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GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE CITY



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■ a) Name of the city

Košice

■ b) Population

240 thousand inhabitants

■ c) Which department in your city
is Responsible for sports?

Department of Schools

Section of Sports and Youth

■ d) Contact person

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Of Sports and Youth



01_SPORT
INFRASTRUCTURE
- SPORT
FACILITIES



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01_SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE - SPORT FACILITIES

- a) Please provide a detailed list of the sport infrastructure premises according to their types, purpose and conditions.

■ *A. Indoor sport facilities used for training purposes and organization of international events:*

a.) Steel Arena multifunctional sports hall with ice rink with capacity of 8 347 seats, 40 VIP boxes and adjacent training hall of 26 x 56 meters for 600 spectators. In the hall there is a multifunctional room suitable for organization of international events of all collective ball games and individual indoor sports.

b.) Crow Arena ice rink for icehockey and figure skating with capacity of 1100 seats.

c.) Indoor swimming hall on the Street of Protifašistických bojovníkov with 50 meter and 25 meter swimming pools with capacity of 900 seats.

d.) Infinity aréna at the address: Pri Jazdiarni 1 /Next to the riding school/ old sports-hall for sports like basketball, floorball, futsal, capacity of the spectators: 2 thousand places.

e.) Hala Cassosport, Alejova Street multifunctional sports hall for basketball, futsal, badminton, floorball, tennis, handball with capacity of 2 thousand spectators.

f.) Multihala Alejova multifunctional hall for handball, tennis, badminton, floorball, basketball, volleyball with capacity of 5 thousand seats.

g.) Wrestling hall Spoločenský pavilón, Trieda SNP 61, for wrestling sports with capacity of 2 thousand seats.

h.) Badminton hall Južné nábrežie 13, 4 tennis courts

i.) Bardejovská Street Gym specializing in football tennis

J.) Gymnasts Gym - Gymnastik Popradská 84

k.) Weightlifters Gym Juhoslovanská 2

l.) Table tennis playing rooms, Lokomotíva and Myslava

m.) Indoor shooting range Podhradová Street, pistol, rifles

n.) Indoor shooting range - Smart Námestie osloboditeľov 20, /central Main square in Košice/

o.) Squash centers Forma, Amigos, Monopol, Kustrova, Wuppertálska, Baldi,

p.) Bowling skittles alley, Popradská Street

q.) Dance centres Outbreak, Cassiadance, Meteor

r.) Climbing walls indoor Boulder aréna, Metropol,

■ *B. Indoor school sports halls:*

a.) ZŠ Bernolákova /ZŠ -základná škola = Basic school/ specializing in handball

b.) SOU Železničné /special railway-workers school/ specializing in basketball

c.) SOŠ Ostrovského /special technical school/ basketball

d.) Gymnasium of P. J. Šafárik University volleyball and basketball

e.) Gymnasium STU Jedlíková volleyball, floorball, badminton

f.) Gymnasium Slávia TUKE /Technical University/Watsonova martial arts and sports

■ **C. Indoor school swimming pools:**

- a.) SOŠ Šaca /secondary technical school/ 25 meter swimming pools
- b.) ZŠ /Basic school/ Tomášikova - 20 meter
- c.) ZŠ Ľ. Podjavorinskej - 20 meter
- d.) ZŠ Trebišovská - 16 meter
- e.) ZŠ Družicová 12 meter
- f.) ZŠ Krosnianska 2, - 12 meter swimming pool

■ **D. Number of gymnasiums at different kinds of schools:**

- a.) Basic schools - 34 gymnasiums
- b.) Secondary schools - 33 gymnasiums
- c.) Universities - 8 gymnasiums

■ **E. Fitness centers:**

OC Torysa, OC Luník 2, Tenis Komplex, InPulse, Selvo klub, Aha fit, Forma club, Rebels Gym, Motion Studio, AQUA, Gymstar, 7 Days Gym, Best body, Cardio sport, EM fit, Eurofit, Expreska, Fitbox centrum, Fit-centrum šport, Fitcentrum Trend, Fitclub San, Fitcore, Trixen, Fit line 69, Fitnes Budo club, Horvis's Gym, Selvo klub, Kenko Raifu fitness, Lady fit, Tempus

■ **F. Open-air sports facilities for summer sports used for training purposes and organizing different international events:**

- a.) Football stadium Lokomotíva of size 105 x 68 meters with capacity 9 thousand seats with two training grounds.
- b.) Athletics stadium Slávia TU Watsonova ulica, 400 meters running circuit, 8 tracks, football pitch in the middle, jumping and throwing events sector, capacity of 500 seats
- c.) Cable Park Košice water ski lift, sport area Jazero /Lake near Hornád River./
- d.) Golf course Alpinka 9 holes
- e.) Golf course Malá Ida 9 holes
- f.) Horse riding site UVLF /Veterinary University premises/ Trieda KVP 9
- g.) Water sports area on Hornád River

h.) Climbing walls former heat exchanger on Važecká Street

■ **G. Open-air sports facilities for winter sports used for training purposes and organizing international competitions:**

- a.) Ski resort Jahodná - 3 pistes, 7 ski-lifts, 1 cross-country skiing track
- b.) Ski resort Kavečany 6 pistes, 8 ski-lifts, 1 cross-country skiing track

■ **H. Open-air sport areas used by general public and for training:**

- a.) Fun-Sports Area Alejová 2 hockey, skating, basketball, football, tennis, skatepark
- b.) MČ Ťahanovce /MČ = city ward/ tennis, skate park, multifunctional playground
- c.) MČ Furča bicross track, park-forest running track
- d.) MČ Jazero inline track, running track
- e.) summer bob-sleigh track Kavečany
- f.) Paintball Červený breh - recreation area of Košice
- g.) Football pitches: in the following city wards and parts: Ťahanovce, Šaca, Barca, Popradská, Užhorodská, Bruselská, Myslava, Poľov, Košická Nová Ves, Dneperská, ZŠ /ZŠ = basic schools/ Družicová, ZŠ Postupimská, ZŠ Kežmarská, ZŠ Požiarnická, ZŠ Fábryho
- h.) Multifunctional playgrounds: ZŠ Považská, ZŠ Slobody, ZŠ Kežmarská 30, ZŠ Starozagorská, ZŠ Tomášikova, ZŠ Hroncová, ZŠ Galaktická, ZŠ Mládežnícka, Sídliisko Jazero, ZŠ Krosnianska 4, ZŠ Postupimská, ZŠ Maurerova, ZŠ Fábryho, ZŠ Staničná, ZŠ Ľ. Novomeského 2, ZŠ Gemerská, ZŠ Masarykova, ZŠ Polianska, Hotelová Akadémia

i.) Tennis courts: Ulica /Street/ Jána Pavla II., Wuppertálska, Drocárov park, Šaca, Anička, Olympia, Tenis club BD, Monopol club, Vyso-koškolská 4, Barca, Tenis Komplex, Galaktik, Malá Ida, Medická

j.) Swimming/bathing pools: Mestský park/City Park/, Triton, Ryba

k.) Cycle routes: the following streets, parts of the city: Hlavná, Komenského, Čermel, ná-brežie Hornádu/ Hornád Riverbank/, Prešovská Sečovská sídlisko Nad jazerom, Urbánkova ul., Ľavobrežná, Trieda SNP, Južná trieda

l.) Ice rinks in city wards of KVP, Šaca

m.) downhill skiing track Alpinka

n.) Cycle routes in Košice and surroundings

Alpinka - Diana - Čierna lúka -
Findoráková - Lieskovec - Nemcova
dolka - Alpinka (23,2 km)

Sokoľ - Kráľová studňa - Jánošova lúka -
Hrešná - Kavečany (12 km)

Krásna - Heringeš - Košická Nová Ves -
Zelený dvor - krematórium - Ťahanovce
- obec Ťahanovce (22,4 km)

Sídliisko KVP - Horný Bankov (4,1 km)

Čičky - Kamenný potok - Girbeš -
Klatovianka - Vrbica - Rákocziho
prameň - Jahodná (11,6 km)

Sídliisko Terasa - Horný Bankov (3,9 km)

Vyšný Klátov - Predná Holica - Jahodná
- Kamenný hrb - Bankov (18,3 km)

Myslava - Girbeš - Klatovianka - Vrbica -
Nižný Klátov - križovatka pri Hýľove -
Bukovec (17,6 km)

Pereš - Bukovec (6,9 km)

Bankov - Krigrund - Kamenný potok -
Girbeš - Klatovianka - Nižný Klátov
(9,2 km)

Jahodná - odbočka na zjazdovke -
odbočka na Pišivenky - odbočka do
Opátky - chata Lajoška (10,2 km)

I. Number of outdoor sports complexes near the city schools:

- a.) Basic schools 34 sports complexes
- b.) Secondary schools 18 sports complexes
- c.) Universities 6 sports complexes



- b) Please provide a detailed list of sports facilities the city plans to build up in the year it will stand as a candidate for European City of Sport.

