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Dear Walking Friends,

The European Commission introduced in 2015 the "European Week of Sport" and plans to continue the coming years with a coordinated event to be promoting participation in sport and physical activities.

One of the focus themes is outdoor activities – where walking / hiking / mountaineering like we do it in our organisations belongs. The week takes place in September and the exact dates can be different from nation to nation.

You can read more about the week in the attached document and at <http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week/>

ERA will apply to be a partner in this event. It is a unique possibility to present ERA for the European Commission and to show that outdoor activities are just as important as traditional competitive sports.

As a partner, ERA needs to encourage our members to take part in the week with some activities and after the week show a document what ERA have contributed with.

That is why I write to you now. We have visited your homepages and noticed you already have some activities in September which could be included in the "European Week of Sport 2016". To be part of the event you must be registered at the European calendar and tell your participants about this European initiative.

There has been appointed national coordinators and they can provide you with all relevant information – in your own language. Try to contact them to hear more – it is very easy to participate and you don't need to create new extra events to be part – use what you have planned already.

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If you joint this European week you not only help ERA to be known in the European Commission – it is also a chance for you to get new contacts and to promote you in your own country.

The Official opening of the "European Week of Sport 2016" will be the 10. September in Košice, Slovakia.

If this becomes a success, ERA will try to encourage more members to take part in 2017. We will also try to get "Outdoor Activities" on the agenda for the "European Sports Forum 2017" where all important stakeholders regarding Sport are present.

I hope you will meet this challenge and take part. Please tell me if you choose to take part or not. And if you do - give me your experience for my report back to the Commission.

Best greetings

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