The EMPLOYS Project
This collaborative partnership aims at improving good governance in the employment relations of athletes in Olympic sports by providing, evaluating and sharing evidence based information, practices and recommendations in an important subdomain of sport and governance. The project team will provide evidence based policy recommendations for sport governing bodies from the local to the global level as well as for national public authorities and EU institutions. The project is structured around three specific goals:
1. Understanding - establishing an evidence base of the legal and socio-political landscape defining the employment relations of athletes in Olympic sports in 29 European countries and the European Union;
2. Evaluating - assessing the current practice across the continent;
3. Improving - formulating and implementing concrete policy recommendations for key stakeholders.
Building on a rigorous and participatory methodology, the expertise and unique network of the project team, this collaborative partnership will inform substantial and sustainable policy change on all levels of governance. The results empower athletes for a secure and successful career in sport and beyond.

Directions
By car: Follow the A1, and exit at Köln-Loevenich. Follow the signs to the RheinEnergie stadium until you reach the direction sign to the German Sport University.

By public transportation: Board the city railway line #1 Junkersdorf/ Weiden West (or Brueck/ Bensberg when entrance at the stop Weiden-West) or take the busses KVB-line 141/143/144. Get off at the stop “Junkersdorf/ Sporthochschule”.

also see the website of the German Sport University
10:30 Arrival & Registration

11:00 Welcome & Introduction: The EMPLOYS Project
   Jürgen Mittag

11:15 Presentation:
   Understanding the Employment Relations of Athletes in Olympic Sports in Europe - Results of an EU-wide Study
   Maximilian Seltmann, Lorenz Fiege

Q&A Session (incl. Project Partners)
   Luiz Haas, Manfred Laemmer, Leanne O'Leary, Vanja Smokvina, Paulina Tomczyk, Pawel Zembura

12:30 Lunch Break

13:15 Panel 1: Athlete Representatives, Inter- and Transnational Stakeholders
   - Max Hartung
     Athleten Deutschland
   - Gerd Kanter
     European Olympic Committees Athletes’ Commission
   - Paulina Tomczyk
     EU Athletes
   - Kaveh Mehrabi
     International Olympic Committee
   - Giovanni Di Cola
     International Labour Organization
   - Stanislas Frossard
     Council of Europe
   Chair: Leanne O’Leary

Q&A Session

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 Key Note: Stephan Mayer
   Government of the Federal Republic of Germany/BMI

16:00 Stakeholders in Central Europe
   - Dorothee Schuler
     German Federal Ministry of the Interior
   - Thierry Wagner
     Ministry of Sport in Luxembourg
   - Steven Jellinghaus
     Tilburg University/ De Voort Advocaten
   - Niels Goll
     German Olympic Sport Confederation/DOSB
   Chair: Jürgen Mittag

Q&A Session

17:00 Conclusion & Outlook