- a.) Reconstruction of "RedStar" swimming Pools
- b.) KVP Arena ice rinks, gymnasium
- c.) Gymnastics centre Trebišovská
- d.) Inline oval Bukovecká street
- e.) Football stadium Alejová
- f.) Gymnasium Barca, Abovská
- g.) Sports centre for the disabled city ward Furča
- h.) Volleyball gymnasium Alejová
- i.) Floorball gymnasium Užhorodská
- j.) Athletics oval - Belehradská

- c) Provide the overall sum of the city expenses aimed at upkeep of different sports facilities invested during the last three years. Make a detailed breakdown according to the type of facilities.

- *The City of Košice has reconstructed the swimming pools of the following schools:*

- ZŠ Tomášikova/113 thousand €/
- ZŠ Družicova/340 thousand €/
- ZŠ Trebišovská /81 160 €/
- a.) Reconstruction and updating of the historical outdoor swimming pool ČH / Red Star/ /4 mill. 900 thousand €/
- b.) Support of the sports facility Steel Arena /60 thousand €/
- c.) Cycle route Baránok - Alpinka 2nd stage, 3rd construction /14 thousand. €/
- d.) Reconstruction of the handball hall /45 thousand €/
- e.) Reconstruction of athletic oval Trebišovská /50 thousand €/
- f.) Reconstruction of outdoor swimming pool Triton and sport-entertainment complex Alejova Street /630 thousand €/
- g.) Reconstruction of the Indoor swimming pool /600 thousand €/

The overall amount needed for upkeep of the concerned sport facilities makes 6 833 160 Eur for the last three years.

- d) Indicate the average investments into sports facilities during the last three years.

- *Ensuring the construction of the multi-functional sports grounds:*

- a.) ZŠ Tomašikova / 47 990 €/
- b.) ZŠ Hroncová / 138 522 €/
- c.) ZŠ Gemerská / 48 000 €/,
- d.) ZŠ Staničná / 40 000 €/
- e.) ZŠ Galaktická / 40 000 €/
- f.) Multifunctional portable floor in Steel Aréna / 173 880 €/
- g.) Construction of inline oval at ZŠ Bukovecká / 30 000 €/
- h.) Construction of football stadium / 300 000 €/

Investments into sport facilities during the last three years make 818 392.- €.

- e) Is there a development plan for the sports in your city? What are the main goals? The planned investments for the next three years.

- *The concept of the development of sports in the City of Košice for 2015 -2020*

The main goals of the concept:

- Working out the concept of development of physical education,
- Cooperation in selection and preparation of sport talents,
- Support of organizing different sports events on local and international levels,
- Creation of conditions for the development of sports for everyone,
- Support of sport activities for disabled citizens,
- Support of initiatives within physical culture aimed at environmental protection,
- Audit of the economic management and expediency of using up the financial resources provided for the physical education,
- Cooperation with civic associations, municipalities and other legal entities and natural persons active in physical education.

■ **Planned investments for the next three years:**

School sports

- reconstruction and building up new multifunctional sportsgrounds in school areas pursuant to the prepared analysis of the city /150 000 €/
- gradual reconstruction of the athletics ovals in premises of basic schools up to 2020 and make them accessible after school for the general public, for the citizens of the respective city wards /240 000 €/
- building up new sports facilities with the participation of private investors where the city contributes to projects with land, pursuant to the special aspect /6 mil.€/
- founding another basic school with specialization in sports, so called Sport-kindergarten /80 000 €/

City infrastructure and investments

- Construction of football stadium /12 mil. €/
- Construction of multifunctional sport hall and congress centre /6 mil. €/
- Renovation of the outdoor swimming pool ČH and swimming pools /4,9 mil. €/
- Building up of an Aquapark /30 mil. €/
- Building up a sport centre for the disabled sportspeople /10 mil. €/
- Building up an artificial water sports channel on the Hornád River /6 mil. €/
- Building up the National Tennis Centre /10 mil. €/
- Founding the Hall of Fame of sports /30 000. €/
- Building up 3 multifunctional sports halls for ball games /9 mil. €/
- building up new cycle routes /500 thousand €/
- Keeping up and developing the area of Jazero/Lake for water sports /2 mil. €/
- building up outdoor fitness facilities in appropriate localities for different age groups and disabled /600 000 €/
- creating appropriate infrastructural conditions for urban sports (jogging routes, skate park, workout in the streets / public spaces....) /600 000 €/
- develop a continuous path for pedestrians, runners and cyclists leading along the upper edge of the slope between the city ward Terasa and the City Center so called Košická zelená trasa/green track of Košice /800 000 €/

■ **f) Indicate the detailed annual budget of the Department of Sports and the percentual share of the budget of sports in the overall city budget.**

- Subsidy pursuant to generally-binding regulation No. 76 Concept of sports in the city (mládežnícké kluby a dôležité športové aktivity) /380 000 €/
- Subsidy for youth sport Contract with MFK / local football club /300 000 €/
- Regular sports and cultural activity for youth organized by the city and reciprocal sports events with foreign partners /30 000 €/
- Sports meeting of the partner cities V4 Katowice /3 000 € /
- Sport at schools reconstruction of school playgrounds / 50 000 €/
- Reconstruction of swimming pools ZŠ /basic school/ Tomášikova /113 000. €/ and ZŠ Družicova /340 000.- €/
- Reconstruction and modernization of historical outdoor swimming pool ČH (Red Star)/4 mill. 900 thousand €/
- Support of sports facilities Steel Arena /20 000 €/
- Cycle Route Baránok - Alpinka 2nd stage, 3rd construction /14 000 €/
- Reconstruction of handball hall /45 000.- €/
- Reconstruction of athletics oval Trebišovská street /50 000.- €/
- Reconstruction of outdoor swimming pool Triton and Fun-Sports complex Alejova /210 000.- €/
- Reconstruction of indoor swimming pool /160 000.- €/
- European City of Sport activity /50 000 €/
- Rent of school sports facilities pursuant to the special aspect / 400 000 €/

Overall expenses 7 mill. 66 thousand €, i.e. 5.6 % from the overall annual city budget 126 million €.

02_ACCESS
TO FACILITIES
AND SPORT
ACTIVITIES



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02_ACCESS TO FACILITIES AND SPORT ACTIVITIES

- a) Describe, please, how the sport associations and clubs work in your city; existing agreements, grants and possibilities of their use for non-members..
- b) Describe the procedures: existing agreements, entry cards for discounted price, public transport to sport facilities etc.

Sports clubs use the city sports facilities gymnasiums and sports areas at schools that are subject to city administration. They also use the City Sports Hall /Mestská športová hala/ free of charge according to the principle of special focus. The clubs have to pay only the operational costs for using these facilities. Sports facilities built from private resources on city-owned lands have concluded a contract with the city on free rental of the plot of land where the concerned facilities have been built. The special aspect of the advantageous rental involves systematic work with young people and providing sports services to the general public. If the sports associations organize public activities together with the city, these are exempted from paying rent. Popular public and youth sports activities organized in these facilities are in most cases accessible free of charge School Sports League, Swimming Relay-race, Challenge Day, Move Week...

The City Public Transport runs to all the sports facilities in the city and also to adjacent recreational areas near Košice: Alpínka, Jahodná, Horný Bankov and Kavečany. Young people have reduced fares on all the city transport lines and seniors and pensioners travel free of charge all over the city. Students with ISIC cards and pensioners have reduced entrance fees to municipal sports facilities. Citizens of Košice who are clients of selected insurance companies also have reduced entrance fees to some sports complexes. The insurance companies undertake to pay a part of the entrance fees. Disabled citizens travel for reduced fares in public transport in Košice and they have reduced entrance fees to some sports facilities.



03_ SPORTS
ASSOCIATIONS AND
CLUBS AND PARTICIPATION
OF THE RESIDENT SPORTS
CLUBS AND SPORT
ORGANIZATIONS IN
SPORT LEAGUES



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03_SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS AND PARTICIPATION OF THE RESIDENT SPORTS CLUBS AND SPORT ORGANIZATIONS IN SPORT LEAGUES

- a) Give a detailed list of associations and sport clubs competing in the highest competitions /divisions, championships and national tournaments (e.g.: A, A1, A2, B).

