

FOOTBALL UNITES, RACISM DIVIDES

No to Racism.

No to Xenophobia.

No to Antisemitism.

PROGRAMME

23 May 2018

12:00 – 15:30

European
Parliament
Room A5E2



#NOT INMYGAME



Not in my Game is a campaign that aims to reclaim sports; a campaign that signals that there will never be room for hate in our public life. European Politicians and athletes from all over Europe will take a stand and emphasise that racism, xenophobia and antisemitism will never be tolerated - #NotInMygame

PREVIEW

Football unites people all over the world, no matter the language, religious background or skin colour. Therefore, competition should be based on trust, cooperation, fair play, and respect for the other.

However, racist and antisemitic incidents on and off the field are sadly becoming more prevalent. In the past few years, Europe has experienced a dramatic rise in racism, xenophobia and antisemitism, which has become painfully visible in professional football. Racial abuse, monkey chants and flying bananas generate jungle-like emotions that insult the innermost principles of humanity.

Not long ago, the Olympic Stadium in Rome was vandalised with antisemitic graffiti and stickers insulting the memory of Anne Frank, a picture was circulated by Feyenoord fans on Twitter featuring two toddlers wearing a yellow star, and all over Europe countless footballers have been racially abused and been subject to outrageous verbal and physical attacks.

Today, the idea of campaigning against racism in football has taken root in many European countries. Many professional football clubs, national associations and international federations have spoken out against racism and taken firm disciplinary action against offenders. However, there is still a long way to go.

Experience has shown that football has a universal appeal across all communities and can act as a catalyst to change and educate minds. Football is not just a sport, but a powerful means of integrating people and can be a positive force in our societies.

Like problems in any walk of life, the first step is to acknowledge its existence and then to attempt to solve it. Therefore the European Parliament Working Group on Antisemitism (WGAS) in collaboration with the EP Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI) and the EP Sports Intergroup, considered as necessary to organize a conference with the aim of tackling the issue of Racism, Xenophobia and Antisemitism from different angles.

We hope this conference will mobilise Members of the European Parliament, Commissioners, journalists, activists, football players, football clubs and national leagues, to call on their name these hateful incidents, and to expose and challenge all aspects of discrimination and unfair practices.



Racism & Discrimination in Football

Session I
12:30 - 14:10

12:00 – 12:30 **Buffet lunch**

12:30 - 12:50 **Keynote Speeches:**

[Antonio Tajani](#), President, European Parliament (TBC)

[Frans Timmermans](#), First Vice President, European Commission (TBC)

12:50 - 12:55 **Video Campaign**

12:55 - 13:00 **Introductory remarks**

[MEP Bogdan Wenta](#), Vice-President, European Parliament Sports Intergroup

[MEP Cecile Kyenge](#), Co-President, European Parliament ARDI Intergroup

13:00 - 13:40 **Panel discussion**

Moderator:

[MEP Virginie Rozière](#), Vice-President, European Parliament Sports Intergroup

Panelists:

[Yves Le Lostecque](#), Head of the Sport Unit in the European Commission

[Pavel Klymenko](#), Eastern Europe Development Officer / FARE

[Daniel Lörcher](#), Head of Fan Relations, Borussia Dortmund

[Patrick Gasser](#), Head of Football Social Responsibility, UEFA

13:40 - 14:00 **Q&A Session**

14:00 - 14:10 **Break**



Session II
14:10 - 15:30

Antisemitism in Football

14:10 - 14:15

Introductory remarks

[MEP Heinz K. Becker](#), Chair, European Parliament Working Group on Antisemitism

14:15 - 14:55

Panel discussion

Moderator:

[John Mann](#), Steering Committee Member, Interparliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism

Panelists:

[Simon Taylor](#), Head, FC Chelsea Foundation

[Frank Willem Wagenaar](#), Author, Anne Frank Stichting

[Dave Rich](#), Head of Policy, Community Security Trust (CST), Chelsea Foundation steering committee member

14:55 - 15:15

Q&A Session

15:15 - 15:25

Closing remarks

[MEP Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar](#), Vice-Chair, European Parliament Working Group on Antisemitism

15:25 - 15:30

Group Picture

End of event

**Heinz K. Becker (EPP – Austria)**

Heinz K. Becker is an Austrian MEP since 2011, is the Chair of the EP Working Group on Antisemitism (EP-WGAS) and Vice-President of the EP Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI) in charge of Antisemitism issues since 2017. Mr. Becker is also a member of the EP Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home affairs (LIBE), and a substitute for the Special Committee on Terrorism (TERR) and for the committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL). He is at the forefront of the fight against antisemitism and a tireless advocate for the rights of European Jewish citizens.

