



Representativeness of the European social partner organisations: Sport and active leisure industry

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This study sets out to provide the necessary information for analysing the representativeness of European social partner organisations in the sport and active leisure sector. The report identifies the relevant national organisations on both sides of industry and then analyses the sector's relevant European organisations. Following a brief summary of the sector's economic background, the study describes the social partner organisations in all of the EU Member States, and then goes on to look at the relevant European organisations, focusing in particular on membership levels and capacity to negotiate. The impetus for these EIRO series of studies on representativeness arises from the European Commission's goal of recognising the representative social partner organisations to be consulted under the provisions of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

Objectives of study

The aim of this [representativeness](#) study is to identify the relevant national and supranational associational actors – that is the [trade unions](#) and [employer organisations](#) – in the field of industrial relations in the sport and active leisure sector, and show how these actors relate to the sector's European interest associations of labour and business. The impetus for this study, and for similar studies in other sectors, arises from the aim of the [European Commission](#) to identify the representative social partner associations to be consulted under the provisions of [the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union \(TFEU\) \(1.41 Mb PDF\)](#). Hence, this study seeks to provide basic information needed to set up sectoral [social dialogue](#). The effectiveness of European social dialogue depends on whether its participants are sufficiently representative in terms of the sector's relevant national actors across the EU Member States. Hence, only European associations which meet this precondition will be admitted to the European social dialogue.

Against this background, the study will first identify the relevant national social partner organisations in the sport and active leisure sector, subsequently analysing the structure of the sector's relevant European organisations, in particular their membership composition. This involves clarifying the unit of analysis at both the national and European level of interest representation. The study includes only organisations whose membership domain is 'sector-related' (see Table 1).

Table 1: Determining the 'sector relatedness' of an organisation

| Scope | Question in the standardised questionnaire to all correspondents | Possible answers | Notes and explanations |
|---|---|------------------|--|
| Domain of the organisation within the sector | Does the union's/employer organisation's domain embrace potentially all employees in the sport and active leisure sector? | Yes/No | This question has not been asked directly in the questionnaire, but is considered to be 'yes' if all of the five following sub-questions are 'yes'. It is considered to be 'no', if at least one of the following sub-questions is answered with 'no'. |

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| Scope | Question in the standardised questionnaire to all correspondents | Possible answers | Notes and explanations |
|--|--|------------------|---|
| | ...cover 'basically all' groups of employees (min.: blue collar, white collar) in the sport and active leisure sector? | Yes/No | This question refers to the organisation's scope of the sector with regard to different types of employment contracts etc. As the contractual forms are rather heterogeneous, the minimum requirement to answer this question with 'yes' would be the fact that both blue-collar and white-collar workers are potentially covered by the organisation's domain. |
| | ...cover the 'whole' sport and active leisure sector in terms of economic activities, (i.e. including all sub-activities) | Yes/No | This question refers to the economic sub- activities of the NACE code chosen. In the spreadsheet part of the questionnaire, correspondents have been provided a detailed breakdown of sub-activities down to the four-digit level. |
| | ... cover employees in all types of companies (all types of ownership: private, public...) in the sport and active leisure sector? | Yes/No | This question refers to ownership. Some organisations might limit for instance their domain to domestically owned, or to public sector companies/employees only. |
| | ... cover employees in enterprises of all sizes in the sport and active leisure sector? | Yes/No | Often, organisations limit their domain to enterprises by size class (e.g. SMEs only). |
| | ...cover all occupations in the sport and active leisure sector? | Yes/No | Some organisations (notably trade unions) delimit their domain to certain occupations only. This sub-question intends to identify these occupational organisations. |
| Domain of the organisation outside the sector | Does the union also represent members outside the sport and active leisure sector? | Yes/No | This question, again, is put directly to the correspondents. |

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Source: Standardised Excel-based questionnaire, sent to EIRO National correspondents.

At both national and European levels, there are many associations in the sector but they are not considered to be social partner organisations as they do not deal with industrial relations. Thus, there is a need for clear-cut criteria to differentiate the social partner organisations from other associations.

As for the national-level associations, classification as a sector-related social partner organisation in the context of this study implies fulfilling one of two criteria. The associations must be:

- a party to ‘sector-related’ [collective bargaining](#);
- or a member of a ‘sector-related’ European association of business or labour that is on the Commission’s list of European social partner organisations consulted under Article 154 of the TFEU, and/or which participates in the sector-related European social dialogue.

The criterion that a national association can be a social partner if it is affiliated to a European social partner implies that such an association may not be involved at all in industrial relations in its own country. This criterion may seem odd, but a national association does become involved in industrial relations through its membership of such a European organisation.

Furthermore, it is important to assess whether the national affiliates to the European social partner organisations are engaged in industrial relations in their respective countries. Affiliation to a European social partner organisation or involvement in national collective bargaining is of utmost importance to European social dialogue, since it can systematically connect the national and European levels.

In terms of the selection criteria for the European organisations, this report includes those sector-related European social partner organisations that are either on the Commission’s list of consultation or participating in sector-related (still informal) European social dialogue. In addition, this study considers any other European association with sector-related national social partner organisations – as defined above – under its umbrella. Thus, the aim to identify the sector-related national and European social partner organisations applies both a ‘top-down’ and ‘bottom-up’ approach.

Definitions

For the purpose of this study, the sport and active leisure sector is defined in terms of the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (NACE), to ensure the cross-national comparability of the findings. More specifically, the sport and active leisure sector is defined as embracing NACE (Rev.2) 93, except for activities of amusement parks and theme parks according to NACE (Rev.2) 93.21, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Sectoral coverage according to NACE Rev.2 classification

| NACE Rev. 2 | | Covered |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 93.1 Sports activities | 93.11 Operation of sports facilities | Yes |
| | 93.12 Activities of sports clubs | Yes |
| | 93.13 Fitness facilities | Yes |
| | 93.19 Other sports activities | Yes |
| 93.2 Amusement | <i>93.21 Activities of amusement parks and theme parks</i> | <i>No</i> |

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|----------------------------------|---|-----|
| and recreation activities | 93.29 Other amusement and recreation activities | Yes |
|----------------------------------|---|-----|

The domains of the trade unions and employer organisations and scope of the relevant collective agreements are likely to vary from this precise NACE demarcation. The study therefore includes all trade unions, employer organisations and multi-employer collective agreements which are ‘sector-related’ in terms of any of the following four aspects or patterns:

- congruence – the domain of the organisation or scope of the collective agreement must be identical to the NACE demarcation, as specified above;
- sectionalism – the domain or scope covers only a certain part of the sector, as defined by the aforementioned NACE demarcation, while no group outside the sector is covered;
- overlap – the domain or scope covers the entire sector along with parts of one or more other sectors. However, it is important to note that the study does not include general associations which do not deal with sector-specific matters;

sectional overlap – the domain or scope covers part of the sector plus (parts of) one or more other sectors.

Figure 1: Sector-relatedness of social partner organisations: domain patterns



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Table 3: Domain pattern and scope of the organisation’s domain

| Domain pattern | Domain of organisation within the sector | Domain of organisation outside the sector |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| | Does the union's/employer organisation’s domain embrace potentially all employees in the sport and active leisure sector? | Does the union/employer organisation also represent members outside the sport and active leisure sector? |
| Congruence (C) | Yes | No |

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|-------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Sectionalism (S) | No | No |
| Overlap (O) | Yes | Yes |
| Sectional overlap (SO) | No | Yes |

Note: The domain pattern results from the answers to the questions on the scope of the domain derived in Table 1.

At European level, the European Commission has set up a Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the professional football sector in 2008. It has not yet established a Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the sport and active leisure sector in addition to the existing professional football Committee.

As for the professional football sector, the International Federation of Professional Footballers' Associations (FIFPro) worked towards a European social dialogue from 2002 onwards. The Association of European Professional Football Leagues (EPFL) was formalised in 2004 when it also received the mandate to act as an employers' organisation in European social dialogue. The employers' side was complemented by the European Club Association (ECA) as acknowledged by the Commission in a letter on 25 July 2008. In addition, the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) has been invited by EU social partners to become an associate member to the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee which was formally established on 2 July 2008.

Taking into account diverse requests from sport or active leisure organisations, the European Commission has been considering the establishment of formal sectoral social dialogue structures for this sector for several years, as seen in the [European Commission's White Paper on Sport](#) in addition to the existing structures for the professional football sector. On 17 June 2011, the European Association of Sport Employers (EASE) and the Union Network International (UNI)-Europa Sport signed a joint statement affirming the importance of establishing a European Social Dialogue Committee, proposing an operational structure of such a future committee (namely not-for-profit sport, professional sport and active leisure) and including a first work programme for each of the three Standing Committees. Since then, further progress has been made in view of the reinforcement of the representativeness of EU social partner organisations. The Commission therefore announced the launch of a test phase of a new European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Sport and active leisure to be initiated on 11 and 12 December 2012. A test phase means that no decision is taken as regards the setting up of a Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee, but that a specific support is provided for a limited duration (for example, two years) to help the European social partner organisations in the sector prepare a possible Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee.

Several European-level organisations have been considering setting up a European Social Dialogue Committee in the sport and active leisure sector. The associations involved are UNI - Europa – Section Sport, with its professional sport-related affiliate EU Athletes, on the employee side, and the European Confederation of Outdoor Employers (EC-OE) as well as EASE and the European Health and Fitness Association (EHFA), on the employer side (EHFA was an associate member of EASE up to 2011). None of these organisations is on the list of European social partner organisations to be consulted under Article 154 of the TFEU. Nevertheless, all of these European social partner organisations are involved in informal sector-related social dialogue. EASE and UNI Europa emphasise that only these two organisations have initially launched an informal social dialogue within the sport and active leisure sector. Therefore, affiliation to one of these European organisations is a sufficient criterion for classifying a national association as a relevant interest organisation for the purpose of this study. However, it should be noted that the constituent criterion is one of sector-related membership. This is important, in particular, in the

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case of UNI-Europa, due to its multi-sectoral domain. Thus, the study will include only those UNI-Europa affiliates whose domain relates to the sport and active leisure sector (which are thus affiliated to the sport and leisure sections of UNI-Europa), as defined earlier.

As there is a formal European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the professional football sector, the study will also analyse the European organisations and their national affiliates active in this Committee.

Collection of data

The collection of quantitative data, such as those on membership, is essential for investigating the representativeness of the social partner organisations. Unless cited otherwise, this study draws on the country studies provided by the EIRO national centres. The EIRO correspondents were provided with standardised questionnaires by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound), which they completed through contacting the sector-related social partner organisations in their countries. The contact is generally made via telephone interviews, but might also – in certain cases – be established via email. In case of non-availability of any representative, the national correspondents are asked to fill out the relevant questionnaire based on secondary sources, such as information given on the social partner's website, or derived from previous research studies.

It is often difficult to find precise quantitative data. In such cases, the EIRO national centres are requested to provide rough estimates rather than leaving a question blank, given the practical and political relevance of this study. However, if there is any doubt over the reliability of an estimate, this is noted.

In principle, quantitative data may stem from three sources:

- official statistics and representative survey studies;
- administrative data, such as membership figures provided by the respective organisations, which are then used for calculating the density rate on the basis of available statistical figures on the potential membership of the organisation;
- personal estimates made by representatives of the respective organisations.

While the data sources of the economic figures cited in the report are generally official statistics, (mainly from EUROSTAT or national statistical offices) the figures for the organisations are usually either administrative data or estimates. Furthermore, it should be noted that several country studies also present data on trade unions and business associations that do not meet the above definition of a sector-related social partner organisation, in order to give a complete picture of the sector's associational 'landscape'. For the above substantive reasons, as well as for methodological reasons of cross-national comparability, such trade unions and business associations will not be considered in this overview report. Yet, these organisations can still be found in the national contributions, which will be published together with the overview report.

Quality assurance

In order to assure the quality of the information gathered, several verification procedures have been put in place.

- Eurofound staff, together with the author of this report, checked the figures provided for consistency, and ensured the organisations listed met the criteria for the scope of this study (see above).

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- Eurofound sent the national contributions to national members of its governing board, as well as to the European-level sector-related social partner organisations. The peak-level organisations then asked their affiliates to verify the information. Feedback received from the sector-related organisations was then taken into account, if it was in line with the methodology of the study.
- The complete study was finally evaluated by the European-level sectoral social partners and Eurofound's Advisory Committee on Industrial Relations, which consists of representatives from both sides of industry, governments and the European Commission.

Structure of report

The study consists of three main parts, beginning with a brief summary of the sector's economic background. The report then analyses the relevant social partner organisations in all 27 EU Member States. The representative associations at European level are analysed in the third part of the report.

Part two and three will contain a brief introduction explaining the concept of representativeness in greater detail, followed by the study findings. As representativeness is a complex issue, it requires separate consideration at national and European level for two reasons. Firstly, the method applied by national regulations and practices to capture representativeness has to be taken into account. Secondly, the national and European organisations differ in their tasks and scope of activities. The concept of representativeness must therefore be suited to this difference.

Finally, it is important to note the difference between the research and political aspects of this study. While providing data on the representativeness of the organisations under consideration, the report does not reach any definite conclusion on whether the representativeness of the European social partner organisations and their national affiliates is sufficient for admission to the European social dialogue. The reason for this is that defining criteria for adequate representativeness is a matter for political decision rather than an issue of research analysis.

Economic background

Roughly speaking, the European sport and active leisure sector covers three main segments:

- not-for-profit sport;
- professional sport;
- active leisure.

These segments widely differ in terms of organisation, the legal nature of their businesses, their financing, occupations, employment status and industrial relations. Despite these differences across the sub-sectors as well as countries, it is noticeable for the overall sector that it increased markedly in terms of both business volume and employment during at least three decades to the most recent recession (see the [European Commission's White Paper on Sport](#)). Despite a lack of reliable data on the sector, there is no doubt that sport and active leisure has been a dynamic and fast-growing activity for many years. This trend can be traced back to a further diversification of sport activities, the developing leisure industry as well as the further globalisation, professionalisation and commercialisation of sport (ibid.). As for sport alone (without active leisure), employment within this sub-sector tripled in the period from 1980 to the mid-2000s. In 2004, the sport sector alone as defined by NACE (Rev. 1.1) 92.6 covered some 800,000 jobs in the EU 25 ([EASE: Vocasport report 2004](#)). For the second quarter of 2011 (the latest available figure provided by Eurostat, Labour Force Survey), the entire sport and active leisure sector – according to NACE (Rev. 2) 93 (thus including activities of amusement parks and theme parks) –

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employed about 1.44 million people. However, according to the [European Commission's White Paper on Sport](#), the sport industry suffers from a persistent underestimation of its macro-economic impact, since it has traditionally been defined in a very narrow way – the numerous volunteers within the sector, for example, tend to be invisible in official labour statistics related to the sector.

In contrast to most other sectors, it appears that the economic crisis had only minor repercussions on the sector's labour market. Comparing the corresponding quarters of each of the years 2008 to 2011 with each other, employment largely remained stable over this period. Slight decreases in employment can be found only in 2008–2009, which, however, are largely compensated for by the employment growth recorded in 2010 and the first half of 2011 (in this context, however, it is important to note that Eurostat provides data only on the whole NACE [Rev.2] code 93).

Nevertheless, in some respects, the most recent crisis has left its mark on this sector. Despite the diverse income sources of sport (such as club fees, ticket sales, advertising and sponsorship, TV and media rights, merchandising, and public support), part of the sector has been affected by:

- the decline in overall purchasing power;
- the public authorities' tightened austerity policy;
- shrinking funds spent by private companies for sponsoring and advertising purposes.

For instance, in several countries, such as Austria, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Slovenia and Sweden, professional sport, in particular football, there have been cutbacks in private sponsoring since 2008, while a significant decline in government funding for sport has been reported from countries such as Hungary and Ireland.

In terms of industrial relations actors, the sector is characterised by a high associational fragmentation on both sides of industry at both national and European level. This is because different sports activities are traditionally based on very diverse organisational structures. Moreover, national social partner organisations within the sector, where they exist, tend to record relatively low levels of organisation (see below). This is because the sport movement is rooted in non-profit organisations and in volunteering, which has often hindered the emergence of national social partners in the sport sector (see the [European Commission's White Paper on Sport](#)).

However, increasing professionalisation has enhanced the need for formalised industrial relations structures and thus for the emergence of social partners (see the European Commission's Communication [Developing the European Dimension in Sport](#), adopted in January 2011).

Employment characteristics

According to the [Vocasport](#) study of 2004, employment in the sport sub-sector (no data are available for active leisure) is characterised by relatively high rates of part-time work and self-employment and relatively low levels of qualification. Moreover, the high incidence of unpaid workers (volunteers) and the seasonal nature of many sport-related activities underscore the study's finding that employment tends to be rather insecure within the sector. The fairly high incidence of atypical forms of employment coincides with a relatively low degree of professionalisation on aggregate – a situation which applies, in particular, to the not-for-profit sport segment. Male employees prevail in the European sport and active leisure sector (according to the whole NACE [Rev.2] code 93), with a share of about 57% among the sector's workforce in the EU-27. However, the distribution of the sexes within the sector widely varies from one country to the other. For instance, while in Malta male employment stands at about 90% of the sector's total employment, Finland shows a slight prevalence of female employment within the sector.

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Long-term trends

Over the past decades, the EU sport and active leisure industry has undergone a process of growth, commercialisation, professionalisation and – at least as far as professional sport is concerned – increasing internationalisation. In the field of active leisure and non-professional sport, this dynamic development can be traced back to a range of factors. The most important of these seem to be:

- the overall change in health awareness within the European society and thus the reallocation of income to health and leisure activities;
- the expansion and diversification of the supply of sport and leisure activities in line with the specific needs of the different population groups (for example, young people, elderly people, women, and people with disabilities).

The dynamics of the professional sport segment (such as commercialisation, professionalisation and internationalisation) are indicated by an increased overall volume of sport sponsoring and ticket sales as well as increased prices of broadcasting rights for major sporting events. Moreover, it is expected that further growing demand for sport and leisure facilities, in particular at local level, will require innovative investment in infrastructure related to the sector (see [the European Commission's White Paper on Sport](#)).