Athletics - Akademik TU , TJ Obalservis Košice, Slávia TU všetci, TJ Mladost Kavečany, ŠK Olympia all of them A

Arm wrestling - ATU Košice powersport klub A1

Automobile sport - Autoclub Košice B

Badminton - Lokomotiva Košice, Akademik TU all of them A

Baseball - 1. Basebalový klub Košice, Akademik TU Crows Košice all of them A

Basketball - Good Angels Košice A, BK SOUŽ Cassovia Košice A, Juniorbasket Košice B, Abovia Košice B, CBK Jugo Košice B, KAC Basket Košice B, Basketbalový klub UVLF B, TYDAM Košice B, RIM Basket B, KBSL B, OZ Zober loptu nie drogy B / Take the ball, - not drugs! /

Bridge - Košický bridžový klub B

Box - Boxing club Košice, Lokomotiva Košice all of them A

Martial arts - MMA Top team A

Cycling - BMX klub Košický šarkaň A, Jump sport klub A, Isako šport, KPŠ A,

Disc sport - Kefear B

Floorball - ŠK Gama Košice, Akademik TU Košice, Florko Košice, Blakot, all of them A

Football - MFK Košice A, FC Lokomotiva Košice A1, Galaktik Košice B, Benecol Košice B, KAC Košice B, FK Barca B, FK Ťahanovce B, FK Poľov B, FK Šaca B, FK Košická Nová Ves B, Junior Košice B, Futsal - Futsal Košice A

Golf - Golf club Alpinka Košice, Red Fox Golf Club all of them A

Handball - 1. MHK A, FHT Drábova A1, ŠŠK Bernolákova A1

Hockeyball - Mestská hokejbalová únia A

Hockey - HC Košice A, Liba Academy B, ICE dream B, HK Košice B

Inline skating - Cassovia Speed Roller Club, Skating Club Košice, RK Inline Center všetci A

Jachting - Akademik TU A

Horse-riding - Jazdecký oddiel TJ Slávia UVL Košice A

Judo - Judo Košice A

Ju-jitsu - Cassovia Ju-jitsu, Ju-jitsu Do Košice, RSC Ju-jitsu Košice all of them A

Kanoeing - TJ Lokomotiva Košice, TJ Slávia UVL Košice all of them A

Karate - Karate Union Košice, Karate klub Kretovič Košice, Karate Metropol, ŠK Keido all of them A

Kickbox - ŠKP PZ Košice, Guard Steel Trans Kickboxing Košice all of them A

Bowling - PKŠ BKK Pinners Košice A

Figure skating - Kraso centrum Košice A

Body building - Veterinary Bodybuilding Club Košice A

Skiing - ŠK UNI Košice A

Modern gymnastics - Gymnastický klub ISKRA Košice A

Motocycling sport - SC Enduro

Football tennis - KAC Jednota Košice , DPMK Košice - all of them A

Orienteering - Klub orientačného behu ATU Košice A

Parachutistics - Aeroklub Košice A

Swimming - ŠKP Košice, Marea Košice all of them A

Rugby - RK Slávia TUKE A

Snooker - Snooker Club Košice A

Snowboard - KAC Košice A

Table tennis - Stolnotenisový klub Košice A1, Stolnotenisový klub Lokomotiva Košice A1

Synchronous swimming - Marea Košice B

Sport shooting - Športovostrelecký klub Podhradová A, ŠK Olympia A

Dancing - TC Meteor, Outbreak, Cassiadance, SPEEDY all of them A

Chess - TJ Slávia UPJŠ Košice A

Sport gymnastics - Kešel Košice, Gymnastik Košice all of them A

Fencing - Šermiarska spoločnosť Willard A

Taekwondo - ŠKP Košice, FK Hornád Košice, Koryo taekwondo all of them A

Tennis - TJ Slávia UPJŠ, Tenisový klub Anička, Mladost, DRANA M, TK Akademik všetci A

Hiking - Klub turistov mesta Košice, KAC Košice all of them A

Water sports - TJ Slávia UPJŠ, Kanoistický oddiel UVL Košice, TJ Lokomotiva all of them A

Water skiing - Klub vodného lyžovania TRIKEN Košice A

Water polo - ČH Hornets Košice A, ŠKP Modrí draci Košice A

Volleyball - VK KDS Šport Košice A, Slávia UPJŠ Košice B, VK Slávia TU Košice A2, VK Kometa Košice A2, Beach Volejbal Slávia TUKE A, VK Šaca A

Weight-lifting - Mestský klub vzpierania a silových športov A

Wrestling - TJ Lokomotiva Košice A, Zápasnícky klub 1904 Košice A

- b) Provide detailed information on sports volunteers in your city: how are they organised, how they work, how they look for new volunteers, what advantages they have from working as volunteers.

The volunteers in the City of Košice work in various clubs according to the needs of organised sports events. They are usually young sportspeople who have finished their active sports careers, but some of them are still active in their field. A big group of volunteers work at the Sports Institute of P. J. Šafárik University /Ústav športu pri UPJŠ/ Košice which helps organize through its student's important events such as the Košice Peace Marathon 60, Košice Night Run 40, VSE City Run 40, Swimming Relay Race 40, or the Junior Grand Prix in Skating 30. About 150 volunteers worked within the company -Visit Košice, in organization work for the World Championship in Ice Hockey 2011. The city looks for volunteers through the inter-net, mostly from among university students. Regular volunteers work in the Marathon Club /Maratónsky klub/ that organizes the Košice Peace Marathon, and this year also the International Six-day Competition /Medzinárodná šesťdňová. In return for their work the volunteers usually get some refreshment, a T-shirt, sports anorak or entrance tickets, and a letter of thanks from the organizer. If they do not live in Košice they are provided free accommodation in a student hostel.



04_SPORT
INITIATIVES,
EVENTS, PROJECTS
WHICH ARE DIRECTLY
CARRIED OUT OR
PROMOTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
KOŠICE



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04_SPORT INITIATIVES, EVENTS, PROJECTS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY CARRIED OUT OR PROMOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL KOŠICE

- a) Provide a list of public sport events organised by the city.

The city is the co-organiser of some large public sports events; the most popular are the following:

- Košice Peace Marathon - 10 000 participants
- Quadrille, dance on the Main Street/Hlavná ulica/ - 8 thousand dancers
- City Swimming Relay - race, 2 thousand Participants
- Running competitions:
 - Night Run and City Run - 2 000 participants, Trojkráľový beh/Three Kings winter run/, Spoznaj behom Košice /Learn your City through Running/, Run at the ZOO
- School sports league in 12 sports - 3 thousand basic school pupils
- Go to Work by Bicycle - 150 participants
- Challenge Day
- Move Your Body Week
- Bike and Tour
- Inline on Moyzesova street
- Sports Personality of Košice
- Football Connects

- b) Provide a list of all the concluded agreements, organization of conferences, seminars and other events in the field of sports and in cooperation with significant sport organizations regarding the most important topics of the sport management and anti-doping measures.

a.) Methodology days for teachers of basic schools in cooperation with Šafárik University Košice Institute of Sports /Ústav Športu/, Sports High School Košice, sports medicine and specialized trainers, the City of Košice organizes every year various seminars on professional topics: first aid in case of accidents, new rules in sports, stretching and sport, physical power education at basic schools, modern forms of teaching physical education, physical education for physically weaker pupils.....

B.) In cooperation with P. J. Šafarik University Košice and the University of Prešov, the City of Košice organizes conferences and seminars, also supported by sports associations for trainers and sports workers on topics like: sports psychology, sport and recreation, the prepared new law on sports, sports medicine, sports and anti-doping measures, organizing sports events including overcoming aggressivity of spectators, vandalism, fighting against influencing the results of matches, physical power preparation of the sportsmen, mental Training, motivation and sport...



- **c) Provide a list of the international, national and local sports events, held in the city or its surroundings within the last 3 years.**

World Championships in Ice Hockey 2011, Junior World Championships in Orienteering 2012, Junior World Championships in Weightlifting 2012, World League in Volleyball 2014, World League in Water Polo 2015, Košice Open-Tennis ATP tournament 2011-14, Women Basketball Euroleague 2011-15, Euroleague in Handball 2012, Euroleague in Water Polo, International cycling route Košice Tatry Košice and Tour of Slovakia 2011- 2014, Košice Peace Marathon the oldest marathon in Europe and the second oldest in the world, Strongman and the highest master-level all-nation competition in collective and individual sports, where the City of Košice has achieved very good results.

- **d) Name the international, national and local sports events, the city plans to organise until the year when your candidacy becomes effective?**

Euroleague in Basketball, World League in Water Polo, International Six Day Competition - motorcycle championship of teams, Košice Peace Marathon - 92nd edition, Košice Night Run, Swimming Relay of the City- 24 hours in swimming pool, 24 hours on ice, 24 hours of fitness, Bike and Tour, VSE City Run, Quadrille/Štvorylka, Summer Games for Seniors - October 2015.

