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**Campaigning
for a football
without discrimination**

Greater awareness must be capitalised on

► Anti-racism campaigners have never been so busy. Concerns over racism, far-right activity and exclusions in the game have reached fever pitch.

Of course, it's debatable whether reports have risen because of greater understanding of the issue by the media, fan groups and others, or because of the rising tide in support for the far-right, and scaremongering by mainstream politicians on immigration means that the problems are greater.

We should never forget that racism has victims. Players from minority backgrounds are being abused at all levels, their humanity debased, as minority communities, and forward thinking fans, also feel the heat.

FARE's role in making sure the problem is not swept under the carpet is vital. The scope and activities of the network are increasing weekly, with greater numbers of hard working NGO's and fan groups joining us to make challenges and lay down a message of equality. The fight against racism is no longer just the morally right



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Participants of the FARE conference 2004 at the Arena AufSchalke.

thing to do, it has become pivotal to the future of the game. The feeling of crisis may be difficult to ignore but since the last conference in February 2004, at FC Schalke, some solid progress can be reported.

A greater emphasis on anti-racism has been employed in new EC member states and much needed campaigning in Central and Eastern Europe is underway. The FARE action week in October is getting bigger each year, and the network has contacts in over 35 countries.

Work with governing bodies, especially UEFA, has continued well but as the debacle and lack of action over the Spain coach, Luis Aragones, showed us, much more needs to be done to change attitudes.

At a time when awareness of racism in football is arguably at it's highest, FARE must capitalise on this to continue to break down barriers and to strive for a game free of racism and discrimination. Through our contact with those touched by the game the gains are there to be seen, but make no mistake about it, racism may not have been born in football – but it can still be the death of it.

Leon Mann, Kick It Out/FARE



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Cover Photo: Two times African Footballer of the Year, Samuel Eto'o Fils, has been the target for racist abuse in the Spanish Primera Division. During the away-match against Zaragoza in February 2005 the Barcelona striker celebrated his goal by performing gestures like a monkey. This was in reponse to the racist jungle noises. "I danced like a monkey because they treated me like a monkey," said the Cameroonian international. This was the third time Eto'o has been racially abused in the season 2004/05.

European Union gives racism the red card!

Statement by Ján Figel', EU-Commissioner for Education and Culture for the FARE conference, held at the stadium of Inter Bratislava on 8 and 9 April, 2005.

Sport is an important means to promote intercultural dialogue and fight anti-discrimination. Racism and discrimination contradict the core values of sport. We should take advantage of the educational

power of sport and of its positive social impact.

When the European Union designated 2004 as the "European Year of Education through sport", it was following similar principles. Thanks to EYES 2004, the EU has promoted such values as tolerance, fair-play, respect of the rules and of the opponent and teamwork in 28 countries. I applaud the FARE network

for holding this conference and I fully support the key messages it promotes. The educational value of sport and the use of sports – above all football – to fight racism and discrimination: These are also the objectives underlined in article III-282 of the draft Constitutional Treaty, where sport is mentioned for the first time ever at Community level. I am confident that in the future,



Foto: European Commission

EU-Commissioner Ján Figel'

with this new legal basis, we will be able to work even closer together to give racism and xenophobia the red card!

FARE successful at UEFA EURO 2004™



Pat Cox, president of the European Parliament at the FARE reception in Porto.

➤ The UEFA EURO 2004™ in Portugal is said to be one of the best if not the best European championship so far. FARE in partnership with the Football Supporters network (FSI) is proud to have contributed to a peaceful, festive atmosphere among fans.

For the first time, UEFA funded “fan embassies”, a social preventive method to work with visiting fans and an anti-racism programme, implemented by FARE. A multinational team of 17 FARE workers set out for Portugal to raise awareness and to do preventative anti-racism

work. The FARE activities kicked-off with a media event on the opening-day in Porto attended by ex-players, administrators of UEFA and the participating teams, and opened by the president of the European Parliament, Pat Cox. On the same day FARE published an anti-racist supplement in the sports newspaper “O Jogo” featuring statements from all 16 team captains.