Table 4 and Table 5 give an overview of the changes from the late 1990s to the late 2000s (at the onset of the recession), presenting figures on companies, employment and employees in the sector and in relation to the national economy, mainly stemming from national sources. These figures have been collected through the EIRO national centres. In all Member States but one (Italy), for which related data are available (14), the number of companies increased, generally reflecting an expansion of the sector witnessed in these countries.

Table 4: Total employers and employment in sport and active leisure, 1998–1999 and 2008–2009 (approximately)

| | Year | No. of companies | Year | Total employment | Female employment | Male employment | Total sectoral employment as % of total employment in economy |
|-----------------|------|--------------------|------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| AT | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| AT | 2008 | 1,915 ^a | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| BE | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| BE | 2009 | 2,005 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| BG | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| BG | 2009 | 1,232 | 2009 | 6,402 | 2,305 | 4,097 | 0.2 |
| CY | 2000 | 527 | 2000 | 1,867 | 403 | 1,464 | 0.7 |
| CY | 2009 | 560 | 2009 | 2,206 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.7 |
| CZ ^b | 1999 | 30,654 | 1999 | 19,600 | 9,700 | 10,000 | 0.4 |

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|-----------------------|------|--------|------|---------|--------|--------|------|
| CZ^b | 2009 | 50,365 | 2009 | 26,800 | 8,700 | 18,100 | 0.5 |
| DE^c | n.a. | n.a. | 1999 | 166,000 | 85,000 | 81,000 | 0.4 |
| DE^c | 2008 | 40,179 | 2009 | 187,000 | 90,000 | 97,000 | 0.5 |
| DK | 2000 | 1,719 | 2001 | 15,161 | 6,784 | 8,377 | 0.5 |
| DK | 2008 | 2,991 | 2009 | 21,305 | 9,857 | 11,448 | 0.8 |
| EE | n.a. | n.a. | 2005 | 4,900 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.8 |
| EE | n.a. | n.a. | 2009 | 4,800 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.8 |
| ES^d | 1999 | 9,255 | 2001 | 79,964 | 23,685 | 56,279 | 0.5 |
| ES^d | 2009 | 15,592 | 2009 | 106,044 | 41,892 | 64,152 | 0.5 |
| FI | 1999 | 1,498 | 1999 | 11,290 | 5,392 | 5,898 | 0.5 |
| FI | 2009 | 2,379 | 2009 | 14,538 | 7,489 | 7,049 | 0.6 |
| FR | 1999 | 24,500 | 1999 | 108,000 | 38,000 | 70,000 | 0.5 |
| FR | 2009 | 30,000 | 2009 | 125,000 | 52,000 | 73,000 | 0.5 |
| GR | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| GR | 2010 | 1,377 | 2010 | 14,827 | 6,746 | 8,081 | 0.4 |
| HU^e | n.a. | n.a. | 2000 | 30,000 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.8 |
| HU^e | 2009 | 15,589 | 2007 | 25,000 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.6 |
| IE | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| IE | 2009 | n.a. | 2009 | 23,225 | n.a. | n.a. | 1.2 |
| IT | 2001 | 27,068 | 2001 | 67,626 | 25,703 | 41,923 | 0.3 |
| IT | 2008 | 25,807 | 2008 | 85,037 | 32,321 | 52,716 | 0.3 |
| LT | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| LT^a | 2009 | 237 | 2009 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| LU | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| LU | 2009 | 200 | 2009 | 1,500 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.7 |
| LV | 1999 | 189 | 1999 | 3,628 | 1,596 | 2,032 | 0.5 |
| LV | 2009 | 641 | 2009 | 4,234 | 2,070 | 2,164 | 0.5 |
| MT | 2001 | 2,442 | 2000 | 608 | 97 | 511 | ~0.5 |
| MT | 2008 | 3,753 | 2008 | 5,907 | 593 | 5,314 | ~4 |
| NL | 1999 | 5,935 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| NL | 2009 | 5,970 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| PL | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |

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| PL | 2009 | 39,321 | 2009 | 40,664 | 18,572 | 22,092 | 0.3 |
| PT | 1998 | 698 | 1998 | 6,678 | 2,377 | 4,301 | 0.3 |
| PT | 2008 | 1,741 | 2008 | 13,095 | 5,548 | 7,547 | 0.4 |
| RO | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| RO | 2008 | 2,411 | 2008 | 6,530 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.1 |
| SE | 1999 | 4,437 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| SE | 2009 | 6,130 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| SI | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| SI | 2009 | 6,841 | 2009 | 2,969 | 881 | 2,088 | 0.4 |
| SK | 1999 | 673 | 1999 | 7,900 | 3,000 | 4,900 | 0.4 |
| SK | 2009 | 1,001 | 2009 | 8,000 | 3,400 | 4,600 | 0.4 |
| UK | 1999 | 17,535 | 1999 | 298,800 | 141,400 | 157,400 | 1.1 |
| UK | 2010 | 24,385 | 2010 | 403,000 | 175,200 | 227,800 | 1.4 |

^a = includes NACE code 93.21.

^b = includes NACE code 93.21. All figures have to be treated cautiously.

^c = includes NACE code 93.21. Figures of the distinct reference years are not strictly comparable.

^d = sector is defined as embracing NACE (Rev. 1.1) code 92.6

^e = all figures are rough estimates

Source: EIRO national centres, national statistics. For detailed description of sources please refer to the national reports.

Table 5: Total employees in sport and active leisure, 1998–1999 and 2008–2009 (approximately)

| | Year | Total employees | Female employees | Male employees | Total sectoral employees as % of total employees in economy |
|----|------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|---|
| AT | 2000 | 6,216 | 2,858 | 3,358 | 0.2 |
| AT | 2008 | 10,344 | 4,896 | 5,448 | 0.3 |
| BE | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| BE | 2009 | 11,705 | 4,679 | 7,026 | 0.3 |
| BG | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| BG | 2009 | 6,402 | 2,305 | 4,097 | 0.2 |
| CY | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |

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|-----------------------|------|---------|--------|--------|------|
| CY | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| CZ^a | 1999 | 15,800 | 8,300 | 7,400 | 0.4 |
| CZ^a | 2009 | 16,600 | 6,500 | 10,100 | 0.4 |
| DE^b | 2001 | 102,563 | 51,704 | 50,859 | 0.4 |
| DE^b | 2008 | 87,119 | 40,424 | 46,695 | 0.3 |
| DK | 2001 | 14,523 | 6,561 | 7,962 | 0.6 |
| DK | 2009 | 20,727 | 9,636 | 11,091 | 0.8 |
| EE | 2005 | 4,800 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.9 |
| EE | 2009 | 3,900 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.7 |
| ES^c | 2001 | 74,384 | 22,587 | 51,798 | 0.6 |
| ES^c | 2009 | 95,310 | 37,558 | 57,752 | 0.6 |
| FI | 1999 | 10,970 | 5,284 | 5,686 | 0.5 |
| FI | 2009 | 13,489 | 7,030 | 6,459 | 0.6 |
| FR | 1999 | 93,000 | 33,000 | 60,000 | 0.5 |
| FR | 2009 | 101,000 | 41,000 | 60,000 | 0.4 |
| GR | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| GR | 2010 | 12,579 | 5,334 | 7,245 | 0.4 |
| HU^d | 2000 | 25,000 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.8 |
| HU^d | 2007 | 23,000 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.7 |
| IE | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| IE | 2009 | 23,225 | n.a. | n.a. | 1.2 |
| IT | 2001 | 28,297 | 13,097 | 15,200 | 0.2 |
| IT | 2008 | 51,066 | 23,636 | 27,430 | 0.3 |
| LT | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| LT^e | 2009 | 1,609 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.2 |
| LU | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| LU | 2009 | 1,500 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.8 |
| LV | 1999 | 3,595 | 1,582 | 2,013 | 0.5 |
| LV | 2009 | 4,038 | 1,975 | 2,063 | 0.5 |
| MT | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| MT | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| NL | 1999 | 32,300 | 13,400 | 18,900 | 0.5 |

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| NL | 2009 | 51,800 | 24,100 | 27,700 | 0.7 |
| PL | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| PL | 2009 | 35,252 | 16,636 | 18,616 | 0.3 |
| PT | 1998 | 6,485 | 2,320 | 4,165 | 0.3 |
| PT | 2008 | 12,375 | 5,326 | 7,049 | 0.4 |
| RO | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| RO | 2008 | 6,116 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.1 |
| SE | 1999 | 17,861 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.5 |
| SE | 2009 | 30,961 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.8 |
| SI | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| SI | 2009 | 2,120 | 765 | 1,355 | 0.3 |
| SK | 1999 | 2,449 | 910 | 1,539 | 0.1 |
| SK | 2009 | 2,550 | 1,126 | 1,424 | 0.1 |
| UK | 1999 | 261,800 | 123,800 | 138,000 | 1.1 |
| UK | 2010 | 347,600 | 153,900 | 193,700 | 1.4 |

^a = includes NACE code 93.21. All figures have to be treated cautiously.

^b = includes NACE code 93.21. Figures of the distinct reference years are not strictly comparable.

^c = sector is defined as embracing NACE (Rev. 1.1) code 92.6

^d = all figures are rough estimates

^e = includes NACE code 93.21

Source: EIRO national centres, national statistics. For detailed description of sources please refer to the national reports.

All countries with available data but two (Estonia and Hungary) record an increase in overall employment in the decade to the late 2000s. In terms of the number of sectoral employees, only Estonia, Germany and Hungary record decreases during the period of observation, while in 13 countries this indicator increased (for 11 countries no comparable data are available). Germany is an interesting case in this respect, since this country records a growth of overall employment within the sector, while the number of employees declined. This indicates that the proportion of non-standard forms of employment within the sector has dramatically risen in Germany, such that atypical work now seems to be the predominant form of employment. Apart from Germany, there are several other Member States (such as the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia and the UK) where the number of employees clearly falls short of the total number of jobs. One can infer from these findings that, at least in these countries, the sector is characterised by a high incidence of non-standard employment. (For several other countries no comparable data are available.).

Table 4 and Table 5 also show that women represent a minority of sectoral workers in all countries with available data but Finland, where they prevail. In most countries, for which data are available, such as Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands,

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Poland, Portugal, Slovakia and the UK, the number of male employees slightly exceed those of female employees, in that the percentage of male employees lies between 50% and 60%. Larger gaps between the sexes in terms of the number of sectoral employees can be found in Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Spain, while for the remaining countries no comparable data are available. The tables also indicate that the sector is not very large and – in terms of employment shares – remained stable or continued to grow in most countries with available data up to the late 2000s. The sector's share in aggregate employment is below 1% in all countries under examination but Ireland, Malta and the UK. In terms of absolute numbers of sectoral workers, the UK holds an outstanding position, in that more than 400,000 people are gainfully employed in the sector. This makes up an estimated one-third of the sector's employment in the EU 27. Malta constitutes another exceptional case, in that employment within the sector covered, in 2008, about 4% of total employment in the national economy, up from 0.5% in 2000.

Recent developments

Although the general trend in the European sport and active leisure sector as a whole seems to be that of expansion, according to the national reports, the impact of the economic downturn varies from one country to another. Overall, following the country reports, the active leisure industry, as well as amateur sports, appear to have suffered less from the crisis compared with professional sport. This is because the latter is particularly dependent on sponsorship from other industries, which have declined in many countries as a result of the recession.

Figure 2 shows that, overall in the European Union, the sport and active leisure sector was only marginally hit by the crisis, in that employment ceased to grow during 2008–2009 rather than actually declining. While total employment (for the age group 15–64) peaked at almost 1.5 million in the third quarter of 2008, it slightly declined in all quarters of 2009 compared with those of the previous year. However, during 2010 and the first half of 2011, the pre-crisis levels of employment have largely been reached and even exceeded. Figure 2 also shows a cyclical development of employment within each year, indicating the seasonal fluctuation of employment within the sector.

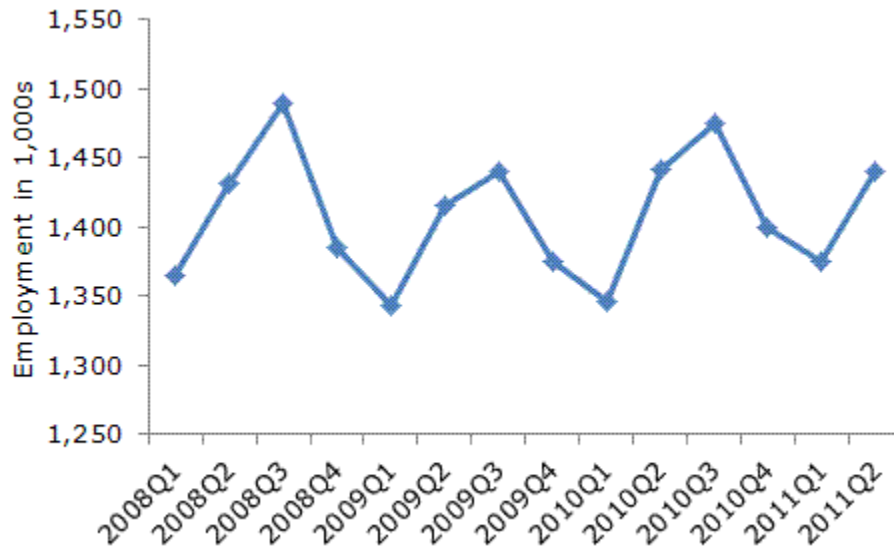
Figure 2: Overall development of employment (workforce aged 15–64) during the economic crisis

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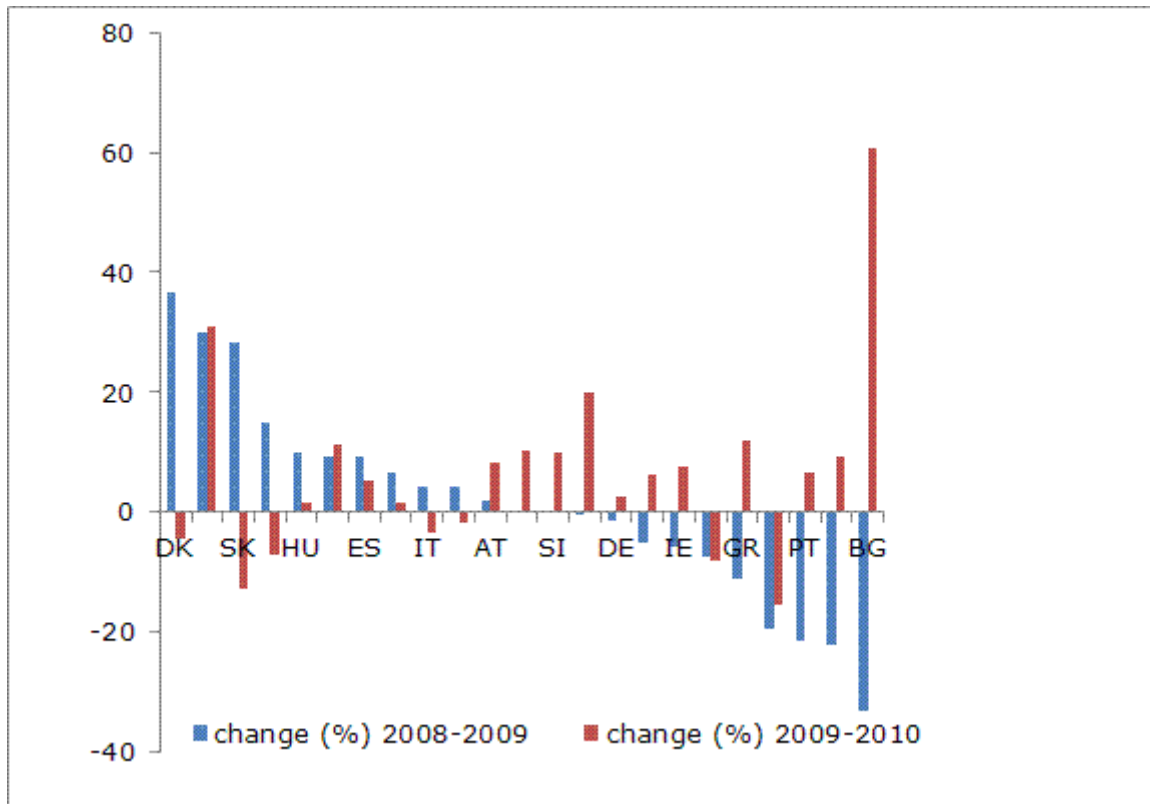
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Source: Eurostat, Labour Force Survey

Figure 2: Overall development of employment (workforce aged 15–64) during the economic crisis

Figure 3: Development of employment in the Member States (workforce aged 15–64) during the economic crisis



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Source: Eurostat, Labour Force Survey, and own calculations.

No data available for EE, LT, LU and MT.

For a few countries, particularly BG, the data may be unreliable.

Figure 3: Development of employment in the Member States (workforce aged 15–64) during the economic crisis in the sport and active leisure sector

Figure 3 indicates that although in countries such as Austria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Slovenia and Spain, the sport and active leisure industry has been relatively unshaken by the recession (in both 2009 and 2010 employment within the sector remained stable or even increased) – in most EU Member States the sector has – to at least a certain degree – been affected by the crisis, in that sectoral employment declined in at least one of the two consecutive years 2009–2010. In a majority of this group of countries, in particular Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Poland and Portugal, a decline in sectoral employment was registered in 2009, while an increase in employment can be observed for 2010. However, the crisis appears to have had a delayed effect on the sector’s labour market in Denmark, Italy, Slovakia, Sweden and the United Kingdom, where significant redundancies came into effect after 2010. Netherlands and Romania are the only ones that record job losses for 2009 and 2010.

In contrast to other sectors, no major effects of the recession on industrial relations systems within the sector have been reported.

National level of interest representation

In many Member States, statutory regulations explicitly refer to the concept of representativeness when assigning certain rights of interest representation and public governance to trade unions and/ or employer organisations. The most important rights addressed by such regulations include:

- formal recognition as a party to collective bargaining;
- extension of the scope of a multi-employer collective agreement to employers not affiliated to the signatory employer organisation;
- participation in public policy and tripartite bodies of social dialogue.

