Report of Activities of Football Supporters Europe
For the period of July 2011 – June 2012

FSE Committee and FSE Coordination

Events/Meetings attended/supported

**AUGUST 2011**

**Belgrade/Serbia:** Participation in the “Stronger together – Football Unites” Workshop, organized by the Balkan Alpe Adria Project of FSE-Partners from FairPlay - presentation on multi-cultural supporters work

**Paris/France:** Meetings with supporters of Paris Saint-Germain on potential support of FSE for them with their dealings with the club

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

**Vienna / Austria:** Participation of two FSE Committee members and further FSE members in UEFA and EU Football Experts Think Tank Conference on Safety & Security for all clubs participating in the UEFA Competitions in season 2011/2012 – Presentation on fans’ perspectives on safety & security

**Brussels / Belgium:** Participation of FSE Committee member in EU Football Experts Think Tank Meeting – Presentation of FSE activities at UEFA EURO2012

**Vienna / Austria:** Participation of two FSE Committee members in European Conference on Sport and Integration – Challenging Social Exclusion in and through sport, organized by the SPIN (Sport & Integration) Network.

**Brussels/Belgium:** Participation of two FSE Committee members and other FSE members in conference on “Fighting Match-fixing and Discrimination in Sport: the next steps” at the EU Parliament, organized by FARE.

**Hamburg / Germany:** Meeting with Celtic fans’ representative on fan ownership and models of fan dialogue.

**London/England:** Participation of two FSE Committee members and further FSE members in first conference of the charity organization Center for Access to Football in Europe (CAFÉ) on accessibility in football.

**OCTOBER 2011**

**Hamburg/Germany:** Preparatory meeting with project organizer of Pan-European Football Police Training project on potential contributions from FSE to the training course.

**Istanbul / Turkey:** Recce visit and meetings with fans’ representatives on potential organization of 5th European Football Fans Congress

**London / England:** Participation of one Committee member in European Sport Summit on finding funding and fighting match-fixing

**Hamburg/Germany:** Participation of FSE Coordinator in meeting of the FSE members fans’ initiative “§6 (2),a – Alliance Against Sexism and Homophobia” on potential possibilities for future activities.

**Hamburg/Germany:** Meeting of the FSE Committee

**NOVEMBER 2011**

**Warsaw/Poland:** FARE-FSE Meeting on anti-discrimination campaigning amongst fans and potential areas for cooperation at EURO2012

**Wroclaw/Poland:** Signing of agreement with Host Cities and PL.2012 for cooperation in the fans’ embassy field at EURO2012.

**Hamburg/Germany:** Job Interviews for part-time office admin

**Barcelona / Spain:** Participation of 2 FSE Committee members and further FSE members in workshop on fan relations, organized by the European Club Association (ECA) – participation in panel discussion on fans’ dialogue.
Hamburg/Germany: Meeting with Dutch national team fans’ representatives, the Dutch FA and German FA on potential cooperation at EURO2012 and membership of the national team fans’ federation with FSE.

Dresden/Germany: Presentation at event series “Out of Control” on “Football Fans’ in the Focus of New Safety & Security Policies in Europe”

Liverpool/England: Participation in preparatory meeting of project group of the Pan-European Police Training Project

Zagreb/Croatia: Participation of FSE project coordinator and welcoming speech at introductory conference of a Roma Sports Network, initiated by FSE members Fuliri

DECEMBER 2011

Istanbul/Turkey: Preparatory visit and meetings with fans’ representatives on organization of 5th European Football Fans Congress

Strasbourg/France: Participation in meeting of the Standing Committee T-RV on the prevention of spectator violence of the Council of Europe

JANUARY 2012

Berlin/Germany: Participation of FSE delegation from 9 countries in national fans’ congress organized by the ultra network ProFans – Presentations in various workshops and panel discussions

Nyon/Switzerland: Meeting of UEFA Safety and Security Officers – presentation on fans’ perspectives on safety and security and FSE activities at EURO2012

Basel/Switzerland: Participation in fan symposium, organized by FC Basel – presentation on self-regulation amongst football fans

FEBRUARY 2012

Hamburg/Germany: Meeting with Nigerian supporters club on potential future areas of cooperation

Lisbon/Portugal: Participation of FSE Committee member in conference organized by FSE members AAS Sporting Clube de Portugal on social, economical and cultural factors of violence – presentation of FSE Committee member on FSE’s work in that area and the Italian situation

Istanbul/Turkey: Preparatory visit and meetings with fans’ representatives on organization of 5th European Football Fans Congress

Rome/Italy: Project Group Meeting of the Football For Equality Project Group (EU-funded project on fighting homophobia and discrimination in football).

