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The voice of voluntary sports organisations in Europe

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Vision and mission of ENGSO

Vision

To be the leading voice of voluntary sports organisations in Europe



Mission

The mission of ENGSO is to promote the interest of sport organisations in Europe, to be a respected voice for grassroots sport; to be a credible partner in European sport policy and an effective platform for an active network of sport organisations.



ENGSO Members

- 33 member organisations
- Members are the national umbrella organisations for sport: national sport confederations and/or national Olympic committees





Structure

ENGSO's main bodies are:

- General Assembly
- Executive Committee
- ENGSO Secretariat
- ENGSO Youth
- Working groups
 - EU Working Group
 - Communication and Marketing Working Group





Activities (1/3)

- ENGSO Working Groups
 - EU Working Group
 - Communication and Marketing
- European projects
 - Women's International Leadership Development (WILD) Programme (2010-2011)
 - Creating a Level Playing Field (2011-2012)
 - SCORE (2015-2016)





Activities (2/3)

- Forums and seminars:
 - Annual ENGSO Fora
 - Biannual EU Seminars
 - Hearings
- Recent statements and political papers:
 - Position Paper on Expert Groups, 2015
 - Manifesto EU election, 2014
 - Position Paper on Council Work Plan and Expert Groups, 2013
 - Position Paper on Participation and HEPA, 2013
 - ENGSO Statement on the EU Funding for Sport, 2012
 - Position papers on Volunteering, VAT 2011



Activities (3/3)

- Policy work
 - Priorities: Volunteering, Social Inclusion, Health-Enhancing Physical Activity, Equal Opportunities, Good Governance in Sport
- Where ENGSO is active:
 - Council Expert Groups
 - Platforms
 - European Years
 - EU Seminars, meetings and conferences such as EU Sport Forum, Structured Dialogue
 - High-level groups



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ENGSO Youth

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- ENGSO Youth is the youth organisation of ENGSO
- Represents the interests of people under the age of 35 dealing with sport in Europe
- Focuses on promoting youth sport for all, sport and health, participation and volunteering of children and young people in sports, and international cooperation
- Organises fora, seminars, meetings, and other events bringing together young people



ENGSO Forum 2015

- The 18th ENGSO Forum took place in Brussels on 11-12 September 2015 within the framework of the European Week of Sport (EWoS).
- Theme: the role of sport clubs in activating citizens and accommodating to changing societies.
- Purpose: provide a platform for interaction and exchange among ENGSO member organisations, partners and decision-makers, giving an informative and inspiring atmosphere to the event.



Role of Sport Clubs in Changing Society in Future

- What is current role of sport clubs in European society?
- What does the history of sport clubs in Europe tell us about the future?
- How is society changing and how do sport clubs respond to a changing society or how does it affect sport clubs?

