



## Newsletter | January 2013

Welcome to the year 2013! We already saw some movement in the field of football and antidiscrimination, thanks to Kevin Prince Boateng and his teammates from AC Milan who set a strong signal against racism in the stadiums. Also for the Football for Equality project (FfE) this year will be full of actions: the Football for Equality-conference will take place in April and a call for essays is launched now. The exhibition “Against the Rules – Lesbians and Gays in sport” will be shown in Bratislava and in Italy the campaign against homophobia will continue. February will be the action month against homophobia and 2013 will also see a major football event: the UEFA Women’s European Championship in Sweden is going to start on 10 July. Watch out!

### 1. Open Call for Essays!

**You have something to contribute to the fight against homophobia and racism in sport? Then we invite you to send us an essay and you can win an active participation in the Football for Equality conference in Bratislava (26-28 April 2013). The deadline for your submissions is 18 February.**

From 26-28 April 2013 the conference “Moving to the next step in combating racism and homophobia together” will take place in Bratislava. Activists, researchers, sports community, students, journalists and antidiscrimination NGOs are invited to discuss issues of homophobia and racism and to share good practice.

For this conference the Football for Equality project partners launch an essay competition for activists, students and researchers on the conference topic. Essays should be written in English language and sent via email to: [zalesak.michal\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:zalesak.michal[at]gmail.com) on 18 February 2013 the latest! Four authors will be given the opportunity to present and discuss their essays at the Football for Equality conference in Bratislava. Accommodation, travelling and subsistence will be provided by the FfE project partners.

→For further details see: [Conference in Bratislava](#)

### 2. Football vs Homophobia - Month of Action in February

**In the course of the “Football vs Homophobia – a Month of Action” in February, activities are taking place to fight against homophobia in football.**

Campaign Director, MEGAN WORTHING DAVIES explains, “Football v Homophobia is an international campaign opposing homophobia and transphobia in football. We have chosen LGBT History Month as the time in which football can unite and focus on making the biggest game in the world more inclusive of the LGBT community.” Within this month 10 projects are funded, including activities like football tournaments and matches against homophobia, debates among young fans groups and a poster campaign tackling transphobia in sport.

3. →For further details see: [Football vs. Homophobia - Month of Action](#)



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# Football for Equality

Tackling Homophobia and Racism with a Focus on Central and Eastern Europe

## 3. Save Partizan Minsk! Antiracist Fans Standing Together

**Solidarity tour through Germany for antifascist club from Belarus – from 14-24 March 2013**

The former MTZ RIPO football Club in Minsk and his fans are well known for their engagement against racism, fascism and discrimination in football. The fans of Partizan are exceptional – in general but especially in Belarus. In 2012 the club crashed and is now rebuilt – by the fans.

Fans of Babelsberg 03, TeBe Berlin, FC St. Pauli und Roter Stern Leipzig are now organizing a solidarity tour: the team and fans of Partizan Minsk will travel 10 days through Germany. Accompanied by football friendly's and discussions with the aim to raise awareness and to collect money and support for the self governed club.

→ Further information about the solidarity campaign (only German): [Partizan Minsk on Tour](#)  
About Partizan Minsk: <http://partizan-minsk.blogspot.de/> (en); <http://savemtz.blogspot.eu/> (dt)

## 4. Women's Football – Played, Watched, Talked about

**Call for Abstracts and invitation to Conference from 21-22 June in Copenhagen, Denmark**

The aim of the conference organized by the University of Copenhagen and within the project FREE (Football Research in an Enlarged Europe) is to share information and knowledge about women's football, the games and the players, the male and female fans as well as the media coverage.

*Call for abstracts:* Deadline for submission is February 28, 2013

*Registration:* There will be no conference fee, deadline for registration is May 1, 2013.

→ For further information:  
[http://www.ifi.ku.dk/english/research/research\\_groups/sport\\_politics\\_welfare/freecph2013/](http://www.ifi.ku.dk/english/research/research_groups/sport_politics_welfare/freecph2013/)

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We are looking forward to seeing you at some of our activities!

***With greetings from Vienna,  
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