Under these circumstances, representativeness is normally measured by the strength of the organisations’ membership. For instance, statutory extension provisions usually allow for [extension of collective agreements](#) to unaffiliated employers only when the signatory trade union and employer association represent 50% or more of the employees within the agreement’s domain.

As outlined, the representativeness of the national social partner organisations is of interest to this study in terms of the capacity of their European umbrella organisations for participation in European social dialogue. Hence, the role of the national actors in collective bargaining and public policy-making constitutes another important component of representativeness. The effectiveness of European social dialogue tends to increase with the growing ability of the national affiliates of the European organisations to regulate the employment terms and influence national public policies affecting the sector.

A cross-national comparative analysis shows a generally positive correlation between the bargaining role of the social partners and their involvement in public policy (Traxler, 2004). Social partner organisations that are engaged in multi-employer bargaining are incorporated in

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state policies to a significantly greater extent than their counterparts in countries where multi-employer bargaining is lacking. This can be attributed to the fact that only multi-employer agreements matter in macroeconomic terms, setting an incentive for the governments to seek the cooperation of the social partner organisations. If single-employer bargaining prevails in a country, none of the collective agreements will have a noticeable effect on the economy due to their limited scope. As a result, the basis for generalised tripartite policy concertation will be absent.

In summary, representativeness is a multi-dimensional concept that embraces three basic elements:

- the membership domain and strength of the social partner organisations;
- their role in collective bargaining;
- their role in public policymaking.

Membership domains and strength

The membership domain of an organisation, as formally established by its constitution or name, distinguishes its potential members from other groups which the organisation does not claim to represent. As already explained, this study considers only organisations whose domain relates to the sport and active leisure sector. However, there is insufficient room in this report to delineate the domain demarcations of all the organisations. Instead, the report notes how they relate to the sector by classifying them according to the four patterns of ‘sector-relatedness’, as specified earlier. A more detailed description of how an organisation may relate to the sector can be found in Figure 1 above and in Table 3.

Regarding membership strength, a differentiation exists between strength in terms of the absolute number of members and strength in relative terms. Research usually refers to relative membership strength as the density – in other words, the ratio of actual to potential members.

Furthermore, a difference also arises between trade unions and employer organisations in relation to measuring membership strength. Trade union membership simply means the number of unionised people. However, in this context, a clarification of the concept of ‘member’ should be made. Whereas in most countries recorded membership includes both employees and members who are not in active employment (such as unemployed people and retired workers), some countries provide information on employed membership only. Hence, two measures of trade union density have to be defined:

- gross union density (including inactive members);
- net union density (referring to employed union members only).

In addition to taking the total membership of a trade union as an indicator of its strength, it is also reasonable to break down this membership total according to gender.

Measuring the membership strength of employer organisations is more complex since they organise collective entities, namely companies with employees. In this case, therefore, two possible measures of membership strength may be used – one referring to the companies themselves, and the other to the employees working in the member companies.

For a sector study such as this, measures of membership strength of both the trade unions and employer organisations have also to consider how the membership domains relate to the sector. If a domain is not congruent with the sector demarcation, the organisation’s total density, that is, the density referring to its overall domain, may differ from sector-specific density, that is the organisation’s density referring to the sector. This report will first present the data on the domains

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and membership strength of the trade unions and will then consider those of the employer organisations.

To summarise, this report basically distinguishes between three types of organisational densities, as defined in the following table, which are – depending on data availability – also broken down into net and gross rates.

Table 6: Definition of organisational density figures

| Type of density | Definition | Breakdown |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Domain density | Total number of employees (companies) organised by the organisation divided by potential number of employees (companies) as demarcated by the organisation's domain | Net and gross: Employees (for trade unions) Companies and employees (for employer organisations) |
| Sectoral density | Number of employees (companies) organised by the organisation in the sport and active leisure sector divided by total number of employees (companies) in the sector. | Net and gross: Employees (for trade unions) Companies and employees (for employer organisations) |
| Sectoral domain density | Number of employees (companies) organised by the organisation in the sport and active leisure sector divided by potential number of employees (companies) in the sport and active leisure sector as demarcated by the organisation's domain | Net and gross: Employees (for trade unions) Companies and employees (for employer organisations) |

Trade unions

Table 7 and Table 8 present the trade union data on their domains and membership strength. The tables list all trade unions which meet at least one of the two criteria for classification of a sector-related social partner organisation, as defined earlier. However, in this context, it is important to note that not all of the organisations listed are legally recognised as a trade union according to national law. Given the complex and very diverse organisational structures of the world of sport at national level, not all of the national affiliates to the relevant sector-related European-level representatives of labour can be identified as genuine trade union organisations. Rather, some of these affiliates are hybrid organisations representing the interests of both employees and employers and often operating as guardians of sporting rules rather than industrial relations actors. Such organisations are not considered in this report. Hence, this study includes all those sector-related labour organisations affiliated to at least one of the relevant sector-related European labour organisations, which are either genuine trade unions according to national law or

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associations representing the (labour) interests exclusively of workers within the sector. For reasons of brevity, however, here they will all be denoted as ‘trade unions’.

All of the 27 countries under consideration but four (the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia and Slovakia) record at least one sector-related trade union. In total, 91 sector-related trade unions could be identified. Of these 91 unions, one has demarcated its domain in a way which is (more or less) congruent with the sector definition. This does not come as a surprise, given that artificially defined statistical demarcations of business activities differ from the lines along which employees identify common interests and gather in associations. Domain demarcations resulting in overlap in relation to the sector occur in 12.5% of the cases and thus are also rather scarce in the sector. Overlap by and large arises from two different modes of demarcation. The first one refers to general (i.e. cross-sectoral) domains (such as ACLVB/CGSLB of Belgium, CGT, CFTC and UNSA of France, OGBL of Luxembourg and GWU of Malta). The second mode relates to domains covering some or all of the entire service sector, such as F3C-CFDT of France, Ver.di of Germany and FeS-UGT and FSC-CCOO of Spain.

Table 7: Domain coverage and membership of trade unions in sport and active leisure, 2008–2010

| | Trade union | Membership type | Domain coverage ^a | Membership | | | | |
|----|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | No. | Active members | Members sector | Members sector active | Female (%) of total |
| AT | GdG-KMSf B* | voluntary | SO | 156,000 | 119,000 | n.a. | 6,500 | 49 |
| AT | VdF* | voluntary | S | n.a. | 1,000 | n.a. | 1,000 | 0 |
| AT | GPA-djp | voluntary | SO | n.a. | 180,000 | n.a. | n.a. | 44 |
| BE | ACV-SPOR TA* | voluntary | S | 1,100 | n.a. | 1,100 | n.a. | n.a. |
| BE | ACV-BIE* | voluntary | SO | 280,000 | 180,000 | n.a. | n.a. | 15 |
| BE | BBT K-SETC A* | voluntary | SO | 385,000 | 230,000 | n.a. | n.a. | 62 |
| BE | ABV V-AC/F GTB-CG* | voluntary | SO | 370,000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| BE | ACL VB- | voluntary | O | 265,000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |

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| | CGSL B* | | | | | | | |
| BE | CNE* | voluntary | SO | 155,000 | 100,000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| BG | ABF | voluntary | S | 595 | 595 | 595 | 595 | 0 |
| CY | PFA ^b | n.a. | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| CZ | no | | | | | | | |
| DE | Ver.di | voluntary | O | 2,238,200 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 51 |
| DE | Sp.I BB | voluntary | S | 200 | n.a. | 200 | n.a. | n.a. |
| DK | Spille foren ingen | voluntary | S | n.a. | 975 | n.a. | 975 | 9 |
| DK | 3F | voluntary | SO | n.a. | 362,700 | n.a. | 500–700 | 33 |
| DK | HK Privat | voluntary | SO | n.a. | 100,000 | n.a. | 450 | n.a. |
| DK | HS | n.a. | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| EE | no | | | | | | | |
| ES | FeS- UGT* | voluntary | O | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| ES | FSC- CCO O* | voluntary | O | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| ES | AJB M* | voluntary | S | 165 | 165 | 165 | 165 | 0 |
| ES | ABP* | voluntary | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| ES | AJFS * | voluntary | S | 361 | 281 | 361 | 281 | 14 |
| ES | AFE* | voluntary | S | 6,650 | 4,550 | 6,650 | 4,550 | n.a. |
| ES | ACP* | voluntary | S | 210 | 160 | 210 | 160 | n.a. |
| FI | PAM * | voluntary | SO | 227,000 | 154,000 | 4,000 | 3,800 | 80 |
| FI | ERT O* | voluntary | SO | 26,000 | 25,000 | 600 | 500 | 73 |
| FI | SJ ^b | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FI | JP ^b | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |

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| FR | F3C-CFDT* | voluntary | O | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | CGT* | voluntary | O | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | CFTC* | voluntary | O | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | SNEP AT- FO* | voluntary | O | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | CFE- CGC* | voluntary | SO | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | UNSA* | voluntary | O | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | CNES* | voluntary | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | FNASS* | voluntary | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | SNB | voluntary | S | 245 | 245 | 245 | 245 | 0 |
| FR | UNFP | voluntary | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| GR | PSAP | voluntary | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| GR | PSAK | voluntary | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| HU | VKD SZSZ | voluntary | SO | 9,000 | 5,000 | 710 | 710 | 30 |
| HU | HLSZ | n.a. | S | n.a. | 600 | n.a. | 600 | n.a. |
| IE | SIPT U | voluntary | SO | 217,000 | n.a. | 450 | 450 | 37 |
| IE | IRUP A | voluntary | S | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 0 |
| IE | PFAI | voluntary | S | 118 | 118 | 118 | 118 | 0 |
| IE | Mandate | voluntary | SO | 45,206 | n.a. | 32 | 32 | 66 |
| IE | IMPA CT | voluntary | SO | 61,500 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 70 |
| IT | AIPAV | voluntary | S | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 5 |
| IT | AIR | voluntary | S | 5,462 | n.a. | 5462 | n.a. | 1 |
| IT | GIBA | voluntary | S | 500 | 400 | 500 | 400 | n.a. |

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| IT | AIC | voluntary | S | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | n.a. |
| IT | SLC-CGIL* | voluntary | SO | 97,632 | 97,632 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 40 |
| IT | FISA SCAT - CISL* | voluntary | SO | 233,887 | 233,887 | n.a. | n.a. | 60 |
| IT | UILCOM* | voluntary | SO | 40,544 | 40,544 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | FISTEL-CISL* | voluntary | SO | 50,803 | 50,803 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| LT | SPS | voluntary | C | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 10 |
| LU | OGBL | voluntary | O | 64,000 | 57,000 | 500 | 490 | n.a. |
| LV | no | | | | | | | |
| MT | GWU | voluntary | O | 41,575 | 34,543 | 75 | 75 | 18 |
| NL | FNV Sport* | voluntary | S | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 30 |
| NL | CNV Moden Sport* | voluntary | S | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 30 |
| NL | De Unie* | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 100 | 100 | 30 |
| NL | VVC S* | voluntary | S | n.a. | 1,000 | n.a. | 1,000 | 0 |
| NL | ProPr of* | voluntary | S | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 30 |
| NL | VVBW | compulsory | S | 128 | 128 | 128 | 128 | 0 |
| NL | CBV | voluntary | S | 450 | 450 | 450 | 450 | 0 |
| NL | NL Sport er** ^b | voluntary | S | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | n.a. |

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| PL | PZP | voluntary | S | 750 | 650 | 750 | 650 | 5 |
| PT | SJPF | voluntary | S | 3,728 | 1,715 | 3,728 | 1,715 | 0 |
| PT | ANT F | voluntary | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| PT | FESA HT* | voluntary | SO | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| PT | CESP * | voluntary | SO | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| RO | AFA N | voluntary | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| SE | SFS* | voluntary | S | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 20 |
| SE | Union en* | voluntary | SO | 465,00 0 | 400,000 | 9,500 | 8,000 | 44 |
| SE | SICO | voluntary | S | 550 | 550 | 550 | 550 | 0 |
| SE | Fastig hets | voluntary | SO | 33,480 | 31,731 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 50 |
| SE | AHT* | voluntary | SO | 633,97 5 | 475,274 | n.a. | 245 | 52 |
| SE | Kom munal s* | voluntary | SO | 505,00 0 | 465,000 | n.a. | 2,000 | 80 |
| SI | SSS* | voluntary | S | 178 | 178 | 178 | 178 | 30 |
| SI | SPIN S* | voluntary | S | 629 | 629 | 629 | 629 | 0 |
| SK | no | | | | | | | |
| UK | Uniso n* | voluntary | SO | 1,374,5 00 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 69 |
| UK | Unite * | voluntary | SO | 1,572,9 95 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 24 |
| UK | GMB * | voluntary | SO | 601,73 0 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 47 |
| UK | Prosp ect | voluntary | SO | 121,13 6 | 97,600 | 90 | 75 | 28 |
| UK | PPF | voluntary | S | 15,600 | n.a. | 15,600 | n.a. | 5 |
| UK | PFA | voluntary | S | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 1 |
| UK | PFAS | voluntary | S | 760 | 760 | 760 | 760 | 0 |

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| UK | PCA | voluntary | S | 450 | 450 | 450 | 450 | 5 |
| UK | RPA | voluntary | S | 516 | n.a. | 516 | n.a. | 0 |
| UK | WRP A | voluntary | S | 152 | n.a. | 152 | n.a. | 0 |
| UK | NASS | voluntary | S | 1,954 | n.a. | 1,954 | n.a. | 46 |

* = Domain overlap with other sector-related trade union(s).

^a = domain coverage: C = Congruence; O = Overlap; SO = Sectional Overlap; S = Sectionalism

^b = organisation is not a trade union according to national correspondent.

Nevertheless, since it seems to be an organisation representing the interests of workers within the sector, it is included in this study due to its affiliation to a relevant sector-related European-level organisation.

n.a. = not available

Table 8: Density of trade unions in sport and active leisure, 2008–2010

| | Trade union | Union densities (%) | | | | | | Collective bargaining | Consultation | National and European affiliations** |
|----|--------------|--|------|------|------|-------|-------|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| | | Key: DT = Domain total; DA = Domain active; S = Sector; SA = Sector active; SD = Sectoral domain; SDA = Sectoral domain active | | | | | | | | |
| | | DT | DA | S | SA | SD | SDA | | | |
| AT | GdG-KMSfB* | n.a. | 68 | n.a. | 63 | n.a. | 65 | yes | yes | ÖGB; EuroFIA, FIM, UNI-Europa-Sport, UNI-Euro-MEL, EFJ, ETF, EUROFEDOP, EPSU |
| AT | VdF* | n.a. | 83 | n.a. | 10 | n.a. | 83 | yes | yes | (ÖGB); FIFPro, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| AT | GPA-djp | n.a. | 16 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes | ÖGB; EPSU, EMCEF, EFFAT, EFJ, UNI-Europa-Sport |
| BE | ACV-SPORT A* | 25–50 | n.a. | 8–12 | 0–9 | 25–50 | 25–50 | yes | yes | ACV-CSC; FIFPro, EU Athletes, UNI-Europa- |

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| BE | ACV-BIE* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | ACV-CSC; EMCEF |
| BE | BBTK-SETCA* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | ABVV-FGTB; UNI-Europa |
| BE | ABVV-AC/FGTB-CG* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | ABVV-FGTB; UNI-Europa |
| BE | ACLVB-CGSLB* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | UNI-Europa |
| BE | CNE* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | ACV-CSC; UNI-Europa |
| BG | ABF | n.a. | n.a. | 9 | 9 | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes | FIFPro |
| CY | PFA ^a | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | FIFPro |
| CZ | None | | | | | | | | | |
| DE | Ver.di | n.a. | n.a. | 0-9 | 0-9 | 0-9 | 0-9 | yes | no | DGB; UNI-Europa |
| DE | Sp.IBB | n.a. | 51-75 | n.a. | 0-9 | n.a. | 51-75 | no | no | EU Athletes, UNI-Europa-Sport |
| DK | Spillerforening | n.a. | 75-82 | n.a. | 5 | n.a. | 75-82 | yes | yes | LO; FIFPro |
| DK | 3F | n.a. | 80 | n.a. | 2 | n.a. | 50 | yes | yes | LO; UNI-Europa, ETF, EMF, EFFAT, EPSU, EMCEF |
| DK | HK Privat | n.a. | 55 | n.a. | 2 | n.a. | 30 | yes | yes | LO; UNI-Europa |
| DK | HS | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | n.a. | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |

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| EE | no | | | | | | | | | |
| ES | FeS-UGT* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | UGT; UNI-Europa |
| ES | FSC-CCOO* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | CCOO; UNI-Europa |
| ES | AJBM* | n.a. | n.a. | 0 | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | no | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport), EHPU |
| ES | ABP* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | no | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| ES | AJFS* | n.a. | n.a. | 0 | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | EU Athletes, UNI-Europa-Sport |
| ES | AFE* | n.a. | n.a. | 7 | 5 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | FIFPro |
| ES | ACP* | n.a. | n.a. | 0 | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| FI | PAM* | 70 | 60 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 30 | yes | yes | SAK; UNI-Europa, EFFAT |
| FI | ERTO* | n.a. | 25 | 4 | 4 | n.a. | n.a. | no | no | STTK; UNI-Europa-Sport |
| FI | SJ ^a | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| FI | JP ^a | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | FIFPro |
| FR | F3C-CFDT* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | CFDT; UNI-Europa |
| FR | CGT* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | UNI-Europa |
| FR | CFTC* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | |
| FR | SNEPA T-FO* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | CGT-FO; UNI-Europa |
| FR | CFE-CGC* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | |

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| FR | UNSA* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | UNI-Europa |
| FR | CNES* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | |
| FR | FNASS* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | |
| FR | SNB | n.a. | n.a. | 0 | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | no | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| FR | UNFP | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | FIFPro |
| GR | PSAP | n.a. | 91–100 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 91–100 | yes | n.a. | FIFPro |
| GR | PSAK | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | no | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| HU | VKDSZSZ | n.a. | 51–75 | 3 | 3 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | ASZSZ; EPSU |
| HU | HLSZ | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 3 | n.a. | n.a. | no | n.a. | FIFPro |
| IE | SIPTU | n.a. | n.a. | 2 | 2 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | ICTU; UNI-Europa |
| IE | IRUPA | 100 | 100 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 100 | yes | yes | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| IE | PFAI | n.a. | n.a. | 1 | 1 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | (ICTU); FIFPro |
| IE | Mandate | n.a. | n.a. | 0 | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | ICTU; UNI-Europa |
| IE | IMPACT | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | ICTU; EPSU |
| IT | AIPAV | n.a. | n.a. | 0 | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | no | no | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| IT | AIR | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| IT | GIBA | n.a. | n.a. | 1 | 1 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport), UBE |