FARE's main methodology to reach out to and engage with supporters and local youth was through a “Streetkick” tour. The inflatable Streetkick football game was set up by FURD workers in the central “Pracas” of Guimaraes, Porto, Amadora and Lisbon and attracted interest from supporters of all the teams. All the playing teams respected the common rules of tolerance and respect and FARE's fanzine was well received. The multilingual fanzine was also distributed in front of stadiums.

A major element of the anti-racism programme has been the monitoring of racist incidents through experienced FARE workers including a telephone reporting number available for fans to call and report racism or xenophobia.



The negative highlight happened during the group match Croatia vs. France. About 1000 Croatian fans abused Sylvain Wiltord and his black team mates with monkey chants. Two banners in the Croatian sector displayed a Celtic cross, the symbol of the international “White Power” movement. After the FARE report to UEFA the Croatian FA was fined.



A high-light of FARE's work in 2004 has been the conference in the new Arena Auf-Schalke in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Hosted by the Schalke Fan-Initiative together with FC Schalke 04 the gathering of more than 70 anti-discrimination activists, fans, migrants and football administrators from 19 European countries formed part of the celebrations to mark Schalke's 100th anniversary. To the surprise of all participants the Schalke Ultras displayed a FARE choreography before the Bundesliga match against 1860 Munich. Previous FARE conferences in were held in Sheffield (2003) and in Vienna (1999). The 2005 edition has been staged at the stadium of ASK Inter Bratislava in Slovakia, which is the first conference in Eastern Europe.



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 9 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” hosted by Chelsea FC 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 (June) FARE at UEFA EURO 2004™ in Portugal

2004 (October) With hundreds of initiatives – including all 32 Champions League teams – in 33 European countries the 5th FARE Action Week has been Europe's biggest anti-racism campaign in football so far

2005 (April) FARE networking conference in Bratislava

Get involved in 2005!

► The annual FARE Action Week against Racism and Discrimination grew over last five season into Europe's biggest anti-racism campaign in football. Last year a record of 33 European countries got involved in a united effort to rid the peoples game from racism and related intolerances.

As is now customary during October, the 6th FARE Action Week (13-26 October 2005) will feature once again activities by fan groups, football clubs, associations, community and migrant organisations, anti-discrimination initiatives, schools and sport media. The FARE partner groups in the different countries will coordinate action and events against racism in and around football stadiums.

The idea for the season 2005/2006 is to call for specific action for the active inclusion of migrants and ethnic minorities into all levels of football (teams, stadium, administration, coaching). We hope that a wide variety of grass-roots events will take place in local football settings, where fans, players and clubs join with ethnic minority groups, refugees and asylum seekers.

FARE will offer financial support for a range of local activities that will take place in the context of this week of action, including the production of campaigning materials (banners, fanzines, posters), the organisation of intercultural events such as anti-racism matches, tournaments and debates as well as special fan choreographies.

By the beginning of June 2005 FARE is launching a call for action, specifying how groups can apply for small scale funding.

Watch out on www.FAREnet.org or get on FARE's mailing-list (subscription via the web-site).

☛ **Norway:** FARE partner Gi rasisme rodt kort! organised a school photo competition with workshops and player visits in schools in cooperation with the Premier club Lillestrom and top division women club team Strommen. The children enjoyed the prize giving ceremony at Aarasen stadium.

6th FARE Action Week 13-26 October 2005



☛ **Republic of Ireland:** Sport Against Racism in Ireland embarked on a nationwide campaign to promote the UEFA/FARE Ten Point Plan Against Racism in the amateur game and distributed information materials at their events.

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☛ **Serbia & Montenegro:** A press conference in Belgrade was followed by anti-racism events at seven 1st League matches, here at the derby Partizan vs. Red Star. A new website covered all the activities (www.stoprasizmu.jjzma.jedu.yu).

☛ **Scotland:** All 15 Scottish Football League fixtures had tannoy announcements condemning racist abuse, articles in match programmes and players from both teams lining the centre circle, showing racism the red card before kick off, here at Aberdeen vs. Celtic.