MARCH 2012

Ossendrecht/Netherlands: Participation of two FSE Committee members in Pan-European Police Training – keynote speech and chairing of one workshop on models of fan engagement

Hamburg/Germany: Expert interview with PHD Student on forms of fan culture in Europe

Zurich/Switzerland: Participation of two FSE Committee members and further FSE members in event of the European Professional Football Leagues on Safety and Security – Presentation of FSE on self-regulation

Istanbul/Turkey: Preparatory visit and meetings with fans’ representatives on organization of 5th European Football Fans Congress

Liverpool/England: Participation of three FSE Committee members in Pan-European Police Training – keynote speech and chairing of one workshop on models of fan engagement

Dublin/Ireland: Kick-off meeting of the ProSupporters Project Group (EU-funded project on fan empowerment)

APRIL 2012

Hamburg/Germany: Football For Equality - awareness- raising event on homophobia in football and counter-activities with a focus on EURO2012 in Poland and Ukraine – event organized by FSE together with several members groups
**Paris/France:** Meeting of three FSE Committee members with the French Senate to provide the fans’ perspective on different matters in the framework of the Lisbon Treaty and “The Europe of Sport”

**Nyon / Switzerland:** Meeting of the FSE Committee + Annual Meeting of UEFA President Michel Platini, members of the executive Committee of UEFA and further heads of the UEFA administration

**Paris / France:** Meeting of two FSE Committee members and a member of the French FSE Fans’ Embassy initiative with the French Football Association on areas of cooperation with a focus on EURO2012

**MAY 2012**

**Rome / Italy:** Participation FSE committee member in Pro-clubs anti-discrimination training by Lega Pro

Participation of 3 FSE committee members in the FARE conference and first FARE general assembly. One comittee member speaking on panel discussion “Athletes as role models”.

**Bucharest / Romania:** Participation of two FSE members in UEFA FSR Lunch around the UEFA Europa League Final

**Istanbul / Turkey:** Preparatory visit and meetings with fans’ representatives on organization of 5th European Football Fans Congress

**Munich / Germany:** Participation of two FSE Committee members in UEFA FSR Lunch at the UEFA Champions League Final + Provision of a fans’ embassy for Chelsea and Bayern supporters via the FSE affiliate members from the Bayern Munich fans’ project

**Istanbul / Turkey:** Preparatory visit and meetings with fans’ representatives on organization of 5th European Football Fans Congress

**JUNE 2012**

**Frankfurt / Oder:** Participation in seminar at Viadrina Summer University “Football, Passion, Politics” – Presentation on FSE activities in general and in particular at EURO2012 in Poland and Ukraine

**Istanbul / Turkey:** Preparatory visit and meetings with fans’ representatives on organization of 5th European Football Fans Congress
**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.

**Media Enquiries**

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.
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Scientific Queries
- Germany: 30%
- EU: 5%
- France: 11%
- Austria: 3%
- Czech Republic: 3%
- Denmark: 3%
- England: 22%
- Italy: 5%
- Switzerland: 5%
- Turkey: 8%

Commercial Enquiries
- Poland: 24%
- Ukraine: 38%
- Germany: 13%
- England: 9%
- USA: 1%
- Sweden: 1%
- Scotland: 2%
- Italy: 3%
- Belgium: 2%
- India: 2%
- Turkey: 5%
- USA: 1%
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. Related enquiries submitted by FSE members

- **Publication of EFFC2011 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.

- **Launch of new FSE Fanzine REVIVE THE ROAR!**
  Publication of three issues:
  - REVIVE THE ROAR! Issue 2: The FSE Media Guide – Tips and Tricks by fans for fans on handling the media

- **Establishment of European network of fan lawyers**
  First call for participation launched in September 2011. Meanwhile fan lawyers from 10 European countries are involved in the network, the first physical meeting is taking place at the European Fans’ Congress 2012 in Istanbul.

- **Change FIFA!**
  Launch of activities to contribute to campaign for greater transparency and accountability of FIFA. FSE was subsequently invited to become a member of the Independent Governance Committee which should oversee the reforms due to take place until summer 2012. Due to a lack of transparency and good governance of the Committee and the invitation process, FSE rejected the invitation but has since followed the process.