- **e) Analyze and explain the return of the investment from the use of citizen installations (collections, sales advertising spaces, other revenues, etc.).**

Sport events require more and more investments as for their organisation, if they have to be organised at a high sporting and organizational standard. This predetermines the searching for new forms of financing and new sources that are returnable after a certain time. Among the new forms of fund-raising for the events there is the sale of advertisements in bulletins and posters, printed materials, websites and billboards. The right offer from a strong partner brings profits and it is mutually advantageous. Large companies in Košice like U. S. Steel Košice, VSE Group, T-Systems or

Getrag for example cooperate with the city in events that are interesting for them from the social point of view and have some added value both for the employers and the employees concerned. And finally it is prosperous for the sponsor who gives the event its atmosphere, and the level of attraction to attract as many participants as possible. Examples of such cooperation are competitions like the Košice Peace Marathon, VSE City Run, Košice Night Run, or the Košice Open Tennis tournament. Charitable sports events also have long traditions in Košice, the earnings of which are provided for disabled people. These are also very popular as people may realise the importance of health through them, and for that reason they respect it and help others to overcome barriers. Such activities involve e.g. the events organized by the Active Life community, Narcisový beh/Daffodil Run in support of the League against Cancer, running for ill children, International Day of Push-up (press-up) Exercises /Medzinárodný deň zhybov/ in which every performed push-up means a certain level of support of children in children's homes. The earnings from the popular VSE City Run on magnetic treadmills were added to the budget for medical appliances for prematurely-born children. These collections have long traditions in Košice, and the earnings from organised charitable sports events is rising every year concurrently with the growing number of participants, supported by a high number of volunteers who prefer working for these charitable events rather than commercial ones. The city also gets some non-financial income from partners like the mass media, who mediate the attractive events to the sponsors, and they inform the public on the planned events. The sponsors support the city events in return for advertising opportunities. Their sponsorship involves different prize items for the winners: refreshments or other advertising services. In this way sports have become one of the most profitable branches of the entertainment industry in the world, and the people involved represent the virtues of reasonable endeavour, persistence and success.

05_MEASURES
TO PROMOTE HEALTH
AND INTEGRATION
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■ a) Are there special health care programmes, related to sports, for everybody?

a.) The City of Košice organizes regular school youth leagues. These competitions are designed for children from socially weaker families and children with worse social capabilities.

b.) Organizing regular events designed for three generations children, parents, grandparents.

c.) Organizing Senior Games for companies and pensioners.

d.) Active involvement in international and nationwide competitions aimed at support of health, e.g. Challenge Day, Move Your Body Week, Do práce na bicykli /Go to Work by Bicycle/, Deň bez áut/Day without Cars/, Plavecká štafeta miest /Swimming relay-competition/, or Spoznaj behom Košice /Learn Your City through Running/.

e.) The city in cooperation with the East Slovakian Cardiological Institute / Východoslovenský ústav srdcových a cievnych chorôb, a.s. Košice/ regularly organizes days of measuring citizens' blood pressure free of charge as well as cholesterol level checking, and provides citizens with consultancy on the positive effects of sports.

■ b) Are there special opportunities for the different age groups to practice sport? Who offers these?

a.) Children of age 0 - 4 years the swimming school teaches the basics of swimming using appropriate methods as prevention of swimming illiteracy

b.) Children of age 3 - 6 years basics of gymnastics, skating, swimming, skiing, cycling and dancing in sports clubs or private kindergartens with specialisation in sports.

c.) Children of age 3 - 6 years in kindergartens subject to city administration have regular sporting activities included in the daily school regime; Kindergartens are requested also to organize pre-swimming courses and skiing and skating courses for pre-school age children.

d.) Children of age groups 6 - 14 in basic schools have 3 lessons of physical education weekly, a

Wide range of different sports within organised spare time activities and school sports clubs. After lessons the children may take part in regular school competitions organized by the city. The existing sport clubs' intention to create their basic squad of future athletes greatly exceeds the number of children in schools. For talented children there are two sports high schools in Košice: one on Trieda SNP Street and a private school on Užhorodská Street. In the city there are also special sports classes aimed at ice hockey and football; there are school sports centers focusing on basketball, swimming, athletics, handball, floorball, volleyball and badminton, and some others in further schools.

e.) Children of age groups 15 - 18 years at secondary schools have different sports competitions; the range of sports activities is proportionate to the existing interest. Talented children in sports may continue their studies in the above - mentioned sports high schools.

f.) Over-18 year old youth have enough possibilities for sports in universities, where there are fitness centers, gymnasiums designed for ball games, aerobics and university sports clubs and competitions among different universities. Young people may study the subject Sports and Recreation at the Institute of Sports /Ústav športu/ of P. J. Šafárik University in Košice.

g.) The citizens and employees of middle years have enough space for everyday sports activities organized by different sports organizations, city wards, the city itself, business companies and other interest groups. They have the possibility to visit daily gyms, fitness centers and swimming pools, go running in parks or woods, or using cycling routes. The Active Life association regularly organizes easy training sessions for people starting at 19:00 h during the whole year.

h.) Senior-aged citizens can regularly go to sports facilities for discounted prices. The city organizes regular sports events for the seniors in swimming, skiing, cycling, dance and other undemanding sports such as golf, bowling, billiard, or darts.

■ **c) Are there sport courses for those with a specific social background or disability?**

The City of Košice in cooperation with the Slovak Association of Disabled Sportsmen/women and the Slovak Paralympics Committee have a youth centre for disabled young sportsmen/women that organizes education and training in swimming, table tennis and boccia. An untraditional way of attracting the public to the project of "Near Adoption" /Adopcia nablízko/ has been attempted at the shelter for homeless people called Oáza Nádeje pre nový život /Oasis of Hope for New Life/ in the village Bernátovce. Director of the home, a priest, Mr. Peter Gombita together with his client Mr. Ladislav, have run the distance from the Czech city Aš back to Košice. Both of them believed that through this act they could attract the general public's attention to the issue of home-less people and that these people need more the human approach and closeness than any material goods.

■ **d) Are there initiatives to promote integration through sports?**

Disabled sportspeople do sports integrated in different clubs where, for example, the paralympics sportsman Miroslav Šušný, under the coaching of his trainer Ivan Šulek, has achieved the title of junior world champion in swimming, and at this time in the club ŠKP Košice he is preparing for the Rio de Janeiro Paralympic Games having training with able-bodied sportsmen. The famous paralympic marathon runner, Ms. Anna Orosová, lives in Košice and regularly takes part in the bike-marathon section of the Košice Peace Marathon, where she is the traditional winner of this competition. She started with training push-ups on a bench, which she has practised for 25 years, taking part in three Olympic Games in this discipline: in Athens, Sydney and London. Later on she reorientated to cycling. In Košice we may see her often as she rides through the city streets in her wheel-chair. She has said recently: *"I am old enough now, and I know the standard top-level sport has got to, so that in spite of the fact that I have the sports equipment I need, I still have to work like a beaver in order to reach it. I am in 5th place in road cycling in the UCI category-women out of 18 sportswomen, and I am the oldest cyclist in this category. I think it is a good result. I consider it a big success as this sport is dangerous, and for that reason just a few women have been engaged in it."*

The City of Košice regularly supports the football

Tournament organized by the Archdiocese Charity entitled "Throw Away Your Prejudices Football Connects us"/„Odhoďme predsudky futbal spája". The participants are secondary schools, homeless people and Roma football clubs.

■ **e) Are there educational opportunities for training of coaches and instructors?**

Košice is the second biggest city in Slovakia so we have here a lot of sports professionals. There are regular trainer- and instructor-courses held in the city in cooperation with the respective sport associations. The achieved sport successes are the best promotion of the municipal sport activities. The best Slovak football trainer of 2014 and the present trainer of the Slovak national football team is Jaroslav Kozák, who was born in Košice. Milan Čížek, the trainer of the 2014 fitness and bodybuilding team from the Veterinary Bodybuilding Club, also comes from Košice. President of the water skiing association and the former trainer of the national team achieving more than 20 titles of world championship, Alexander Vaško, is from Košice; his son was the best water skier in 2014, and still lives in Košice. We have 30 titles from the water polo extra-league in Košice, the result of the work of two Košice trainers: Ladislav Bottlik and Robert Kaid. The HC Košice Ice Hockey Club with their trainer Ján Faith has won the Hockey Extraliga; Ján Faith has also worked as the trainer of the national hockey team. Historically the most successful team in football tennis has been Slovakia; most of the national team players were brought up in Košice where the Žigala brothers worked as trainers. We could go on naming famous trainers of successful sports in the city, including wrestling, weightlifting, swimming, badminton, basketball, floorball, futsal and handball.

