

Workshop 1.1

The Future of Grassroots Athletics Organisations in Eastern Europe

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Workshop Aim

To build a common understanding of the grassroots delivery of athletics and how the development of Member Federations and grassroots organisations in Eastern Europe can be supported.

Agenda

1. Definitions
2. Situation Survey/Factors to Consider
3. Direction/Support Ideas

Grassroots Organisations

'Independent'
Clubs

Sport Schools

University/College
clubs

Military/police
clubs

Regional
affiliations

Recreational
clubs/groups

Athletics Clubs

A “**club**” is defined as a public or private, permanent **association of persons** jointly participating in, and/or supporting the development of, athletics.

*European Athletics
ECCC Regulations*

Club Models

Independent vs. linked to other state/private organisation

Multisport vs. athletics only

Government funded vs. 'own' income vs. mixed funding

Specialised age group/discipline vs. 'club for all'

Characteristics

Membership

Training support (facilities, coaching, etc.)

Participating in and organising
competitions

Organisation structure

Understanding the Systems

Prevalence of 'private' clubs

Prevalence of state-managed sport schools

'Mixed' systems?

Prevalence of other models (running groups, university/college based clubs, etc.)

Discussion - Factors to Consider

- Legislation framework and/or state policies
- Affiliation to Member Federation
- Sources of income/funding
- Membership structure
- Social relevance
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Discussion – Support Ideas

- Formal survey/database
- Platforms for exchange of ideas/best practice
- Political support
- Project consultancy and resources
- “Club guide” and quality recognition
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