Report of Activities of Football Supporters Europe
For the period of August 2010 – June 2011

FSE Committee and FSE Coordination

Events/Meetings attended/supported

AUGUST 2010

**Dortmund / Germany:** Info event on “fan politics” organised by the Fans’ Department of BVB Dortmund – participation of three FSE Committee members in panel discussion on fans’ activities in Germany and Europe

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

**Dortmund / Germany:** Participation in panel discussion on campaign against overpriced tickets of Dortmund supporters for local internet TV channel.

**Jena / Germany:** Update on FSE activities at national meeting of all fans’ projects

**Krakow / Poland:** Opening of photo exhibition on international fan culture “Fandom as Universal Language” with support of FSE, participation in panel discussions on the future of fan culture in Poland

**Brondby & Copenhagen / Denmark:** Preparatory meetings for EFFC 2011 with fans’ representatives in Brondby and Copenhagen

**OCTOBER 2010**

**Berlin / Germany:** Participation and support of national fans’ demo organized by ProFans with the support of BAFF and Unsere Kurve with more than 160 fans’ groups from more than 50 clubs participating; participation on public panel discussion on pros and cons of the national fans’ demo, organized by TeBe Berlin supporters

**Skopje / Macedonia:** Participation and presentation on FSE and fans’ actions against discrimination at European conference on tackling discrimination in football in the Balkans

**Zagreb / Croatia:** Participation of two FSE Committee members in panel discussion on the social responsibility of football fans, organized by the fans’ group White Angels together with the Centre for Peace Studies; mediation meeting with the club management of NK Zagreb on fans’ dialogue

**NOVEMBER 2010**

**Leverkusen / Germany:** Matchday visit and networking with FSE members from Aris FC and Ajax Amsterdam

**Brondby & Copenhagen / Denmark:** Preparatory meetings for EFFC 2011 with fans’ representatives and club representatives in Brondby and Copenhagen

**Karlsruhe / Germany:** Symposium on Ball Sports “The future of ball sports is female”; chairing of workshop on female football fans

**Gothenburg / Sweden:** Networking meetings with FSE members from Germany and Sweden alongside the Sweden-Germany friendly match

**Belfast / Northern Ireland:** Participation in and support of Football For All Conference, organized by the IFA and the FSE members from the Amalgamation of Northern Ireland Supporter Clubs

**Hamburg / Germany:** Coordinating meeting between FSE, CAFÉ and FARE on areas and structures of cooperation; FSE Committee Meetings

**Frankfurt a. Main / Germany:** Participation in meeting of the Supporters Liaison Officer Project Expert Group of UEFA, organised by Supporters Direct

**DECEMBER 2010**

**Istanbul / Turkey:** Participation in preparatory meeting of a working group on a recommendation on ultra culture of the T-RV of the Council of Europe; Meeting of the Standing Committee T-RV on the prevention of spectator violence of the Council of Europe
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**Athens/Greece:** Participation of two FSE Committee members in and presentation at Conference of the European Professional Football Leagues (EPFL) on Safety and Security

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**JANUARY 2011**

**Brussels/Belgium:** Presentation of latest developments at FSE by two FSE Committee members to membership of Supportersfederatie Proclubs at their general assembly.

**Copenhagen, Farum, Horsens/Denmark:** Participation of two FSE Committee members in AGM of Danske Fodbold Fanklubber (DFF); preparatory meetings with Brondby supporters for EFFC 2011

**Metz/France:** Support of anti-racist FC Metz supporters that had been taken to court for displaying an anti-nazi banner together with two FSE members from Norway

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**FEBRUARY 2011**

**Oslo/Norway:** Presentation of latest developments at FSE by two FSE Committee members to membership of Norsk Supporterallianse (NSA) at their Annual General Meeting

**Budapest/Hungary:** Participation in EU Sports Forum 2011

**Bielefeld/Germany:** Presentation of latest developments at FSE by one FSE Committee member to fans of Arminia Bielefeld at a panel discussion event organized by local fans

**Kaiserslautern/Germany:** Presentation of latest developments at FSE by one FSE Committee member to fans of 1. FC Kaiserslautern at an info event organized by the fan liaison officer of Kaiserslautern.

