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Public Hearing
on

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL - MARKET OR SOCIETY?

Wednesday 3 May 2006
9.00 a.m. - 18.30 p.m.

European Parliament, Brussels
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DRAFT PROGRAMME

09:00 - 10:45 - SESSION 1: CULT

CHAIR: Mr. Nikolaos SIFUNAKIS, MEP

Introduction by Mr. Ivo BELET, MEP (Rapporteur) (5 min)

Panel I: Professional football and integration (40 minutes)

Participants:

Mr. Salou IBRAHIM, Player at S.V. Zulte-Waregem (1st Belgian Division)

Mr. Anthony RUSSELL, Celtic Education, Celtic Glasgow

Mr. José Luis ARNAUT, Chairman, Independent European Football Review

Q&A by Members

Facilitator: **Mr. Richard CORBETT**, MEP

Panel II: Home grown players and the future of European football (45 min)

Participants:

Mr. Lars-Christer OLSSON, CEO of UEFA,

Mr. Thomas KURTH, General Manager G-14,

Mr. Emanuel MACEDO DE MEDEIROS, General Manager,
Association of the European Professional Football Leagues (EPFL)

Mrs. Odile QUINTIN, Director General, DG EAC, European Commission

Q&A by Members

Facilitator: **Mr. Richard CORBETT**, MEP

Conclusions : **Mr. Ivo BELET**, MEP (Rapporteur) (10 min)

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10:45 - 12:30 - SESSION 2: IMCO

CHAIR: Mrs. Arlene McCARTHY, MEP

Introduction by **Mr. Toine MANDERS**, MEP (Rapporteur) (10 min)

Professional football in the Internal Market

Presentation by **Mr. Lars-Christer OLSSON**, CEO of UEFA (10 min.)

Presentation by **Mr. Karl-Heinz RUMMENIGGE**, President of Bayern München FC (10 min)

Presentation by **Mr. Hein VERBRUGGEN**, Member of IOC and former president Union
Cycliste Internationale (UCI) (10 min)

Presentation by **Prof. Arnd KRÜGER**, University of Göttingen (10 min)

Q&A by Members (50 min)

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Lunch break

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15:00 - 16:45 - SESSION 3: ECON

CHAIR: Mr. José Manuel GARCÍA-MARGALLO Y MARFIL, MEP

Introduction by **Mr. Eoin RYAN, MEP** (rapporteur ECON) (10 min)

The European football media market in the light of EC competition law

Presentation by **Mr. Lars-Christer OLSSON**, CEO, UEFA (10 min.)

Presentation by **Mr. Karl-Heinz RUMMENIGGE** (tbc), President of FC Bayern München
(10min)

Presentation by **Mr. Stefan KÜRTE**N, Director Eurovision Operations Department, European
Broadcasting Union (10 min)

Presentation by **Mr. TEMPLE LANG**, Clearly, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton LLP; Trinity
College, Dublin (10 min)

Q&A by Members (50 min)

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16:45 - 18:30 - SESSION 4: EMPL

CHAIR: Mr. Jan ANDERSSON, MEP

Introduction by **Mr. Jean-Luc BENNAHMIAS, MEP** (Rapporteur EMPL).

Professional football and free movement of workers

Presentation by **M. THIRIEZ**, Président de la ligue Française de Football

Presentation by **M. ROUSTAN**, Directeur exécutif de l'Association internationale des joueurs
professionnels

Q&A by Members

Conclusions: **Mr. Jean-Luc BENNAHMIAS, MEP** (Rapporteur EMPL).

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