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**FARE Action Week
Photo Report**

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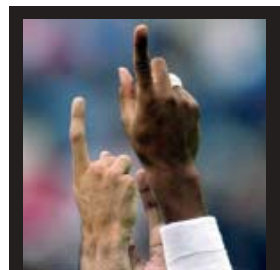
**Fan Embassies
at EURO 2004™
in Portugal**

**5th Anniversary of
the FARE network**

Five years of networking against racism in European football

► Today, the idea of campaigning against racism in football seems to have become rooted in many European countries. Many clubs, national associations and the international federations UEFA and FIFA have spoken out and taken action against the problem. The anti-racism movement in football has recently been honoured by a number of European-wide awards. But five years ago, in February 1999, when supporter groups, anti-racist NGOs and ethnic minority organisations from 14 European countries came together in Vienna to found the Football against Racism in Europe (FARE) network, the story was quite different. Bodo Berg of the Schalke Fan-Initiative echoed the feelings of many when he said: "The view that racism does not occur in our stadiums is prevalent among football administrators because a lot of them simply do not know what is happening on the terraces and inside the heads of young football fans". At the FARE founding conference we not only listened to reports on various racist incidents, but also heard about the widespread

neglect of the problem on the part of football and public institutions. We therefore called upon those governing the game to "recognise that racism and other forms of discrimination are a problem in football". Over the past five years the FARE network has been quite successful in putting the anti-racism issue on the agenda of European football. While some misunderstood the fight against racism to be



Cover Photo: The players of France pay tribute to the late Marc-Vivian Foe during the Confederations Cup final 2003.

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FARE kick-off: Fans, migrant & ethnic minority groups and anti-racist campaigners debating at the Vienna Networking conference (31 January - 2 February 1999)

a fight against football fans, others went further and made the equal inclusion of ethnic and migrant minorities in stadiums and the institutions of football an issue.

FARE was established to act as a decentralised, grass-roots network to facilitate anti-racism action on various levels, ranging from the transnational, European dimension to the local football club. Thanks to the funding from the European Commission and then the UEFA charity portfolio, the nine FARE project partners have been able to keep this initial aim. Nevertheless, the real strength of FARE is the host of supporter groups, anti-racism initiatives, ethnic-minority groups and clubs and associations in more than 25 European countries who consider themselves part of the network. Their continued efforts and actions will make the difference in the long run.

Kurt Wachter

FairPlay-vidc, FARE co-ordination office

FACTBOX ON FARE

1996 Four football-based anti-racist projects, in Sheffield, London, Bologna and Dortmund receive European Commission (EC) funding

1997 As part of the "European Year against Racism", various football projects are sponsored by the EC

1999 (February) Establishment of the FARE network and passing of a FARE plan of action in Vienna

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

EURO 2000 finals

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 charity cheque of 1 Million Swiss Francs to FARE; FARE becomes a member of the UEFA charity portfolio

2002 (April) Second FARE Action Week with 100 events in 17 countries.

2002 (October) Third FARE Action Week with more than 300 events in 18 countries

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

2003 (March) The conference "Unite against Racism" in Lon-

don is jointly organised by UEFA, FARE and the English FA

2003 (October) Some 400 initiatives in 24 countries join the 4th FARE Action Week. FARE receives the 'Jean Kahn Award' of the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC)

2004 With the FSI network FARE is running "Fans Embassies" and anti-racism activities at the UEFA EURO 2004™ in Portugal, funded through the UEFA charity partnership.

European Anti-Racism prize for FARE



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In October 2003 the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC) presented FARE with the first Jean Kahn Award for exemplary work to combat racism. The Award comes with 10.000 €, sponsored by the Evens Foundation. FARE's innovative work in football which includes raising awareness and educational activities at the grass

roots and European level, particularly impressed the Jean Kahn Award jury. At the Award ceremony in Vienna, former Ghana International and Bundesliga player Anthony Baffoe accepted the award on behalf of FARE. The patron of the award, 74 year-old Jean Kahn, was the first chair of the EUMC and president of the Central Israelite Consistory.