**Vienna/Austria:** Participation in Network Meeting of F_in Women in Football, chairing of session on next projects

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**MARCH 2011**

**Copenhagen/Brondby/Denmark:** Meeting with club officials and fans’ representatives of Brondby IF on the European Football Fans’ Congress

**Nyon/Switzerland:** Meeting of the FSE Committee and SD_Europe with Michel Platini, David Taylor, Theodore Theodoridis, William Gaillard and UEFA senior staff; FSE Committee Meeting

**Brussels/Belgium:** Participation in EPP hearing on sports at the European Parliament

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**APRIL 2011**

**Hamburg/Germany:** Job interviews for potential full-time office admin

**Copenhagen/Brondby/Denmark:** Meeting with club officials and fans’ representatives of Brondby IF on EFFC 2011

**Bratislava/Slovakia:** Presentation on FSE activities at the Football for Equality Conference, organized by FARE partner L’Udia Proti Rasizmu

**Athens/Greece:** Participation in Round Table and support of advance fans’ meeting on discrimination in Greek football, organized by FARE

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**MAY 2011**

**Copenhagen/Brondby/Denmark:** Meeting with club officials and fans’ representatives of Brondby IF on EFFC 2011

**Thessaloniki/Greece:** Participation of FSE Committee member in Annual General Meeting of Aris Member Society

**Dublin/Republic of Ireland:** Participation of two FSE Committee members in UEFA Social Responsibility Lunch & Reception at the Europa League Final
London/England: Participation of two FSE Committee members in UEFA Social Responsibility Lunch & Reception at the Champions League Final

Potsdam/Germany: “Woodstock or Batton?! Conference on Youth Culture vs Security” Presentation of FSE and European experiences from the field of fan culture and football on the topic

JUNE 2011

Brondby & Copenhagen / Denmark: Preparatory meeting for EFFC2011 with Danish fans’ representatives; FSE Committee Meetings

Nyon / Switzerland: Participation in meeting of the Supporters Liaison Officer Project Expert Group of UEFA, organised by Supporters Direct; Meeting with two representatives of the European Professional Football Leagues on future areas of cooperation

Katowice/Poland: Presentation and support of photo exhibition “Fandom as universal language II” at conference on international fan culture and fans’ activities EURO 2012

Rome/Italy: Participation in preparatory meeting of a working group on a recommendation on ultra culture of the T-RV of the Council of Europe; Participation and presentation at annual meeting of the Standing Committee T-RV on the prevention of spectator violence of the Council of Europe

FSE Committee and Coordination – Queries

Topics:
Case Work – request for support and advice with specific problems, contacts to other fans’ groups, FSE’s general support with national and/or local activities, safety and security, fan hosting, anti-discrimination, fans’ projects, fans’ embassies, safe Standing, ticketing, fans’ dialogue with football governing bodies etc.
Topics:
Contacts to other fans’ groups across the world, FSE’s general activities, safety & security, policing, hooliganism, fans’ projects, fans’ embassies, EURO2012, ticketing, Safe Standing, fans’ dialogue with football governing bodies etc.
FSE Events/Campaigns/Publications (excluding the on-topic divisions)

- **Whistleblower Campaign on wrongful overpricing of tickets at European matches**
  Ongoing educational and support campaign on a case work basis for fans on UEFA regulations on ticket pricing for away supporters at UEFA club and national team matches. Most cases submitted to FSE came from Germany and England. Submission of one case to the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Commission.

- **Submission of paper on disciplinary sanctions to UEFA**
  Following the results of the workshop on sanctions affecting fans at EFFC 2010 in Barcelona

- **Publication of EFFC2010 Report**
  The report with summaries of the results of all workshops was published as an DIN A4 document into English. It is available for free as printed hard copy and as pdf file.

- **Save Fan Culture! European Stadium Action Days on Repression**
  With participating fans’ groups and national fans’ organisations from 12 countries across Europe. Next steps to be discussed with participants of the campaign and FSE membership.

- **Finalisation of first edition of FSE Campaigning & Fundraising Reader**
  First answers are ready to be layouted and handed out to FSE members and fans groups across Europe with the overall objective to produce a comprehensive reader and best practice tool by fans on campaigning and fundraising, that could later be included in an FSE Online Fans’ Encyclopedia.

- **European Football Fans’ Congress 2011 in Brøndby & Copenhagen**
  …with more than 260 participants from 32 countries meeting at the stadia of Brøndby IF and FC Copenhagen from 1-3 July 2011.

