FOR A GOOD GOVERNANCE IN SPORT

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There is no doubt that the main task of a democratic government for a good governance is:

- the development and the implementation of good policies
- optimal allocation of human and financial resources to better support political decisions.

A good policy produces desired effects, and where it is possible, exclude non-desired collateral effects. A key factor for a successful decision making process for a good policy, is to set the right priorities among the issues that are considered important, which appear as a task to tackle and solve, and finding proper way to determine or make the right choice on the range options for solution, that policy makers have in their disposition.
The main priority of the governmental program for the sport in Albania is the DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE POLICIES WHICH AIM AT PROMOTING THE VALUES OF AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE.
The revaluation of physical education and sports in educational institutions, as part of national curriculum and also as extra-curricular activity.

- **3 hours per week of physical Education**, from preparatory classes up to grade 12 (of pre-university system);

- **New P.E. programs** under the government curriculum reform, undertook to improve the educational system in the country;

- **Inclusion of health education knowledge**, in P.E. programs as an option offered to students for obtaining very important competencies that will serve them in creating and maintaining a healthy and active style of living;

- The foundation of the **School Sports Federation**
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- **First stage**, the organization of sports at school level, the establishment of **School Sports Associations**, has already finished;

  Their aim is to promote and organize sports activities during all the year, involving students and also organizing and training the inter-school sports teams for competitive extra curricular activities.

- The project is in its **second stage**, in the organization of sport at the regional level. The foundation of **Regional Sports School Association**.

  With the creation of some of the regional associations will enable the finalization of the project by founding the **National School Sport Federation** (**third stage**)
The elite sport

To stimulate and assisting talented and elite athletes to achieve their goals, through improved policies we have provide facilities in terms of:

1. Better training conditions;
2. Creation of a special fund for compensation in cases of achieving high sportive results;
3. Improvement of medical care;
4. Access in pursuing study programs;
5. Assistance in terms of employment and health insurance;
6. The right to special retirement payment (on special occasions).

To ensure all above, as part of the new Law on sports is included the "Status for elite athlete", in which are specified the requirements and criteria for obtaining it.
A good cooperation between the Ministry of Education and sport, the Albanian Olympic Committee and sports federations

In a very good cooperation climate with the Albanian Olympic Committee and sports federations, in terms of achieving better policy for elite sport, one of the main objectives of the Government's work is improving the legal framework of sport, aiming at:

- More “freedom” and decentralization for sportive federations;
- Improvement of Sports Experts Committee, Anti-doping Committee and the Committee against Violence in Sport regulations;
- The change of the status of sportive clubs from public to private ones;
- The creation of a new scheme self-financing for the all sportive organization and the setting up also to a fund to handle the difficulties in this process;
- The legal regulation of the profession of coach, instructor of fitness and professional sportsman.
Sports infrastructure

It has been completed the reconstruction of the football stadium “ARENA” (which includes infrastructure for the sport of athletics) in the Elbasan city, financially co-supported by the Government and the National Football Federation.

Has started the reconstruction of the football stadium of Shkodra city (which includes infrastructure for the sport of athletics), also financially co-supported, by the Government and the National Football Federation.
In Tirana city has started the construction of a contemporary sports center which will be called "Tirana Olympic Park", a government investment of about 10 million Euros.
There have been reconstructed **sportive facilities in different educational institutions**, which will enable physical activities not for the students, but also for the community members, under the project of the Ministry of Education and Sports to transform the schools in to community centers.
The Anti-doping

Also a specific place in the government priorities in the field of sport is the timely recording and sanctioning of cases of doping in sport. This phenomenon is completely in the opposite to the spirit of sport and fair play, which not only manipulate sports results, but also carries grave risks of the health. The rules of functioning of the anti-doping commission are already adapted in order with the changes imposed by the new code adopted by the International Association of Anti-doping, in which are anticipated harder sanctions for the cases of doping in sport.
Thank you

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