MEP Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar (S&D – Spain)

Juan Fernando López Aguilar (born 10 June 1961) is a Spanish Socialist Workers' Party politician, and former Minister of Justice in the government of José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero. He also represented Las Palmas in the congress between 2000 and 2004.

López Aguilar was born in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. He holds a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Bologna (Italy) and for a long time he was a Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. He also holds a Master's Degree in Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

In November 2006, he was chosen as the socialist candidate for the Presidency of the Canary Islands Government. Currently he is a Member of the European Parliament and serves a Vice-Chair of European Parliament's Working Group on Antisemitism (WGAS). He is a former chair of WGAS and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.



Bogdan Wenta (EPP – Poland)

Born 19 November 1961 in Szpęgawsk, Poland. Former handball player and coach. He played in and managed clubs in Poland, Spain and Germany. In 2007 honoured with Knight's Cross of Polonia Restituta for his contribution to the development of Polish sport.

In 2014, Bogdan joined the European Parliament's VIII term as a Polish member of the EPP Group and became Group's Coordinator in the EP's Development committee (DEVE). He is also a member of the Culture, Education, Youth and Sport Committee (CULT) in the European Parliament.

As a former athlete and coach, Bogdan is a Vice-President of the European Parliament Sport Intergroup that gathers MEPs interested in issues connected with physical activity and serves as a platform for communication and cooperation with different interest groups, NGOs, federations and associations in the field of sport. Intergroup has organised several conferences on the topics concerning i.e. match-fixing, social inclusion of refugees through sport, third party ownership or digital single market and sporting events.



Cécile Kyenge (S&D – Italy)

Cecile Kyenge has been a Member of the European Parliament representing the Italian Democratic Party since 2014. In the European Parliament, she is a member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and of the Committee on Culture and Education. Cecile is also a Vice-Chair of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly. Cecile is the Co-Rapporteur of the European Parliament strategic initiative report on "Situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration." Additionally, Cecile was previously the Minister of Integration in Italy.

Virginie Rozière

Virginie Rozière, was born on June 18, 1976 in Montpellier. In 2014 she got elected as Member of the European Parliament, after serving as deputy Director of Cabinet of the French Minister of Crafts, Trade and Tourism. Virginie Rozière is Vice-Chair of the Sport intergroup on the European Parliament. She is also co-chair of the European Parliament Platform for Secularism in Politics (EPPSP) and member of the Internal market and consumer protection committee (IMCO) and Legal affairs committee (JURI). She is serving in France as a Member of the Conseil régional d'Occitanie, the region she is originating from.





Daniel Lörcher

Head of Fan Relations – Borussia Dortmund

The department for Supporters' affairs is responsible for a wide variety of tasks that are divided among nine full-time fan representatives. They are the first points of contact for any concerns fans may have with regard to BVB. Daniel Lörcher is head of the department. He has been active as a fan representative since 2013. As well as being occupied with the organisational work of the department, he is also concerned with, among other things, fan clubs, the organization of match day operations and BVB's anti-racism and anti-discrimination work.

Willem Wagenaar

Senior researcher - Anne Frank House Amsterdam

Willem Wagenaar is a criminologist and senior researcher at the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam specialised in antisemitism, Racism, Racist Violence and Right Extremism. He participated and published reports on the prevalence and backgrounds of antisemitism in the Netherlands. This research instigated different educational projects by the Anne Frank House on preventing and fighting against antisemitism in Dutch society. Two projects are particularly targeted at antisemitism within football. A preventive project where future supporters do a workshop on different forms of discrimination and a curative project on supporters who are involved in antisemitic chants.





Patrick Klaus Gasser

Head of Football and Social Responsibility (FSR)

Patrick Gasser heads UEFA's Football and Social Responsibility (FSR) Unit, having joined UEFA in 1999. Before joining UEFA he worked for thirteen years at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), both in the field and in Geneva. He has worked in areas affected by conflict in Africa, Asia and Europe where he had a broad range of responsibilities that included directing relief and protection operations, and managing media contacts. Along with football his sporting passions are skiing and tennis.

Dave Rich

Head of Policy for the Community Security Trust

Dr. Dave Rich is Head of Policy for the Community Security Trust, a UK Jewish charity that supports victims of antisemitism and provides security advice and assistance for the UK Jewish community. Dave is also an Associate Research Fellow at the Pears Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, Birkbeck, University of London, and author of 'The Left's Jewish Problem: Jeremy Corbyn, Israel and Antisemitism'. He was a member of the FA's taskforce on antisemitism and Islamophobia in football and is on the steering committee of Chelsea FC's campaign to tackle antisemitism.