Fan-related Campaigns/Activities supported via FSE (excluding the on-topic divisions)

**CAMPAIGNS**

- Promotion and call for participation in the FARE Action Week in October 2010
- Promotion and support of the fans’ campaign “Kein Zwanni für’n Steher” on ticket prices in Germany
- Promotion of the fans’ call to sign up to a Safe Standing petition in England
- Promotion and participation in the national fans’ demo “Zum Erhalt der Fankultur” in Germany
- Promotion of the fans’ campaign “Footballihelgen” campaign on kick-off times in Norway

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Provision of support to four supporters of FC Metz who faced a trial for displaying an anti-nazi banner inside their stand at a home game in October
  ➔ Result: FC Metz supporters were cleared of all charges against them and received compensation from the French state
- Provision of activities of the fans’ group White Angels for the FARE Action Week; organisation of mediation talks with their club NK Zagreb and the club management about fans’ dialogue
  ➔ Result: Club management agreed to direct mediation talks with the fans (however, talks have yet to take place)
- Backing and mediation with UEFA on behalf of Bayern Munich fans who had their choreography for their match against AS Roma wrongfully prohibited by UEFA
  ➔ Result: UEFA later sent a letter of apology to the fans; Platini apologized in Annual Meeting with FSE
- Provision of backing and advice to Hapoel Tel Aviv fans who faced the threat of having their Champions League home matches played away from their home stadium because of insufficient stadium facilities at Bloomfield
  ➔ Result: HTA could play their Champions League matches in their home stadium Bloomfield
- Provision of support to Northern Ireland supporters to challenge a UEFA sanction against Serbia to play the Serbia-Northern Ireland match behind closed doors following severe incidents at the previous Italy-Serbia game.
  ➔ Result: 200 Northern Ireland fans were allowed in for the match Serbia-Northern Ireland and others received tickets for the Europa League Final in Dublin 2011 as compensation
- Participation of FSE Committee members in working group on a new recommendation on “Ultras” of the Council of Europe Standing Committee T-RV
- Participation in expert group of European Supporters’ Liaison Officers Licencing implementation project of UEFA, organized by Supporters Direct Europe
Communication FSE (Website/Messageboard/Newsletter)
- Monthly conference calls of the FSE Committee (unless there is a meeting – exceptions: April/May 2011)
- Complete relaunch of multilingual FSE Website and membership section with social network area & forum for members
- Promotion of various fans’ activities and fans’ campaigns across Europe via the website and FSE Newsletter in 5-6 languages
- Mailout of 10 FSE Newsletters and press releases on different activities and statements of FSE and FSE members

Structure FSE
- Establishment of “volunteer pool” consisting of FSE members for issues such as translation, graphic design, membership admin etc
- Registration of amendments to the statutes from AGM 2010 with the national register for member associations via the district court in Hamburg
- Call for participation and establishment of FSE Statutes Commission with members participating from Germany, Greece, England and Norway
- Submission of tax declaration to the German tax authorities to achieve long-term non-profit status as member association
- Elaboration of new proposals for amendments to the statutes on the basis of respective interventions of the membership at AGM 2010.

Membership – development since July 2010

New membership applications accepted:
106 membership applications accepted in total – 78 individual members from 21 different countries, 24 locally active members from 13 different countries, 4 nationally active members from 4 different countries

Membership applications rejected:
10 membership applications rejected in total – either because membership application wasn’t fully completed or because member didn’t fulfil conditions for membership according to the statutes and/or won’t comply with FSE’s core principles

Number of lapsed members:
3 members – 1 individual member
1 locally active member (group ceased to exist)
1 nationally active member (organisation ceased to exist)

Total membership of FSE in June 2011:
404 members from 37 countries representing more than 3 million European football supporters
246 individual members
126 locally active members
35 nationally/transnationally active members, amongst them 24 national / transnational fans’ organisations with a democratic structure and membership

The number of countries as stated also includes Australia, Ghana and Ethiopia as individual members = European football supporters in FSE’s membership who are residing there.