■ **f) How does the city promote Fair Play?**

The city respects the principles of Fair Play and Mayor of the city regularly awards the title of Fair Play laureate. Young people are taught not only to be successful, but also to be honest and unselfish in achieving successes. President of the MFK Košice football club, Mr. Blažej Podolák, has become the laureate of the 15th award of the Fair Play Prize of MUDr. Ivan Chodák. He took over the prize from Ján Kováčik, President of the Slovak Football Association and from Roman Matejov, Mayor of the Town of Dolný Kubín, where the ceremony took place. The events like company and senior games always start with the oath of Olympic athletes: *"...we will compete in the spirit and under the principles of fair play"*.

- **g) Specify the additional measures that the municipality has proposed to promote health and integration through sport, to the year in which its candidature becomes effective and during the candidature.**

At its session in April 2015 Košice adopted the New Concept of Development of Sports in the City of Košice for the period 2015 - 2020, which specifies the main measures on health and integration of the citizens through sports. The name of the measure "Healthy Košice" expresses the point, i.e. the priority of the city is to raise the city budget in a way that every Euro invested into sport would give the Košice citizens 5 Euros necessary for medicines. We have to complete in the city the sports infrastructure where the following premises are the priorities:

1. Reconstruction of the existing playgrounds and sports premises (athletics ovals at schools)
2. Construction of a new football stadium
3. Construction of a new multifunctional sports hall /congress hall/with capacity of 2000 people
4. Reconstruction of the swimming pools at the "Red Star" open-air bathing premises
5. Construction of a new aquapark
6. Completion of the existing cycling and hiking trails
7. Construction of a new sports centre for disabled sportspeople
8. Reconstruction of the Hornad River riverside adapted to sports activities
9. Building up a new artificial water sports channel on the Hornád River
10. Cleaning and upkeeping of the Jazero/ City Lake for water sports
11. Building up outdoor fitness premises in appropriate localities for different age groups and disabled people
12. Creating the appropriate infrastructural conditions for urban sports (jogging tracks, skate-park, and workout in the street/public spaces....)
13. Building up a second national tennis centre
14. Founding the Hall of Fame in the city

- **Specific project intents at schools and school sports areas:**

- a.) Construction of a new sports inline oval at Bukovecká Street basic school in 2015
- b.) Reconstruction of 6 athletics ovals in the largest municipal wards by 2020, one oval track

Yearly, aimed at comprehensive school facilities for several sports, e.g.: ZŠ Trebišovská 10 swimming pool, football pitch, athletics oval, ice-hockey rink, multifunctional playground and youth gymnastics centre; ZŠ Družicová swimming pool, athletics oval, lawn football pitch of official size; ZŠ Belehradská athletics oval, football pitch, multifunctional playground and an artificial football pitch near ZŠ Bruselská; ZŠ Tomášikova swimming pool, multifunctional playground, athletics oval, ZŠ Požiarnická football pitch, athletics oval, nearby an indoor swimming pool, ZŠ Krosnianska 2 athletics oval, swimming pool, multifunctional playground.

c.) Construction of sports facilities financed by the private sector: ZŠ Drábova - KVP aréna winter-sports stadium to be built by 2017, ZŠ Trebišovská 10 Youth Gymnastics Centre /Mládežnícke gymnastické finished by 2017, Sports Double-hall (two multifunctional gymnasiums) at ZŠ Abovská by 2016.

d.) founding a basic school with specialisation in sports at Viedenská Street near the basic school at Budapeštianska Street 1, Košice.

Attention will be paid to sports infrastructure of special importance necessary for organization of international sports competitions and events. The planned infrastructure has to comply with the requirements of international sport associations, especially regarding the aspects of capacity, equipment, size, construction technical requirements, including access to the facilities by disabled persons and the safety both of the sportspeople and spectators, and the preparation of future national team members.

- **Propagácia mesta a Európskeho mesta športu 2016**

The promotion of the city, its colours, emblems and the logo of the European City of Sport on training-suits and advertising billboards will contribute to the creation of a positive city image and make the city more visible at home and abroad. Selling advertising objects (t-shirts, baseball caps, shirts, rucksacks, key-cases, pens and calendars) in shops will make a good license program contributing to the financing of various sports activities in the city.

The citizens will surely perceive during the candidacy and even more in the year of title-holding 2016 the increased number of different sports events supported by the City of Košice.

06_SPORTS-
MANSHIP RATE
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06_SPORTSMANSHIP RATE OF THE POPULATION IN THE CITY

- a) The overall number of the registered sportsmen in associations and clubs of Sport Federation, classification according to age groups: young 4-16 years; absolute category 17-34; Masters (35...).

In sport clubs there are registered the following number of card-carrying members:

- a.) Youth of age group 4 - 16 years more than 250 registered sport clubs and associations in Košice with an average of 60 members each altogether more than 15 000 registered sportsmen/women
- b.) Youth 17 - 34 years 250 x 40 members, total number 10 000 sportsmen/women
- c.) Age group 35 and over, category Masters 200 x 20 sportsmen/women, total: 4000 members

Total number of registered sportsmen/women in Košice in sports federations makes more than 29 000, which makes 12 % of the residents of the city.

- b) How many people from your city/town are actively involved in sport? Please explain the methodology used to obtain the data provided.

Approximately the following number of citizens is involved in sport activities:

- a.) Registered sportspeople: 29 000 inhabitants
- b.) Non-registered sportspeople up to 20 years of age - regular school competitions and sports hobby clubs with a total of 6 000 members
- c.) Citizens regularly doing sports over 20 years in the City of Košice: cca 20 000 citizens doing these sports: running, swimming, cycling, dancing, aerobics, yoga, hiking, fitness, inline skating,
- d.) Number of citizens involved in irregular sport activities /30 events annually x 200 persons on average between 20 - 80 years of age/ 6 thousand inhabitants doing these sports: running, cycling, dance, swimming, fitness, jogging, skiing, skating

Altogether more than 61 000 citizens are actively involved in various sports activities in Košice, i.e. 25.41 % of all inhabitants.

- c) Explain the additional measures proposed by the municipality to increase sport among all segments of the population. Provide approximate figures of expected data to be achieved During the period that elapses until the

candidature and during the candidature.

The city works with the 22 city wards and through them we would like to get as many people as possible coming from all age groups involved in sport activities. We are planning to start a competition "The Most Active City Ward of the European City of Sport", where the different city wards will compete in a similar way as the entire city runs for the title of the European City of Sport 2016. We would like to address more than 50 000 people. The aim is to map the sports premises and through local government to organize activities for people living in specific city wards, also involving children and older people. We would like to involve in sports kindergartens (360 children), basic schools (16 000 pupils), secondary schools (28 000 students) and universities (21 000 students), for whom we already organize and will continue organizing regular sports events, and we keep them informed about our candidacy for the European City of Sport. In Košice there are about 70 000 students involved in sports. Through the pensioners' clubs we are going to involve in sports annually more than 500 seniors who take part in the Senior Games, touristic walks, fitness centers and cross-country skiing organized in the city and its environs.

- d) How does your city/town support voluntary participation in sport?

Volunteers participate in almost all larger events, for example in the Košice Peace Marathon there are about 200 volunteers assisting /10 thousand runners in the KPM/. During the World Ice-hockey Championships in 2011 in Košice 300 volunteers from all over the world helped us with the organization work, players' accommodation and meals. We have good cooperation with P.J. Šafárik University in Košice where the Institute of Physical Education and Sports provides us with unpaid volunteers helping us in sports events. The same applies to the sports high school at SNP Street No. 104. Košice appreciates the volunteers' work and supports these organizations by way of various prizes and awards. This year we have given the Košice Marathon Club an award in the category of Sports Personality of the City of Košice for its volunteers' work performed in organization of the 90th year of the oldest marathon race in Europe and the second oldest one in the world. The Košice Peace Marathon could not exist without the volunteers' work. In all activities of the City of Košice, e.g. Quadrille/Štvorylka with 8 000 participants or the Swimming Relay-race with 2 000 swimmers, the volunteers play a very important role.

07_COMMUNI-
CATION PROJECT
TO PROMOTE
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07_COMMUNICATION PROJECT TO PROMOTE THE APPLICATION

- a) Explain the communication plan, image, file and identity of the project in the territory.
- b) Explain how the organization uses ICT System (Information Communication Technologies) to promote the candidacy.