John Mann

Steering Committee Member, Interparliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism

John Mann MP was first elected as Labour Member of the UK Parliament for Bassetlaw in June 2001.



John was re-elected to the highly influential Treasury Select Committee in September 2017 and currently Chairs the Treasury Sub-Committee. In a previous period on the committee, he led the campaign for more transparency in the consumer credit industry.

John has also been Parliamentary Private Secretary to Minister for the Olympics Tessa Jowell, and for Richard Caborn, then Minister for Sport. Since 2005, he has been Chair of the All- Party Parliamentary Group Against Antisemitism, supported by the Antisemitism Policy Trust.

**Simon Taylor***Head of Chelsea FC Foundation*

Simon Taylor is Head of the Chelsea Foundation, one of the leading community organisations in sport. Taylor is a graduate of Newcastle University with almost 20 years experience of the football industry. After leaving the Football Foundation charity Taylor joined Chelsea in 2005 and helped create and establish the Chelsea Foundation in 2010 and has overseen the successful expansion of Chelsea's community programmes throughout South England and 45 countries internationally.

Yves Le Lostecque*currently Head of the Sport Unit in the European Commission*

Yves Le Lostecque is currently Head of the Sport Unit in the European Commission. He studied public, international and European law at the University of Rennes. He started his career in the French national Ministry responsible for Youth and Sport. He joined the Commission in 1993, where he worked as a lawyer in DG Internal market. He was then responsible for inter-institutional issues in DG Education and Culture and served as the assistant of two directors general, Odile Quintin and Jan Trzuszczński. He also spent two years as a member of the cabinet of the Romanian Commissioner, Leonard Orban.

**Pavel Klymenko***Eastern Europe Development Officer, FARE*

Pavel Klymenko is the Eastern Europe Development Officer at the Fare network, co-ordinating Fare Observer system at UEFA and FIFA competitions identifying and reporting incidents of discrimination at international matches since 2013. He holds a BA degree in Pedagogics from Kyiv Municipal University and a Masters in Global Studies from the Universities of Vienna and Leipzig and is an expert on xenophobia and the far-right in football with focus on Eastern Europe.



THE PARTICIPANTS

Football leagues, Football clubs & NGOs



#EQUAL GAME



RESPECT

UEFA is the governing body of football in Europe. The members are the continent's 55 national football associations, from Iceland to Cyprus, and include Israel and Kazakhstan. As it promotes, protects and develops European football, UEFA embeds the principles of social responsibility and sustainability in everything it does. Under the watchword of "Respect", it works within the football family and reaches out to other key stakeholders to leverage the power and popularity of the game. The goal is to ensure the healthy development of football as an Equal Game at all levels and for all, irrespective of religion, colour, sexual orientation, gender or political opinion. Football is for everyone, everywhere.

Formed in 2010, the **Chelsea Foundation** brings together the Football in the Community and the Education department along with the club's other charitable and community activities, including our international work and anti-discrimination projects.

As one of the world's leading football social responsibility programmes the Chelsea Foundation uses the power of football and sport to motivate, educate and inspire. We believe that the power of football can be harnessed to support communities and individuals both at home and abroad.

On top of our outstanding football development programmes, the Chelsea Foundation works on a broad range of initiatives focusing on employment, education, social deprivation, crime reduction, youth offending and much more.





Borussia Dortmund is an important and successful club in Germany. BVB has won many hearts in its long history and delivered many major honours: the UEFA Champions League, European trophies and German championships. The willingness to always give everything for the cause and get up time and again after falling is the visual expression of this ambition. It has made BVB a permanent fixture in the Bundesliga and ensures that it can face its opponents full of confidence and pride. BVB is deeply connected to the values that characterise its home city Dortmund and the Westfalian region: candour, sincerity and grit.

Royale Union Saint-Gilloise, one of the most popular teams in the Belgian football history with his 11 championships and 2 Belgian cups, became quickly popular in the early 1900s with his attractive football in the south of Brussels. Union became also famous by this legendary team Union 60, who stayed 60 games unbeaten between 1933 and 1935, a Belgian record till today. This year, Union is celebrating his 120th birthday in the National professional league 1B, and is coming back in his unique Stade Marien, where football games from the Olympic Games 1920 were played, after the renovation from 2018.



Following the 'Football divides, racism unites – No to Racism. No to Xenophobia. No to Antisemitism' initiative, the changed their statue including the following Article (French):

Article 3bis.

La Société se veut apolitique et non confessionnelle. Elle condamne toute attitude raciste et/ou antisémite, proclamant l'égalité des sexes et le respect des croyances et genre de chacun.