☛ **Romania:** The National Council for Combating Discrimination organised a campaign at 1st league matches. Big posters with the slogan "We are all DIFFERENT, we are all EQUAL and we are all a TEAM! We fight against discrimination! Join us!" welcomed the fans. Steaua Bucharest players present red cards during line-up, tannoy announcements were made at the matches. Additional workshops on racism and discrimination were held in schools.

☛ **France:** The fan club Horda Frenetik '97 from FC Metz distributed 4000 leaflets and displayed a big flag. Also the Ultras from Girondins Bordeaux joined the Action Week. LICRA organised several youth tournaments under the motto "Let's put racism off-side!"



Photo Report 2004

☛ **Belgium:** Coordinated by the Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities FC Brussels, Sporting du Pays de Charleroi, RSC Anderlecht and KSK Beveren featured the FARE AW in their match day magazines. Fans displayed big banners saying "All Different - All Equal".



☛ **England:** FARE partner Kick It Out organises a nation-wide campaign against racism involving all 92 professional football clubs. Also the England squad backed the week of action wearing anti-racism T-shirts at an open training session at Manchester United's training ground before the World Cup qualifier against Wales.



☛ **Spain:** CEPA and the Ultra group Brigadas Amarillas from Cadiz CF distributed red cards with information on racism in football, that were held up during line up on the stands. The players from Cadiz CF and Celta Vigo placed a huge banner in the middle of the pitch. Fans, CEPA workers and migrants displayed the banner in a circle to the visitors. Additionally, the Brigadas Amarillas produced three more banners for their curve. The Bukaneros Vallecano organised the campaign "Stands Against Racism" with 22 fan clubs in Spain and Mexico.

☛ **Denmark:** Brøndby Fans Mod Racisme formed out of their anger about racist incidences in their stadium. They arranged a free concert and distributed flyers and players cards with anti-racism messages before the match of Brøndby Copenhagen against OB.



☛ **Macedonia:** The Organisation of Women of Sveti Nikole and the Babylon Center, a daily educative centre for children and youths, organised a tournament for ethnically and female/male mixed youth teams in the highly ethnically mixed area (Macedonians, Serbs, Vlavs, Roma, Turks).

☛ **Austria:** The FairPlay campaign organised anti-racist match day events with Austria and Rapid Vienna where the players displayed banners accompanied by tannoy announcements. The Austrian Bundesliga put all ten matches of the 1st and the 2nd league under the motto "Kick Racism!".



☛ **UEFA:** For the first time all 16 Champions League matches featured action against racism. Each team was accompanied on to the pitch by children wearing Unite Against Racism T-shirts, and tannoy announcements were made before each game.

☛ **Italy:** Several Ultra fan groups organised activities with children in schools and performed anti-racist choreographies, produced banners and organised events during the FARE Action Week. Not only football, but also basketball fan clubs joined the action.

☛ **Bulgaria:** The "Kiwanis Club" organised an anti-discrimination youth tournament in the village Kuklen where many different ethnic and religious minorities are living.

☛ **Germany:** FARE partner Flutlicht organised a sticker campaign with 16 fan clubs in Germany, Sweden and Spain. St. Pauli fans made a fine choreography away at Werder Bremen. At Hertha BSC the gay fan club Hertha Junxx Berlin presented their new banner in rainbow colours.



☛ **Switzerland:** "Gemeinsam gegen Rassismus" and "Halbzeit" from 1st league club Young Boys Bern printed postcards with players and the slogan "Together against violence and racism". During the match YB Bern vs. FC Thun a long banner was displayed. The fans had been informed by the match day programme and the vidiwall.