- **Provision of fans expertise on ticketing for UCL Final in Munich**
  Following respective agreements at the Annual Meeting with UEFA in 2011, UEFA consulted FSE re the ticket pricing and allocations for the UCL Final 2012 in Munich. Following the recommendations provided by FSE in consultation with members active on the topic, UEFA followed the majority of FSE’s recommendations – prices for the cheapest categories were reduced to the levels of 2007 and
ticket allocations were more fan-friendly with cheaper tickets closer to the pitch etc.

- **European Football Fans' Congress 2012 in Istanbul**
  ...with more than 350 participants from 30 countries meeting from 13-15 July 2012.

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

**CAMPAIGNS**

- Promotion and call for participation in the Antiracist Worldcup Mondiali Antirazzisti in July 2011
- Promotion and call for participation in the FARE Action Week in October 2011
- Promotion and support of conference on fan ownership and fans' dialogue organized by fans of Hutnik Krakow
- Promotion and support of national congress organized by the Ultra network ProFans in Berlin Germany in January 2012
- Promotion of the fans’ campaign “Footballihelgen” campaign on kick-off times in Norway

**OTHER SELECTED ACTIVITIES**

- Provision of support to supporters of Paris Saint-Germain in view of severe means of collective punishments and repression and lack of fans' dialogue at the club
  ➔ Preliminary Result: Meeting with Safety and Security Officer of PSG with mid-term objective agreed to initiate mediation talks
- Support of Bayern Munich fans with special arrangements for a Bayern Munich fans' sector at the UCL Womens Final at the old Olympiastadium
  ➔ Result: UEFA provided ticket allocation for Bayern Munich fans in their “old” fans' section at the Olympia Stadium with ticket sales arranged in consultation with Bayern supporters
- Support of Bayern Munich supporters with arrangements for their UCL Final Choreography
  ➔ Result: UEFA was a little more flexible with last minute changes – a direct communication channel with UEFA and the fans' could be established – still, many problems arose related to branding issues and a cross-communication and interference against the fans by the club
- Participation of FSE Committee members in working group on a new recommendation on “Ultras” of the Council of Europe Standing Committee T-RV
  ➔ Result: unanimous adoption of the recommendation at T-RV Meeting in Strasbourg in Dec 2011
- Support and provision of expertise to Swedish fans' group with rebuilding their stadium and design of Safe Standing areas behind the goal – support with the objective that the club builds an expanded Safe Standing area behind the goal
  ➔ Result: process still pending

**Communication FSE (Website/Messageboard/Newsletter)**

- Monthly conference calls of the FSE Committee (unless there is a meeting – exceptions: October 2011 + April/May 2012)
- Relaunch of multilingual FSE Website and membership section with social network area & forum for members, including a mobile website version
- Promotion of various fans' activities and fans' campaigns across Europe via the website and FSE Newsletter in 5-6 languages
- Mailout of 15 FSE Newsletters and press releases on different activities and statements of FSE for FSE members and/or the wider public

**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 2011 with the national register for member associations via the district court in Hamburg
- Recruitment of part-time office manager and employment of FSE Committee member as part-time project coordinator for the SpeakUP Project
- Extension of non-profit status until the end of 2012
- 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 2011.
Membership – development since July 2011

New membership applications accepted:
143 membership applications accepted in total – 130 individual members from 29 different countries,
   12 locally active members from 8 different countries,
   1 nationally active member

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

Number of lapsed members:
2 members – 1 individual member
   1 locally active member (group cancelled membership)

Total membership of FSE in June 2012:
547 members from 41 countries representing more than 3 million European football supporters
376 individual members
138 locally active members
36 nationally/transnationally active members, amongst them 26 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 90,000€ for core budget from UEFA for season 2011/2012
- Securing of EU project-related funding over around 55,000€ via ProSupporters project for grassroots activities to foster self-regulation
  and the development of a European handbook on Supporters Charters
- Securing of co-funding for the FSE Activities in the framework of the SpeakUP project over 30,000€
- Securing of funding for the European Football Fans’ Congress 2011 of 80,000€ from UEFA
- Securing of funding for the European Football Fans’ Congress 2012 of 80,000€ from UEFA

