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## Newsletter | April 2012

After a break we come back to you with our Football for Equality newsletter. We inform you about the activities within the project “Football for Equality – Tackling Homophobia and Racism with a Focus on Central and Eastern Europe” that have recently happened and are going to happen quite soon. Additionally you can find other initiatives of our international project partners, that may be of interest:

### **Football for Equality Website and on Facebook! Up-dated and shining in new splendour!**

<http://www.footballforequality.org/> - one click and you can read up on all the activities that started last June in this current follow up project of “Football for Equality – Challenging racism and homophobia across Europe”. Also the project partners and the planned tasks and events are presented on the website.

You can also find us on Facebook - simply search for Football for Equality - and like us ;-).

### **Queer in (Eastern-) Europe?**

#### **Panel discussion on homophobia in football focussing on Eastern Europe and the European Championship in 2012**

Together with several German LGBTIQ football fan organisations, project partner FSE (Football Supporters Europe) organises a panel discussion next Monday, 9 April 2012 in Hamburg. Besides German fan organisations, LGBTIQ activist from the Ukraine, Poland, UK and Austria will be on the panel.

More information on participants, where, when, flyer and poster for download:

[Queer in \(Eastern-\)Europe?](#)

### **Nogometna Družina Je Zakon! – Football Family Rules!**

Project partner SPOLINT in Slovenia is busily preparing for the “Football 4 Equality Tournament” in Ljubljana

The tournament will be held on Sunday, May 13th. There will be 12 teams (7-a-side), each playing 4 games. Among invited teams, ex-Olympic athletes have agreed to participate and they will form a team named »Olympic ladies«. Artists (poets, writers and actors) will have their own team as well. Both of them will help raise the publicity of the event.

On their website SPOLINT started to publish informative texts about discrimination and homophobia in sport. In order to reach-out to certain target-groups, SPOLINT cooperates with a local high school to take action as well. One of the most efficient ways of gaining knowledge is learning by doing. Pupils from the High School - Gymnasium Vič - support in translating texts on homosexual athletes into Slovenian that are available on SPOLINT's web site.

This material together with the planned opening of the exhibition 'Against the Rules' in Ljubljana and a round table discussion on 8 May 2012 will rise further awareness on homophobia in sport and strengthen knowledge about that topic in Slovenia.

The poster and details on the tournament can be downloaded here:

[Football for Equality Tournament Ljubljana](#)

### **News from our Slovakian partner Ludia proti rasizmu**

Ludia proti rasizmu together with the Union of League Clubs have launched a series of events at elementary schools in Slovakia. Each of the clubs playing in the First Slovak League promised that it will send two players (one of the majority one of the minorities or a player from abroad) to an elementary school in the respective city. Discussions on racism in football should take place together with several joint activities (e.g. tournaments for pupils, drawing competition, etc.). Ludia proti rasizmu will prepare a short educational DVD which shall be screened during the discussions. The clubs of the First League promised they will bring free tickets for the pupils so that they can visit the next match of the club.

Ludia also launched a video on the promotion of good practice to fight racism and discrimination:

[One Game Video](#)

### **Project Partners met in Rome**

At the end of February, all project partners of the Football for Equality Project met in Rome. The meeting was gently hosted by Unione Italiane Sport Per Tutti (UISP). Find a short report of the meeting published on the UISP-Website:

[Integration and Rights: The promoters of the FfE-project met in Rome to plan their campaign against homophobia](#)

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