

FARE Eastern European Development Project



Photo: "Never Again" Association

► Many Eastern European states have witnessed a rise in racism, anti-semitism and far-right political activities over the past two decades. Over the same period football, which mirrors so many social developments, has also seen overt examples of these problems across the region.

The FARE Eastern European Development Project seeks to offer challenges to these problems through a co-ordinated approach, based in Warsaw under the lead of the 'Never Again' Association, working with delivery partners across the region.

Our core objectives are:

- To support the preparation of Euro 2012 and anti-discriminatory activities through training programmes, lobbying activities and partnerships with governing bodies, Local Organising Committees, and host cities

- To work alongside and capacity-build ethnic minority communities to challenge discrimination
- Increase the profile of FARE and the Unite Against Racism programme and its ethos in Eastern Europe
- To build a resource and campaigning hub to support a long-term anti-discrimination action in football in Eastern Europe

The core countries for this programme are Poland and Ukraine. The project will also have a wider country base which includes Hungary and Slovakia as neighbouring states. Attempts will also be made to build up contacts and explore activities in several additional states such as Romania, Bulgaria, Russia, Belarus and Moldova. UEFA have allocated the EURO 2008 public viewing licence fees to run the three year FARE Eastern European and the Football Supporters Europe "Fan Embassies go East" development projects..

Focus on Homophobia



Photo: EGLSF

► Italian national team coach Marcello Lippi recently told an internet TV station „I don't think there are any gay players, or at least in 40 years of my career I have never met any". With this statement Lippi just repeats the same old stereotypes. In February 2009 the FARE partner EGLSF (European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation) invited gay and lesbian football supporters to the EGLSF Conference Football Against Homophobia in Barcelona. Groups from Austria, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Spain and Switzerland experience similar problems: Discrimination happens first and foremost by ignoring homosexuality. In the entire world of football, clubs and associations, with a few exceptions, choose to ignore homophobia and discrimination of gays and lesbians on all levels, for the simple reason that homosexuals supposedly do not exist in sport.

Only the English and German FA just started to support campaigns to tackle anti-gay abuse e.g. the German FA support different events against homophobia and was also present during one of the biggest pride days in Germany in Cologne in 2008 and again in 2009. BAFF asks football lovers to take courage against sexism and homophobia during this year's FARE Action Week. In contrast to the symbolic actions of the FAs, BAFF invites all fan groups to show that the world's most popular sport should take the lead and demonstrate that a person's sexuality is not a barrier to being part of football, and to ensure that football is safe, inclusive and tolerant for all to enjoy the game. Support the different colours of the game, support diversity!

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Get involved!



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► Get involved in the 10th anniversary of the FARE Action Week!

Over the last decade some good progress has been made in challenging racism and discrimination in the game, but by no means has it been eradicated. In various parts of Europe we still witness the overt abuse of black and other minority players at both the professional and grassroots level of the game. Many migrants and ethnic minorities still feel excluded from the existing structures within football federations, clubs and some fan clubs across Europe. There are also signs that far-right supporters groups are on the rise in several stadiums across the continent. Homoph-

obia and Sexism remain massive problems in and outside football stadia across Europe.

With this in mind, the **Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE)** network is coordinating an Action Week with activity across football stadiums in Europe. **Between 15 and 27 October 2009** major sections of the European football family will stand united against racism and discrimination.

From modest beginnings spanning nine countries in 2001, the FARE week of action now boasts activity in over 40 nations. The 2008 week of action saw a record 700 events take place. Top national leagues across Europe, from the German Bun-

desliga and the English Premier League, to the Super Leagues in Greece and Ukraine, plus the UEFA Champions League, pledged their support, channeling the power of football to communicate a message to the millions touched by the game.

The concept behind the FARE Action Week is to encourage a range of activities and initiatives to address problems within local clubs or communities, whilst also joining together groups across the continent to present a unified stand against racism in the game, giving fans, minority groups and local football teams the opportunity to come together to celebrate the integrative power of the game.

FARE will spend 50.000 € to help these groups run activities, including printing campaigning materials, staging anti-racism matches or creating special fan choreographies. Moreover, in the course of the forthcoming 10th Action Week FARE will support initiatives that target homophobia and tackle sexism.

