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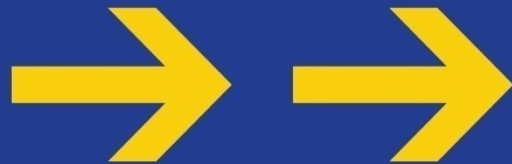
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Government support for Sport  
Organisations

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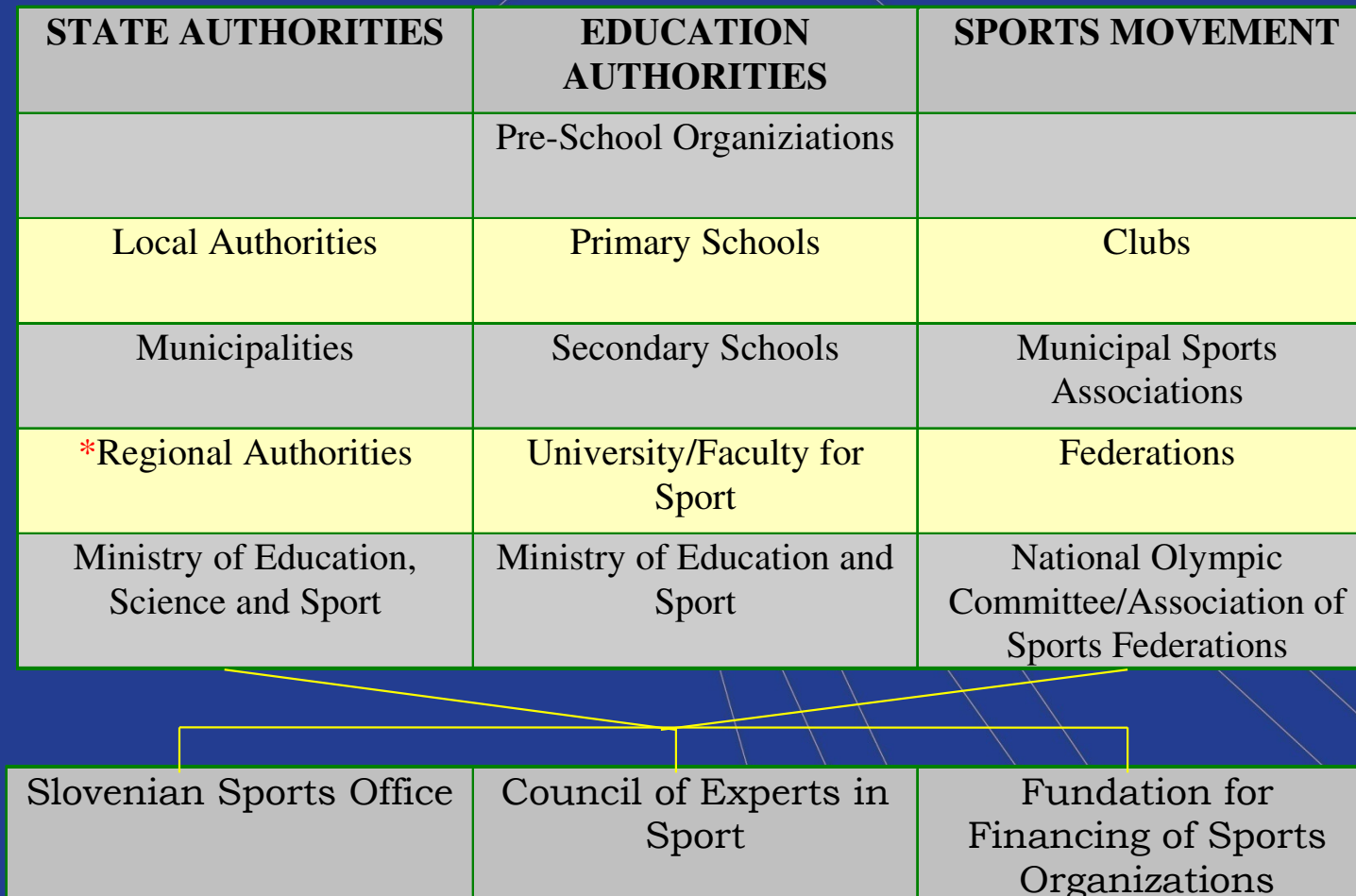


# Government support for Sport Organisations - Cases of Synergy



- Structure Synergies
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# Structure Synergies



# Legislation Synergies

- Associations Act
- National Programme of Sport
- Law on sport
  - Legal provisions/acts in the field of sports
- NOC Systematic Regulations
  - Criteria for the Categorization of Athletes
- Strategy of sports development at the level of National Sports Federations

# Legislation Synergies

- State responsible for:
  1. General positive environment for sport
    - Sport tradition
    - Position of sport in society
    - Position of sport in politics
    - Media support & coverage
    - State – public interest
    - Stable finances
    - Sports information system
    - Good GO – NGO cooperation

# Legislation Synergies

- State responsible for:
- 2. Implementation of public interest:
  - physical education
  - sports recreation
  - high performance sport
  - top sport
  - sport for disabled persons

# Legislation Synergies

- The State realises public interest in sport by:
- providing funds for the realisation of national programme
- providing basic conditions for sports activities and encouraging their development
- planning, constructing and maintaining of public sport facilities
- stimulating tax policy
- education and training in sport



# Programme Synergies

- sport in educational projects and in projects for youth
- sport a part of school curricula, its position is natural
- sport spreads into hidden curriculum, leisure time of the youth, social formation, formation of values, non formal education
- principal aim is education for democracy, culture of peace, tolerance, fair play and equality, environment protection awareness, healthy life style



# Concrete and Practical Examples

- Law on Associations enables certain economic activities - income used for operational costs
- skilled and talented individuals provided a possibility of top sports performance and adequate training in the appropriate circumstances and facilities
- employment of up to 200 top athletes and top coaches at the Ministries of Internal Affairs, Customs Office, and Ministry of Defence.
- trainers of young talented athletes offered a special employment through an individual contract

# Concrete and Practical Examples

- indirect sports financing through **tax exemptions** or **tax reductions** - new VAT Law passed in 1999;
- lower 8% taxes on profit from sports services, for rental of facilities, tickets selling
- higher 19% taxes on material expenses and equipment
- financing through **sponsoring** - tax reductions and exemptions (0,3% to 0,6%))
- Foundation for the Financing of Sport Organisations provides the same amount of money as the state

# Concrete and Practical Examples

- health & accident insurance, social and disability insurance
- paid medical examinations
- sport classes in Grammar Schools
- co-financing of physical prowess testing
- paid working period for pension
- special pensions

# Concrete and Practical Examples

- **Immediate post career assistance:**
  1. free of charge qualification and training
  2. paid scholarships for top athletes
  3. tax exemption for financial awards and prizes
  4. long distance learning
  5. employment of top athletes for 2 years after retirement

# Way Forward

- top athletes – “idols” - young people follow them
- influence on bio-psycho-social development of children and young people
- useful spending of leisure time - better health
- prevents negative influences of modern lifestyle
- encourage organised and non-organised sports participation



# Way Forward

- big sport events - national identity, economic impact on regional development
- satisfaction in terms of well-being – tourism
- new working places
- no sport - no multiplier or »driving force« - no sport industry, no material impact of sport

# Way Forward

- Economy & finances
  - contributes 2,3% of GDP
  - 1.top sport market
  - 2.sport for all market
  - 3.sport of children and young people market



# Way Forward

- Immediate priority is
- Amended and Reformed:

1. National Programme of Sport

2. Law on Sport

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