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| IT | AIC | n.a. | n.a. | 5 | 5 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | FIFPro |
| IT | SLC-CGIL* | 20 | 20 | 2 | 2 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | CGIL; UNI-Europa |
| IT | FISAS CAT-CISL* | 14 | 14 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | CISL; UNI-Europa, EFFAT |
| IT | UILCOM* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | UIL; UNI-Europa |
| IT | FISTEL-CISL* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | CISL; UNI-Europa |
| LT | SPS | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | no | no | (LTUC); EU-Athletes, UNI-Europa-Sport |
| LU | OGBL | n.a. | n.a. | 33 | 33 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | CGT; UNI-Europa, EPSU |
| LV | no | | | | | | | | | |
| MT | GWU | n.a. | n.a. | 1 | 1 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | EPSU, UNI-Europa, EURO WEA, Eurocadres, ETF, EFBWW, EMF, EFFAT |
| NL | FNV Sport* | 28-30 | 28-30 | 2 | 2 | 28-30 | 28-30 | yes | no | FNV; UNI-Europa |
| NL | CNV Moden Sport* | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | yes | no | CNV |
| NL | De Unie* | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | yes | no | |
| NL | VVCS* | n.a. | 80 | n.a. | 2 | n.a. | 80 | yes | no | FNV; FIFPro, UNI-Europa |
| NL | ProProf* | 64 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 64 | yes | no | MHP |
| NL | VVBW | 10 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 100 | yes | no | |

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| NL | CBV | 53 | 53 | 1 | 1 | 53 | 53 | yes | no | |
| NL | NL Sporter* ^a | 10 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 10 | no | yes | EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| PL | PZP | 37 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 37 | 33 | no | no | FIFPro |
| PT | SJPF | n.a. | n.a. | 30 | 14 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | FIFPro |
| PT | ANTF | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | no | UGT; AEFCA |
| PT | FESAH T* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | CGTP |
| PT | CESP* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | CGTP |
| RO | AFAN | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes ^b | BNS; FIFPro |
| SE | SFS* | 50 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 50 | 50 | yes | yes | FIFPro |
| SE | Unione n* | 79 | 68 | 31 | 26 | 80 | 62 | yes | yes | TCO; UNI-Europa |
| SE | SICO | 30 | 30 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 30 | yes | no | (TCO); EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| SE | Fastighets | 48 | 45 | 13 | 13 | 56 | n.a. | yes | yes | LO; UNI-Europa |
| SE | AHT* | n.a. | 26–50 | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | 0–9 | yes | yes | PTK, SACO; UNI-Europa |
| SE | Kommunals* | n.a. | 51–75 | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | 10–25 | yes | no | LO; EPSU |
| SI | SSS* | 16 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 16 | no | yes | ZSSS; EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport) |
| SI | SPINS* | 58 | 58 | 29 | 29 | 58 | 58 | no | yes | ZSSS; FIFPro |
| SK | no | | | | | | | | | |
| UK | Unison* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | 26–50 | yes | n.a. | TUC; UNI-Europa, EPSU, ETF |

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| UK | Unite* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | <i>TUC; UNI-Europa, EFFAT, EPSU, EFBWW, EMF, EMCEF, ETF</i> |
| UK | GMB* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | <i>TUC; UNI-Europa, EFFAT, EPSU, EFBWW, EMF, EMCEF, ETF</i> |
| UK | Prospect | n.a. | 70 | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | 85 | yes | no | <i>TUC; UNI-Europa, ETF, EPSU</i> |
| UK | PPF | n.a. | 91–100 | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | 91–100 | yes ^b | yes | <i>EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport)</i> |
| UK | PFA | n.a. | 91–100 | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | 91–100 | yes | yes | <i>TUC, GFTU; FIFPro, (EU Athletes), (UNI-Europa-Sport)</i> |
| UK | PFAS | 82 | 82 | n.a. | 0–9 | 82 | 82 | no | yes | <i>FIFPro, (EU Athletes), (UNI-Europa-Sport)</i> |
| UK | PCA | 100 | 100 | n.a. | 0–9 | 100 | 100 | yes | yes | <i>GFTU; EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport)</i> |
| UK | RPA | n.a. | 91–100 | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | 91–100 | yes | n.a. | <i>EU Athletes, (UNI-Europa-Sport)</i> |
| UK | WRPA | n.a. | 91–100 | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | 91–100 | yes | n.a. | <i>(EU Athletes), (UNI-Europa-Sport)</i> |
| UK | NASS | n.a. | 26–50 | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | 26–50 | yes | yes | <i>TUC, GFTU</i> |

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* = Domain overlap with other sector-related trade union(s)

** = National affiliations put in italics; for the national level, only cross-sectoral (i.e. peak-level) associations are listed; for the European level sectoral associations only; affiliation put in parenthesis means indirect affiliation via higher-order unit.

^a = organisation is no trade union according to national correspondent. Nevertheless, since it seems to be an organisation representing the interests of workers within the sector, it is included in this study due to its affiliation to a relevant sector-related European-level organisation.

^b = indirect involvement via higher- or lower-order unit

n.a. = not available

Note: The figures have been rounded in all cases. Densities reported as 0% hence refer to a figure lower than 0.5%.

Sectional overlaps occur in exactly 33.0% of the cases. This mode usually arises from domain demarcations which focus on certain categories of employees which are then organised across several or all sectors or on segments of the economy which are transversally crossing the sector in question. Employee categories are specified by various parameters. These can be distinct occupations, such as:

- managers and professionals (CFE-CGC of France and Prospect of the UK);
- administrative and auxiliary staff (FESAHT and CESP of Portugal);
- active leisure and well-being workers (ACV-BIE of Belgium and SLC-CGIL, FISASCAT-CISL and FISTEL-CISL of Italy).

They can also be specified by employment status:

- white-collar workers (GPA-djp of Austria, Belgium's BBTK-SETCA and CNE, Denmark's HK Privat, Finland's PAM and ERTO and Sweden's Unionen);
- blue-collar workers (ABVV-AC/FGTB-CG of Belgium and 3F of Denmark).

Other trade unions' domains cover part of the sport and active leisure sector in terms of business activities (rather than in terms of employee categories) in addition to (parts of) at least another sector. Such domains may, for instance, cover:

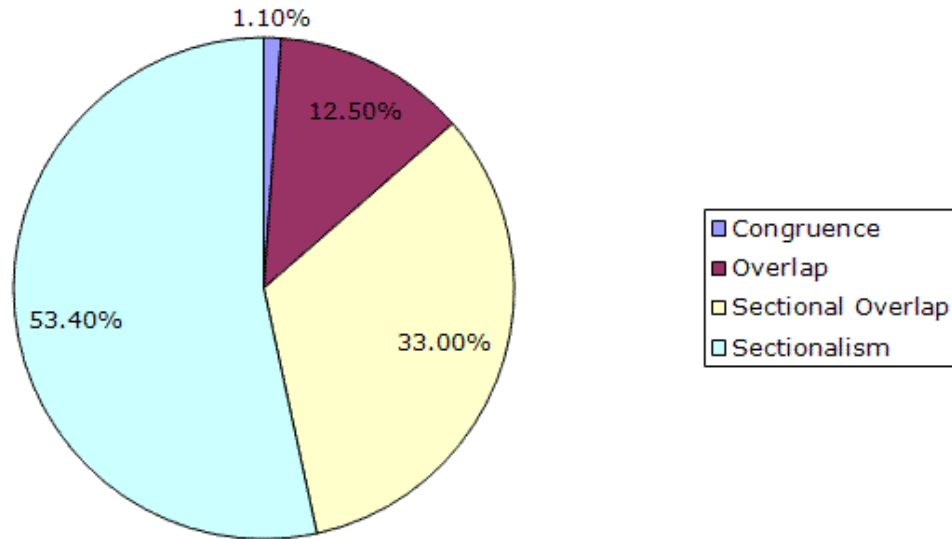
- local governments (including the local public sport and active leisure activities, such as Austria's GdG-KMSfB, Ireland's IMPACT and Sweden's Kommunals);
- public utilities (including the provision of baths, such as Hungary's VKDSZSZ);
- larger parts of the private and/or public service sector (also including part of the sector under consideration, see SIPTU of Ireland and Unison of the UK).

Last, but not least, sectionalism is by far the most frequent domain demarcation among the sector-related trade unions relative to the sector (53.4%). Sectionalism ensues from the existence of sector-specific trade unions, which either represent and organise only certain categories of employees in the sector (often in a way analogous to the categories outlined above), while they do not organise employees outside the sector, or whose domain is – in terms of business activities – confined to one or more smaller segments within the sector. Trade unions of this type can, in particular, be found in larger countries (France, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and the UK) with a markedly differentiated sporting environment, in that for each of the established professional sports within a country, at least one distinct organisation of professional employee representation has been set up. This applies, in particular, to the most popular professional sports, such as football, handball, basketball, volleyball, cycling and – depending on national traditions – rugby,

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and cricket. As for football, the most popular sport in Europe, distinct trade unions, or at least interest organisations for professional football players, exist in 18 of the 27 Member States. At the same time, there are also trade unions in several countries which represent professional sportspersons of any sports on aggregate. In total, 47 sector-specific trade unions with a domain sectionalist relative to the sector could be identified.

Figure 4: Distribution of membership domain patterns (N=88)



Source: EIRO country reports

Figure 4: Distribution of membership domain patterns (N=88)

As the domains of the trade unions often overlap with the demarcation of the sector, so do their domains with one another in the case of those countries with a pluralist trade union ‘landscape’ in the sport and active leisure sector. Table 7 and Table 8 also show these inter-union domain overlaps. Inter-union overlaps of domains are widespread. In all countries but five (Denmark, Germany, Greece, Hungary and Ireland) with more than one sector-related trade union the domain of any of them overlaps with the domain of at least another one. Depending on the scale of mutual overlap, this results in competition for members. Noticeable inter-union competition within the sector is recorded in only three countries, namely Belgium, France and Italy.

Looking at the trade union membership data, it becomes apparent that male employees clearly comprise the majority group in most of the unions (79.2%) for which membership figures by gender are available. This finding corresponds to the fact that the sector’s employment is clearly dominated by male employees (see Table 4 and Table 5). In those few sector-related trade unions, where female membership prevails, this predominance – due to the fact that the domain of all these unions (sectionalistically) overlaps with regard to the sector – is likely to originate in areas of their domains other than the sport and active leisure sector.

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Membership of the sector-related trade unions is voluntary in all 27 Member States with the exception of the Netherlands' VVBW, a union organising professional cyclists. The absolute numbers of trade union members differ widely, ranging from more than 2.2 million (in the case of Germany's Ver.di) to around 60 (in the case of Lithuania's SPS). This considerable variation reflects differences in the size of the economy and the comprehensiveness of the membership domain rather than the ability to attract members. Therefore, density is the measure of membership strength which is more appropriate to a comparative analysis. In this context it should be noted that density figures in this section refer to net ratios, which means that they are calculated on the basis of active employees, rather than including union members who are not in work. This is mainly because net union densities are more informative than gross densities, since they better reflect unionisation trends among the active workforce (only the active workforce is capable of taking industrial action) than the latter.

However, there are some methodological factors to be aware of when calculating and comparing associational densities. Social partner organisations frequently tend to be hesitant in providing these density figures as they reveal an interest organisation's relative strength to its counterpart on the employer/employee side and the State. Therefore the density data set for this study is far from complete and has to be treated cautiously. Moreover, one cannot rule out the possibility that a trade union or employer organisation might give inflated figures in order to boost their real organisational strength. Domain density is over 50% in the case of around 60% of the trade unions which document figures on density. For a few unions densities cannot be indicated by separate figures but have to be estimated by a range (where the density is estimated to lie between a value 'x' and a value 'y'). If this range overlaps with two or more intervals used for describing the distribution of trade union densities, the lowest value of this range (for example, 'x' rather than 'y') is used, in order to assign clearly this estimate to one of the intervals. This method applies to the entire section examining union densities and also to the corresponding section dealing with employer organisations (see below).

Some 35% of the unions gather 70% or more of the active employees covered by their domain. About 12%–13% of the trade unions for which data are available organise fewer than 15% of the active employees within their domain; and about 27%–28% of the trade unions record a density of between 15% and 50% of their potential active members. These results indicate that overall domain density of the sector-related trade unions tends to be relatively high. However, it should also be noted that for clearly fewer than half of the 91 sector-related trade unions, domain density data are recorded. Therefore these figures should be treated very cautiously, as indicated earlier.

Comparing the trade unions' overall domain densities with their sector density figures provides an indication of whether the sport and active leisure sector tends to be a stronghold of those sector-related trade unions which also organise employees in sectors other than the sport and active leisure industry. When looking at sector density (again referring only to active members), it is important to differentiate between the trade unions' *sectoral* density on the one hand and their *sectoral domain* density on the other. Whereas the former measures the ratio of the total number of members of a trade union in the sector to the number of employees in the sector (as demarcated by the NACE classification), the latter indicates the total number of members of a trade union in the sector in relation to the number of employees which work in that part of the sector as covered by the union domain (see Table 3). This means that the *sectoral domain* density must be higher than the *sectoral* density if a trade union organises only a particular part of the sector – that is where the trade union's membership domain is either sectionalist or sectionally overlapping relative to the sector.

When taking the trade unions' *sectoral domain* density into account, the trade unions' density in the sport and active leisure sector tends to be slightly lower compared with the density ratio

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referring to their domain on aggregate. Sectoral domain density is over 50% in the case of about 51% of the trade unions for which data are available. About 35% of the unions attract 70% or more of the active employees covered by their sectoral domain. Around 19% of the trade unions record a sectoral domain density lower than 15%, and about 30% record a sectoral domain density of in between 15% and 50%. In this context it should be noted that a more appropriate measure of the relationship between the trade unions' overall domain density and their sectoral domain density would also relate to the union membership domain patterns (see Figure 4). For unions with a membership domain congruent or sectional with regard to the sector, domain density and sectoral domain density are equal. This means that only for unions with a domain which overlaps, or sectionally overlaps with regard to the sport and active leisure sector, it is reasonable to compare domain density and sectoral domain density when assessing whether the sector under examination is a stronghold of the relevant unions or not. Such a measure, adjusted for domain patterns, corroborates and accentuates the above finding, according to which the trade unions' density in the sport and active leisure sector tends to be lower compared with their overall domain density. Taking another very tentative measure – that is the median – into account reveals the same result: The median of the trade unions' overall domain densities (54%) slightly exceeds that of their sectoral domain densities (51%), when taking all trade unions with available data into account, irrespective of their membership domain patterns relative to the sector.

As for those few trade unions for which figures for both (sectoral domain density and domain density on aggregate) are recorded, the same tendency can be revealed: There are several trade unions with an aggregate density higher than (or equal to) sectoral domain density, whereas no union can be found showing the reverse relationship between the two densities. This result confirms the above finding according to which the trade unions' sectoral densities tend to fall short of their overall domain densities. However, again, it is important to note that for most unions no density data are available. Moreover, with regard to density figures, it appears from Table 8 that trade unions in Austria, Denmark, Germany, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK are over represented, while data for unions of some other countries are (almost) completely lacking. In line with this country-related bias, it appears to be likely that unions with relatively high density rates are over represented in this study, since these countries – with the exception of the UK – usually tend to record relatively high associational density rates; furthermore, in the case of the UK, all of the small, sector-specific trade unions listed record extraordinarily high density rates, apparently ensuing from their narrow membership domains which are well-tailored to a small and specific group, typical for the professional sport sector.

Overall, despite the fact that bipartite labour relations within the sport and active leisure sector are still poorly developed in many Member States, density rates in the sector tend – as far as the data collected show – to be relatively high. This is tentatively indicated by a median of the trade unions' sectoral domain densities as high as 51%. However, it is reasonable to assume that this measure may be even strongly biased, so that an appropriate assessment of the sector unions' overall strength in terms of density is hardly possible. Despite the sector's highly fragmented associational landscape on the labour side, one reason for relatively high union density rates may be found in the fact that the numerous small occupational unions (in particular, professional sport unions) within the sector have managed to align their policy of interest representation to the very particular and usually homogeneous interests of their (potential) members, which tends to help in the recruitment of members. Apart from that, it is important to note that high densities of individual (small) trade unions in a fragmented and pluralistic system of interest representation do not necessarily allow inferences about the unionisation rates among the sector's workforce. Conversely, unionisation rates among the entire sector's employees are even presumed to be relatively low, given the high incidence of the various forms of non-standard employment and the

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small average size of the companies in the sector – factors which are usually obstructive to high unionisation rates.

Employer organisations

Table 9 and Table 10 present the membership data for the employer organisations in the sport and active leisure sector. As in the trade union side, not all sector-related employer organisations are documented in the 27 countries under consideration. In Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta and Slovakia no sector-related employer organisation matching at least one of the two criteria for inclusion (see above) has been identified, while in the remaining 20 Member States at least one sector-related employer organisation could be found. In 12 of the latter group of countries, there is at least one employer/ business organisation which is not a party to collective bargaining (see Table 10). They are classified here as social partner organisations only due to their affiliation to at least one of the sector-related European-level employer organisations considered in this study. In at least 14 of the 20 countries which record one or more sector-related employer/ business organisations, at least one of them is engaged in sector-related collective bargaining. This vagueness of this statement results from the fact that complete information on their collective bargaining involvement is not available. However, generally, business interest organisations may also deal with interests other than those related to industrial relations. Organisations specialised in matters other than industrial relations are commonly defined as ‘trade associations’ (see [TN0311101S](#)). Such sector-related trade associations also exist in the sport and active leisure sector. In terms of their *national* scope of activities, all the associations which are not involved in collective bargaining according to Table 10 either primarily, or exclusively, act as trade associations in their country. Put very simply, trade associations’ main reference is the market of goods and services (where business has interests in relation to customers and suppliers) rather than the labour market. In this sense, the numerous non-profit organisations in the sport and active leisure sector can also be subsumed under the category of ‘trade association’. It is only the conceptual decision to include all associational affiliates to EPFL, ECA, EC-OE, EASE and EHFA, regardless of whether they have a role in national bargaining, which gives them the status of a social partner organisations within the framework of this study.

