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**FOOTBALL AGAINST
RACISM IN EUROPE**

Background | FARE network

➤ The Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network was formed in 1999 by fans groups and NGOs concerned about the rising tide of racism and far-right groups in European football.

Today the network has active partners in more than 37 countries and is working across the game with fans, players, migrant and ethnic minority organisations, and governing bodies, including UEFA and FIFA. It also includes members from within football such as professional clubs and players unions. By supporting and nurturing grassroots groups and combining the voices of ordinary fans of the game, FARE acts as an umbrella organisation for those challenging racism and discrimination throughout Europe. The network is co-ordinated by various partners in a central administration group.



Fanprojekt Dortmund

The general objectives of the FARE network can be summarised as follows:

- To promote a commitment to fight racism at all levels of professional and amateur football across Europe – inside stadiums, on the pitch, in administration, in coaching and sport education, and through the media
- To raise awareness among the football family for the integrative potential of football and to encourage players, clubs, associations, supporters, coaches, administrators, referees, journalists and policymakers to take action against discrimination
- To foster the networking and exchange of good practice transnationally with a range of partners
- To undertake activities to capacity build and empower marginalised and discriminated groups, in particular young people, migrants and ethnic minorities.

Thanks to the FARE network concerted campaigning change is becoming evident. However, problems still exist and racial abuse, the exclusion of ethnic minorities and migrants, and discrimination continue both on and off the pitch.

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Fan project Slovan Liberec

FARE Action Week (17 – 30 October 2007)

➤ The annual FARE Action Week unites supporters, clubs and those targeted by racism across the continent in a concerted effort to make discrimination a thing of the past. What started as a minor campaign in nine countries in 2001 now includes more than 700 events in 37 European countries and has become the largest series of anti-racism activities in sport ever staged.

The aim of the campaign is to boost public awareness for the problem of racism and discrimination and to demonstrate a united front in dealing with this malign influence on Europe's number one sport.

The eighth edition of the FARE Action Week will run from 17 to 30 October 2007. FARE will again be offering financial support for a range of grassroots activities and will launch a call for action, specifying how groups can get involved, in summer. Find out more on www.farenet.org

Challenging homophobia

➤ The UEFA Unite against Racism conference in Barcelona put the issue of homophobia on the agenda of European football for the first time. Even though five to ten percent of the population is homosexual or bisexual, there is not a single openly gay player in any of the professional European leagues. In partnership with the European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF) FARE will continue to raise awareness and be pro-active on the issue. At the 11th EuroGames in Antwerp the '...More than Playing Games' conference will discuss the taboos surrounding homosexuality in football.

Find out more on www.eglsf.info or contact fare@eglsf.info

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Mondiali Antirazzisti

➤ The Mondiali Antirazzisti is a unique tournament in Italy that brings supporter groups, migrants and local communities together every July to celebrate diversity and popular fan culture. This vibrant anti-racist football festival with 204 five-a-side teams will be held at its new location in Casalecchio di Reno near Bologna from 11 to 15 July 2007.

www.mondialiantirazzisti.org

Stand up, Speak Up

➤ Some of the income generated from the sale of the Stand Up, Speak Up wristbands is going to FARE to run a series of activities in central and eastern Europe. The FARE programme seeks to tackle the exclusion of Roma communities in Slovakia and to undertake monitoring and campaigning activities to counter the presence of neo-Nazi groups at football grounds in Poland. In the Balkans the key aim is to challenge prevailing



Red Star Belgrade

ideas of nationalism and xenophobia through working with football clubs and youth teams.

