

## Newsletter 3

The countdown is almost over – only two more days and then the EURO in Poland and the Ukraine starts with the opening match in Warsaw between Poland and Greece. There are a lot of discussions about human rights around this EURO. Topics like the case of Julia Timoschenko or the recently broadcasted BBC-documentary which heated the debate about racism and anti-semitism in the host countries are well discussed in media. At the same time the first ever Pride Parade in Ukraine should have taken place but was cancelled on short notice because of homophobic violence. Two LGBT-activists were beaten up brutally by ultra-right groups. Reason enough to turn a spotlight on the situation of LGBTIQ community in Eastern Europe in our recently published Fanzine “2012 – Go East young (wo)men!” More on that later!

First we would like to introduce the activities of the EGLSF and FSE in the course of the EURO 2012.

### **Euro Pride House 2012**

The Euro Pride House in Poland is an initiative of the European Gay and Lesbian Sports Federation. It is meant to be a meeting point for LGBTIQs, to create safe spaces for queer fans that visit the EURO and who wish to celebrate football together.

The concept behind the Euro Pride House is to raise awareness of the involvement of LGBTIQ people in football as supporters and participants and to create a dialogue amongst football stakeholders on homophobia and transphobia particularly in Eastern Europe.

The launch of the Pride House will take place on Friday 8 June in Warsaw. Guests will include activists, football supporters, politicians and representatives from within football.

Throughout June Euro Pride House will screen matches, host a table football tournament and host a range of debates and networking events. Additionally the exhibition “Against the Rules” on lesbian and gay athletes will be shown in Polish translation.

More on that [www.europridehouse.eu](http://www.europridehouse.eu)

### **FSE kick-off RESPECT Fan Culture-Fans' Embassies at EURO 2012 project**

In each host city there will be a Fans' Embassy, which will serve as a crucial source of information as well as a meeting point for all visiting supporters. The essence of a Fans' Embassy is to provide fan-specific services - such as ticket availability, public viewing facilities, locally applicable legislation, stadium regulations, match-day arrangements, etc.

In [diversity workshops](#) the Fans' Embassies' staffs was trained on topics like discrimination, homophobia and racism.

More about the main tasks of FSE's Fans' Embassies, their [FanGuides](#), their information material and where they are located to be found on FSE's website <http://2012fanguide.org/en/>

### **Actions Days for Respect and Equality at the Fans' Embassies**

With the FSE Fans' Embassy's teams in Poland it is planned to organize Action Days for Respect and Equality. Besides an exhibition on fan culture, campaign material on "Respect Fan Culture – Football for Equality" like stickers, t-shirts and buttons will be distributed. It is also planned to set up the inflatable street kick court.

Dates and exact locations for the Action Days still need to be confirmed. So check out on our website <http://www.footballforequality.org/> and FSE-Fans' Embassy: <http://www.fansembassy.org/>

And then drop by at the Fans' Embassies and take action for diversity and equality!

### **OUT NOW! Football for Equality FANZINE "2012 – Go East young (wo)men!"**

Homophobia and discrimination is also the topic of the first **Football for Equality FANZINE**. Right in time for the kickoff of the *UEFA EURO 2012* in Poland and Ukraine, FairPlay proudly presents this brochure. The Fanzine addresses Homophobia and Discrimination in Football with a focus on the situation of LGBTIQs (Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/ Intersex/Queer) and (anti-)discrimination in the host countries of the EURO and the *European Gay and Lesbian Sports Championships (EuroGames)* which will be held this year in Budapest, Hungary.

Order your free copy (mail to [fairplay@vidc.org](mailto:fairplay@vidc.org)) or download it here: <http://www.footballforequality.org/home/single/archive/2012/june/article/out-now-football-for-equality-fanzine-spotlights-on-homophobia-and-discrimination-in-football/>

And save the date:

**EuroGames** (the European Lesbian and Gay Sports Championships) in Budapest from 27<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July

<http://www.footballforequality.org/football-for-equality/eurogames-2011-2012/>  
<http://www.eurogamesbudapest.hu/>

**Mondiali Antirazzisti** from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July

<http://www.footballforequality.org/home/single/archive/2012/may/article/anti-racist-fan-worldcup-mondiali-antirazzisti-2012/>  
<http://www.mondialiantirazzisti.org/>

We wish you all an exciting EURO 2012 – with great games and atmosphere and without discrimination!

And finally again visit our website [www.footballforequality.org](http://www.footballforequality.org) or our facebook site!