Table 9: Domain coverage and membership of employer/ business organisations in sport and active leisure, 2008–2010

| | Employer organisation | Domain coverage ^a | Membership | | | | |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| | | | Type | Companies | in sector | Employees | in sector |
| AT | ÖFBL | S | compulsory | 20 | 20 | 978 | 978 |
| BE | BBF&W | S | voluntary | 150–200 | 150–200 | n.a. | n.a. |
| BE | Sociare | SO | voluntary | n.a. | 400–500 | 17,000–20,000 | 2,000–2,500 |
| BE | Cessoc | SO | voluntary | 1200–1300 | 300–400 | 15,000–18,000 | 2,000–2,500 |
| BE | Pro League | S | mixed | 16 | 16 | 550 | 550 |
| BE | National Football | S | mixed | 18 | 18 | 300–400 | 300–400 |

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|-----------|-------------------------|------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | League | | | | | | |
| BE | Volleyleague | S | mixed | 10 | 10 | 100–120 | 100–120 |
| BE | BFNO | S | voluntary | 35–40 | 35–40 | n.a. | n.a. |
| BG | BPFL | S | voluntary | 48 | 48 | 960 | 960 |
| BG | BAHF | S | voluntary | 30 | 30 | 500 | 500 |
| CY | none | | | | | | |
| CZ | none | | | | | | |
| DE | DSSV | S | voluntary | 2,000 | 2,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| DE | VDF | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| DK | Divisionsfore ningen | S | voluntary | 60 | 60 | n.a. | n.a. |
| DK | DLG* | SO | voluntary | 250 | 22 | n.a. | n.a. |
| DK | GLS-A* | SO | voluntary | 14,000 | 70 | 24,000 | 1,000 |
| DK | Dansk Erhverv | SO | voluntary | 20,000 | 95 | 310,000 | 3,200 |
| EE | no | | | | | | |
| ES | ANETA | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| ES | FNEID | S | voluntary | n.a. | 11,000 | n.a. | 85,000 |
| ES | LFP | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| ES | ACB | S | voluntary | 18 | 18 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| ES | ASOBAL | S | voluntary | 16 | 16 | n.a. | n.a. |
| ES | LNFS | S | voluntary | 35 | 35 | 350 | 350 |
| ES | ECP | S | voluntary | 5 | 5 | 130 | 130 |
| FI | PALTA* | O | voluntary | 1,700 | 78 | 140,000 | 1,030 |
| FI | MARA* | O | voluntary | 2,400 | 355 | 60,000 | 10,500 |
| FI | SKY | S | voluntary | 100 | 100 | 450 | 450 |
| FI | Veikkausliiga | n.a. | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | COSMOS* | C | voluntary | 4,494 | 4,494 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| FR | CNEA* | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | GERF* | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | SNELM* | S | voluntary | 3,000 | 3,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| FR | UCPF | S | voluntary | 42 | 42 | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | UCPR | S | voluntary | 30 | 30 | n.a. | n.a. |

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|----|---------------------|----|-----------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| FR | UCPB | S | voluntary | 34 | 34 | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | UCPH | S | voluntary | 34 | 34 | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | UCPVB | S | voluntary | 28 | 28 | n.a. | n.a. |
| FR | U2 C2F | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| GR | ESAKE | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| GR | SuperLeague | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| GR | League 2&3 | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| GR | SETEYD | S | voluntary | 32 | 32 | 140 | 140 |
| HU | MFSZ | SO | voluntary | 21 | 21 | 2,236 | 2,236 |
| IE | ILAM* | S | voluntary | 220 | 220 | n.a. | n.a. |
| IE | IBEC* | O | voluntary | 7,500 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | FIIS | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | FIAF | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | FIPE | SO | voluntary | 110,000 | 5,720 | 400,000 | n.a. |
| IT | LNP A | S | voluntary | 20 | 20 | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | Lega Pro | S | voluntary | 90 | 90 | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | ANAGT* | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | UNAGT- AGIT* | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | ASSOGALO PPO | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | FEDERIPPO DROMI* | S | voluntary | 12 | 12 | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | Lega Basket | S | voluntary | 16 | 16 | n.a. | n.a. |
| IT | UNI* | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| LT | no | | | | | | |
| LU | no | | | | | | |
| LV | LFVVNA | SO | voluntary | 14 | 12 | 408 | 353 |
| MT | no | | | | | | |
| NL | WOS* | S | voluntary | 100 | 100 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| NL | FBO* | S | voluntary | 36 | 36 | 1250 | 1250 |
| NL | VPW | S | voluntary | 3 | 3 | 128 | 128 |
| NL | VeBon* | S | voluntary | 100 | 100 | 150–300 | 150–300 |

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|----|-----------------------|------|------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| NL | Eredivisie* | S | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| NL | Fit!vak | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| PL | PZFW | S | voluntary | 126 | 126 | n.a. | n.a. |
| PL | Ekstraklasa SA | S | compulsory | 16 | 16 | n.a. | n.a. |
| PT | LFPF | S | voluntary | 32 | 32 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| PT | APECATE | SO | voluntary | 105 | 55 | n.a. | n.a. |
| PT | FGP | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| PT | AGAP | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| RO | LPF | S | voluntary | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| SE | Arbetsgivaralliansen* | SO | voluntary | 3,000 | 1,200 | 25,000 | 7,000 |
| SE | FRISK* | S | voluntary | 55 | 55 | 3500 | 3,500 |
| SE | IDEA* | SO | voluntary | 1,000 | 30 | 10,000 | n.a. |
| SE | Almega* | SO | voluntary | 2,087 | 29 | 64,000 | 1,010 |
| SE | SEF | S | voluntary | 32 | 32 | 704 | 704 |
| SE | SLA* | SO | voluntary | 4,000 | 400 | 25,000 | 2,500 |
| SI | Union 1.SNL | S | voluntary | 10 | 10 | 50 | 50 |
| SK | no | | | | | | |
| UK | SkillsActive* | O | voluntary | 6,262 | 6,211 | n.a. | n.a. |
| UK | FIA* | SO | voluntary | n.a. | 2,900 | n.a. | 120,000 |
| UK | Premier League* | S | voluntary | 20 | 20 | n.a. | n.a. |
| UK | Football League* | S | voluntary | 72 | 72 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| UK | SPL | S | voluntary | 12 | 12 | n.a. | n.a. |
| UK | NTF | S | voluntary | 520 | 520 | 7,300 | 7,300 |
| UK | ECB | S | voluntary | 18 | 18 | n.a. | n.a. |

* = Domain overlap with other sector-related employer/ business organisation(s)

^a = domain coverage: C = Congruence; O = Overlap; SO = Sectional Overlap; S = Sectionalism

n.a. = not available

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Table 10: Density, collective bargaining, consultation and affiliations of employer/business organisations in sport and active leisure, 2008–2010

| | Employer organisation | Density (%) | | | | | | Collective bargaining | Consultation | National and European affiliations ^a |
|----|--------------------------|---|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|-----------------------|------------------|---|
| | | <i>Key: D = Domain; S = Sector; SD = Sectoral domain.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| | | Companies | | | Employees | | | | | |
| | | D | S | SD | D | S | SD | | | |
| AT | ÖFBL | 100 | 1 | 100 | 100 | 10 | 100 | yes | yes ^b | EPFL, UEFA |
| BE | BBF&W | n.a. | 5–7 | n.a. | n.a. | 10–25 | n.a. | yes | yes | UNIZO; EHFA, EASE |
| BE | Sociare | 90–100 | 10–25 | 91–100 | 90–100 | 10–25 | 91–100 | yes | yes | CEDAG |
| BE | Cessoc | 90–100 | 10–25 | 91–100 | 90–100 | 10–25 | 91–100 | yes | yes | CEDAG |
| BE | Pro League | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | yes | yes | EPFL |
| BE | National Football League | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | yes | yes | |
| BE | Volleyleague | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | yes | yes | |
| BE | BFNO | 76–90 | 0–9 | 76–90 | 76–90 | 0–9 | 76–90 | yes ^b | yes | UNIZO; EC-OE |
| BG | BPFL | n.a. | 4 | n.a. | n.a. | 15 | n.a. | no | yes | EPFL |
| BG | BAHF | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | n.a. | 0–9 | n.a. | no | no | EHFA, (EASE) |
| CY | no | | | | | | | | | |
| CZ | no | | | | | | | | | |
| DE | DSSV | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes | BDA; EHFA, (EASE) |
| DE | VDF | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | EHFA, (EASE) |
| DK | Divisionsforen ingen | 100 | 2 | 100 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | EPFL |
| DK | DLG* | n.a. | 1 | 22 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | DA |
| DK | GLS-A* | 20 | 2 | n.a. | n.a. | 5 | n.a. | yes | yes | |

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|----------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| D K | Dansk Erhverv | 17 | 3 | 25 | 45 | 15 | 36 | yes | yes | DA; EuroCommerce , Eurochambres, (EHFA), (EASE) |
| EE | no | | | | | | | | | |
| ES | ANETA | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | EC-OE |
| ES | FNEID | n.a. | 71 | n.a. | n.a. | 84 | n.a. | yes | yes | CEOE; EASE, EOSE, EFHA |
| ES | LFP | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | EPFL |
| ES | ACB | n.a. | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | 1 | n.a. | yes | yes | ULEB |
| ES | ASOBAL | n.a. | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | |
| ES | LNFS | n.a. | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | 0 | n.a. | yes | no | UEFA |
| ES | ECP | n.a. | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | 0 | n.a. | yes | no | |
| FI | PALTA* | n.a. | 3 | 3 | n.a. | 8 | 8 | yes | yes | EK; COESS |
| FI | MARA* | 20 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 78 | 78 | yes | yes | EK |
| FI | SKY | n.a. | 4 | n.a. | n.a. | 3 | n.a. | no | no | EHFA, (EASE) |
| FI | Veikkausliiga | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | EPFL |
| FR | COSMOS* | n.a. | 15 | n.a. | n.a. | 25 | n.a. | yes | yes | EASE |
| FR | CNEA* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | EASE |
| FR | GERF* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes | EHFA, (EASE), (EC-OE) |
| FR | SNELM* | n.a. | 10 | n.a. | n.a. | 12 | n.a. | no | no | CGPME; EC- OE |
| FR | UCPF | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | n.a. | 100 | yes | yes | (CGPME); EPFL, (EASE) |
| FR | UCPR | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | n.a. | 100 | yes | yes | (EASE) |
| FR | UCPB | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | n.a. | 100 | yes | yes | (EASE) |
| FR | UCPH | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | n.a. | 100 | yes | yes | (EASE) |
| FR | UCPVB | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | n.a. | 100 | yes | yes | (EASE) |
| FR | U2 C2F | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | (EASE) |
| G R | ESAKE | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | no | |

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| G R | SuperLeague | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | no | EPFL |
| G R | League 2&3 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | no | |
| G R | SETEYD | 51–75 | 0–9 | 51–75 | 51–75 | 0–9 | 51–75 | no | yes | EC-OE |
| H U | MFSZ | n.a. | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | 10 | n.a. | yes | yes | ESPA |
| IE | ILAM* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes | EC-OE, EASE, EHFA |
| IE | IBEC* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | EuroCommerce |
| IT | FIS | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | <i>Confcommercio</i> |
| IT | FIAF | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes | EHFA, EAFF, ENSSEE, CESS, (EASE) |
| IT | FIPE | 48 | 22 | n.a. | 60 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | HOTREC |
| IT | LNP A | 100 | 0 | 100 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | EPFL, UEFA |
| IT | Lega Pro | n.a. | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | EPFL, UEFA |
| IT | ANAGT* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | |
| IT | UNAGT-AGIT* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | |
| IT | ASSOGALO PPO | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | |
| IT | FEDERIPPO DROMI* | n.a. | 0 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | |
| IT | Lega Basket | 100 | 0 | 100 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | |
| IT | UNI* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | yes | n.a. | |
| LT | no | | | | | | | | | |
| LU | no | | | | | | | | | |
| LV | LFVVNA | 19 | 2 | 17 | 37 | 9 | 34 | no | yes | LDDK; EHFA, (EASE) |
| M T | no | | | | | | | | | |
| NL | WOS* | 91–100 | 2 | 91–100 | 91–100 | 8 | 91–100 | yes | no | VNO-NCW; EASE |

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| NL | FBO* | 100 | 1 | 100 | 89 | 2 | 89 | yes | no | VNO-NCW; EPFL |
| NL | VPW | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 100 | yes | no | |
| NL | VeBon* | 51– 75 | 2 | 51– 75 | 51– 75 | 0 | 51– 75 | no | yes | EC-OE |
| NL | Eredivisie* | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | n.a. | EPFL |
| NL | Fit!vak | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | EHFA, (EASE) |
| PL | PZFW | 6 | 0 | 6 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes | EHFA, EFCA, (EASE) |
| PL | Ekstraklasa SA | 100 | 0 | 100 | 100 | n.a. | 100 | no | yes | EPFL |
| PT | LFPF | 100 | 2 | 100 | 100 | 16 | 100 | yes | yes | EPFL |
| PT | APECATE | n.a. | 3 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | n.a. | EC-OE, EFAPCO |
| PT | FGP | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | n.a. | EHFA, (EASE) |
| PT | AGAP | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | n.a. | EHFA, (EASE) |
| R O | LPF | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes | EPFL |
| SE | Arbetsgivaralliansen* | 41 | 20 | 29 | 71 | 23 | 64 | yes | yes | EASE |
| SE | FRISK* | 11 | 1 | 11 | 32 | 11 | 32 | yes | yes | EHFA, (EASE) |
| SE | IDEA* | 1 | 1 | n.a. | 10 | n.a. | n.a. | yes | yes | |
| SE | Almega* | 5 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 3 | 9 | yes | yes | <i>Svenskt Näringsliv</i> |
| SE | SEF | 100 | 1 | 100 | 90– 100 | 2 | 90– 100 | yes | yes | <i>Arbetsgivaralliansen</i> ; EPFL |
| SE | SLA* | 10– 25 | 0– 9 | 76– 90 | 10– 25 | 0–9 | 76– 90 | yes | no | <i>Svenskt Näringsliv</i> ; GEOPA |
| SI | Union 1.SNL | 100 | 0 | 100 | 50 | 2 | 50 | no | yes | EPFL |
| SK | no | | | | | | | | | |
| U K | SkillsActive* | 10– 25 | 10– 25 | 10– 25 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | no | yes | EASE, EHFA, EOSE |
| U K | FIA* | 60 | 10– | 60 | 60 | 26– 50 | 60 | no | yes | EHFA, (EASE) |

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| | | | 25 | | | | | | | |
| U K | Premier League* | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | yes | yes | EPFL |
| U K | Football League* | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | yes | yes | EPFL |
| U K | SPL | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | no | yes | EPFL |
| U K | NTF | 93 | 0–9 | 93 | 96 | 0–9 | 96 | yes | yes | ETF |
| U K | ECB | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | 100 | 0–9 | 100 | yes | yes | |

* = Domain overlap with other sector-related employer/ business organisation(s)

^a = National affiliations put in italics; for the national level, only cross-sectoral (i.e. peak-level) associations are listed; for the European level sectoral associations only; affiliation put in parenthesis means indirect affiliation via higher- or lower-order unit.

^b = indirect involvement via higher-order unit

n.a. = not available

Note: The figures have been rounded in all cases. Densities reported as 0% hence refer to a figure lower than 0.5%.

Of the 83 employer/business organisations listed in Tables 9 and 10, at least 22 organisations belong to this group, while for five organisations no information about their engagement in sector-related collective bargaining is available. In five of the 20 countries where sector-related employer/ business organisations exist, only one single organisation (in the meaning of a social partner organisation as defined before) has been established. Thus, as on the trade union side, pluralist associational systems also prevail on the employer side. This is in line with the fact that the number of sector-related employer/ business organisations comes close to the number of sector-related trade unions.

With regard to the employer/business organisations' membership domains, they tend to be at least as narrow as those of the trade unions. Some 5% and 17.5%, respectively, of the associations for which related information is available rest on overlapping and sectionally overlapping domains relative to the sector. Only one of these organisations, namely Ireland's IBEC, has a domain which is cross-sectoral. Alternatively, most cases of domain overlaps (in the case of organisations with domains either overlapping or sectionally overlapping relative to the sector) are caused by coverage of the broader services sector (as is the case of PALTA and MARA of Finland, Almega of Sweden and – with some limitation – Dansk Erhverv of Denmark) or the broader health, fitness, recreation and tourism sector (or part of it). Overlaps of the latter kind can be found, in particular, in Belgium (Sociare and Cessoc), Italy (FIPE), Portugal (APECATE) and the UK (SkillsActive and FIA). There are also a few employer/ business organisations whose domain is focused on a very particular segment of the economy transversally crossing the sport and active leisure sector. Such organisations with a domain sectionally overlapping with regard to the sector then cover the spa sector (such as Hungary's MFSZ), the gardening sector (such as Denmark's DLG and GLS-A) and the entire non-for-profit sector (as is the case of Sweden's IDEA).