Partnerships/Cooperation
- Supporters Direct_ Europe
- FARE
- CAFÉ
- UEFA (FSE as official interlocuteur on fans’ issues)
- Council of Europe (T-RV) (permanent seat of FSE as observer)
- EU Football Experts Think Tank
- EU Expert Group on Match-Fixing
- European Professional Football Leagues
- European Club Association
FUTURE PERSPECTIVE for FSE GENERAL: Next Steps → 2012/2013

- Organisation of next action days / activities and campaigns in 2012 / 2013 (based on results of EFFC 2012)
- Preparation of European exhibition on female football supporters (based on result of EFFC 2010)
- Development of joint activities of European network of fan lawyers and FSE (based on result of meeting at EFFC2012)
- Establish European network of fan researchers
- Submit follow-up project for the FSE Fans’ Embassy Division
- Publication of 2nd Edition of Best Practice Guide on Campaigning and Fundraising for fans’ groups
- Implementation of FSE parts in the ProSupporters Project (SpeakUP Events and Supporters Charter Handbook)
- Further establishment of dialogue with national FAs, UEFA, EPFL and ECA, European Commission, CoE and EU Football Experts Think Tank
- Expand membership diversity and enhance network contacts
- Increase level of activity and exchange of members in the FSE members area
- Enhance existing partnerships, in particular with FARE, CAFÉ and Supporters Direct
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FSE on-topic division Fans’ Embassies

Project Fans’ Embassy Go East

✓ 4th European Football Fans’ Congress with EURO 2012 - workshop on Fans’ Embassies in Brondby/Denmark, 30 participants (1-3 July)

✓ Test Fans’ Embassy at Ukraine – Sweden in Kharkiv/Ukraine bundled with training seminar for Ukrainian stationary and new/inexperienced mobile Fans’ Embassy staff (7-10 Aug)

✓ Test Fans’ Embassy at Poland - Germany in Gdansk/Poland bundled with training seminar for Ukrainian and Polish stationary and new/inexperienced mobile Fans’ Embassy staff (3-6 Sep)

✓ Test Fans’ Embassy at Poland - Italy in Wroclaw/Poland (11 Nov)

✓ Test Fans’ Embassy at Ukraine - Germany in Kyiv/Ukraine (11 Nov)

✓ Signage of contracts with PL.2012 and Polish host cities (Nov)

✓ Launch of online Fan Guide 2012 with specific information of both hosting countries and all eight host cities in 15 languages on www.2012fanguide.org (2 Dec)

✓ Meetings of mobile fans’ embassy team leaders with representatives of all eight host cities & stationary Fans’ Embassies in Poland & Ukraine – arranging contacts, permissions and collect updated info for online and printed fan guides 2012 (Jan & Feb 2012)

✓ Networking event of all Fans’ Embassy initiatives for EURO2012 in Kyiv and Donetsk (30 participants) (18-20 March)

✓ Several research and preparatory meetings of mobile Fans’ Embassies in the host cities (April & May)

✓ Finalisation of research & publication of 90,000 printed 2012 FanGuide with 64 pages in the following seven languages: English, German, Italian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Polish and Russian material by all mobile Fans’ Embassies (June)

✓ Production of equipment & signage for all twelve mobile Fans’ Embassies: T-Shirts, car magnets, banners

✓ Provision of flights and accommodation for 12 Fans’ Embassy teams at Euro 2012

✓ Test Fans’ Embassy Denmark – Brazil in Hamburg/Germany (May)

Project Respect Fan Culture – Fans’ Embassy

✓ Part-time employment of head and assistance in each Ukrainian host city

✓ Two coordinating offices in Kyiv and Warsaw with 15 employees organise the Respect Fan Culture – Fans’ Embassy project in the hosting countries (April-June)

✓ Participation of several UEFA Respect Social responsibility meetings and Conference Calls in Kyiv and Warsaw

✓ Evaluation of Fans' Embassy project: several preparatory meetings with evaluators in Warsaw (Feb, May) and Kyiv (March)
FSE Fans’ Embassies

