

# Athletes' Social Protection in Europe:

## Improving the Status quo through European Policies and Social Dialogue?

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15:45	Registration (Welcome Coffee)	17:00	Panel Debate: "Athletes' Social Protection in the European Sport Model: How to Support its Implementation?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Giorgio Guazzugli-Marini (DG EAC Sport Unit)</li><li>• Katarzyna Biniaszczyk (APA European Parliament)</li><li>• Gino Schilders (Czech Hockey Federation &amp; EuroHockey)</li><li>• Paulina Tomczyk (European Athletes and Players Association)</li><li>• Stanislas Frossard tbc (Council of Europe's Sport Division)</li></ul> Chair: Andrea Cattaneo (Edge Hill University)
16:00	Conference Welcome <i>MEP Bogdan Zdrojewski (CULT Committee, EPP)</i>		
16:10	"Evaluating and Improving Athletes' Social Protection: The SOPROS Project" <i>Jürgen Mittag, Lorenz Fiege, Maximilian Seltsmann (German Sport University Cologne)</i>		
16:30	Signing Event: <i>SOPROS Declaration on Athletes' Social Protection</i>	18:00	Conclusions and Outlook <i>Jürgen Mittag (German Sport University)</i>
16:45	Keynote: "Athletes' Social Protection in EU Sport Policies" <i>MEP Hannes Heide (CULT Committee, S&amp;D)</i>	18:15	Cocktail Reception