



EHFA and EC-OE joint statement on cooperation

European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Sports and Active Leisure

As the EU-wide representatives of the Fitness and of the Outdoor Industries and identified as the main actors of the Active Leisure sector according to the Eurofound Study on Representativeness¹ and as defined within the NACE Rev.2 classifications of 93.13 (Fitness facilities) and 93.29 (Other amusement and recreation activities) which represents some 80.000 private companies, employing approximately 500.000 of the 800.000 employees of the whole “Sports and Active Leisure” sector (Vocasport, 2004)² the European Health and Fitness Association and the European Confederation of Outdoor Employers (EC-OE) hereby confirm their cooperation to create the **Active Leisure Alliance (ALA)**. The principle objectives of the cooperation and alliance between EHFA and EC-OE are to:

- 1° Declare their respectful entire **autonomy of representation** as far as social dialogue issues in the Sport and Active Leisure sector are concerned at the European level;
- 2° **Recognise each other** as particularly significant and largely unchallenged in their respective position **as the EU-wide representatives of the Active Leisure Sector**;
- 3° **Actively cooperate** in the representation of the employers of the Active Leisure Sector, particularly for Social Dialogue issues;
- 4° **Jointly declare their immediate availability** for their participation to the construction of social dialogue within the “Sport and Active Leisure” Social Dialogue Committee;
- 5° Jointly decide to bring the present statement to the sector’s partners’ knowledge and that of the European Commission,

Signed in Brussels on Friday 23rd November 2012.

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EHFA President.

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EC-OE President.

¹ Representativeness study on Sport and active leisure industry; European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, 2012

² Vocasport (2004), project pages 17 & 74, supported by the European Commission (DG Education and Culture, Contract n° 2003-4463/001-001)