Sectionalism is mainly caused by domain demarcations which focus on particular disciplines of professional sport, such as:

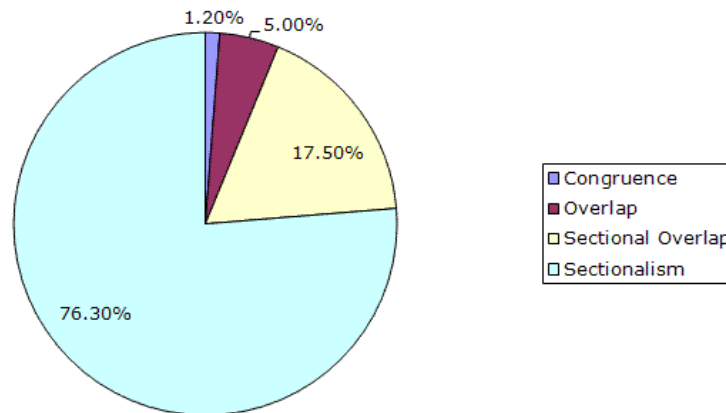
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- football (see Austria's ÖFB, Belgium's Pro League and National Football League, Bulgaria's BPF, Denmark's Divisionsforeningen, France's UCPF, Germany's DFL, Greece's SuperLeague and League 2&3, Italy's LNP A and Lega Pro, the Netherlands' FBO and Eredivisie, Poland's Ekstraklasa SA, Portugal's LPFP, Romania's LPF, Slovenia's Union 1.SNL, Spain's LFP and LNFS, Sweden's SEF and the UK's Premier League, Football League and SPL);
- basketball (see ESAKE of Greece, Lega Basket of Italy and ACB of Spain);
- cycling (see VPW of the Netherlands and Spain's ECP) and other professional team sports.

Less prominently, sectionalism ensues from domains covering sport and fitness facilities (for example DSSV of Germany, ILAM of Ireland and FNEID of Spain) and outdoor activities (for example BFNO of Belgium, SETEYD of Greece and VeBon of the Netherlands). Due to this high fragmentation of the national systems of employer organisations within the sector in some countries (particularly Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and the UK), in that several distinct organisations each specialising in narrowly defined sport activities exist, the vast majority of the associations (76.3%) have a membership domain which is sectional relative to the sector.

Only one organisation (COSMOS of France) shows a membership domain which is more or less congruent with the sector definition (1.2%). This means that the domain of this organisation largely focuses on the sport and active leisure sector as defined for the purpose of this study. COSMOS is a 'general' employer organisation within the field of sport and active leisure and thus its domain is not specifically focused on either disciplines or kind of service provision.

Figure 5: Distribution of membership domain patterns of sector-related employer organisations (N=80)



Source: EIRO country reports

Figure 5: Distribution of membership domain patterns of sector-related employer organisations (N=80)

One employer organisation each of Austria (ÖFB) and Poland (Ekstraklasa SA), as well as three of Belgium (Pro League, National Football League and Volleyleague) are at least partially based on obligatory membership. This is to subject the professional sport clubs in certain sport

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disciplines, in particular professional football, to the respective national licence system, as a prerequisite for them to obtain eligibility for participating in their respective professional sport leagues.

In those countries with a pluralist structure in relation to employer organisations, these associations have usually managed to arrive at non-competing relationships. The exception here would seem to be Finland's PALTA and MARA and France's GERF and SNELM, the latter allegedly not recognising the representativeness of each other. According to EC-OE, this conflict was solved in 2010, when a final judgment established that GERF was effectively a member of SNELM. GERF was eventually liquidated in 2012. Generally speaking, though, the activities of most associations are complementary to each other as a result of inter-associational differentiation by either membership demarcation, as is the case of Belgium, Denmark (partly), Germany, Greece, Italy (partly), Poland, Portugal, Spain and the UK (partly); or functions and tasks, as is the case of Denmark (partly), Finland, France, Ireland, Italy (partly), the Netherlands, Sweden and the UK (partly).

As the figures on density show (Table 10), membership strength, in terms of companies, widely varies with regard to both the membership domain in general and the sector-related densities. The same holds true of the densities in terms of employees. Generally, both the domain and the sectoral domain densities of companies tend to be lower than the corresponding densities in terms of employees. This indicates a higher propensity of the larger companies to associate, as compared with their smaller counterparts. In general, overall densities of the employer/business organisations in the sector tend to be higher than trade union densities (see above). Some 76% and 83%, respectively, of the associations for which related data are available, register a sectoral domain density higher than 50% in terms of companies and employees.

However, although at first glance density rates among the sector-related employer/ business organisations appear to be high, it would be wrong to infer from these findings that in the overall sport and active leisure sector the employers are generally well organised. This is, firstly, because for the vast majority of organisations in the vast majority of countries no or only incomplete density data are available. Secondly, it appears that relatively small associations representing the well-organised professional sport segments within the overall sector are overrepresented in the data set, while for the (larger) employer/ business organisations in the other segments of the sector almost no comparable data are available. When looking at the generally very low *sector* densities in terms of both companies and employees of those organisations which display high *sectoral domain* densities, it becomes clear that most of these organisations are very small and play only a minor part within the entire sport and active leisure sector in each Member State. Their high *sectoral domain* density figures indicate a strong presence only within their often very small membership domain, as is frequently the case of football club associations and other professional sport associations, while they represent – in quantitative terms – only a miniscule minority of the sector's companies and employees. Thirdly, individual associations' high *domain* or *sectoral domain* density data in terms of companies and employees do not allow for conclusions about how well the employers of the entire sector are generally organised, unless these associations (together) cover major part of the sector of a certain country (in other words, their aggregate *sectoral* density in terms of companies and employees is high). It becomes apparent from the *sector* density data of the employer/ business organisations, as far as they are available, that – with the exception of Finland's MARA and Spain's FNEID – no organisation covers the major part of the sector (in terms of either companies or employees) in any country. Thus, it cannot be inferred from the available data set that – on the employer side – the sector displays a high level of organisation across the Member States. Rather, as indicated by the [European Commission's White Paper on Sport](#), the contrary appears to be more likely.

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Collective bargaining and its actors

Table 8 lists all the trade unions engaged in sector-related collective bargaining. Despite numerous cases of inter-union domain overlap and of unclear domain demarcation, in only three countries (Belgium, France and Italy) inter-union rivalry and competition for bargaining capacities have been identified. In the case of the sector-related employer organisations, competition over collective bargaining capacities has been reported only from France and, to a lesser degree, from Finland. In the case of France, GERF and SNELM are struggling for recognition as exclusive industrial relations actors within the leisure sub-sector.

The data presented in Table 11 provide an overview of the system of sector-related collective bargaining in the 27 countries under consideration. The importance of collective bargaining as a means of employment regulation is measured by calculating the total number of employees covered by collective bargaining as a proportion of the total number of employees within a certain segment of the economy (Traxler et al., 2001). Accordingly, the sector's rate of collective bargaining coverage is defined as the ratio of the number of employees covered by any kind of collective agreement to the total number of employees in the sector.

Table 11: System of sectoral collective bargaining (2009–2010)

| | CBC (%) (estimates) | Share of MEB in total CBC (%) (estimates) | Extension practices^a |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| AT | n.a. | 100 | 0 |
| BE | 90–95 | MEB prevailing | 2 |
| BG | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| CY | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| CZ | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| DE | 5–10 | MEB prevailing | 0 |
| DK | n.a. | MEB prevailing | 0 |
| EE | n.a. | 0 | n/a |
| ES | 98 | ~95 | 2 |
| FI | 60 | MEB prevailing | 2 |
| FR | almost 100 | almost 100 ^b | 2 |
| GR | n.a. | n.a. | 0 |
| HU | 3 | n.a. | 0 |
| IE | n.a. | n.a. | 0 |
| IT | almost 100 | MEB prevailing | (2) |
| LT | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| LU | ~10 | 0 | n/a |
| LV | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| MT | n.a. | 0 | n/a |

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| | | | |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|-----|
| NL | at least 13 | 100 | 0 |
| PL | n.a. | 0 | n/a |
| PT | at least 16 | 97 | 2 |
| RO | 100 ^c | 100 ^b | 2 |
| SE | 40–50 | ~90 | 1 |
| SI | 0 | n/a | n/a |
| SK | 1-2 | 0 | n/a |
| UK | 19 | almost 100 | 0 |

CBC = collective bargaining coverage: employees covered as a percentage of the total number of employees in the sector

MEB = multi-employer bargaining relative to single-employer bargaining

Extension practices (including functional equivalents to extension provisions, i.e. obligatory membership and labour court rulings):

^a = 0 = no practice, 1 = limited/exceptional, 2 = pervasive. Cases of functional equivalents are put in parentheses.

^b = complemented by single-employer bargaining

^c = national collective agreement

n.a. = not available

n/a = not applicable

To delineate the bargaining system, two further indicators are used: The first indicator refers to the relevance of multi-employer bargaining, compared with single-employer bargaining. Multi-employer bargaining is defined as being conducted by an employer organisation on behalf of the employer side. In the case of single-employer bargaining, the company, or its divisions, is the party to the agreement. This includes the cases where two or more companies jointly negotiate an agreement. The relative importance of multi-employer bargaining, measured as a percentage of the total number of employees covered by a collective agreement, therefore provides an indication of the impact of the employer organisations on the overall collective bargaining process.

The second indicator considers whether statutory extension schemes have been applied to the sector. For reasons of brevity, this analysis is confined to extension schemes which widen the scope of a collective agreement to employers not affiliated to the signatory employer organisation; extension regulations targeting the employees are therefore not included in the research. Regulations concerning the employees are not significant to this analysis for two reasons. On the one hand, extending a collective agreement to the employees who are not unionised in the company covered by the collective agreement is a standard practice of the ILO, aside from any national legislation. Secondly, employers have good reason to extend a collective agreement concluded by them, even when they are not formally obliged to do so; otherwise, they would set an incentive for their workforce to unionise.

In comparison with employee-related extension procedures, schemes that target the employers are far more significant for the strength of collective bargaining in general, and multi-employer bargaining in particular. This is because the employers are capable of refraining from both joining an employer organisation and entering single-employer bargaining in the context of a purely voluntaristic system. Therefore, employer-related extension practices increase the coverage of

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multi-employer bargaining. Moreover, when it is pervasive, an extension agreement may encourage more employers to join the controlling employer organisation; such a move then enables them to participate in the bargaining process and to benefit from the organisation's related services in a situation where the respective collective agreement will bind them in any case (Traxler et al, 2001).

Collective bargaining coverage

Owing to the complex organisational structure of the sport and active leisure sector and the lack of strong, well established social partners within the sector in many countries, industrial relations tend to be relatively poorly developed in the sector across the Member States. Where they have been established, they frequently cover only particular niches of the sector. Hence, for several countries it has proved difficult or impossible even to estimate roughly the collective bargaining coverage rate of the entire sector. Accordingly, for seven countries (Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Ireland, Malta and Poland) the sector's collective bargaining coverage remains unknown, as none of the social partners contacted could provide an estimate for the entire sport and active leisure sector. Moreover, for two countries (the Netherlands and Portugal), only minimum rates can be indicated very tentatively, which may, however, lie far below the actual rates. Only five (Belgium, France, Italy, Romania and Spain) of the 20 countries, for which related data are available, record a very high or even full coverage rate of more than 90%. Adversely, there are seven countries with low or very low collective bargaining coverage rates of less than 20% as well as six countries (Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia) without any bargaining activities related to the sector. A third group of countries consisting only of Finland and Sweden records sector-related collective bargaining at a medium level, with bargaining coverage rates of between 40% and 60%. One can infer from these findings that in about one out of five Member States the sector's industrial relations structures are well-established, while they appear to be underdeveloped (and in some cases even virtually non-existent) in at least half of the countries. Looking at the six countries where sector-related collective bargaining is completely absent, it is noticeable that they all form part of the group of the 2004/7 accession countries.

In most of the countries with available information, several factors which sometimes interact with each other account for the (relatively) high coverage rates:

- the predominance of multi-employer bargaining (Belgium, Finland, France, Italy, Romania, Spain and Sweden);
- high density rates of the trade unions and/ or employer organisations (Belgium);
- the existence of pervasive extension practices, such as in Belgium, Finland, France, Romania and Spain.

Single-employer bargaining arrangements in the sector are almost the only type of bargaining in Estonia, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland and Slovakia. As far as information about this is available, collective bargaining coverage tends to be very low in these countries.

In those countries with prevalent multi-employer settlements in the sector, the use of extension practices is often significant. Pervasive extension practices in the sport and active leisure sector are reported for several countries (see Table 11). A functional equivalent to statutory extension schemes can be found in Italy. According to the country's constitution, minimum conditions of employment must apply to all employees. The country's labour court rulings relate this principle to the multi-employer agreements, to the extent that they are regarded as generally binding.

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Participation in public policymaking

Interest associations may partake in public policy in two basic ways:

- they may be consulted by the authorities on matters affecting their members;
- they may be represented on ‘corporatist’, in other words tripartite, committees and boards of policy concertation.

This study considers only cases of consultation and participation which explicitly relate to sector-specific matters. Consultation processes are not necessarily institutionalised and, therefore, the organisations consulted by the authorities may vary according to the issues to be addressed and also over time, depending on changes in government. Moreover, the authorities may initiate a consultation process on occasional rather than a regular basis. Given this variability, in Table 8 and Table 10 only those sector-related trade unions and employer organisations are flagged that are *usually* consulted.

Trade unions

Some trade unions are regularly consulted by the authorities in at least 18 of the 23 countries where one or more sector-related trade unions are recorded. Three countries cite a lack of regular consultation with unions (Germany, Lithuania and Poland), while the consultation practice is not clear for several trade unions in countries such as Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Portugal and the UK. Since a multi-union system has been established in 16 out of the 23 countries with sector-related trade unions, one cannot rule out the possibility that the authorities may favour certain trade unions over others, or that the unions compete for participation rights. In half of the countries with a multi-union system where a noticeable practice of consultation is observed, any of the existing trade unions may take part in the consultation process. By contrast, in the other half, comprising Finland, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the UK, only part of the sector-related trade unions are usually consulted. Nevertheless, evidence of major inter-union conflicts over participation in public policy matters in the sport and active leisure sector cannot be found in any of the countries under consideration.

Employer organisations

Most sector-related employer/ business organisations for which related data are available are involved in consultation procedures. No cases of conflict over participation rights of employer organisations are reported in countries with multi-organisation systems. In the multi-organisation systems of Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Poland, Sweden and the UK, where related data of all employer organisations are available, all of the sector’s organisations are consulted. Adversely, in the pluralist systems of Bulgaria, Finland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden at least one of the employer organisations is regularly consulted, while others are not. However, for many countries with a pluralist system of employer representation, no information about consultation practices is available for at least some of the organisations, so that it remains unclear for these countries whether consultation rights are being attributed to the national organisations in a selective manner or not. In at least 16 of the 19 countries with relevant sector-related social partner organisations on both sides of industry, consultation rights are symmetrically attributed to the two sides of industry, in that at least one organisation on each side is consulted. Adversely, there is at least one country (Germany) where representatives of only one side are consulted. A further quantitative analysis of consultation procedures is difficult due to the incomplete data set.

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Tripartite participation

Turning from consultation to tripartite participation, the findings reveal that genuinely sector-specific tripartite bodies have been established in only France and Ireland. Table 12 lists a total of only three bodies. In France, two sector-specific tripartite commissions have been established :

- the CAFEMAS (Centre d'Analyse des Formations, des Emplois et des Métiers de l'Animation et du Sport) ;
- the CFC (Commission Professionnelle Consultative).

Whereas the former deals with the relationship between training, occupations and employment in the sport and recreation industries, the latter exclusively focuses on qualifications. In Ireland, the Irish Sports Council (ISC) established a number of tripartite local sports partnerships to lead a consultative forum which represent the views of all local groups in the sport sector. The main functions of these partnerships are information, education and implementation of plans for long-term local sports development. While the origin of the former tripartite bodies of France is based on statutory provisions, the local sports partnerships in Ireland have been introduced by the ISC as part of the organisation's policy without any legislative initiative. Other bodies listed in some country reports are not taken into account in this study, since they are either bipartite rather than tripartite in terms of composition, or cover broader industries rather than the sport and active leisure sector and thus do not specifically target the sector under consideration.

Table 12: Tripartite sector-specific boards of public policy (2009–2010)

| | Name of the body and scope of activity | Origin | Trade unions participating | Business associations participating |
|-----------|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| FR | CAFEMAS (Centre d'Analyse des Formations, des Emplois et des Métiers de l'Animation et du Sport) deals with relationship between training, occupation and employment in the sport and recreation industries | Statutory | n.a. | COSMOS, CNEA |
| FR | Commission Professionnelle Consultative (CPC) des métiers de l'animation et du sport, focuses on qualifications | Statutory | n.a. | n.a. |
| IE | Local Sports Partnerships, established by the Irish Sports Council (ISC), deal with qualifications and training and is devised to provide information and implement plans for local sports development | --- | n.a. | n.a. |

European level of interest representation

At a European level, eligibility for consultation and participation in the social dialogue is linked to three criteria, as defined by the European Commission. Accordingly, a social partner organisation must have the following attributes:

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- be cross-industry or relate to specific sectors or categories, and be organised at European level;
- consist of organisations which are themselves an integral and recognised part of Member States' social partner structures and which have the capacity to negotiate agreements, as well as being representative of all Member States, as far as possible;
- have adequate structures to ensure their effective participation in the consultation process.

Regarding social dialogue, the constituent feature is the ability of such organisations to negotiate on behalf of their members and to conclude binding agreements. Accordingly, this section on European associations of the sport and active leisure sector will analyse these organisations' membership domain, the composition of their membership and their ability to negotiate.

As outlined in greater detail below, three sector-related European associations on the employee side (UNI-Europa Sport, EU Athletes and FIFPro) and five on the employer side (EASE, EHFA, EC-OE, EPFL and ECA) are particularly significant in the sport and active leisure sector. Hence, the following analysis will concentrate on these eight organisations, while providing supplementary information on others which are linked to the sector's national industrial relations actors.

Membership domain

The membership domain of UNI-Europa Sport, as a division of the comprehensive skills and services trade union organisation UNI-Europa, covers the sport and active leisure sector as defined for the purpose of this study and therefore is largely congruent with it. By contrast, the European Elite Athletes Association, whose members form the core of UNI-Europa Sport PRO, which is the section of UNI-Europa Sport dedicated to professional athletes, represents, as indicated by its name, only part of the sport and active leisure sector. Its domain is therefore sectionalist relative to the sector. The same holds true of FIFPro, which, according to its name and articles of association, represents the professional footballers and thus only a particular segment within the sector under examination.

