



## **EU's ROLE IN SPORT**

With the Lisbon Treaty, the EU now has an explicit power in the field of sport.

Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament see sport as having a huge contribution to make to the quality of life: many people take part in sporting activities on a regular basis and sport attracts Europeans of all ages. It plays an important role in our societies, entrenching such values as team spirit, solidarity, tolerance and fair play, and contributing towards personal development and fulfilment.

Our Group works to promote sport, with special priority for the following aspects:

- using sport as a factor for social inclusion and integration;
- protecting young sportsmen and women from exploitation;
- eliminating doping from sport;
- combating match-fixing and corruption in sport;
- combating violence, intolerance and discrimination in and through sport;
- supporting mobility of sportspeople;
- promoting volunteering in sport;
- supporting grassroots sport activities;
- promoting health-enhancing physical activities especially in schools.

We keep a constant dialogue with sports' organisations and stakeholders to see how we can contribute effectively to these aims.