Targeting Central and Eastern Europe

➤ When the FARE network was established in 1999, activists and fans called on football bodies "to specifically address the issue of the rise of the extreme right, and their manifestations in football stadiums, in Eastern Europe". Today problems of racism and anti-Semitism are still part of every day life in many parts of Central and Eastern Europe. At the same time national associations and NGO's started several initiatives to foster a non-racist football and fan culture. FARE is in a unique position to influence the situation in Eastern Europe being able to use good experiences from Western European countries as well as local anti-racist expertise and contacts in the region. The large number of events in the framework of the 2004 FARE Action Week is an encouraging sign. Action took place in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Latvia, Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine. But many migrant and ethnic minority groups in Eastern Europe find it extremely difficult to run activities on a continu-

ous basis and do not enjoy sufficient support from football institutions and the public sector. In Hungary for instance the African Star FC who are made up of talented players from Nigeria, Cameroon, Rwanda, Liberia and Vietnam as well as a Hungarian goalkeeper, struggle to get a license to play in a higher league. Since several players have refugee status or are asylum seekers the football association refuse to issue a permission to play. In Poland FARE partner Never Again Association run an annual anti-racist football cup at the "Przystanek Woodstock" music festival, where they closely cooperate with the Association of Asylum Seekers. Their founding member Simon Mol received the "Anti-fascist of



Foto: Never Again

At a tournament to mark the FARE Action Week 2003 Africa United and local youth from Warsaw present anti-racist posters of the black Polish International Emanuel Olisadebe.

the Year 2003" Award. In FC Africa United the Association of Asylum Seekers gathers African players from all over Poland to play in tournaments, some of them are playing in the two top leagues. People Against Racism in Slovakia monitors the human rights situation for international NGOs and cooperates closely with the FC Roma. The football club is made up of Roma players who regular-

ly play for amateur clubs in Slovakia. FC Roma has been formed to fight discrimination in Slovak football and society. Due to its ongoing fight against racist and right-extremist groups PAR suffered an arson attack on its office. Since 2003 FARE lends support to a range of other initiatives in the region, using the funds received from the MTV Free your Mind Award.



In 2004 the African Stars FC participated for the first time at the Mondiali Antirazzisti and instantly became second in the tournament.



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The senior team of FC Roma won 2003 the Matthias Sindelar remembrance tournament in Vienna.

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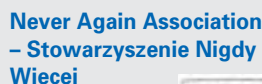
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Combating homophobia in sport

➤ When former Croatian team manager Otto Baric said in an interview in XY 2004 that “there is no place for homosexuals on my team” the issue of homophobia in sport made headlines.

The European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF) is the leading group in Europe fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation. In 2001 FARE kicked-off a partnership with EGLSF, because we believe that everyone has the right to participate in sport activities without the fear of

being harassed or discriminated against.

The EGLSF was founded in 1989. It groups around 100 clubs from 17 European countries with a network of more than 10.000 people.

Its main aims are fighting against discrimination and promoting integration in sport via the networking of LGBT sport groups and tournaments. All member organisations are autonomous: the EGLSF operates as a servicing and coordinating body.

The EGLSF is the owner of

the EuroGames, the European LGBT sport Championship. Its 10th edition will take place in Utrecht, The Netherlands (16-19 June 2005).

The EGLF Annual Assembly is its highest decision making body of the Federation. The last one was held recently in Barcelona (4-6 March 2005).

One of the main tasks for the EGLSF is its Advocacy Work, now in full development. The EGLSF has a consulting status within the European Council and it is now an active partner in the FARE pro-



Fotos: EGLSF

EuroGames 2004 in Munich.

gramme. Also it has co-organised the “Building Bridges” conference (1999 and 2004) in order to highlight sport as a way to promote anti-discrimination and emancipation.

www.eurogames.info

farenet.org fluent in different languages

➤ In January 2005, the FARE website, at www.farenet.org, was relaunched as a multi-lingual website. The site is now available in English, French, German and Italian, with the possibility of more languages being added at a future date. The site now contains a wealth of information about FARE and its member organisations. It is updated on a daily basis with important news

on racism in European football. Visitors to the website can register their details on the website to be emailed with news and happenings in their chosen language.

Howard Holmes, the coordinator of FARE partner “Football Unites, Racism Divides” which provides the website, said of its recent relaunch:

“The new multi-lingual website is great news for FARE

and people involved in anti-racism. Member organisations from across the network can contribute content to the site, either locally or to be translated into the 4 languages of the website. We now have editors of the website located all across Europe. The website has opened up FARE to its members.”

Only recently LICRA (Ligue Internationale Contre le



Racisme et l'Antisémitisme) became responsible for the French section, which as an important move for FARE to intensify networking in francophone countries.