On the employer side, according to its bye-laws, the membership domain of EASE comprises professional sport, not-for-profit sport and active leisure and can thus be considered as being largely congruent with the sector. EHFA, as an associate member of EASE until 2011, organises only the health and fitness segment of the sector and therefore has a membership domain sectionalist relative to the sector. The same holds true of EC-OE, which represents enterprises in the outdoor leisure sector (whereby one cannot rule out the possibility that some member companies perform activities which lie beyond the scope of this study), the EPFL, as the representative of the professional football leagues in Europe, and the ECA, representing exclusively individual clubs as employers in Europe, but complementing representativeness in those Member States not yet covered by EPFL. While EASE organises only employer organisations, EHFA has a mixed membership structure in that it represents both employer/business associations and individual companies. Even though not all members of EC-OE could be identified, it appears that this European-level employer organisation gathers only associational members under its umbrella. In the case of EPFL, affiliates are national football leagues, which, however, widely vary in terms of their legal status and competences. In most countries, the EPFL members are associations or association-like bodies acting as an employer representative on behalf of the clubs. However, for instance, in Germany the national football league (DFL) is, in formal terms, a limited company, and its main task is supervise the clubs and enforce the sporting and financial rules (such as licensing), although it may also represent the interests of the clubs at

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the same time. Yet, as a firm, it is not considered in this study. Finally, as already indicated earlier, all the affiliates to ECA are clubs and as such individual companies.

Membership composition

In terms of membership composition, it should be noted that the countries covered by UNI-Europa Sport, EU Athletes, FIFPro, EHFA and ECA exceed the 27 countries examined in this study. However, the report will consider only the members from the 27 Member States. EASE, EC-OE and EPFL have, in any case, only members of the EU 27. For UNI-Europa Sport, EU Athletes and FIFPro, Table 13 documents a list of membership of sector-related trade unions drawn from the country reports. Accordingly, for the three European-level labour organisations at least one direct affiliation is recorded in 15, 14 and 19 countries, respectively. Multiple memberships occur in particular with regard to UNI Europa Sport, whereby in some cases it remains unclear whether the affiliation refers to the sport division or any other division of UNI-Europa. Regarding EU Athletes, there are only three countries (Italy, Spain and the UK) recording more than one affiliation to this organisation. According to its Articles of Association, FIFPro restricts membership to only one professional footballers' association per country, which prevents multiple membership in principle (in the case of the UK, two associations are admitted, one each for the English and the Scottish football league). On aggregate, UNI-Europa Sport counts 36 direct sector-related affiliations from the countries under examination.

Table13: UNI-Europa Sport, EU Athletes and FIFPro Membership (2009–2010)⁺

| | UNI-Europa (Sport) | EU Athletes ^a | FIFPro |
|----|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| AT | GdG-KMSfB*, (VdF*), GPA-djp | --- | VdF* |
| BE | ACV-Sporta*, BBTK- SETCA*, ABVV- FGTB*, ACLVB- CGSLB*, CNE* | ACV-Sporta* | ACV-Sporta* |
| BG | --- | --- | ABF |
| CY | --- | --- | PFA** |
| CZ | --- | --- | --- |
| DE | Ver.di*, Sp.I BB | Sp.I BB | --- |
| DK | 3F*, HK Privat*, (HS) | HS | Spillerforeningen* |
| EE | --- | --- | --- |
| ES | FeS-UGT*, FSC- CCOO*, (AJBM*), (ABP*), (AJFS*), (ACP*) | AJBM*, ABP*, AJFS*, ACP* | AFE* |
| FI | PAM*, ERTO, (SJ**), | SJ** | JP** |
| FR | F3C-CFDT*, CGT*, SNEPAT-FO*, UNSA*, | SNB* | UNFP* |

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| | (SNB*) | | |
| GR | (PSAK*) | PSAK* | PSAP* |
| HU | --- | --- | HLSZ |
| IE | SIPTU*, (IRUPA*), Mandate* | IRUPA* | PFAI* |
| IT | SLC-CGIL*, FISASCAT-CISL*, UILCOM*, FISTEL- CISL*, (AIPAV), (AIR*), (GIBA*) | AIPAV, AIR*, GIBA* | AIC* |
| LT | SPS | SPS | --- |
| LU | OGBL* | --- | --- |
| LV | --- | --- | --- |
| MT | GWU* | --- | --- |
| NL | FNV Sport*, VVCS*, (NL Sporter) | NL Sporter | VVCS* |
| PL | --- | --- | PZP |
| PT | --- | --- | SJPF* |
| RO | --- | --- | AFAN |
| SE | Unionen*, Fastighets*, AHT*, (SICO*) | SICO* | SFS* |
| SI | (SSS) | SSS | SPINS |
| SK | --- | --- | --- |
| UK | Unison*, Unite*, GMB*, Prospect*, (PPF***), (PFA*), (PFAS), (PCA*), (RPA*), (WRPA*) | PPF***, (PFA*), (PFAS), PCA*, RPA*, (WRPA*) | PFA*, PFAS |

+ = Membership list confined to the sector-related employee interest associations of the countries under consideration; organisation put in brackets means indirect affiliation via higher-order unit. In a joint FIFPro/EU Athletes statement, as of 16 November 2012, a list of additional athlete trade unions affiliated to either FIFPro or EU Athletes was provided. This list includes: CAFH of the Czech Republic, GOAL and VDV of Germany, AJFSF of Spain, PROVALE and UNCP of France, HPVPA of Greece, GPA of Ireland, LKPS of Lithuania, LTUST of Latvia, MFPA of Malta and APFS of Slovakia. However, these organisations have not been taken into account in this study, because they were not yet affiliated to FIFPro or EU Athletes at the time of observation or do not represent employees (as is the case of Ireland's GPA). Moreover, UNI-Europa provided, in December 2012, a list of members active in the active leisure sub-sector not considered in this study, because these organisations were not included in the respective country reports as relevant actors. This list

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includes: INOVA of France, LKDAF of Latvia, LPSDPS of Lithuania and FNV Bondgenoten of the Netherlands. Since this list was given belatedly, a final check of whether these organisations actually match all the criteria for inclusion in this study has not been feasible.

^a = EU Athletes is the European Elite Athletes Association, whose members form the core of UNI Europa Sport-PRO, the section of UNI Europa Sport dedicated to professional athletes. Thus, all EU Athletes members are automatically indirect UNI Europa Sport affiliates.

** = Involved in sector-related collective bargaining*

*** = No information available on collective bargaining involvement*

**** = Indirect collective bargaining involvement via lower-order unit. PPF is not a trade union as such, but a federation of 10 professional players' associations in range of sports. Five of these associations (i.e. PCA, PFA, PFAS, RPA and WRPA) are listed here because they are directly affiliated to one of the three European level trade union organisations and/or involved in sectoral collective bargaining. According to FIFPro and EU Athletes, additional national federations of professional athlete trade unions (similar to the PPF of the UK) also exist in Denmark and Spain.*

It should be noted that the list of sector-related affiliates to UNI-Europa Sport, as compiled for the purpose of this study, somewhat differs from the list of sector-related members as provided by UNI-Europa itself. This is partially because, in some cases, UNI-Europa lists higher-level units (such as trade union confederations) or lower-level units (sub-units) rather than their sector-related affiliates as identified by the respective national correspondents. Moreover, in some cases the national correspondents have denied the sector-relatedness of a union, so that it is not taken into account in this report, although it is included in the list of members provided by UNI-Europa Sport. Such inconsistencies may also apply to the other sector-related European-level trade union organisations.

About 40% of the trade unions listed in Table 7 and Table 8 are directly affiliated to UNI-Europa Sport. EU Athletes and FIFPro gather 21 and 20 direct members, respectively, of the EU 27, thus generally covering the largest Member States through affiliations of trade unions from these countries. The most prominent exception in this respect is represented by Germany, which lacks any affiliation to FIFPro. Most of the direct (and indirect) members of UNI-Europa Sport, EU Athletes and FIFPro are directly involved in collective bargaining related to the sport and active leisure sector. However, due to the lack of available sectoral membership and density data for most of the sector-related trade unions, one cannot conclude whether UNI-Europa Sport and EU Athletes cover the sector's most important labour representatives or not. For FIFPro, due to its very limited membership domain, one can assume that the most important national actors on behalf of labour are covered in most countries.

Table 14 lists the associational members of EASE, EHFA, EC-OE and EPFL. Of the 27 countries under consideration, these organisations have seven, 13, eight and 17 of these, respectively, under their umbrella through direct associational members from these countries. Multiple direct memberships of these four organisations occur only rarely; in the case of EC-OE multiple membership within one and the same country is not permissible. On aggregate, EASE, EHFA, EC-OE and EPFL count eight, 16, eight and 21 direct associational members from the EU 27. Overall, with the exception of EPFL representing the well-organised professional football segment within the sector, both the numbers of direct affiliates and the coverage in terms of countries tend to be relatively low among the sector-related European-level representatives of the employers. This applies, in particular, to EASE which claims to cover the entire sport and active leisure sector, while the membership domains of the three other organisations focus on particular

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sub-sectors. The relatively low number of affiliations to EHFA and EC-OE thus at least partially results from their narrow membership domain. Moreover, in the case of EHFA, this organisation gathers, in addition to the relatively few associational members, several dozen individual company members from the vast majority of the Member States. This somewhat qualifies the finding of this association's relatively poor organisational strength.

Table 14: EASE, EHFA, EC-OE and EPFL Membership (2009–2010)⁺

| | EASE | EHFA^a | EC-OE | EPFL |
|-----------|---|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| AT | --- | --- | --- | ÖFBL* |
| BE | BBF&W* | BBF&W* | BFNO** | ProLeague* |
| BG | (BAHF) | BAHF | --- | BPFL |
| CY | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CZ | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| DE | (DSSV), (VDF****) | DSSV, VDF**** | --- | DFL |
| DK | (Dansk Erhverv*) | (Dansk Erhverv*) | BFTL | Divisionsforeningen* |
| EE | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ES | FNEID* | --- | ANETA*** | LFP* |
| FI | (SKY) | SKY | --- | Veikkausliiga*** |
| FR | COSMOS*, CNEA*, (GERF), (UCPF*), (UCPR*), (UCPB*), (UCPH*), (UCPVB*), (U2C2F*) | GERF | SNELM, (GERF) | UCPF* |
| GR | --- | --- | SETEYD | SuperLeague* |
| HU | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| IE | ILAM | ILAM | ILAM | --- |
| IT | (FIAF) | FIAF | | LNP A*, Lega Pro*** |
| LT | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LU | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| LV | (LFVVNA) | LFVVNA | --- | --- |
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| NL | WOS*, (Fit!Vak***) | Fit!Vak*** | VeBon | FBO*, Eredivisie |
| PL | (PZFW) | PZFW | --- | Ekstraklasa SA |
| PT | (FGP), (AGAP) | FGP, AGAP | APECATE | LPFP* |
| RO | --- | --- | --- | LPF |
| SE | Arbetsgivar- alliansen*, (FRISK*) | FRISK* | --- | SEF* |
| SI | --- | --- | --- | Union 1. SNL |
| SK | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| UK | SkillsActive, (FIA) | SkillsActive, FIA | --- | Premier League*, Football League*, SPL |

+ = Membership list confined to the sector-related employer/business associations of the countries under consideration; organisation put in brackets means indirect affiliation via higher-or lower-order unit. The numerous ECA members are not listed here, since they are all individual clubs rather than employer organisations and thus not considered.

^a = EHFA was a member organisation of EASE until 2011. Thus, as of 2010, all EHFA members were automatically indirect EASE affiliates. Only associational EHFA members rather than company members are considered here.

* = Involved in sector-related collective bargaining

** = Indirect collective bargaining involvement via higher-order unit

*** = No information available on collective bargaining involvement

In several countries, such as Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden, some important employer organisations that conduct bargaining are not affiliated to any of the sector-related European organisations. There are also several countries where at least one affiliate of one of the relevant European-level organisations is not engaged in bargaining. Employer/ Business organisations which are not involved in collective bargaining may regard themselves as trade associations rather than as industrial relations actors. While the majority of the direct EASE and EPFL members are directly involved in sector-related collective bargaining, most of the direct EHFA and EC-OE affiliates are not. Generally, in comparison with their counterparts on the labour side, the European employer organisations' proportion of member organisations which are involved in sector-related collective bargaining tends to be lower. As can be seen from Table 10, there is quite a number of sector-related employer organisations across the EU not affiliated to any of the four European employer organisations which are involved in sector-related collective bargaining and thus have to be regarded as relevant actors within the sector.

ECA has to be treated separately in this report, since it exclusively represents individual football clubs as employers rather than employer associations. In terms of countries, ECA records full coverage, as it has member clubs in all Member States, usually comprising the largest and financially most powerful ones in each country. On aggregate, it has hundreds of members throughout Europe. However, since it organises individual clubs rather than associations, ECA's role as European-level social partner appears to be – compared with the other four European

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employer organisations examined here – somewhat limited. This is because individual employers usually lack the ability of sectoral employment regulation as employer associations do have, which, in turn, is likely to be reflected in the European-level umbrella organisation's capacity to negotiate. However, the Commission considered in its letter dated 25 July 2008 that ECA complements representativeness in those Member States not (yet) covered by EPFL and that ECA could therefore be included in the employers' delegation in the European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee.

Capacity to negotiate

The third criterion of representativeness at the European level refers to the organisations' capacity to negotiate on behalf of their own members. On the side of organised labour, UNI-Europa Sport says it has a permanent mandate to negotiate on behalf of its members in matters of European social dialogue through a general mandate laid down in the statutes of UNI Europa. This general mandate also appears to cover EU Athletes, which forms part of UNI-Europa Sport PRO. According to its Articles of Association, FIFPro is committed to 'engagement in a Social Dialogue at European level in cooperation with all parties involved' with the aim of concluding 'a collective labour agreement at international or at European level'. FIFPro members, in turn, have to 'accept the objectives and Articles of Association of FIFPro'; hence, by virtue of these Articles of Association, FIFPro is authorised by its affiliates to negotiate on behalf of them in matters of the European social dialogue.

On the employer side, the affiliates of EASE have given this European-level organisation a general negotiating mandate laid down in its by-laws. Article 3 of these by-laws stipulate that this organisation's objectives are 'to participate in the European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for sport and active leisure' and 'to negotiate at European level on behalf of employers in sport and active leisure within its mandate', which is a general negotiating mandate given by the members to the Board. By contrast, EHFA, which was associated to EASE until 2011, according to a statement of its Executive Director as of 19 April 2011, does not have a mandate (yet) to negotiate on behalf of its members at European level. According to a statement of the EHFA Director of Programmes as of 21 November 2012, this organisation supports the concept of social dialogue at European level and aims to cooperate with EC-OE as the employers' representatives on behalf of the active leisure sub-sector for the purpose of the European sectoral social dialogue. In a note as of 4 January 2012, the Executive Director of EHFA announced the willingness of some EHFA affiliates from several Member States to set up a not-for-profit organisation in Brussels called 'EHFA-Employers'. The Director of Programmes indicated on 21 November, 2012 that the articles of association of this new body, as a separate legal entity distinct from EHFA but nevertheless supported by the EHFA secretariat, had recently been agreed. This new organisation, which has been established to complement EHFA is devised to act as the representative of the employers in the European fitness sector in matters of the sectoral social dialogue.

Regarding EC-OE, Article 5 of its Articles of Association indicates that this organisation aims at establishing, enhancing and participating in social dialogue at European level. With their accession to the umbrella organisation, the members approve of these Articles. On 23 November, 2012, a 'joint statement on cooperation' of EC-OE and EHFA was signed, when the two organisations involved decided to join forces in the Active Leisure Alliance (ALA). Thereby, EC-OE and EHFA 'declare their immediate availability' to cooperate in the representation of the employers of the active leisure sub-sector in social dialogue issues related to the sport and active leisure sector. As for EPFL, this organisation is, according to Article 1.3.8 of its constitution, at least implicitly authorised by its members to negotiate on behalf of them, as one purpose of this

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organisation is ‘to consider Social Dialogue issues at a European level and act as a social partner’. Last, but not least, ECA is also mandated by its members to act as a social partner on behalf of them at the European level. The ECA statutes (Article 2.c) stipulate that this organisation’s objectives are ‘to represent the interests of the clubs as employers in Europe including in the social dialogue process and to act as a social partner where appropriate’. In conclusion, all of the eight sector-related European-level interest organisations on the two sides of industry but EHFA are, at the time being, capable of negotiating and acting on behalf of their members.

As a final proof of the weight of these eight organisations, it is useful to look at other European organisations which may be important representatives of the sector. This can be done by reviewing the other European organisations to which the sector-related trade unions and employer associations are affiliated.

For the trade unions, these affiliations are listed in Table 8. Accordingly, European organisations other than UNI-Europa (Sport), EU Athletes and FIFPro represent a relatively large proportion of both sector-related trade unions and countries. For reasons of brevity, only those European organisations are mentioned here which cover at least three countries. This involves the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), with 12 affiliations covering eight countries; the European Federation of Trade Unions in the Food, Agriculture and Tourism Sectors and Allied Branches (EFFAT), with seven affiliations and six countries; the European Transport Workers’ Federation (ETF), with seven affiliations and four countries; the European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers’ Federation (EMCEF), with five affiliations and four countries; and the European Metalworkers’ Federation (EMF), with four affiliations covering three countries. Moreover, it should be noted that the affiliations listed in Table 7 are likely not to be exhaustive. Nevertheless, and despite the relatively large number of affiliations to European organisations other than UNI-Europa Sport, EU Athletes and FIFPro, this overview underlines the principal status of the latter associations as the sector’s labour representatives. This is mainly because many of the aforementioned affiliations to other European organisations reflect the overlapping domains of the affiliates (see Table 7) rather than a real reference of the affiliations as such to the sport and active leisure sector.

An analogous review of the membership of the national employer/ business associations can be derived from Table 10. Most of them entertain few affiliations to European associations other than EASE, EHFA, EC-OE, EPFL and ECA. There is only one additional European association which covers three countries. This involves UEFA, which participates as an associate party in the already existing Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee in the professional football sector. However, since this organisation does not consider itself as a representative of employers or industrial relations actor, it is not to be seen as a competitor of any of the sector-related European organisations listed above.

