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Strasbourg, 15.10.2009

"Fight Against Racism and Violence through Diversity in Sport"

Date: 20-21 October 2009

Venue: Hotel Continental Belgrade (Serbia)

Organised by the Council of Europe EPAS ([Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport](#)) and the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Serbia. In co-operation with the European Convention on Spectator Violence.

Description : Racism and violence phenomena are taking more and more ground in sports nowadays. Last accident was on October 4th, in Bosnia and Herzegovina. One supporter was killed and 22 people injured in clashes before a match between Sarajevo and Siroki Brijeg. The international conference "Fight Against Racism and Violence through Diversity in Sport" aims at developing common strategies in order to propose measures to prevent those episodes. Strengthening education policies and fostering dialogue are at the core of the pan-European scope of the meeting.

Guests:

Jean-Claude Mbvoumin, chairman « Culture Foot Solidaire » former Cameroun footballer

Aleksandar Djordjevic, former Serbian basket-ball star

Press-conference: 20 October 2009 (17h00), Hotel Continental, Belgrade

Focus:

- Fight against racism and violence in sport: political and legal grounds
- Fight against racism in sport at pan-European level
- Educational and Preventive Measures

[Conference Website](#) [Programme](#)

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