A project pool lends support to small-scale activities in the region. Forthcoming events include anti-racist activities at the Przystanek Woodstock festival (3–4 August 2007) in Poland and the Football Unites youth tournament in Sarajevo (12 August 2007). See also <http://futbal.rasizmus.sk>



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FAREnet.org

➤ The FARE website has been transformed into a multilingual website, available in English, French, German and Italian. The site now contains a wealth of information about FARE, its member organisations and on racism in European football. FARE partner Football Unites, Racism Divides in Sheffield, which administers the site, will continue to open up the website and involve campaigners across Europe who contribute content. Contact: Howard Holmes, FURD, howard@furd.org

UNITE AGAINST RACISM at UEFA EURO 2008™

➤ Building on the success in Portugal in 2004, the FARE network is preparing a programme of anti-racism activities at UEFA EURO 2008™ in Austria and Switzerland. The aim is to promote and convey the positive message of anti-racism and fighting discrimination in and outside the stadiums. FARE intends to engage fans and the local population through Street-kick tournaments, supporter gatherings and the distribution of fanzines. Additional elements include an anti-racism training guide for staff and a monitoring and reporting scheme. A project pool will also be launched to support local groups intending to organise innovative events and activities before and during

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UEFA EURO 2008™. In association with the Football Supporters International (FSI) network FARE is also planning an extensive fan-hosting programme. The measures embrace the coordination of fan and visitor hosting activities during EURO 2008. Each of the eight host cities is set to have a fans embassy service for visiting fans, and multilingual fan-guides and a website will also be produced.



UEFA

FIFA and FARE tackle discrimination

➤ FIFA has been aware of the racism problem for some time but recent events, especially in Europe, have given the need for concerted action and added urgency. Recognising its unique role in co-ordinating expertise from all corners of the globe, FIFA has established in 2006 an alliance with the FARE network. Since then FARE has worked with FIFA at the World Cup 2006 in Germany, run a survey to all 207 FIFA member associations and launched a call for projects for grassroots initiatives outside Europe. Currently an international workshop on anti-discrimination is in preparation.



FIFA



1997 As part of the European Year against Racism various football projects are sponsored by the European Commission (EC)

1999 (February) Establishment of the FARE network and passing of a FARE Plan of Action in Vienna

2000 (June) Official launch of FARE at the European Parliament in Brussels before EURO 2000

2001 (April) First FARE Action Week against Racism and Discrimination in European Football with 50 events in nine countries

2001 (July) FARE representatives speak at the FIFA Conference against Racism in Buenos Aires

2001 (August) UEFA award their Monaco charity cheque of one million Swiss Francs to FARE; FARE becomes a member of the UEFA football and social responsibility portfolio

2002 (September) Start of a two-year anti-discrimination project co-funded by the EC

2002 (November) FARE receives the Free Your Mind award at the MTV Europe Music Awards in Barcelona

2002 (October) UEFA gets behind the FARE ten-point plan of action

2003 (March) The Unite Against Racism conference hosted by Chelsea FC is jointly organised by UEFA, FARE and the FA

2003 (October) Some 400 initiatives in 24 countries join the 4th Action Week. FARE receives Jean Kahn Award from the EUMC.

2004 (June) FARE launches a Football Unites programme at UEFA EURO 2004 in Portugal

2005 (April) FARE networking conference in Bratislava

2005 (November) FARE Public Hearing at the European Parliament in Brussels

2006 (January) FARE programme in Eastern Europe funded by the Stand up Speak up campaign

2006 (January) FIFA and FARE establish a strategic alliance in the field of anti-discrimination

2006 (February) The second Unite Against Racism conference is jointly organised by UEFA, FARE and the Spanish FA hosted by FC Barcelona

2006 (March) European declaration on tackling racism in football becomes a formal resolution at the European Parliament in Strasbourg

2006 (June) FARE Programme at FIFA World Cup 2006

2006 (October) With more than 700 initiatives in 37 European countries – including the involvement of all 32 Champions League teams – the 7th FARE Action Week is Europe's biggest anti-racism campaign in football so far

2007 (May) FARE networking conference on ethnic minorities and equality, hosted by the French Football Federation, LICRA and PSG in Paris

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FARE is a partner of the UEFA football and social responsibility portfolio

FARE is a strategic alliance partner of the FIFA Football for Hope movement