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Patrick Kluivert and Swedish International Patrik Andersson present MTV's Human Rights Award 2002 to FARE. Previous 'Free Your Mind Award' Award winner include Amnesty International and Greenpeace.

European Launch of FARE in the Parliament in Brussels in 2000: Session with (from left) Soerensen (EUMC), Schmidt (DFB), Sprengers (KNVB), Crespo (MEP), Swoboda (MEP), Quintin (DG EMPL), Sudbury (The FA) and Batson (PFA).



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In collaboration with FARE and the English FA, UEFA gathered in March 2003 the European football family for the "Unite Against Racism" conference in London. From left: Gianfranco Zola (Italy), David Dein (Arsenal FC), Marcel Desailly (France, Chelsea FC), Daniel Conti (FARE / UISP), Ashley Cole (Arsenal FC) and Paul Elliot (ex-player).

FARE Plan of Action

Football is the biggest sport in the world and belongs to us all. Every individual has the unalienable right to participate in football free of discrimination, regardless of ethnic origin, nationality, colour, religion, gender, sexuality or disability - be it as players or spectators.

We, members and partners of the first anti-racist European football network Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) affirm our commitment to fight racism, xenophobia, nationalism, sectarianism, anti-Semitism and all forms of discrimination in football and through football.

We will not tolerate racism in football: either in the stadiums, on the pitch, in the football administration, in coaching or in football education.

I. We call for football governing bodies and clubs to:

- recognise that racism and other forms of discrimination are a problem in football
- take responsibility by adopting and publishing anti-racist policies
- make full use of the integrative and intercultural potentials of football
- establish a partnership with all organisations committed to kick racism out of football, in particular with supporter groups, migrants and ethnic minorities
- specifically address the issue of the rise of the extreme right, and their manifestations in football stadiums, in Eastern Europe

II. We commit ourselves to:

- challenge all forms of racist behaviour in the stadiums and in the clubs not remain silent when racism occurs
- foster the inclusion of ethnic minorities and migrants on an equal basis within our own organisations
- work together with all organisations who are willing to tackle the problem of racism in football

Action Week 2003 photo report

“Action speaks louder than words”

FARE saw record participation in the 2003 Action Week against racism and discrimination in football. In 23 countries more than 300 fan groups, clubs, national associations and ethnic minority & migrant organisations got involved in the 4th Action Week between 16 and 28 October. Particularly encouraging was the strong involvement of football governing bodies and the anti-racist initiatives in central and eastern Europe, some of them countries where racism inside football stadiums is at epidemic levels. The involvement of all 92 professional football clubs in England and Wales constituted a highlight of FARE’s efforts to kick racism out of the game. For the first time big clubs from Portugal and the Netherlands joined the FARE campaign.

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➔ **England:** The Blackburn Rovers Education Department presented an anti-racist poster competition at the home match against Charlton Athletic at Ewood Park.



➔ **Austria:** The FairPlay campaign organised an anti-racist match day event with Grazer AK when they met SV Salzburg. On the videowall a FARE spot has been displayed before the match.



➔ **Slovakia:** ASK Inter Bratislava and first league teams showed their support before kick-off, an action called People Against Racism.



➔ **Italy:** Apart from the display of anti-racist messages in stadiums, Ultra fan groups went to schools and youth centres for debates about racism and popular fan culture.



➔ **Germany:** Fans of 2nd division club LR Ahlen did a choreography and produced T-shirts with the slogan „Fans and Players Against Racism”. Ahlen player Musemestre Bamba joined the action before the match against MSV Duisburg.



➔ **Austria:** Crash-test driver and anti-discrimination campaigner raised flags “For Diversity and Tolerance” during the match Grazer AK vs Salzburg.



➔ **Macedonia:** The NGO MCCD launched a national campaign with the Macedonian FA. At league and cup matches players have worn t-shirts saying “Stop Racism and Nationalism”.



➔ **Greece:** The Lyceum of Intercultural Education in Athens organised a five-a-side tournament that involved four local schools. The multicultural teams were mixed with students from all schools.