Ignoring racism, is accepting racism – take your stand, **join the FARE Action Week and share information about your activities!**

For further details on the FARE Action Week and the list of activities please see www.farenet.org.

Information is available in English, German, Italian and French.

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☉ **Austria** The Austrian women Bundesliga team ASK Erlaa presented the FARE warm-up bibs. In cooperation with FARE partner FairPlay. Different Colours. One Game. The Bundesliga and its 22 teams dedicated two weekends to the motto "I am against racism". The Austrian FA supported the FARE AW at the qualifier against Serbia. Anti-racism days at amateur clubs were organised by the fan club The „Friends of the Friedhofstribüne“ from Wiener Sportklub, Prater SV, SC Neusiedl, New African Football Academy, Austria Santos Int., SV Spittal/Drau, Post SV, Vienna Türkücü and the fan initiative Arge Tor from Blau-Weiss Linz. The women club MFFV ASKÖ 23 produced scarves "against sexism and racism".



☉ **Belgium** Holebifederatie launched a campaign against homophobia in sports to raise local awareness among sports clubs and asked them to participate in actions by displaying a poster against homophobia, signing a declaration or for some actions against homophobia in the club.



☉ **Germany** The Mujeres Libres and Ultras Darmstadt created banners against sexism. The German FA provided the clubs with information leaflets on right-extremist symbols. In cooperation with former FARE partner Dem Ball egal in the Bundesliga the players and referees of the top two leagues showed racism the red card. The Schalke fan-initiative produced posters saying "Born in Gelsenkirchen". The SC Düsseldorf ran a choreography under the motto "United Colours of Fortuna". The Bunte Kurve Leipzig produced stickers and banners. The Löwenfans gegen Rechts produced a 70 meter long anti-racist banner. The Fanladen St. Pauli produced 10.000 flyers against homophobia in football.

☉ **Great Britain** In the UK over 1000 events took place this year, coordinated by FARE partner Kick It Out. FARE partner FURD ran a 5-a-side youth tournament and distributed anti-racist posters and stickers to spectators before the Sheffield United match. Every professional match in England and Wales was designated a "Kick It Out" match. Show Racism the Red Card organised the "Fortnight of Action" in Scotland where all 42 professional clubs alongside the women's premier league participated in a red card action. In Wales all the teams in the Welsh Premier League had been involved. In Northern Ireland Institute FC and Derry City FC hosted a series of events.



☉ **Hungary** The Mahatma Gandhi HRO organised a roundtable discussion in cooperation with the Hungarian FA. Additionally stadium activities against racism using the newly designed banner and t-shirts took place at Nyiregyhaza, Vasas Budapest and Haladás Szombathely.

☉ **Bosnia** The Balkan Alpe Adria Project organised an anti-racism day in cooperation with the Bosnian first league club against Zelic Zenicar.



☉ **Poland** (see article on Eastern Europe) In cooperation with FARE partner "Never Again" Association Polonia Warszawa displayed the slogan "Lets Kick Racism out of the Stadiums" on boards. Anti-racist tournaments were organised by Kulturalny Poznan, GTW Gliwice, Stow. Aktywn. Spol. Mlyn, Stow. Mloda Socjaldem. z Wroclawia, Fundacja Dom Pokoju, Gimm. Lublin. The Campaign Against Homophobia added a concert and a photo exhibition to their table soccer and football tournaments. GAN Pila arranged educational meetings in schools and with footballers, prepared an anti-racist exhibition and organised a concert. The Gimnazjum K.K. Baczyńskiego and UKS Warta organised a friendly match and lectures on discrimination.

☉ **Denmark** FC Copenhagen fan club Rude Lions displayed a "No to racism"-banner at a UEFA Cup match. The Show Racism the Red Card campaign at the Danish players union organised an anti-racism event at Randers vs. Alborg and was engaged in a large football tournament for schools. The final matches were dedicated to the anti-racism campaign.



☉ **Finland** The Finnish FA organised a red card campaign in cooperation with the Veikkausliiga. The NGOs FIMU and Liikkukaa! organised friendly matches. Atlantis FC organised a tournament involving academy players and migrants. The migrant teams Mondial Stars played against referees.



