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This report stems from an Expert Group established by the European Commission in 2021 to address the challenges faced by the sport sector during and post the COVID-19 pandemic. Their task was to comprehend the pandemic's enduring impacts on both elite and community sports, disseminate effective strategies, and propose recovery recommendations.

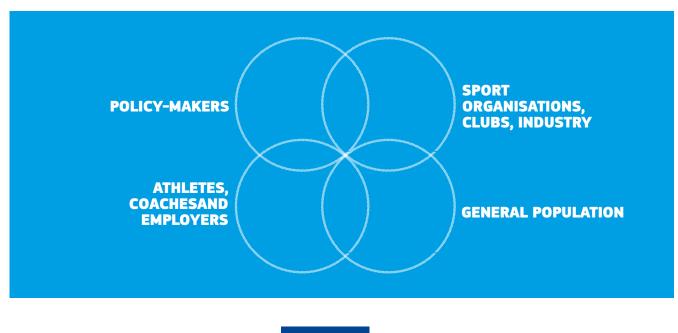
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The report's focus is not only on the pandemic's direct impacts but also on broader matters like environmental sustainability, climate change, and governance.

STAKEHOLDER GROUPS





RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICY MAKERS

European Commission

- Enhance coordination among Member States
- Disseminate Information on Funding Options
- Encourage Standardised Data and Evidence Collection
- Collaborate on Enhancing Grassroots Sports Support

Systems

• Explore Options for Establishing a European Crisis Management Network Group

Member States

- Prioritise Sporting Activities While Ensuring Safety
- Collect and Disseminate Data and Information
- Raise Awareness of the Importance of Sport
- Address Precarious Employment in the Sports Sector
- Promote a Wellbeing Economy
- Maintain Access to Sport Facilities and Fitness Spaces for Resistance Training
- Develop Clear Guidelines for Reopening
- Recognise and Support the Role of Volunteers
- Provide Guidance on Organisational Resilience and Risk Management

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SPORT MOVEMENT

International and National Sport Movement

- Gather and Share Data During Crises
- Allocate Specific Funding to Grassroots Sport
- Cooperate with Players' and Athletes'
 Associations
- Acknowledge and Support Volunteers
- Offer Guidance on Organisational Resilience and Risk Management
- Diversify and Explore Funding Sources
- Facilitate Access to Resources and Expertise for Grassroots Sport
- Support Innovation and Adaptation to Change

Sports Clubs and Fitness Sector

- Stakeholder Management and Networking for Small Clubs
- Financial Planning and Diversification of Funding
- Optimisation of Digital Transition



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