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🇬🇧 **England:** Leeds United FC were the first club to hold a game as part of this year's week of action. Leeds player Jermaine Pennant is putting the message across before the tie against Blackburn Rovers at Elland Road.

🇨🇷 **Croatia:** The youth association Step Ahead promoted the FARE Action Week at a press conference in Rijeka and organised a multiethnic tournament with 40 teams. A media campaign accompanied the tournament.

🇩🇪 **Germany:** The Schalke Faninitiative initiated an anti-racism poster campaign joined by 15 football clubs including Borussia Mönchengladbach (photo), FC Schalke 04, VfL Bochum, MSV Duisburg, RW Oberhausen and women's Bundesliga side FCR Duisburg (Infos: www.demballegal.de).



🇫🇷 **France:** New School Gwengamp (NSG), a fan group of first division club Guingamp, displayed an anti-racism choreography at the match Guingamp-Toulouse. Also Devils Bordeaux organised a major fan choreography took place at the match Bordeaux - Toulouse.

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on initiated by the NGO
and the Slovak FA.



🇵🇱 **Poland:** Asylum Seekers in Poland have come together with local Polish footballers in the spirit of unity for the FARE Action Week. Africa United, a brunch of African asylum seekers have played friendly matches against Polish teams. Children got the opportunity to meet African footballers.



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🇷🇴 **Romania:** A national campaign of the National Council for Combating Discrimination in co-operation with the Romanian FA has been launched. Premier league teams such as Dinamo Bucharest have joined the Action Week.

🇷🇸 **Serbia & Montenegro:** Anti-racism displays at the matches of Partizan, FK Rad, Red Star and Sartilid Smederevo. Partizan players Taribo West and Tomasz Rzasa showed racism the red card.



🇳🇴 **Norway:** Football star Elle Marja Heatta of the premier team Asker is promoted the new Norwegian Show Racism the Red Card video. She is of ethnic minority background, belonging to the indigenous Sami group.

🇧🇪 **Belgium:** Event with the national teams of Belgium (red devils & red devils women team) organised by the Samen Kleurrijk Sporten Foundation with the Belgian FA.



🇵🇹 **Portugal:** Premier league teams including FC Porto, Boavista FC and Sporting Club present anti-racism banners. The Professional Players Union also produced advertisements with stars such as Lourenco and Beto of Sporting Lisbon.

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Exhibition: Tatort Stadion

➤ The touring exhibition “Target Stadium - Racism and Discrimination in Football”, produced by the nationwide supporters group Bündnis Aktiver Fussballfans (BAFF), kicked off in Berlin in November 2001. By November 2004 the exhibition will have toured more than 32 towns across



Hertha BSC player Michael Preetz (l) and Wolfgang Thierse (r), president of the German parliament, with Gerd Dembowski at the exhibition opening in Berlin.

Germany and been seen by some 50 000 visitors, many of them teenagers. Accompanied by panel discussions, readings, friendly football matches and musical events, the exhibition gave people an opportunity to discuss their local situation and anti-racist activities with the organisers and experts from all over Europe. Clubs such as Borussia Mönchengladbach, Hannover 96 and Werder Bremen supported the exhibition, as did former professionals such as Marco Bode, who featured in the German squad that reached the World Cup Final in 2002, and the former captain of Ghana, Anthony Baffoe. BAFF also offers a second, smaller version of “Target Sta-

dium”, which is suitable for schools, community projects or supporter-organised tournaments.

Contact & Information:

BAFF (see below)

For a virtual tour visit:
www.tatort-stadion.de
www.aktive-fans.de

Future venues are:

- 26.1.04 - 20.2.04: Bielefeld (Volkshochschule)
- 8.3.04 - 2.4.04: Duisburg (Universität)
- 12.4.04 - 7.5.04: Wuppertal (Ver.di/DGB-Haus)
- 10.5.04 - 4.6.04: Freiburg (Rathaus)
- 1.7.04 - 14.8.04: Saarbrücken
- Aug./Sept. 2004: Dessau
- Oct. 2003: Vienna/Austria
- Nov. 2003: Berlin

www.farenet.org goes multilingual

➤ Football Unites Racism Divides (FURD), a founder member of the FARE network, has expanded the website www.farenet.org. At this stage there are over 140 news articles on the site dealing with issues of racism and discrimination in European football. In total, the site has 216 unique pages.