☉ **Switzerland** Both teams of Young Boys Bern vs. FC Zürich presented anti-racist banners. The fan initiative Gemeinsam gegen Rassismus/HalbZeit displayed a 50 meter banner with the slogan "Together against racism". The YB players wore a black shirt bearing this motto and designed especially for the day.

☉ **UEFA Champions League** For the fifth successive time all 32 teams playing in the UEFA Champions League took part with activities including the captains wearing Unite Against Racism armbands, player-escort children sporting Unite Against Racism T-shirts, announcements being made to fans in stadiums over the loudspeaker calling for opposition to all forms of racism, and Unite Against Racism adverts being placed in match day programmes as well as the official UEFA Champions League magazine Champions. Europe's top football stars helped to spread the message that racism and discrimination have no place in European football.



☉ **Republic of Ireland** Football Association of Ireland in conjunction with its community partners SARI and SRTRC supported the European campaign against racism and discrimination, including a half time underage exhibition game at the Ireland v Cyprus match. Clubs at all levels like Finn Harps FC, Derry City, Cobh Ramblers FC, Dollymount FC, Moneymore FC, Dundalk FC or Sligo Rovers ran activities at home matches. Kerry Action For Development Education designed with pupils in a primary school slogans and posters to highlight the issue of racism in football. The competition culminated in a 5/6 a-side tournament. Eagles Wings Youth Initiative organised a series of anti-racism activities.



☉ **France** An anti-racism day was organised by FARE partner LICRA at several first and second league matches like AS Nancy – FC Sochaux providing the clubs, players and children with t-shirts, banners, information materials and holding training sessions for youth players. At the U21 Euro qualifier France vs. Germany in Metz, the escorting children wore FARE t-shirts. Red cards against racism were distributed at France vs. Tunisia by Youth of the Espace Animation Beaulieu. LICRA Perigueux and LICRA Rhône-Alpes organised an anti-racist tournaments. Anti-racist choreographies were created by fans from FC Metz and Olympique Marseille.



☉ **Norway** The "Gi rasisme reddt kort" campaign – run by The Norwegian Players Union (NISO) in cooperation with The Norwegian People's Aid – arranged anti-racist arrangements in the Norwegian Premier League, First Division and the Women's Premier League.



☉ **Slovakia** The FARE AW saw a wide range of groups from Roma organisations to community centers, clubs as well as one supporter based event. An event against homophobia was organised by Museion. One match day of the first league was dedicated to the fight against racism. FARE partner Ludia Proti Rasizmu organised a high profile event with the BMLF.

☉ **Italy** FARE partners UISP and Progetto Ulrà coordinated the activities in Italy. Mediterraneo Antirazzista promoted activities in the suburbs of Palermo, involving children and their families. Rude Boys and Girls Sampdoria organised an antiracist tournament. UISP Varese and Il Cantiere di Frattamaggiore cooperated with refugee and migrant centres. Asi es mi Futbol organised a tournament involving migrants. The refugee footballers Liberi Nates participated at a tournament in Rome. Allentati Fasano invited migrants to the stadium. FC Rieti cooperated with the migrant association ARI, the activities were supported by a choreography. In Treviso the youth project Draghi exposed a banner.



☉ **Israel** The NGO New Israel Fund organised a friendly fan tournament in the Arab Galilee town of Sakhnin. The fans were from ethnic origin including Jews, Arabs, immigrants, migrant workers etc. At Israel Premiere League games players and children went onto the pitch wearing "Lets Kick Racism Out of Israeli Football" t-shirts and banners.



☉ **Russia** The NGO New Social Solutions working with homeless organised a "Football Against Racism" tournament for homeless and refugee teams in St. Petersburg.



☉ **Macedonia** Traditionally, the MCCD organised a press conference. The Org. of Women of Sveti Nikole organised a tournament for children of different ethnic origin. More tournaments were organised by the National Roma Centrum, the Council for Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency and MKD Prokultura for women teams. The Youth Forum-Bitola cooperated with FC Pelister distributed anti-racism t-shirts and produced "Stop Racism" posters. The players presented an anti-racism banner before line-up.



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