



European Network for Sports Science, Education and Employment (ENSSEE)

European Coaching Council (ECC)

1. Mission

The ECC will act as a specialist group working under the umbrella of ENSSEE.

The mission will be to promote the development of coaching across Europe by providing clear reference points for the education, development, qualification and employment of coaches.

These reference points will be developed with and made available for use by EU member states, international federations, higher education and other agencies.

The Council will work with appropriate agencies to support the:

- Application of the *Rio Maior Convention on the Recognition of Coaching Competence and Qualifications* to the needs of EU member states, international federations and the higher education sector
- Development of the profession and of the skills and competences of sport coaches at all levels
- Development of a European-wide view on the coaching profession and the convergence of coaching and coach education, development and employment
- Identification, promotion and implementation of best practice across Europe
- Development and promotion of a European Code of Ethics and Conduct for Coaches
- Collation and publication of research data on coaching and coach activity across Europe
- Identifying the needs of organisations employing and deploying coaches
- Identifying and promoting good employment/deployment practice for paid and unpaid (volunteer) coaches
- Collaboration and exchange of practice, work and staff of the leading national agencies for coaching within member countries
- Provision of an effective lobby and source of expert advice to the European Commission on issues effecting coaching

2. Working Principles

- 2.1. The Council will produce reports, recommendations and guidelines on best practice from a European perspective for consideration by member states and international and national sports bodies/organisations/federations/agencies.
- 2.2. The Council believes that subsidiarity should govern its work and that it will be for member states and their appropriate coaching agencies and sporting organisations to consider, adopt, match, or adapt the advice and guidelines provided by the Council.





- 2.3. The Council will formally play the role of the continental body for Europe of the International Council for Coach Education (ICCE)

3. Membership

Membership of the Council will be open to all agencies involved in the training, qualification, employment, deployment and regulation of coaches (to include national lead agencies in coaching, international federation at the European level and educational institutions involved in coaching).

Members of the Council must also be affiliated both to the ENSSEE and ICCE.

4. Structure

The Council will have a three-tiered structure comprising:

4.1. The Forum

The Forum will meet bi-annually and is open to any individual and/or organisation from a member state and with an interest in the development of coaching and coaches.

4.2. The Council

The Council will meet annually and will comprise one nominee from each member state in membership and one nominee from European Sports Association/Federation in membership. Nominations to the Council will be made bi-annually.

4.3. The Executive

The Executive will meet twice a year and will comprise:
7 members elected from the Council
The European Vice President of the ICCE (nominated by ICCE)

Elections to the Executive will be held every two years.

4.4. The Officers

The Officers will be:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary

The ICCE Vice President for Europe will hold either of the positions of Chairman or Vice Chairman. The election of the officers will be held every two years immediately at and immediately after the meeting that the elects the Council.