Since the site currently operates only in English, a multilingual front-end has been designed to accommodate multiple languages. This will allow viewers to view pages in one of four languages – English, French, German and Italian. Also the implementation of a new members’ log-in facility will enable FARE partners to

log into the site and update certain content. This will allow FARE groups to “own” their own part of the site, enabling them to feel closer to the network. The styling and colours have also been redesigned following the launch of the new FARE brand in October 2003. It is believed that the new



black and white logo reflects better on the fan and action-oriented identity of the FARE network.

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Campaigning in Poland

➤ Racism, and in particular anti-Semitism, is a part of daily life in eastern Europe to an extent no longer encountered in the former West. The "Let's Kick Racism Out Of The Stadiums" campaign run by Polish FARE member, the Never Again Association, promotes anti-racism at football grounds and aims to counter racist and chauvinist attitudes among

fans. Activities include the regular monitoring and reporting of incidents, the production of two anti-racist magazines (Stadion and Never Again) and the organisation of an anti-racist football tournament.

The Never Again Association has succeeded in raising the awareness of the Polish Foot-



Africa United FC in action at Konstancin Obory in Poland.

ball Association and club officials for racist symbols displayed in stadiums. Amongst

other things, an anti-racist manual has been jointly produced by Never Again and the Polish FA providing guidance for club officials and match observers. In November 2003 'Never Again' gave a presentation at a high-profile conference on stadium security organised by the FA. The work of 'Never Again' has been endorsed by Emanuel Olisadebe, Poland's first black international, for example.

Mondiali Antirazzisti – fans and migrants united

➤ In 2004 Italian FARE members Progetto Ultrà and Unione Italiana Sport Per Tutti (UISP), in association with their Italian partner Istoreco, will for the eighth time stage the **Mondiali Antirazzisti** (Anti-Racist World Cup), a non-competitive, multi-cultural 5-a-side football tournament against racism and discrimination.

As in past years, the tournament will take place in the small town of Montecchio near Reggio Emilia on 7-11 July 2004.

Yet again, the event was a great success in

2003, bringing together fan groups, Ultras, migrants and community organisations from all over Europe for a weekend of football, music and anti-racist activities. A record 168 teams participated in the tournament, while over 6000 peo-

ple attended concerts and events over the weekend. Even more people are expected in 2004, with football fans putting aside – at least temporarily – rivalries among historically opposed groups, sharing a unique experience and

sending out a strong message against racism and discrimination in football and everyday life.

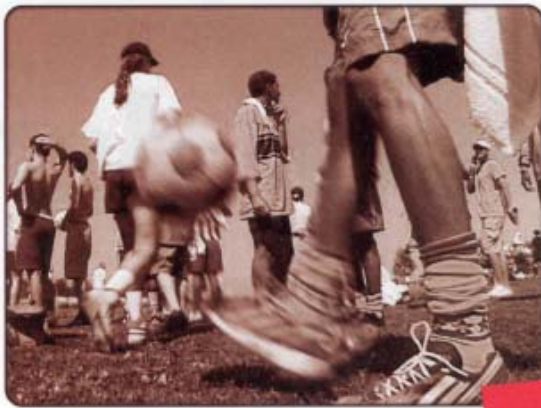
Progetto Ultrà, one of the founding partners of the FARE network, has been addressing the problem of

racism in sports for almost a decade now and is in charge of FARE's "Documentation Centre on Racism and Anti-discrimination in Sports", collecting material in order to monitor the situation in Europe and better understand recent trends in racism. In March 2003 Progetto Ultrà and FARE published an updated version of the "Don't Close Your Eyes" brochure, outlining both racist and anti-discrimination episodes in sport from 1990 to 2003.