Exhibition: Different Roots – One Game.

➤ Migration has always existed, not only in society, but also in football. People who move to a new area discover a new perspective. This can bring positive opportunities, but also difficulties associated with living in a foreign country.

FARE partner “Flutlicht” will prepare an educational exhibition investigating the relationship be-

tween migration and football. The exhibition aims to show and reflect migration and the



Fans of Assyriska FF celebrate the promotion to the first Swedish league. The club near Stockholm is one of the few ethnic minority football clubs who made it the professional level.

Foto: www.assyriska.se/ Assyriska Fotbollförening

multicultural development of Europe and beyond through the mirror of football. It presents and discusses the integrative opportunities of football and fan culture and its offers for identification. The idea is also to draw comparisons with female migrants.

The bilingual (English and German) touring ex-

hibition, “Different Roots – One Game”, will be accompanied by a programme of fringe events, looks at these ideas and questions from a transnational perspective. It is planned to disseminate parts of the exhibition (such as photos, text, audio files, animations etc.) via FAREnet.org or other websites to make it accessible for a larger audience. The exhibition will be launched in March 2006.

www.flutlicht.org

Mondiali Antirazzisti – a unique football festival



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▶ The Mondiali Antirazzisti (Anti-racist World Cup) is a 5-a-side football festival created by the FARE founding member Progetto Ultra – UISP Emilia Romagna, in cooperation with Istoreco. Since its inception in 1997, the event brings together fan groups, migrant and local communities, anti-racist organisations from all over Europe, for five days full of football, music and anti-racist activities. Celebrating old and new friendships, meeting new peo-

ple, partying together, exchanging information and creating common projects together: this is what the Mondiali is all about!

The 2005 edition will be held once again in Montecchio near the city of Reggio Emilia from July 6 to July 10, with an expected record participation of 192 teams and more than 6000 participants.

Apart from football and basketball tournaments, the Mondiali offer important mo-

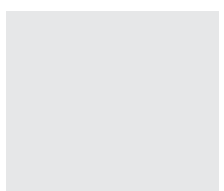
ments for debate on various topics, broadcasting of videos and documentaries, and gives a chance to all groups to bring in their self-produced material on anti-racism, to be displayed in the Piazza Antirazzista (Anti-racist Square). In the evenings, music concerts and other shows contribute to create the atmosphere which has made the Mondiali so unique during the years.

The involvement of some ultras groups and migrant communities in the organisation and management of the event, finally, is essential: these groups not only play in the tournament, but actively contribute to the festival, working in the camping areas or in the restaurants and bars, and helping out in any possible way.

For further information: www.mondiantirazzisti.org Progetto Ultra (www.progetto-ultra.it) 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 all sorts of material in order to monitor the situation in Europe and study recent trends in racism.



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UEFA renews partnership with FARE

As the debate over racism in football continues UEFA has renewed its partnership with the FARE network for another three years. To signal UEFA's firm commitment to combat racism in football, a special event was staged prior to the kick-off at Arsenal's Champions League clash with Bayern Munich in March 2005.



Foto: Nigel French/UEFA

Arsenal FC's vice-chairman, David Dein, UEFA's Director of Communications and Public Affairs, William Gaillard and FC Bayern chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge presenting the cheque at Highbury.

A symbolic cheque was being presented to FARE and accepted by three individuals whose backgrounds reflect the diversity of ethnic minorities in Europe and those at the brunt of many racial attacks: Valeriu Nicolae, a Roma human-rights activist, Mehrun Ahmed (Sheffield), a Muslim woman youth worker, and Ho Yee Cory Lam (Bristol). In a statement UEFA declared: „Sanctions alone are not enough – we must do everything possible to prevent the problem. Together with FARE, we are taking

steps to prevent racism in stadiums, including sanctions against spectators and players who engage in racist abuse; prevention of the sale of racist material both inside and outside stadiums; introduction of equal opportunities' policies in and around clubs; and a common strategy between stewards and police for dealing with abuse. UEFA and FARE accept that much still needs to be done, the drive to rid the game of a problem that is endemic will take much doing but our determination is clear.”