

To: National Federations

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Subject: Request for Development Support from WBSC Europe

Dear National Federations,

I hope this message finds you well. As we remain dedicated to advancing the growth and progress of softball and baseball across Europe, I am reaching out to inform you about our development procedures and the opportunity for your National Federations to request financial support from WBSC Europe for various projects.

Last week at the Congress, we highlighted the Support for National Federations initiative. You can review our report and plan for this year by following this <u>link</u>.

To streamline the process, we have established a comprehensive development procedure that outlines the necessary steps for National Federations to submit funding requests. This procedure ensures fairness, transparency, and efficiency in the evaluation and allocation of development funds. Allow me to provide you with an overview of the key components.

Please carefully review the attached <u>development procedure document</u>, which offers detailed instructions and guidelines for submitting your funding request. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to our development commission at <u>development@wbsceurope.org</u>.

I would like to emphasize that our specific goal for support in 2024 is "Enhancing Grassroots Development." While this goal does not exclude projects with different objectives, it signifies a prioritization for initiatives aligned with grassroots development. We believe that focusing on grassroots development this year is strategically significant for building the future of baseball and softball in Europe.

Grassroots development encompasses initiatives that originate at the local level, engaging communities and serving as the foundation for broader growth. By prioritizing grassroots development, we aim to nurture talent, engage communities, and establish a solid foundation for sustained growth. This approach is crucial for fostering a sustainable and inclusive sports culture.

If your National Federation is interested in exploring Erasmus+ opportunities or requires assistance in finding suitable partners for collaboration, we are here to support you. WBSC Europe can provide guidance, connect you with potential partners, and help shape your project ideas. Together, we can explore the vast possibilities within the Erasmus+ framework and maximize the potential for softball and baseball development. Please reach out to us if you need any assistance in project development.



Thank you for your continued support and for being an integral part of the WBSC Europe family. Together, we will shape the future of softball and baseball throughout the continent.

Kindly pay attention to the timelines; the **Application Submission Deadline is March 15th**.

For those who received support in 2023, please remember to send us your report as outlined in the Development Request Procedures. Documents for the reports can be found on our website <u>under Documents & Reports</u>.

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