The City of Košice immediately after the decision to stand as a candidate for the European City of Sport 2016 created a working team in which the members took over the responsibility for specific fields. The communication with the public plays a very important role. Since February 2015 we have had a candidate logo for the European City of Sport 2016, presented in all events in the form of printed materials, on web-sites and social networks in order to get it into the awareness of the citizens. On the web site of the city: www.kosice.sk we have a page dealing with this project, providing information on it through photo documentation on different events. The logo and a video spot have also been placed in the airport, railway station and bus station. All new conceptual documents of the city contain information on our candidacy and the related goals. For example the Concept of Development of Sports in the City of Košice for the period 2015-2020, or the Program Budget of Košice have involved this information. Related to our candidacy the city will invest more finances into sports events organized for the general public, and we intend to increase the budget designed for the sports infrastructure. The Slovak Olympic Committee has offered to organize important sports events like EYOF (European Youth Olympic Festival) in 2021, which we have of course accepted as it will be one of the greatest international sports events ever organized in Slovakia. In relation to ECS 2016 we expect a large number of interesting international events organized thanks to this prestigious title. We are planning the organization of several sports events on the level of world and European Championships, and European leagues in different sports. Through these the Košice citizens will get nearer to the top sport events and they will assume sports as their life philosophy for a healthy life style. For this reason the city is proud to acknowledge the identity of this prestigious title, so that Košice ranks among the modern healthy European cities not just through the oldest European Marathon race.

The City of Košice uses information-communication technology efficiently as ICT is the fastest and the cheapest channel of information in Slovakia that we can deliver to almost every family. The city web page where the ECS 2016 project is presented is visited daily by the citizens and visitors, and especially by media workers who take over the newest information to communicate it in their newspapers. The website is daily complemented with new up to date materials to provide them to the citizens. Another efficient communication channel is email communication, which through the city department of public contacts and mass media ensures fast transmitting of information into the largest city enterprises, schools and sports clubs, and we send information to the mass media in this way as well. The social networks, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and so on, are often visited by young people who are connected through them according to their different interests. A good example of these groups in Košice is the association Active Life having 4 870 fans, and every week through Facebook it organizes training runs, as well as various sports and charity events such as: Spoznaj behom Košice/ Learn your City through Running, Beh v ZOO/Run in the ZOO, touristic walks, or the Retro Bike Fest. These events have great dimensions today and the group of their fans is increasing daily. All the important international events in the city, such as the Košice Peace Marathon, world championships, Euroleague, World league, or national competitions are presented by way of ICT. In comparison to billboards or printed promotion, ICT prevails highly in efficient communication of information and promotion which is acknowledged and preferred by our city.

08_RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE
CITY COUNCIL AND
SPORTS OR POLITICAL
INSTITUTIONS
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08_RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL AND SPORTS OR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AT LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

■ a) Relevance of the agreements, relations between the City and the local, regional and national sports organisations.

Mayor of the City of Košice Mr. Richard Raši is the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Healthcare in the National Council of the Slovak Republic.

The city has additional contracts with 70 sport clubs dealing with junior sport activities and 30 organizations organizing large international events, or public sports events. These contracts are signed in compliance with the Concept of Development of Sports annually, pursuant to the current evaluation of work with young people. Similarly contracts on organization of events are signed regularly in accordance with the number of participants, the relevance of the respective event or its tradition. In 2015 the city contracted 32 clubs of collective sports and the committed amount makes 115 500 Euros; 39 clubs of individual sports contracted with the amount of 94 500 Euros, and a further 21 sports organizations, organizing interesting activities, contracted with the amount of 140 000 Euros. Further events organized jointly with external organizations have been allocated the amount of 83 thousand Euros. We have contractual relations with these cities of the Vishegrad 4 countries: Miskolc in Hungary, Katowice in Poland and Ostrava in the Czech Republic, where we annually organize interesting sports events for the employees of the city. The city has concluded contracts on rental of sports facilities at schools pursuant to special aspect in order to support junior sports activities in the sport clubs. The rental of gymnasiums or sports premises consists of a symbolic price, from 1 Euro to 200 Euros annually. In total the 31 clubs concerned can save annually about 400 000 Euros on rental of premises for the purposes of junior sports activities. Košice has concluded a contract with the City Football Club that is subsidized yearly with the amount of 300 000 Euros. The Good Angels women's basketball club has got 30 000 Euros through a Subsidy Contract for the Euroleague in 2015. The city has some contracts with private investors too who have Built up sport facilities using their own resources in the

territory of the city, e.g.: KVP Aréna, a gymnasium in Barca city ward, sports areas at ZŠ/basic school / Galaktická, ZŠ Požiarnická, ZŠ Trebišovská, ZŠ Kežmarská 28. The city cooperates at the national level too, especially in organizing significant events such as world championships and European championships; in this case the contracts have been signed directly with the sports' national associations. We have altogether 22 such cooperation contracts. The city is a shareholder in the Steel Arena company, with which we have concluded a cooperation contract. We have established good cooperation with the Slovak Olympic Committee, the Slovak Paralympic Committee, the Sport for Everyone association SR, and with some international organizations such as ISCA.

■ b) Existence of tangible agreements with FESI (European Association of Sporting Goods) or its affiliates, the International Chess Federation (FIDE), European MSP or Panathlon International Club, or is there a local club in supporting these subjects?

Slovakia does not have representatives in the above organizations at this time, however the City of Košice cooperates actively with the international business networks of sports sellers, e.g.: Exisport, Decathlon, Intersport, who cooperate in organisation of sports events organised for the general public.

■ c) Intensity of the promotion of agreements with local, regional or national sporting goods industry actors, sports federations or other entities for the promotion of sport.

From the beginning of the European City of Sport candidacy we have had favourable responses in negotiations with the national associations, where we have already achieved some positive results. In Košice in 2016 we will be organizing the world championships in standard dances, a meeting of the junior teams of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia in swimming, European championships in football for priests, and we are already preparing some further similar sports events. We have been addressed by several sports federations who would like to

Organise important sports events in Košice in relation to our candidacy. Based on our candidacy to be the European City of Sport, the Slovak Olympic Committee has offered us the opportunity to organize the EYOF (European Youth Olympic Festival) in 2021. The French sport-shops network Decathlon has also addressed us in relation to their Sports for Everyone program. The entities we have addressed after announcing our candidacy for 2016 reacted immediately positively and offered us their cooperation. We believe that in 2016 if we get the title we will use its prestige with maximum efficiency. The power of the title in Slovakia can be seen in the fact that we have become historically the first Slovak city aspiring for this title.

■ **d) Quantity and quality of the investments in local sport related economy and research and innovation. Relevance of the events and activities realized in partnership and co-operation with sports organizations and institutions on a national and European level.**

This year the city has already paid 300 000 Euros for the project documentation of the new football stadium, 4 900 000 Euros invested as associated resources of the city and Ministry of Education into the reconstruction and modernization of the "Red Star" outdoor swimming complex. The Košice Arena has been supported with 20 000 Euros. The research and innovation of sports will also be supported in 2016 when we are going to organize a conference too, and one of the main topics will be research and science in sports. In cooperation with other organisations Košice has organised the "Košice Get on the Move"/„Košice rozhybte sa“ project devoted to the general public and all age categories involved. It is aimed at studying, watching and practising the procedures and techniques of different training methods by means of training tools or through one's own weight under the supervision of professionally-certified trainers. We have organised special lectures on selected topics, a refreshment bar and exhibitions of professional sportsmen presenting higher levels of active movement. The city has already organised and in 2016 it is going to organise again the diagnostics of the pupils of basic school students. This is organised in cooperation with Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice and its goal is to monitor

the functional characteristics of the children to provide the parents with information about the appropriate sports for their children. The functional analysis of small children is also performed in the private kindergarten on Alejova Street, where the children are monitored and evaluated from the aspect of their dynamic apparatus. This is financed from the European funds acquired by Šafárik University in Košice and from the grants of the Ministry of Education and Sports.

■ **e) Importance of the new agreements expected in case of obtaining the award.**

The City of Košice is planning to sign an agreement with the Slovak Olympic Committee, which at its session held on 18 April 2015 agreed our candidacy to organize the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) in 2021. We are planning to sign a contract on cooperation with the Slovak Paralympic Committee, with whom we have had negotiations on the candidacy of Košice to organize important events in relation to the title of European City of Sport 2016. The city has received several offers to organize important international competitions, e.g. world championships in ice hockey for 17 year old players in 2017, and international athletics competitions such as the European league in 2020. We can attract international basketball, handball and volleyball competitions to Košice. But the title of ECS would help us considerably, for example in improving our sports infra-structure. We are going to address the Government Office of the SR in order to prepare the modernisation and construction of some sports premises in relation to EYOF 2021.



