



MARS – MEDIA AGAINST RACISM IN SPORT

Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport

NATIONAL MEDIA ENCOUNTER

Journalism & Media Training & Literacy

VENUE & DATES **Italie (Emilia Romagna CORECOM, Bologna) – 30.11 – 03.12.11**

France (CLEMI, Paris) – 11. – 14.04.12

Romania (Active Wattch, Cluj) – 25. – 28. May 2012

Finland (Helsinki) – 13. – 15. June 2012

Belgium (Location to be confirmed) – September 2012 (dates to be finalised)

BACKGROUND

In **Europe**, only a **quarter of news** subjects are **women**, even though **they** account for over **half** of the **European population** (*GMMP*, 2010)! While **immigrants** represent around **10%** of the **EU population** (Eurostat, 2011) **migrants and ethnic minorities** represent less than **5%** of the main actors in the **news in Europe** (Ter Wal, 2004). **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people** represent roughly **6%** of the population of the United Kingdom but account for less than **1%** of the population seen **on TV**. **20% of the British population** is **disabled** but less than **1%** is represented **in British TV** (*CDN 2009-10 Progress Report*).

Through the **sources** they use, the **subjects** they select and the **treatment** they choose, the media **influence the agenda** (*what to think about*) and **public perception** (*how to think*) of contemporary debates. This is why the **Council of Europe** considers **truly inclusive information** - where everyone can participate as witnesses, players, producers etc. - to be **crucial** for **social cohesion** and **democratic participation**. But today, **too many people** are still **excluded** from **public debates**!

The new **MARS - Media against racism in sport** – EU / CoE joint programme **chooses to focus**, though not exclusively, on **sport** because it is considered as an **important area** for building **social cohesion** as it is also a **major sector of investment in the media industry**. However, **sport media coverage** does **not reflect social and cultural diversity** and does not ensure **equity for all**. Only **5%** of **press articles** cover **cultural and social aspects of sport**; **40%** of **all sport articles** refer to **only one source** and **20 %** refer to **no sources** at all; **female athletes** have four times more chances to be covered by a female journalist rather than a male one but less than **5%** of **sport news** and stories are **made by female journalists** (Play the Game, 2005)!

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Building upon **standards set** by various **Council of Europe bodies** on media pluralism, expression of diversity and non discrimination and the **outcome** of the 2008-10 **CoE's antidiscrimination Campaign**, the **MARS – Media against racism in sport – EU / CoE joint programme** aims at considering **non discrimination** and **expression of diversity** as an ongoing **angle of media coverage**. Through this approach applied to sport coverage, MARS wants to encourage **innovative modes of media production** that could be reproduced in **all media sectors** and **used by any form of media coverage**.

In **achieving these outcomes**, the **MARS programme offers media professionals** (journalism students and trainers, journalists, media managers, etc.) to **participate to various activities, in particular National Media Encounters** to **explore** the possibilities of developing **ways of producing truly inclusive media contents**.

OBJECTIVES **To encourage**, by organising national media encounters, **exchanges** and **sharing** of **professional practices** in the field of **journalism training** and **media literacy** in relation to **sport issues, non-discrimination** and **expression of diversity**,

To contribute to the development of local and national **networks of trainers and educators** in order to **cross** and **enrich** the pedagogical **tools** of **journalism training** with **media literacy** ones, and vice-versa,

To allow trainers and educators to develop and to have access to **pedagogical and methodological tools** for **journalism training** and **media literacy** in order to allow **journalism students** and **journalists** to considering **non discrimination** and **expression of diversity** as a constant **angle of media coverage**.

CONTENT **Identification** and **presentation**, and probably **production**, of **exercises** and/or **pedagogical modules** for **journalism training** using **media literacy tools** and **resources**, and vice-versa, in relation to **sports media coverage**, even if not exclusively, considered as a global issue and including non discrimination and expression of diversity; these training **exercises** and **modules** have to encourage the implementation of a **truly intercultural and inclusive media production** contributing to reduce prejudices, to fight against discrimination and to foster mutual understanding.

These media encounters will focus on **exchanges of professional practices** between **training actors** in the field of **journalism training** and **media literacy** in order to **cross experiences** and **methods**, to **enrich them** and to **include** specific issues in relation to **non-discrimination** and **expression of diversity**.

Participants will be asked to **disseminate** and to expose the **outputs** and **outcomes** of these exchanges in their **own institution** as well as towards **all bodies** in relation to **journalism training** and **media literacy**.