Funding
- Securing of funding of 80.000Euro for core budget from UEFA for season 2010/2011
- Securing of EU project-related funding over 89.000€ via Football For Equality II project for anti-discrimination activities at EURO 2012
- Securing of funding for the European Football Fans’ Congress 2010 of 85.000Euro from UEFA
- Securing of funding for the European Football Fans’ Congress 2011 of 80.000Euro from UEFA

Partnerships/Cooperation
- Supporters Direct_ Europe
- FARE
- CAFÈ
- UEFA (FSE as official interlocuteur on fans’ issues)
- Council of Europe (T-RV) (permanent seat of FSE as observer)
- EU Football Experts Think Tank
- European Professional Football Leagues
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- Organisation of next action days / activities and campaigns in 2011 / 2012 (based on results of EFFC 2011)
- Preparation of European exhibition on female football supporters (based on result of EFFC 2010)
- Encourage building of network and exchange amongst “fan lawyers” in Europe (based on result of EFFC 2009)
- Publication of Reader on Campaigning and Fundraising for fans’ groups (based on result of EFFC 2010)
- Preparation of EU project funding application for an online FSE Fans’ Encyclopedia
- Preparation of EU project funding application for a pan-European project to promote self-regulation and supporters charters by fans for fans (based on results of previous EFFC workshops on safety and security)
- Further establishment of dialogue with national FAs, UEFA, EPFL and ECA, European Commission, CoE and EU Football Experts Think Tank
- Increase membership and enhance network contacts
- Enhance existing partnerships, in particular with FARE, CAFÉ and Supporters Direct
- Employ part-time office administrator for the FSE Coordinating Office
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FSE on-topic division Disabled Fans’ Rights

The following activities took place:

- Accessibility advice on the design, content and updates of the new website and various documents and publications
- Participation in various FSE Committee Meetings, including a discussion on the future of the on-topic division in November 2011
- Exchange with the FSE Fans' Embassy Division with a ‘co-opted’ Centre for Access to Football in Europe (CAFE) representative (Eastern European Development Officer, Elena Karpukhina) to advise on the involvement of disabled fans and accessibility to the host city embassies in the Fans' Embassy Programme at EURO2012
- Collection of ideas for potential future activities of the on-topic division and on the FSE website
- Call for network members to get involved as active contributors in the divisional activities via the FSE Newsletter in April 2011

Unfortunately, there has been no respective feedback from the membership after the calls for participation in the newsletter and on the FSE website.

Future perspective

As a next step, all fans' groups in the FSE membership, should be approached again and encouraged to get involved. The overall objective should be to establish a working group of active and interested FSE members that would be keen to initiate or organise disabled fans rights on-topic projects together with CAFE.

However, if the establishment of a sustainable and active working group in the Disabled Fans' Rights on-topic division still proves to be unsuccessful despite the efforts that have been taken, then the FSE Committee may choose to discuss the future of this on-topic division.

In any case, an on-going positive cooperation between FSE and CAFE will continue in the framework of EURO 2012 activities and the wider works and shared commitments of both organisations.
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FSE on-topic division Fans’ Embassies

Project Module 1: Lobbying & Promotion

☑️ 3rd European Football Fans’ Congress with “EURO 2012 – Emergency service needed?!? A fans’ perspective” workshop on Fans’ Embassies in Barcelona/Spain, 35 participants (16-18 July)

☑️ Participation in Fans’ Action 2010 in Krakow/Poland organised by Hutnik fans that represent the new board of the club: 60th anniversary of Hutnik Krakow with match Hutnik Krakow - 1. FC Magdeburg (24 July)

☑️ Preparatory meeting UEFA SR-programme and preparatory meeting for Fans’ Embassy Conference in Gdansk with PL.2012 and FairPlay (26-29 Aug)

☑️ Participation in UEFA SR working group meeting in Warsaw/Poland (8/9 Sep)

☑️ Participation in Fans’ Action 2010 in Krakow: photo exhibition “Support as a Universal language” and panel discussion with participation of FSE Coordination and FE core group member (8/9 Sep)

☑️ Participation in annual KOS-Conference with topic “From WC 2010 in South Africa to EURO 2012 in Poland and Ukraine: possible fields of cooperation between Fans’ Embassies and German fan projects” in Jena/Germany, FSE Coordination (7-9 Sep)

☑️ Participation in Fans’ Action 2010 in Donetsk organised by the student fan club “Donnuet”: international fan tournament bundled with a meeting of Host City representatives and fans from Donetsk and Kharkiv (25 Sep)

☑️ Fans’ Embassies at EURO 2012 working group meeting bundled with preparatory meeting for Fans’ Embassy Conference in Gdansk with PL.2012 and National Agency Ukraine (6-9 Oct)

☑️ International Fans’ Embassy Conference – Fan Hosting at UEFA EURO 2012, networking & lobbying event for Fans’ Embassy services in Gdansk/Poland on 28/29 October bundled with Fans’ Embassy core group meeting, 120 participants

☑️ FSE meeting with FARE and CAFE with focus on fields of cooperation for EURO 2012 in Hamburg (26 Nov)