09_PROFILE
AND POSSIBLE
ACTIVITIES AS
A EUROPEAN
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09_PROFILE AND POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES AS A EUROPEAN CITY OF SPORT

- a) Adequacy of the measures adopted by city/town for achieving the five main aims of the Manifesto of ACES Europe (enjoyment in exercise, willingness to achieve, sense of community, learning fair play, improvement of health) through sport.

The main goals and role of sports in the City of Košice:

- Exercising - The city management considers as its priority the establishment of a regular work-out as a form of enjoyment of exercise and physical activity for the citizens of all age categories. This philosophy has been incorporated into the Concept of Development of Sports in the City of Košice, and the management itself also actively takes part in all the sports activities organised for the general public in order to show a good example for the young, middle and older generations. Košice is considered to be the most active city in all competitions on a nationwide level, and the number of participants is increasing every year thanks to the active organization and financial support of the city.

- Willingness to achieve goals our goal is to teach the young to do sports regularly and to make this a permanent habit in all families. The city has the ambition to go on this way, and that is why it has accepted with great pleasure the possibility to aspire for the title of the European City of Sport 2016. We are ready to do our best for achieving our goal, as expected from us by all the Košice citizens.

- Sense of Community in every community there are some social and other differences that we try to balance. Sports are a means that may unify everybody irrespective of his/her social status, state of health or disability, ethnic background or religion. For that reason we are preparing events without any discrimination. The philosophy of ACES EUROPE is also the policy of the Košice city management.

- Principles of fair play in all competitions the city observes the principles of fair play in order that the young generations acquire through sports the sense of responsibility, cohesion and unselfishness, and that they accept both defeat and victory equally. These attributes are

important in social life everywhere and at every time, at home and at work.

- Improving the health of the citizens sport is the cheapest way of preventing health problems and every Euro invested into sports and sports activities will save at least 5 Euros on medicines, or medical care and interventions related to health problems following from unhealthy life styles. The modern times have a lot of advantages but some negative effects as well. Sports are the most efficient medicine to cure all addictions. It is better to be addicted to sports than to vices like drugs, medicines, computers, mobile phones, cigarettes, alcohol and others irreversibly damaging our health.

- b) Understanding of the city/town social advantages as a European City of Sport.

The city sees the social advantages of the title of the ECS in the fact that its effects will be sustainable and prosperous for all citizens, not just for some strata with standard social status. Another expected advantage is the state support, or the support of international organizations aimed at equalizing differences by means of the title ECS 2016. One of the tools will be our involvement in Erasmus+ projects.

- c) Adequacy of the initiatives and activities of the city to contribute to the work of ACES Europe? List the city campaigns related to your candidacy.

- The city will promote the candidacy of the European City of Sport 2016 to the citizens so that the information gets to all the families through local newspapers, radio and through social networks.

- All the sports and cultural activities supported by Košice will be identified by the logo of ECS 2016.

- All the clubs supported through their junior sections will promote the logo of ECS 2016 and ACES Europe on their websites and printed materials.

- The city will organize more sport events for everybody in cooperation with the sports departments, clubs and groups like e.g. Active Life and Let's Get Sport Back into Košice/ Vráťme šport do Košíc.
- We will organize an international conference devoted to sports, their effects on health care, to science and research, and new trends in sports generally.
- A campaign will be started through promotional materials such as t-shirts, pens, baseball caps, banners, jackets and other objects distributed at city events, schools, at the airport and information centers.
- Košice will run an intensive campaign in kindergartens, basic and secondary schools, at universities by means of sports events and promotional materials
- The city will announce a competition for the 22 city wards to find the most active participation in the European City of Sport 2016.
- The city will apply for significant Slovak and international sports events such as: highest national competitions, European and world leagues and cups, world championships and European championships especially in youth categories, as for example EYOF 2021.
- The city will build up and reconstruct its sports infrastructure at schools, for the general public and top sportspeople as well.
- We will endeavour to get the title of the most active European City of Sport
- We will participate in large international projects like Erasmus+ Sport.
- After getting the title the city will start a nationwide campaign to disseminate the idea of ACES Europe.
- The City of Košice will also try to support financially the idea of ACES Europe in cooperation with the most significant companies and enterprises in the city.



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10_ SCHEDULE CONTAINING THE EVENTS/SPORTS ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE YEAR THE CITY WILL PROBABLY HOLD THE TITLE

- a) Relevance of the events (including conventions, seminars, congresses, etc.) and measures in connection with the candidacy.

The main sport events in 2016 are the following:

- Košice Peace Marathon 92nd year, 10 000 participants
- Quadrille/Štvorylka, dancing on Košice Main Street /Hlavná ulica, 8 000 dancers
- Swimming Relay-race - 2 000 swimmers
- Running: Night Run and City Run - 2 000 runners, Three Kings winter run/ Trojkráľový beh, Learn your City through Running/ Spoznaj behom Košice, Run in the Zoo/Beh v ZOO, running uphill, new competitions: Runway Run, and You Cannot Escape Colours
- School Sports League in 12 sports: 3 000 basic school pupils
- Go to Work by Bicycle/Do práce na bicykli, 150 participants
- Challenge Day, 6 000 participants
- Move Week, 15 000 participants
- Bike and Tour, cycling and presentations, 250 participants
- Inline on Moyzesova Street 200 participants
- Sports Personality of Košice awards for the participants
- Football Connects People charity football match for Roma citizens, homeless and secondary school students - 150 participants
- Tvrdák /Sparta Race/ 500 participants
- Aquathlon, duathlon and triathlon for the general public - 500 participants
- The oldest cycle race Košice Tatry Košice, 250 participants
- Cycle race for school children and the general public
- World championship in standard dances adults category
- European Basketball League
- World League in water polo
- Volleyball World League
- Conference on sport, health and mental hygiene
- Championships of Slovakia for disabled sportsmen/women in table tennis, swimming and athletics
- Multi-meeting of the junior teams of Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Serbia, Romania and Slovakia in swimming
- European Championship in football for priests
- Charity running - Wings for Life
- Open European Union Championship of Big Rockets model building competition
- Sport for three Generations
- Sports for the City Wards
- 24 hours on Ice
- 24 hours in Fitness
- Seminar on topic "Running for you" the right running training, drinking regime, nourishment, the right running shoes and clothes

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Supporting letter from the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic



Prezidenta vlády Slovenskej republiky

Bratislava 11. marca 2015

Vážený pán prezident,

Slovenská republika sa ako aktívny a plnohodnotný člen štátu Európskej únie zapája do aktivít, ktoré napomáhajú občanom rozvíjať a realizovať ich záujmy. Podporujeme aktivity, ktoré prispievajú k vzájomnému spoznávaniu sa obyvateľov Slovenska a obyvateľov ostatných krajín EÚ. Vymenovanie tak priamo pre podporu a obľubu prezidenta kultúrnych a športových aktivít, so zámerom priblížiť si ich navzájom a podporovať sa pri obstarávaní životu vo veľkej európskej rodine.

Európa ponúka širokú škálu aktivít špecifických so zámerom občanom s nimi žiť. Takisto predstavuje aj aj podporu Slovenskej republiky aktivít, organizovaním a podporovaním z úseku Európskej komisie Slovenskej republiky sa zapája prostredníctvom družstva národných mestských hraly - Kalice, do projektu Európske mesto športu 2016. Mesto Kalice sa prezentovalo významnými podujatiami a projektmi, dokumentujúci tak vysokú kultúrnu úroveň Slovenskej republiky a všetkých jej občanov.

V ambíciách mesta Kalice zapája sa do projektu Európske mesto športu, organizovaného federáciou ACES EUROPE, vidíme ďalšiu veľkú príležitosť posilniť vzťahy medzi našimi a partnermi, ktorí sa zapája do projektu Európske mesto športu 2016. Mesto Kalice má na Slovensku osobitnú dôležitú pozíciu - organizuje sa v ňom ako domov desiatich najväčších maratónov v Európe a po Bratislave maratón druhej najväčšej maratón na svete - Medzinárodný maratón mieru. V Kaliciach sa každoročne konajú významné medzinárodné športové podujatia vrátane svetovej úrovně. V roku 2017 sa konali v Kaliciach Majstrovstvá sveta v ľadovom hokeji IIHF a v tomto roku Kalice zorganizujú Medzinárodné letné hry mladých ľudí. Kalice tiež vychová

stancie významných športovcov a reprezentantov hraly Československej republiky a súčasnej Slovenskej republiky. Celoročne Hrá šport, podporujúci desiatky športových klubov, učiacich sa na aktívnych športovcov, ale aj pre širokú verejnosť.