COE PARTNERS **Média Animation** – Belgian organisation and resource centre on media literacy (production and training) facilitating the networks grouping the main European media literacy bodies in Europe *Euromeduc* and *EuroMediaLiteracy*

Italy – *Zaffiria* – Permanent Centre on Media Literacy

France – *CLEMI* – Liaison Centre for Education and Information Media

Romania – *Active Watch* / Media Monitoring Agency

Finland – *Mediakasvatus.fi* - Finish Society on Media Education

**MARS CoE
PARTNERS**

CMFE – CoE MARS partner in charge of national and European media encounters on Media Cross-Production

Fair Play / VIDC - Austrian organisation facilitating various initiatives in the field of sport, antiracism and non discrimination

IFJ / EFJ – International / European Federation of Journalists

UEFA – Union of European Football Associations

**PARTICIPANT
PROFILE**

30 actors of journalism training and media literacy

Council of Europe – Representatives of MARS Partner Organisations and Members of the MARS team

Around 35 participants

OUTPUT

Compendium of exercises and modules of journalism & media training and literacy focusing on sport media coverage, even if not exclusively, and including non discrimination and expression of diversity as angle of media coverage.

**EXPECTED
OUTCOMES**

Enrichment of professional practices due to a greater awareness of intercultural dialogue, expression of diversity and non discrimination based on the learning from different national experiences.

Building bridges between **journalism training organisations**, on one side, and, on the other side, **media literacy bodies**.

Permanent dialogue and exchange between actors of journalism training and media literacy at local and national level.

LANGUAGE

Italy – *Italian* + Whispering interpretation for non Italian speaking invitees in English

France – *French*

Romania – *Romanian* + Whispering interpretation for non Romanian speaking invitees in English

Finland – *English*

Belgium – *French & Flemish*

**PROVISIONAL
AGENDA**

DAY 1

- 12.00 pm **Arrival of Participants**
- 12.30 pm **Lunch** (*for non local participants*)
- 2.00 pm **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Welcoming Session / Plenary session
- 2.30 pm **Media, Diversity, Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Introduction
Main results of the European and National Media Encounters (Italy and Romania)
Plenary session
- 3.30 pm **Media, Diversity, Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Main issues & challenges
Round table - *Plenary session*
- 5.00 pm **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Formation of working groups: Journalism Training / Media Literacy
To analyse:
 - *Context, challenges and needs / expectations regarding sport in the media and inclusion of non discrimination and expression of diversity as an angle of media coverage,*
 - *Links between journalism training and media literacy; state of the art and possible actions**Working groups*
- 6.30 pm **End of the Day 1**

DAY 2

- 9.30 am **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Conclusion of Day 1 working groups on expectations and objectives
Plenary session
- 10.00 am **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Exchanges and presentation:
 - *Journalism training practices,*
 - *Media literacy practices,*Analysis of the existing and presented tools (methodology, content, strengths and weaknesses) with a particular focus on sport issues and inclusion of non discrimination and expression of diversity as an angle of media coverage.
Analytical phase – Working groups
- 13.00 **Lunch**

- 2.00 pm **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Exchanges and presentation:
- *Journalism training practices using media literacy tools and resources,*
 - *Media literacy practices using journalism training tools and resources,*
- Analysis of the existing and presented tools (methodology, content, strengths and weaknesses) with a particular focus on sport issues and inclusion of non discrimination and expression of diversity as an angle of media coverage.
Analytical phase – Working groups
- 4.30 pm **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Presentation of the working group conclusions summarising the main strengths and weaknesses observed within the presented and discussed practices
Plenary session
- 5.30 **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Comments on the working group conclusions
Plenary session
- 6.00 pm **End of day 2**

DAY 3

- 9.30 am **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Introduction and main lessons of the previous working groups in order to set the objectives of the next working groups
Plenary session
- 10.00 am **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Building, in working groups, of new “frameworks” and “structures” (drafted or finalised) of exercises and/or modules of:
- *Journalism training practices using media literacy tools and resources,*
 - *Media literacy practices using journalism training tools and resources,*
- dedicated to sport media coverage, but also applicable to other media production sectors, and including non discrimination and expression of diversity as a angle of media coverage.
Creative phase – Working groups
- 13.00 pm **Lunch**
- 2.00 pm **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
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- *Journalism training,*
 - *Media literacy,*
- dedicated to sport media coverage, but also applicable to other media production sectors, and including non discrimination and expression of diversity as a angle of media coverage.
Creative phase – 4 working groups

5.00 pm **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Presentation of the proposed tools / Discussion
Plenary session

6.00 pm **End of day 3**

DAY 4

9.00 am **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Presentation of 3 proposals of training tools, coming from the Day 3 working groups' session, to be tested
Plenary session

9.30 am **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Testing new materials and tools
Working groups

12.00 am **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Presentation, by each working group, of the results of the test made on 3 training tools / discussion
Plenary session

12.30 pm **Media, Diversity & Racism in Sport – Journalism & Media Training & Literacy**
Conclusions & Next steps
Plenary session

1.00 pm **Closing Lunch**

2.30 pm **Departure of participants**

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