In conclusion, UNI-Europa Sport, EU Athletes and FIFPro on the employee side and EASE, EHFA, EC-OE, EPFL and ECA on the employer side are obviously the most important sector-related European organisations.

Commentary

Sport and active leisure has been a dynamic and fast-growing industry for many years. This trend results from a range of factors, such as the diversification of sport activities, the developing leisure industry as well as the further internationalisation, professionalisation and commercialisation of sport. Despite this development, the sector is characterised by a high degree of associational fragmentation on both sides of industry at both national and European level. This is because the distinct sport activities are traditionally based on very diverse organisational

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structures. Moreover, at national level, in many countries broad areas within the sector are likely not to be covered by representative interest organisations on both sides of industry.

The density rates of the national social partner organisations within the sector, where they exist, tend at first glance to be high; however, it appears from the data set that this finding may be strongly biased. Furthermore, high densities are usually related to the organisations' (sectoral) domains rather than to the sector, as such, and thus often result from very narrow membership domains, which may then be well tailored to the particular segments of the sport and active leisure sector. This, in turn, enables such small interest organisations to represent a more particular interest, compared with more general associations, which promotes high rates of member recruitment.

Nevertheless, since the sport movement is rooted in non-profit organisations and in volunteering, which has often hindered the emergence of national social partners in the sport sector, formalised industrial relations structures within the sector tend to be poorly developed in most Member States. This is mirrored by very low levels of collective bargaining coverage in most countries where related data are available. An examination of the figures on cross-sectoral collective bargaining coverage in the EU-27, as presented in the EIRO industrial relations profiles for each Member State, indicates that the sport and active leisure sector's bargaining coverage is lower than the national overall collective bargaining coverage rates in 15 out of 19 countries for which comparable data are available.

Interestingly, in contrast to most other sectors of the economy, the sport and active leisure sector has only been relatively marginally hit by the global economic downturn of 2008–2010. Correspondingly, no major impacts on the national industrial relations systems within the sector have been observed. At European level, in order to cope with the current challenges for the sector, UNI-Europa Sport on the employees' side and EASE on the employers' side have been seeking to set up a joint social dialogue committee for the sport and active leisure sector. All other European social partner organisations examined in this report have confirmed their willingness to participate in the evolving social dialogue in this sector.

Compared with all other European social partner organisations, according to the study findings, all of the sector-related European-level interest organisations examined in this study – each within its own domain – largely remain unchallenged in their position as EU-wide representatives of the sector's employees and employers.

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Annex: Organisation names and their abbreviations

| | Abbreviation | Full Name |
|----|--------------|--|
| AT | GdG-KMSfB | Union for Municipal Employees and the small Arts, Media, |

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| | | Sports and Liberal Professions |
| | GPA-djp | Union of Salaried Employees, Graphical Workers and Journalists |
| | ÖGB | Austrian Trade Union Federation |
| | ÖFBL | Austrian Federal Football League |
| | VdF | Association of Footballers |
| BE | ABVV-AC/FGTB-CG | Belgian General Federation of Labour |
| | ACLVB/CGSLB | Federation of Liberal Trade Unions of Belgium |
| | ACV-Bie | Confederation of Christian Trade Unions – Building Industry and Energy |
| | ACV/CSC | Confederation of Christian Trade Unions |
| | ACV-Sporta | Confederation of Christian Trade Unions - Sport |
| | BBF&W | Belgian Trade Association for the Fitness and Wellness Industry |
| | BBTK/SETca | Belgian Union of White-Collar Staff, Technicians and Managers |
| | BFNO | Professional Federation of Outdoor Leisure Activities Employers |
| | CG/AC | General Federation |
| | CNE/GNC | National Employee Federation |
| | Cessoc | Confederation of Sports and Social-cultural Employers |
| | National Football League | National Football League |
| | Pro League | Pro League |
| | Sociare | Sociare |
| | Volley League | Belgian Volley League |
| | UNIZO | Flemish Organisation of the Self-Employed |
| BG | ABF | Association of Bulgarian Footballers |
| | BAHF | Bulgarian Association for Health and Fitness |
| | BPFL | Bulgarian Professional Football League |
| CY | PFA | Pancyprian Footballers' Association |
| CZ | CAFH | Professional Football Players Association |
| DE | BDA | German Confederation of Employers' Associations |
| | DFL | Deutsche Fussball Liga |

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| | DGB | German Trade Union Federation |
| | DSSV | Arbeitgeberverband deutscher Fitness- und Gesundheitsanlagen |
| | GOAL | Professional Handball Players Association |
| | Sp.I BB | Spieler Initiative Basketball |
| | VDF | Verband Deutscher Fitness- und Gesundheitsunternehmen |
| | VDV | Professional Football Players Association |
| | ver.di | Vereinte Dienstleistungsgewerkschaft |
| DK | 3F | United Federation of Danish Workers |
| | DA | Confederation of Danish Employers |
| | Dansk Erhverv | Danish Chamber of Commerce |
| | Divisionsforeningen | Divisionsforeningen |
| | DLG | Danish Landscape Gardeners |
| | GLS-A | Gartneri- Land- og Skovbrugets Arbejdsgivere |
| | HK Privat | Union of Commercial and Clerical Employees in Denmark |
| | HS | Handbold Spillerforeningen |
| | LO | Danish Confederation of Trade Unions |
| | Spillerforeningen | Danish Professional Football Players Union |
| EE | --- | |
| ES | ABP | Basket Professional Players' Association |
| | ACB | Basket Clubs Association |
| | ACP | Professional Cyclists' Association |
| | AFE | Spanish Football Players' Association |
| | AJBM | Handball Players' Association |
| | AJFS | Five-a-Side Football Players' Association |
| | AJFSF | Professional Female Indoor Football Players Association |
| | ANETA | ANETA |
| | ASOBAL | Handball Clubs Association |
| | CCOO | Trade Union Confederation of Workers' Commissions |
| | CEOE | Spanish Confederation of Employers' Organisations |
| | FeS-UGT | Federation of Services of the General Workers' Confederation |

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| | FNEID | National Federation of Sport Facilities |
| | ECP | Professional Cyclist Teams Association |
| | FSC-CCOO | Federation of Citizen Services of the Trade Union Confederation of Workers' Commissions |
| | LFP | Spanish Football League |
| | LNFS | Five-a-Side National Football League |
| | UGT | General Workers' Confederation |
| FI | ERTO | Federation of Special Service and Clerical Employees |
| | EK | Confederation of Finnish Industries |
| | JP | Jalkpallon Pelaajayhdistys ry |
| | MARA | Finnish Hospitality Association |
| | PALTA | Service Sector Employers |
| | PAM | Service Union United |
| | SAK | Confederation of Finnish Trade Unions |
| | SJ | Suomen Jääkiekkoilijat ry |
| | SKY | Finnish Health and Fitness Centres' Association |
| | STTK | Finnish Confederation of Salaried Employees |
| | Veikkausliiga | Veikkausliiga |
| FR | CFDT | French Democratic Confederation of Labour |
| | CFE-CGC | Confédération Française de l'Encadrement – Confédération Générale des Cadres |
| | CFTC | French Christian Workers' Confederation |
| | CGPME | Employer Association of the French SMEs |
| | CGT | General Confederation of Labour |
| | CGT-FO | General Confederation of Labour – Force ouvrière |
| | CNEA | Conseil National des Employeurs Associatifs |
| | CNES | Confédération Nationale des Educateurs Sportifs |
| | COSMOS | Conseil Social du Mouvement Sportif |
| | F3C | Fédération Communication, Conseil, Culture |
| | FNASS | Fédération Nationale des Associations et Syndicats Sportifs |
| | GERF | Groupement des Entreprises de Remise en Forme |
| | INOVA | Fédération Nationale de l'Hotellerie, Restauration, Sport, Loisirs et Casino |

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| | PROVALE | Professional Rugby Players Association |
| | SNB | Syndicat National des Basketteurs |
| | SNELM | Syndicat National des Entreprises Exploitants des Activités Physiques et Récréatives des Loisirs Marchands |
| | SNEPAT-FO | Syndicat National de l'Education Permanente et de la Formation de l'Animation de l'Hébergement du Sport de Tourisme – Force ouvrière |
| | U2C2F | Union des Clubs des Championnats Français de Football |
| | UCPB | Union des Clubs Professionels de Basket |
| | UCPF | Union des Clubs Professionels de Football |
| | UCPH | Union des Clubs Professionels de Handball |
| | UCPR | Union des Clubs Professionels de Rugby |
| | UCPVB | Union des Clubs Professionels de de Volley-Ball |
| | UNCP | Professional Cyclists Association |
| | UNFP | Union Nationale des Footballeurs Professionnels |
| | UNSA | Union Nationale deds Syndicats Autonomes |
| GR | ESAKE | Basketball Societe Anonymes |
| | HPVPA | Professional Volleyball Players Association |
| | League 2&3 | Football League for the 2 nd and 3 rd Professional Division |
| | PSAK | Pan-Hellenic Association of Professional Basketball Players |
| | PSAP | Pan-Hellenic Association of Professional Football Players |
| | SETEYD (HATEOA) | Hellenic Association of Tourism Enterprises of Outdoor Activities |
| | SuperLeague | SuperLeague |
| HU | ASZSZ | Federation of Autonomous Trade Unions |
| | HLSZ | Trade Union of Professional Footballers of Hungary |
| | MFSZ | Hungarian Baths Association |
| | VKDSZSZ | Water Service Trade Union Alliance |
| IE | GPA | Gaelic Players Association |
| | IBEC | Irish Business and Employers Confederation |
| | ICTU | Irish Congress of Trade Unions |
| | ILAM | Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management |
| | IMPACT | Irish Municipal, Public and Civil Trade Union |

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| | IRUPA | Irish Rugby Union Players' Association |
| | Mandate | Mandate |
| | PFAI | Professional Footballers' Association of Ireland |
| | SIPTU | Services, Industrial, Professional and Technical Union |
| IT | AIC | Italian Football Players' Association |
| | AIPAV | Italian Volleyball Players' Association |
| | AIR | Italian Rugby Players' Association |
| | ANAGT | National Association of Trotting Jockey Trainers |
| | ASSOGALOPPO | Horse-racing Entrepreneurs |
| | CGIL | General Confederation of Italian Workers |
| | CISL | Italian Confederation of Workers' Unions |
| | FEDERIPPODROMI | Italian Federation of Horse-racing Courses |
| | FIAF | Italian Federation of Aerobics and Fitness |
| | FIIS | Federation of Sports Facilities Entrepreneurs |
| | FIPE | Italian Federation of Public Concerns |
| | FISASCAT | Italian Federation of Commercial Services and Tourism |
| | FISTEL-CISL | CISL – Press, Telecommunication and Show Business |
| | GIBA | Italian Basketball Players' Association |
| | Lega Basket | League of Serie A Basketball Associations |
| | Lega Pro | Italian League of Professional Football |
| | LNP A | National League of Serie A Professionals |
| | SLC | Communication Workers' Union |
| | UIL | Union of Italian Workers |
| | UILCOM | Unione Italiana Lavoratori della Comunicazione |
| | UNAGT-AGIT | National Union of Trotting Jockey Trainers |
| | UNI | Unione Ippodromi d'Italia |
| LT | LKPS | Professional Basketball Players Association |
| | LPSDPS | Lithuanian Service Workers Trade Union |
| | LTUC | Lithuanian Trade Union Confederation |
| | SPS | Sportsmen Trade Union |
| LU | CGT | General Workers Confederation |
| | OGB-L | Independent Luxembourg Union Federation |

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| LV | LDDK | Latvian Employers' Confederation |
| | LFVVNA | Latvia Fitness and Health Promotion Industry Association |
| | LKDAF | Latvian Trade Union Federation for People Engaged in Cultural Activities |
| | LTUST | Latvian Trade Union for Sport and Tourism |
| MT | GWU | General Workers' Union |
| | MFPA | Professional Football Players Association |
| NL | CBV | Association of Professional Football Coaches |
| | CNV | Christian Trade Union Federation |
| | CNV Mode en Sport | Christian Trade Union Federation – Fashion and Sports |
| | De Unie/MHP | De Unie – Trade Union for Industry and Services |
| | Eredivisie | Eredivisie |
| | FBO | Association of Professional Football Clubs |
| | Fit!vak | Fit!vak |
| | FNV | Federation of Dutch Trade Unions |
| | FNV Bondgenoten | Federation of Dutch Trade Unions – Bondgenoten |
| | FNV Sport | Federation of Dutch Trade Unions – Sport |
| | MHP | Federation for Managerial and Professional Staff |
| | NL Sporter | NL Sporter |
| | ProProf | ProProf |
| | VeBon | Association of Outdoor Activities Enterprises |
| | VNO-NCW | Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers |
| | VPW | Association of Professional Cycling Teams |
| | VVBW | Association of Professional Cyclists |
| | VVCS | Association of Professional Football Players |
| | WOS | Werkgeversorganisatie in de sport |
| PL | Ekstraklasa SA | Polish Professional Football League |
| | PZFW | Polski Związek Fitness and Wellness |
| | PZP | Polish Union of Footballers |
| PT | AGAP | Association of Fitness Centres of Portugal |
| | ANTF | National Association of Football Coaches |
| | APECATE | Portuguese Association of Congress and Touristic |

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| | | Animation Companies |
| | CESP | Union of Commerce, Office and Service Workers of Portugal |
| | CGTP | General Portuguese Workers' Confederation |
| | FESAHT | Federation of Food, Beverage, Hotels and Tourism Unions of Portugal |
| | FGP | Gymnastics Federation of Portugal |
| | LPFP | Portuguese League of Professional Football |
| | SJPF | Union of Professional Football Players |
| | UGT | General Workers' Confederation |
| RO | AFAN | Association of Amateur and Non-amateur Football Players of Romania |
| | BNS | National Trade Union Block |
| | LPF | Professional Football League |
| SE | AHT | Academics Union in Trade and Service |
| | Almega | Almega Employer Organisation |
| | Arbetsgivaralliansen | Employers Alliance |
| | Fastighets | Swedish Building Maintenance Workers' Union |
| | FRISK | Association for the Health and Fitness Industry |
| | IDEA | Employer Organisation for Non-Profit-Organisations |
| | Kommunals | Municipal Workers' Union |
| | LO | Swedish Trade Union Confederation |
| | PTK | Council for Negotiation and Co-operation |
| | SACO | Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations |
| | SEF | Swedish Association for Professional Football |
| | SICO | Swedish Icehockey Players' Association |
| | SFS | Football Players' Association of Sweden |
| | SLA | Federation of Swedish Forestry and Agricultural Employers |
| | Svenskt Näringsliv | Confederation of Swedish Enterprises |
| | TCO | Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees |
| | Unionen | Trade Union for Professionals in the Private Sector |
| SI | SPINS | Union of Professional Football Players of Slovenia |
| | SSS | Union of Athletes of Slovenia |

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| | Union 1. SNL | Union 1. SNL – Professional Football League |
| | ZSSS | Association of Free Trade Unions of Slovenia |
| SK | APFS | Professional Football Players Association |
| UK | ECB | England and Wales Cricket Board |
| | FIA | Fitness Industry Association |
| | Football League | Football League (England) |
| | GFTU | General Federation of Trade Unions |
| | GMB | General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union |
| | NASS | National Association of Stable Staff |
| | NTF | National Trainers Federation |
| | PCA | Professional Cricketers' Association |
| | PFA | Professional Footballers' Association |
| | PFAS | Professional Footballers' Association Scotland |
| | PPF | Professional Players Federation |
| | Premier League | Premier League (England) |
| | Prospect | Prospect |
| | RPA | Rugby Players' Association |
| | Skills Active | Skills Active – Sector Skills Council |
| | SPL | Scottish Premier League |
| | TUC | Trades Union Congress |
| | Unison | Unison |
| | UNITE | Unite the Union |
| | WRPA | Welsh Rugby Players' Association |
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| EUROPE | AEFCA | Alliance of European Football Coaches' Associations |
| | CEDAG | European Council of Associations of General Interest |
| | CESS | European Confederation of Sport and Health |
| | CoESS | Confederation of European Security Services |
| | EAFF | European Aerobic and Fitness Association |
| | EASE | European Association of Sport Employers |
| | ECA | European Club Association |
| | EC-OE | European Confederation of Outdoor Employers |

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| | EFAPCO | European Federation of the Associations of Professional Congress Organisers |
| | EFBWW | European Federation of Building and Woodworkers |
| | EFCA | European Fitness Centre Association |
| | EFFAT | European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions |
| | EFHA | European Federation Historic Aviation |
| | EFJ | European Federation of Journalists |
| | EHFA | European Health and Fitness Association |
| | EHPU | European Handball Players' Union |
| | EMCEF | European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers' Federation |
| | EMF | European Metalworkers' Federation |
| | ENSSEE | European Network of Sport Science, Education and Employment |
| | EOSE | European Observatoire of Sport and Employment |
| | EPFL | Association of European Professional Football Leagues |
| | EPSU | European Federation of Public Service Unions |
| | ESPA | European Spa Association |
| | ETF | European Transport Workers' Federation |
| | ETF | European Trainers Federation |
| | EU Athletes | European Elite Athletes Association |
| | Eurocadres | Council of European Professional and Managerial Staff |
| | Eurochambres | Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry |
| | EuroCommerce | EuroCommerce - The Retail, Wholesale and International Trade Representation to the EU |
| | Eurofedop | European Federation of Employees in the Public Service |
| | EuroFIA | International Federation of Actors – Section Europe |
| | EURO WEA | European Workers' Education Association |
| | FIFPro (Division Europe) | International Federation of Professional Footballers' Associations (Division Europe) |
| | FIM-Europe | International Federation of Musicians – Section Europe |
| | GEOPA | Employers' Group of Professional Agricultural Organisations |

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| | HOTREC | European Trade Association of Hotels, Restaurants and Cafés |
| | UBE | European Basketball Players' Association |
| | UEFA | Union of European Football Associations |
| | ULEB | Union of European Basket Leagues |
| | UNI Euro-MEI | Union Network International – Europe – Media, Entertainment, Arts |
| | UNI Europa | Union Network International – Europe |
| | UNI Europa Sport | Union Network International – Europe – Section Sport |

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