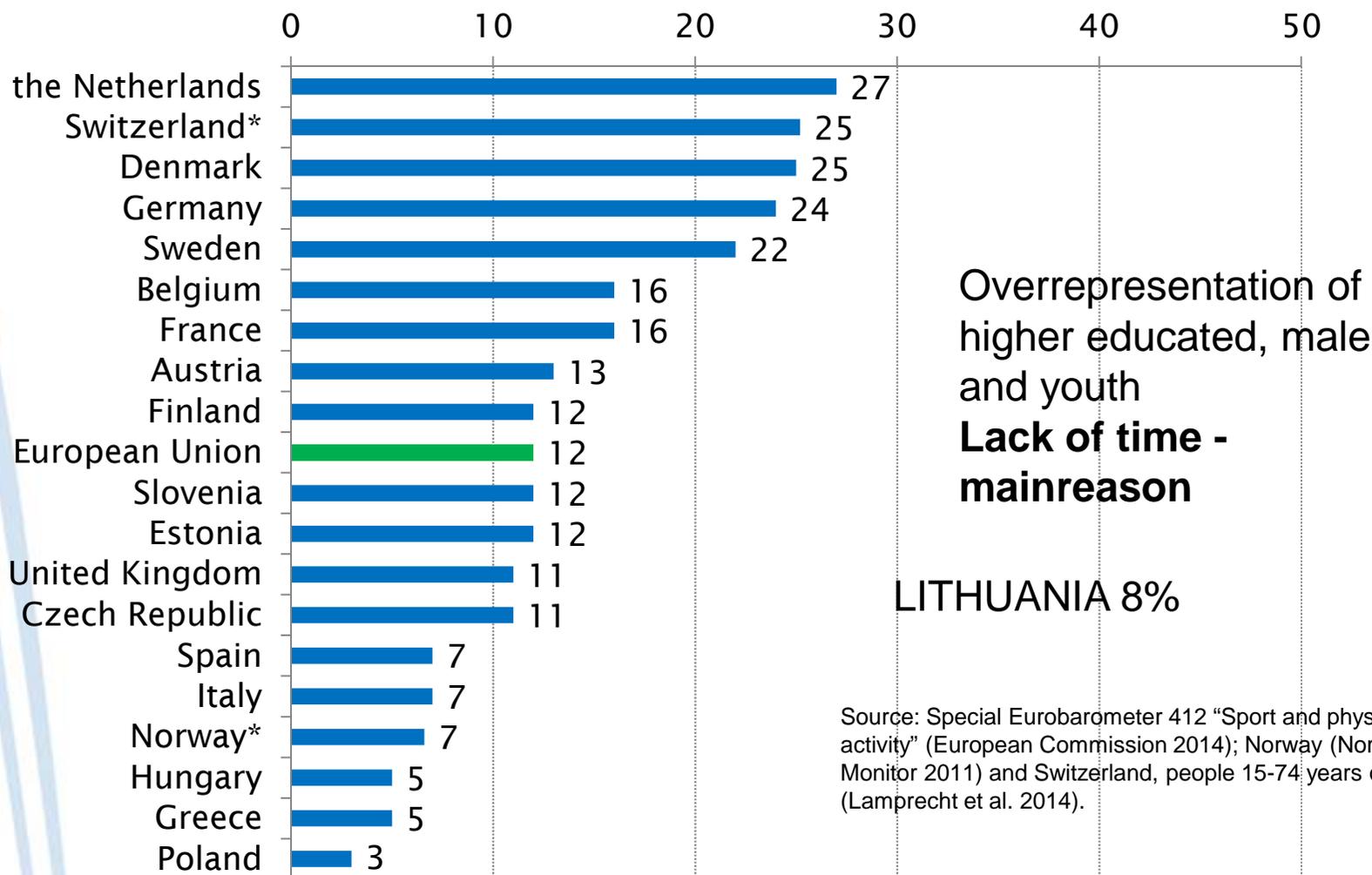


Knowledge at starting point

- 60 million people in Europe are an active member of a sport club (source: Eurobarometer 2013).
- Continuous changing world around sport clubs.
- Differences between countries are highlighted.
- Policy makers and researchers expressed interest in more comparable data on sport clubs (source: Breedveld et al. 2013).