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Mondiali website:

<http://lola.d-a-s-h.org/~antira/>



Challenging homophobia

➤ Just as racism is a problem in football, as in other sports, so is homophobia. Lots of open and hidden prejudices exist in sport. Discrimination often prevents lesbians and gays from competing to the best of their ability because they have to hide an important aspect of their identity. They also suffer discrimination that leads to social exclusion, per-

sonal problems and sometimes even to suicide, as in the case of Justin Fashanu, so far the only top European footballer to come out.

FARE works with the European Gay and Lesbian Sports Federation (EGLSF) in order to put homophobia on the agenda in football and sport. A synopsis on homophobia in sport has been produced in a joint

project funded by the EU Anti-Discrimination Programme. German FARE partner BAFF launched a seven-point charter under the slogan "Show football the pink card" demanding action against homophobia in football. On 5 March 2004 the Building Bridges conference at the Olympic Stadi-



um in Amsterdam will discuss the issue of sexual discrimination in sport and explore links to the anti-racism movement.

FARE will also be present at the multi-sport Euro-Games 2004 in Munich (29 July – 1 August 2004).

Infos:

www.gaysport.info

Justin Fashanu, the first professional footballer to be open about his homosexuality.

So FARE – the partnership with UEFA

► The 2001/2002 season saw the launch in Monaco of a new partnership between the governing body of European football, UEFA, and the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network. Since then the anti-racism campaign in European football has gained considerable momentum.

Through the financial backing of UEFA, the organisations and groups linked to the FARE network have been able to further develop anti-racism practices at a grassroots level, including the

steady expansion of the annual FARE Action Week, the Mondiali Antirazzisti and the setting up of a campaign in central and eastern European football.

UEFA also took a tough, pro-active stance on the whole issue after entering the partnership with FARE. Disciplinary measures introduced by UEFA range from fines to stadium bans for racist behaviour. A scheme has been launched to support the anti-racism projects of the 52 national member associations of UEFA, and in March 2003 a gathering of the European football community was held at Chelsea FC's home ground for the "Unite Against Racism" conference.

FARE also assisted UEFA in issuing a 10-point plan of action and a Guide to Good Practice, which offers national associations, clubs and leagues a set of practical guidelines designed to prevent and combat racism in the game.

FARE's future work with UEFA will not only lay emphasis on joint efforts to eradicate racist chanting and other racially motivated abuse inside stadiums, but also encourage clubs and associations to introduce diversity policies and measures to ensure the equal representation of migrants and ethnic minorities at all levels of football.

For details visit:

<http://www.uefa.com/uefa/aboutuefa/AssistanceProgrammes/charity/index.html>



UEFA joined the FARE Action Week 2003: The UEFA staff played a special match against an African-Swiss team.

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- Please send us/me further information material on FARE.
- Please add our/my e-mail address to the FARE mailing list for regular news on FARE activities.
- We/I want to become active in the fight against racism in football and want to work together with the FARE network. Please get in touch.

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Fans Embassies at UEFA EURO 2004™

The strongest catalyst for football violence is an angry crowd. If the atmosphere is tense, and supporters are treated unfairly, if there is uncertainty among supporters about ticketing, accommodation or transport, and nothing for them to do other than hang around drinking, then even a good-natured crowd can get angry. And hooligans are the first to take advantage of such a situation.



Foto: EMPICS/Sean Poirie

UEFA sent out a powerful message during the 2003 UEFA Cup Final in Seville between FC Porto and Celtic FC.

In the framework of FARE's membership in the UEFA charity portfolio, UEFA will for the first time make financial resources available to run "Fans Embassies" at the UEFA EURO 2004™ in Portugal. The philosophy behind fans embassies is that fans help fans. Supporters, recruited from supporter organisations, provide all sorts of information to visiting fans and help them handle any difficult situations they may come

across. In short, they act as workers from an embassy. FARE is joining forces with the Football Supporters International (FSI) network, who are the experts in the field of social prevention of violence among football fans. In addition, FARE members will be present in Portugal to run anti-racism activities for visiting supporters and local people.

Infos:
www.footballsupporters.info