Summary of Project Activities July 2010- June 2011

- Sponsor acquisition: contacts with four official UEFA sponsors Sharp, Orange, Carlsberg, Hyundai/Kia and Skype. Successful cooperation with Sharp (provision of fridges and TV-sets) and Carlsberg (provision of chairs, tables and umbrellas) for Fans’ Embassies
- Successful cooperation between Fans’ Embassies and embassies and counselor services of all participating countries
- Cooperation with several partners CAFÉ, FairPlay, FARE in the framework of the UEFA Respect projects
- Set-up of stationary Fans’ Embassies in eight host cities: containers, banners, electricity supply, TV-sets, fridges, stationary, coffee machines, water boiler, chairs, tables, umbrellas, footballers,…
- Set-up of mobile Fans’ Embassies: vans, chairs, tables, chairs
- Set-up of Fan Consulates: chairs, tables, umbrellas
- Final networking/preparatory meeting of all Fans’ Embassy initiatives for EURO2012 in Warsaw (80 participants) (18-20 May)
- Production of fanzines: Holger (Denmark), Free Lions (England), Helmut (Germany), Bla & Gul (Sweden)
- Respect Fan Culture - Fans’ Embassies Programme at EURO2012 with eight stationary (Gdansk, Warsaw, Wroclaw, Poznan, Lviv, Kyiv, Kharkiv, Donetsk) and 12 mobile Fans’ Embassies (England, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Russia, Czech Republic, Ireland, Croatia) at each game of Euro 2012
- Several fans’ actions in the framework of the Respect Fan Culture - Fans’ Embassy programme such as fan friendly between Denmark and Germany, Russian day in Warsaw,…

Fans’ Embassies at club level

- Organisation of fans’ embassy services at UEFA Champions League Final 2012 at Odeonsplatz in Munich via the FSE affiliate members from the Munich fans’ project and members of the local fanbase of the two local clubs.
  Distribution of 5000 info flyers to supporters in the city.

Project Football for Equality

- Awareness raising event on homophobia in football with a focus on Eastern Europe and EURO2012 together with LGBT fan clubs and fans’ initiatives from Northern Germany in Hamburg in April 2012
- Diversity Trainings on discrimination, homophobia and racism for Fans Embassies’ staff at the final preparatory meeting in Warsaw (80 participants) (18-20 May)
- Production and distribution of 45.000 FanGuides maps in 15 languages and 27 editions with focus on LGBT-communities
- Production and distribution of 1000 T-Shirts, 2000 buttons and 40.000 stickers with the slogan “Respect Fan Culture – Football for Equality”
- Football for Equality party in the Pride House Warsaw, ul. Solec 44, on 11 June at 8pm as warm-up party before before the Poland – Russia game
- "Kibicowanie I & II – Fandom as universal language I & II" exhibitions in Wroclaw, ul. Kuźnicza on 12 June at the Fans’ Embassy before the Greece – Czech Republic game
- "Kibicowanie I – Fandom as universal language I" exhibition in Gdansk, ul. Targ Węglowy on 14 June at the Fans’ Embassy before the Spain – Ireland game
- "Kibicowanie I - Fandom as universal language I" exhibition in Lviv, Rynok Square at the Fans' Embassy before the Germany - Denmark game on 17 June
✓ Awareness raising and distribution of informational material at the Fans' Embassies in Poznan, in ul. 27 Grudnia oraz and ul. Paderewskiego, before the Italy – Ireland game on 18 June

**Fans' Embassy Coordination/Fans' Embassies in general**

✓ Mailout of several newsletters on different FE activities
✓ FE core group meetings
✓ Minutes of core group meetings
✓ Trainee Nikolaos Pogatsidis supports FE activities (since March 2012)
✓ Administrative work
✓ Production of French Fans' Embassy handbook
✓ Regular website and discussion board and FSE social network updates on FE activities
✓ Reports on Fans' Actions 2010
✓ General queries answered: from 22 countries
✓ Media queries answered: from 25 countries including all participating countries of Euro 2012
✓ Commercial queries answered: from 5 countries
✓ Stadium guides research in cooperation with FSF

**Mid-term perspectives for FSE Fans’ Embassy division until the end of 2012:**

| August/September 2012 | • Evaluation meeting of all Fans’ Embassy initiatives at EURO 2012 – evaluation of Fans’ Embassies Go East and Fans’ Embassies Programme for EURO2012
  | • Printed report on results and conclusions of Fans’ Embassies Go East Projects & EURO 2012 Fans’ Embassy Programme |
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| October - December 2012 | • Submission of follow-up project proposals for preparations towards EURO2016 in France and further development of fans’ embassy network, also for fans’ embassy services at club level |
| from January 2012     | • Implementation of new fans’ embassy project activities & recruitment of new project coordinator |