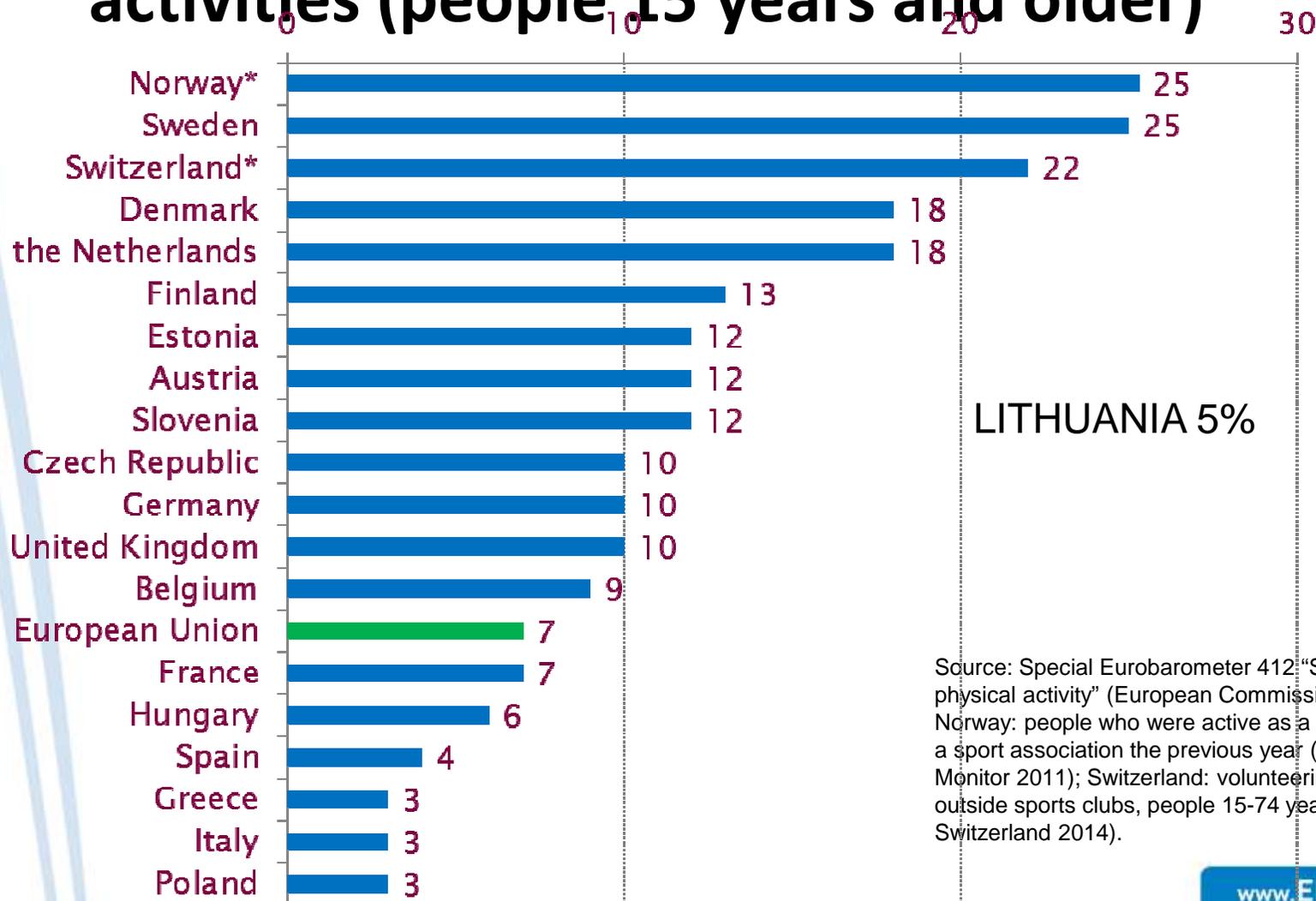
Sport club participation (people 15 years and older)



Source: Special Eurobarometer 412 "Sport and physical activity" (European Commission 2014); Norway (Norsk Monitor 2011) and Switzerland, people 15-74 years old (Lamprecht et al. 2014).



Participating in voluntary work that support sporting activities (people 15 years and older)



Source: Special Eurobarometer 412: "Sport and physical activity" (European Commission 2014); Norway: people who were active as a volunteer for a sport association the previous year (Norsk Monitor 2011); Switzerland: volunteering in and outside sports clubs, people 15-74 years old (Sport Switzerland 2014).



Characteristics of sport clubs (1)

- **Size**
varies between the countries
mostly single sport clubs (Belgium, Sweden, NL, Spain)
substantial number of multisport clubs in Finland, Germany
and Austria
- **Activities**
training and competition (Poland, Greece and Hungary)
additional activities in line with sport for all agenda or to
promote social cohesion or other policy objectives
the more physically active countries are overall clustered in
the Northern part of EU (facilities and infrastructure)



Characteristics of sport clubs (2)

- **Volunteering and paid staff**
mostly run by volunteers and to a limited extent by paid staff
increase in paid staff visible in Switzerland, Sweden, Norway and Italy
Hungary and Poland more paid staff (part-time contracts coaches)
- **Finances**
membership revenues most important
facility-related costs are substantial
a challenge



Challenges and bottlenecks of sport clubs

- **Recruiting and retaining members**
competition commercial providers and unorganized sports
individualism in society – less likely to commit to sport club
drop in birth rate in several European countries
- **Recruiting and retaining of volunteers**
individualism in society
quality of staff – more professionalims required in sport clubs
- **Finances**
harder to find sponsor
budget cuts of the municipality or central government
- **Sport facilities**



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