEAN GAY AND LESBIAN  
SPORT FEDERATION (EGLSF)

# Place homophobia and racism offside!

Since 2009 several organisations throughout Europe have been working together in the “Football for Equality” project which is funded by the European Commission under the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme. In June 2011 the second part of the project started which emphasises on the promotion of football without homophobia, racism and ethnic discrimination, but this time focusing on Central and Eastern Europe. For the first time ever the European Gay & Lesbian Sports Championships (EuroGames) are held in Eastern Europe, in Budapest. Also the European Football Championship, the UEFA EURO 2012 will be hosted by Poland and the Ukraine. Just to name two events which are addressed in the project “Football for Equality – Tackling Homophobia and Racism with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe”. The aim is to raise awareness through activities like this exhibition. In addition, the exchange of know-how and transfer of knowledge between Central and Eastern Europe and between LGBT (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Trans-gender) groups, migrants and ethnic communities are at the fore.

The Football for Equality project is led by FairPlay-VIDC (Austria) in partnership with experienced NGOs and sport organisations including EGSLEF, the Italian sport for all federation UISP, Football Supporters Europe (FSE), People Against Racism (Slovakia) and SPOLINT from Slovenia.

For more information visit:

[www.footballforequality.org](http://www.footballforequality.org)



# Against discrimination – Sport for everybody

## About the exhibition

The issue of gay and lesbian participation in sport is still a taboo subject that is usually only talked about behind closed doors, but rarely discussed in the open. There is hardly a single area of society in which the participation of homosexuals seems as abnormal as in sport. Even though society's attitudes to sexuality have changed, the assumption still remains that sport and homosexuality do not mix; lesbians and gay men are still largely ignored or openly rejected in sport. However, the situation is slowly changing. Various social developments like the fact that sport is becoming a leisure activity rather than a form of physical training, the emancipation of women, the emergence of a gay and lesbian movement are starting to have an impact on sport. The result is, that even here, homosexuality can no longer be swept completely under the carpet.

The exhibition Against the Rules – Lesbians and Gays in Sport aims to help removing the taboos from the subject of homosexuality and sport, and draws attention to the various forms of discrimination against sexual minorities in sport. However, it also hopes to demonstrate that sport offers lesbians and gays a chance to live their lives with total self-confidence.

The German original version of the exhibition was organised by SC Janus, Cologne's Centrum Schwule Geschichte (Gay History Centre) and others, and was updated by the European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF) in 2009 and translated into English. As part of the Football for Equality project the exhibition has been updated and translated into Slovenian, Polish, Italian and Slovak in 2012 and will be shown in 7 European cities.