☑️ Participation and presentation of FSE coordination and head of HSV Fan Project of Fans’ Embassy services at Ukrainian host city working group meeting in Hamburg organised by GTZ (German Technical Cooperation) and HC Kyiv (18-22 Dec)

☑️ Fans’ Embassy at EURO 2012 preparatory meeting in Kyiv and Lviv with host city officials and Ukrainian fans bundled with Ukrainian fans network meeting (27 Jan - 2 Feb)

☑️ Fans’ Embassy at EURO 2012 preparatory meeting in Kharkiv and Donetsk with host city officials and local fans (8-11 Feb)

☑️ Participation of director of Fans’ Embassy division and Fans’ Embassy coordination in UEFA SR working group meeting in Nyon/Switzerland (28/29 Mar)

☑️ Participation in Fans’ Embassy press conference with State Department Youth and Sports and All Ukrainian Supporters Association in Kyiv/Ukraine, meeting with HC Kyiv officials (6-9 April)

☑️ Preparatory meeting for Fans’ Embassy Conference in Lviv/Ukraine (11-13 Apr)

☑️ Start of FSE Fans’ Action 2011 in Poland and Ukraine with stadium choreography from Lwy Polnocy at Lechia Gdansk – Legia Warsaw game (23 April)
FSE Fans’ Embassies

Summary of Project Activities July 2010 - June 2011

✓ International Fans’ Embassy Conference “Good Hosting – Fewer Problems”, networking & lobbying event for Fans’ Embassy services and related hospitality concepts at international tournaments in Lviv/Ukraine bundled with meeting of Fans Embassy Department core group, 80 participants (27/28 April)

✓ Participation of KOS representative in German-Ukrainian expert seminar in Kharkiv (19-22 May)

✓ Fans’ Embassy at EURO 2012 preparatory meeting in Poznan and Wroclaw /Poland with stationary Fans’ Embassy team and host city officials (25-28 May)

✓ Participation at Fans’ Action 2011 “European Cultural Cup” in Wroclaw/Poland (27 May)

✓ Participation at Fans’ Action 2011 “Better together” tournament in Chorzow/Poland (30 May)

✓ UEFA ticketing meeting for EURO 2012 & meeting with Polish ministry of exterior and meeting with PL.2012, Fans’ Embassy core group and team members and FE coordination in Warsaw/Poland (10 June)

✓ Participation at FARE expert seminar in Warsaw /Poland (14-15 June)

✓ Participation in UEFA SR working group meeting in Warsaw/Poland (20/21 June)


✓ Regular website and message board updates on FE activities

✓ Reports on Fans’ Actions 2010

✓ General queries answered: Czech Republic, Switzerland, Germany, Poland, Ukraine
✓ Media queries answered: Austria, Germany, England, Poland, Ukraine
✓ Commercial queries answered: France, USA

Project Module 2: Network Development & Training

✓ Training practical part: Fans’ Embassy observers at Switzerland – England game organised by English FSF, Fans’ Embassies for new/inexperienced FE initiatives: Latvia, Sweden, Spain, Wales (6/7 Sep)

✓ Training theoretical part: Training seminar for new/inexperienced Fans’ Embassy initiatives and fans from the host cities in Frankfurt/Germany, 30 participants (2-4 Dec)

✓ Training practical part: Fans’ Embassy observers at Denmark – England game organised by English FSF for fan experts of the four Polish host cities (8/9 Feb)

✓ Fans’ Embassy coordinating meeting with FairPlay in Vienna (17 Feb)

✓ Fans’ Embassy handbook: Russian version (Apr)

✓ Preparatory meeting for Test Fans’ Embassy at Poland – France game with head of French Fans’ Embassy team in Gdansk/Poland (5-9 May)

✓ Test Fans’ Embassy at Poland – France game with mobile French Fans’ Embassy and local Fans’ Embassy staff in Warsaw/Poland (8/9 Jun)

✓ Fans’ Embassy trademark registrations (Oct 2010, Apr 2011)

Project Module 3: Research & Provision of Info

✓ Launch of multilingual online platform for Fans’ Embassy network info – basis for the Fan Guide in several languages (May)
Fans’ Embassy Coordination/Fans’ Embassies in general

- Mailout of several newsletters on different FE activities
- Conference call with FE core group members (Apr 11)
- Minutes of Conference Call and core group meetings
- Administrative work

Future perspectives for FSE Fans’ Embassy division (2011/2012):

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