Vďaka Slovenskej republike má v podpore ambícií mesta Kalice šanca pre rok 2016 byť Európske mesto športu významnej pozície, reprezentujúcej nielen mesto samotné, ale aj celú našu krajinu. Osobne podporujem kandidáciu mesta Kalice pre získanie titulu Európske mesto športu 2016 a som presvedčený o tom, že ambicióznym a športovo nadaným tímom organizátorov dokážu, že Kalice si tento prestížny európsky titul zaslúžia.

S úctou

Koľář

Vážený pán

Dian Francesco LUPATELLI
Prezident
ACES EUROPE
European Cities and Capitals of Sports Federation

Bratislava

Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

Bratislava, March 11, 2015

Dear Mr. President,

The Slovak Republic as an active and full Member State of the European Union has been involved in activities that encourage the comprehensive development and fulfilment of its inhabitants. We support activities that contribute to the mutual acquaintance between inhabitants of Slovakia and other EU communities. We have been creating a space for the presentation of opinion and civic presentations of the cultural and sports divergences with the intention to move them closer and inspire each other at improving life in a great European family.

At the same time we offer Europe our national specificity, with a view to familiarize with them the general public. Such a presentation is also the support of the Slovak Republic for activities, organized and supported from the European Commission level. The Slovak Republic participated successfully in the project of the European Capital of Culture 2013 through the country's second largest city - Kalice. The City of Kalice presented major events and projects documenting such a high cultural level of Slovak culture and all forms of art.

The ambition of the City of Kalice to be involved in the European City of Sport project, organized by the Federation ACES EUROPE, is seen as another great opportunity to boost the visibility of our country in a positive way and confirm that our sport's history and rich traditions of Slovak sport are extremely important in Europe. The City of Kalice has a particularly important position in Slovakia - more than nine decades it has been organizing the oldest marathon in Europe and the second oldest marathon in the world after Boston - the International Peace Marathon. Annually there are held several international world-class sporting events in Kalice.

In 2011 the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships took place in Kalice and this year Kalice is going to organize an International Six-Day Motorcycle competition. Kalice has also raised a number of important sportsmen and members of the national teams of the former Czechoslovak Republic and the present Slovak Republic. Sport is very much alive throughout the year; the city organizes dozens of sporting events, intended not only for active sportsmen, but also for general public.

The Government of the Slovak Republic considers support for the ambitions of the City of Kalice to gain the 2016 European City of Sport title as a significant achievement, representing not only the city itself but also our whole country. I personally support the candidacy of the City of Kalice for obtaining the title European City of Sport 2016 and I believe that an ambitious and sports enthusiastic organizing team will prove that Kalice fully deserves the prestigious European title.

Sincerely,

Robert Fico

The Honourable
Dian Francesco LUPATELLI
President
ACES EUROPE
European Cities and Capitals of Sports Federation

Bratislava

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Supporting letter from the Slovak Olympic Committee

SLOVENSKÝ OLYMPIJSKÝ VÝBOR



SLOVAK OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

ACES EUROPE
Mr. Gian Francesco Lupattelli
President

Bratislava, January 22, 2015
SOV/14-73/15

Dear Mr. President,

we would like to use this letter to express our joy upon learning about candidature of the City of Kosice towards the European City of Sport 2016 title.

We consider the City of Kosice to be an outstanding example of a city where the city government continuously and systematically dedicates its resources to fully support sport on all levels. The city gradually contributes towards creation of optimal conditions for sport, actively participates on organization of major sport events and creates sport opportunities for all citizens of the city.

The Slovak Olympic Committee truly hopes that the City of Kosice with its activities in the field of sport will serve as benchmark for other cities in Slovakia. Moreover we believe that our continuous cooperation on Sport for all projects with the City of Kosice will be ongoing and successful towards the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro 2016.

Dear Mr. President,

please allow us to express our belief that the City of Kosice is an excellent candidate for the European City of Sport title and has our full and utmost support in the process.

Respectfully,




František Chmelár
President

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ACES EUROPE

Mr. Gian Francesco Lupattelli
President

Bratislava, 18th of February 2015

Dear Mr. Lupattelli,


On behalf of Slovak Paralympic Committee please allow me to contact you as the representative of Aces Europe, which will shortly decide on the allocation of the statute of the European City of Sport 2016.

We believe that City of Kosice is tremendous example of a city where young athletes and also athletes with disability have enormous support from city government, mainly from Major of City of Kosice Mr. Richard Raši. The Slovak Paralympic Committee benefit from this support by organizing of Slovak Championships in Athletics in city of Kosice in recent years. The city actively participates on organization of this event and also of other major sport events. Slovak Paralympic Committee also consider candidature for European Championship in Wheelchair Dance Sport and we believe that main city for this event will be the City of Kosice where we have main Paralympic centre for wheelchair dance sport.

The Slovak Paralympic Committee believe that our cooperation with City of Kosice helps our athletes to nominate for the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro 2016. We believe that the City will continue to create the necessary background for sport and therefore we definitely support candidature of the City of Kosice and we are proud that our strong partner on the field of sport candidate for the European City of Sport title.

Yours faithfully,




Ján Riapoš
President



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Supporting letter from ISCA



MOVING PEOPLE

13 February 2015

The Achievements of Košice to Promote Sport and Physical Activity

To whom it may concern,

With this letter, I would like to outline some of the achievements of the city of Košice to promote sport and physical activity.

The city of Košice has been a close partner of the Slovak Sport for All Association (SSFAA) in the process of implementation of ISCA-related activities. The Slovak Sport for All Association is a long-standing member of ISCA.

Košice has been the most active Slovak city within the European MOVE Week. After the initial two years, ISCA suggested the city of Košice to become a co-organizer of MOVE Week 2014 with SSFAA. The city greatly exceeded expectations. 67 events were organised by 24 MOVE Agents, seeing 15,618 participants, 1,290 volunteers and 51,374 spectators. The main events were as follows: the 90th annual vol. of the oldest marathon in Europe – The International Marathon of Peace; a 24hr swimming relay and the European Flash mob.

The city of Košice has also been a SSFAA partner in the „ACTIVE NETWORK“ project, which was coordinated by ISCA and supported by EU. The partnership between the city of Košice and SSFAA was evaluated as a Good Practice example of the cooperation between a national sport organization and a local municipality.

I find the achievements of the city of Košice to be remarkable, and I am at your disposal should any further information be needed.

Kindest regards,

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SLOVAK SPORT FOR ALL ASSOCIATION

ACES EUROPE
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Bratislava, February 5, 2015

Dear Mr. President,

The Košice's candidacy for the European City of Sport 2016 we consider being the consequential status of dynamic development of sport and physical activities in the city in recent years, as well as a significant milestone within its further development.

The Slovak Sport for All Association considers the cities being their closest partners within a sport for all development, therefore we pay a special attention to them. We very appreciate and honour the attitude of the Košice municipality, led by its Mayor, to sport itself, and we consider it to have been the sport for all city for a long time. The city management creates a very suitable environment and conditions for citizens in order to have possibilities to participate in physical activities and enhance their health.

The city of Košice has belonged to the traditional and successful participants of sport for all campaigns, organized by our Association, for a long time. It achieves very good results in involving its citizens in a correspondent competition WORLD CHALLENGE DAY and SWIMMING RELAY OF THE CITIES.

The city of Košice shows its interest in sport and physical activities also within the European campaign MOVE WEEK. Analysis of the previous three years proves its dominant position in nation-wide sport for all movement and the results achieved exceeded the expectations a lot. In 2014 there were 67 events organized by the city, with 15,618 citizens participated during this week, which other European cities with even higher number of inhabitants did not succeed to manage. Also the 90th annual vol. of the INTERNATIONAL MARATHON OF PEACE, the oldest marathon race in Europe, which is, together with other accompanying events, the good example of the conjunction of elite sport and sport for all movement. The city of Košice was the main co-organizer, together with the Slovak Sport for All Association, of the MOVE WEEK 2014.

In the years 2013 and 2014 the city of Košice became one of the Slovak Sport for All Association partners in the international project ACTIVE NETWORK, focused on a cross-sector cooperation of municipalities and sport organizations, being coordinated by the international association ISCA and supported by the European Union. The Slovak Sport for All Association pointed the city of Košice to be their best partner in the project, where also the twin-meeting, with its main focus on presenting the good example of the cooperation between a national sport organization and a local municipality, was held.

Dear Mr. President,

The Slovak Sport for All Association considers the city of Košice a very important partner in sport for all development, as well as a good example for another Slovak cities. We support its candidacy for the European city of Sport 2016 and we are fully ready to assist them to succeed in their candidacy as much as possible.

With best regards

Dr. Ján Holko,
Chairman







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