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The Fare network is an international NGO and umbrella organisation representing organisations that tackle all forms of discrimination in football, including racism, far-right nationalism, sexism, trans- and homophobia and discrimination against disabled people, and use the sport as a vehicle to foster social inclusion and promote diversity. United by the commitment to bring about positive social change, the strength of Fare springs from its diverse membership which comprises over 110 NGOs, youth organisations, ethnic minority groups, supporters groups, amateur and professional football clubs, national football associations etc. in 38 countries.

The Community Security Trust (CST) is a charity that protects British Jews from antisemitism and related threats. CST received charitable status in 1994 and is recognised by the Police and Government as a unique model of best practice. CST has over 90 full and part-time staff based in offices in London, Manchester and Leeds. CST provides security advice and training for Jewish communal organisations, schools and synagogues. CST secures over 650 Jewish communal buildings and approximately 1,000 communal events every year.





The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Against Antisemitism was established to help develop and seek implementation of effective public policy to address antisemitism. The group, one of the most active in parliament, enjoys support from committed members of all parties, and specifically encourages the involvement of parliamentarians who are not Jewish and do not have Jewish constituency interests. The APPG has, over the past ten years through a number of inquiries and other parliamentary efforts successfully changed the way in which antisemitism is addressed in the UK. Antisemitism has been a feature of parliamentary debate, oral and written questions,

Early Day Motions or select committee reports, often as a result of All-Party Group initiatives. The group organises briefings and other parliamentary events, UK and overseas fact-finding visits and has supported members seeking to highlight in the media, issues related to antisemitism. The APPG Against Antisemitism has worked with, and been supported by, all of the parties represented in the House of Commons and independent MPs.

The Anne Frank House is a writer's house and biographical museum dedicated to Jewish wartime diarist Anne Frank. During World War II, Anne Frank hid from Nazi persecution with her family and four other people in hidden rooms at the rear of the 17th-century canal house, known as the Secret Annex (Dutch: Achterhuis). Anne Frank did not survive the war but in 1947, her wartime diary was published. In 1957, the Anne Frank Foundation was established to protect the property from developers who wanted to demolish the block.



THE ORGANISERS



The European Parliament Working Group on

Antisemitism brings together Members of the European Parliament at a cross-party level to improve the way in which the EU combats Antisemitism. The EP-WGAS cooperates with all EU institutions, other European Parliament Intergroups, national parliaments and NGOs in its attempt to not only inform about the realities on the ground, but to react accordingly and take proactive measures to protect those that are affected, and legislate, where appropriate, to prevent antisemitic behaviour from being accepted or going unpunished. Confidence in the laws as well as law enforcement must be strengthened among all minorities in EU member states and the Working Group makes this a priority.

The Working Group consists of a Bureau of MEPs, an advisory board - B'nai B'rith International and the European Jewish Congress (EJC) - and a secretariat – the EJC.

The Sport Intergroup of the European Parliament was founded in 2014. The Intergroup's aim is to gather Members of the European Parliament from various political groups and committees to address sport policy issues. The Intergroup has organised numerous conferences on the topics concerning i.e. social inclusion of the refugees through sport, third party ownership, match-fixing or digital single market and sporting events. The Intergroup serves as a platform for communication and cooperation with different interest groups, NGOs, federations and associations in the field of sport.






The European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI) exists to promote racial equality, counter racism, and educate about non-discrimination in the work of the European Parliament. It aims to be at the heart of parliamentary work for racial equality, and against all discrimination based on racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, and nationality. The Intergroup also looks at discrimination based on these grounds together with gender and age.

ARDI was re-selected as an Intergroup by the European Parliament Conference of Presidents in December 2014 and is composed of Members of European Parliament (MEPs) from almost all political groups and a range of Member States. The Intergroup's current mandate is for the period 2014-2019.

The European Jewish Congress (EJC), officially established in 1986, is a democratically elected body representing over 40 European Jewish communities, encompassing approximately 2.5 million Jews. As the sole political organizational representative of European Jewry, the EJC protects the interests of its affiliated communities, working daily with European Union institutions and officials, the Council of Europe (where the EJC has participatory status) and national governments and parliaments.



B'nai B'rith International is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people around the globe. We are a national and global leader in advancing human rights; Israel advocacy; ensuring access to safe and affordable housing for low-income seniors and advocacy on vital issues concerning seniors and their families; diversity education; improving communities and helping communities in crisis. B'nai B'rith is as vital today as we were upon our founding 175 years ago. Making the world a safer, more tolerant and better place is the mission that still drives our organization.



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