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TOPIC: How to increase participation in sport?

Administrative support, financing of clubs, cooperation with schools locally

FINDINGS:

All clubs are supported through municipalities, but level of financing is variable, depending on the budget of the municipality and its preferences. Big municipalities financially support a larger number of clubs, whereas in smaller municipalities smaller clubs tend to be left out, effectively depending solely on the financial support of parents and sponsors.

In **Slovenia**, cooperation with schools is well established and supported also through municipality programmes, and could serve as an example of good practice.

In **Croatia**, schools provide gyms to clubs, but other forms of cooperation for increased participation of youths in sport are not established.

In **Italy**, there is no stable cooperation of clubs with (elementary- or high-) schools and the clubs depend on themselves for gyms.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- If we want to increase participation in sport, municipalities should increase budget for sporting activities, notably through supporting grassroots clubs that can reach a wide audience.
- Sporting culture is not just professional sports, so municipalities should increase financing also for grassroots sport, which allows youths to participate in sport even if they are not professionally inclined, and increases their chances of adopting a healthy lifestyle early in life.
- Cooperation of clubs with schools, elementary- and high-schools, is a stable way to increase participation in sport for youths, most notably through sharing available gyms for the operation of clubs or through direct programmes of cooperation. A case of good example is Slovenia, where stable cooperation of clubs and schools (and municipalities) is in place, sporting culture is promoted and participation in sport is comparatively and absolutely very high throughout the population and age groups.
- In Slovenia, our proposition is for schools to make school gyms available also at weekends, as the demand for gyms is very high and weekdays do not suffice.

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