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from: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: First European Outdoor Sports Meetings
(Nature & Sports Euro'Meet) - Annecy, 5-8 October 2011
- *Information from the French delegation*

Delegations will find attached an information note from the French delegation on the above subject, which has been put on the agenda, under "other business", for the next Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council meeting on 28 and 29 November 2011.

Note from the French delegation

**First European Outdoor Sports Meetings
(Nature & Sports Euro'Meet) - Annecy, 5-8 October 2011**

The first round of meetings of the European tourism and outdoor sports network, Euro'Meet, was held in Annecy from 5 to 8 October 2011.

For four days, nearly 500 European actors from sport, tourism, environment, land use planning and outdoor sports industry networks shared their experiences, developed a collective expertise and produced recommendations for greater recognition of outdoor sports in European structural and sectoral policies.

The participants, most of them from European Union Member States (13 of the 16 countries represented), proposed promoting pooling good practices developing experience transfer via a multilingual multimedia platform, drafting a development charter for outdoor sports in Europe which would form a common base, drawing up a European guide on the management of outdoor sports in the Natura 2000 zone and conducting a large-scale European survey on the knowledge of practitioners and consumers of outdoor sports.

France would like to inform delegations of the results of these encounters and circulate a summary to them. They would also like to thank Slovakia, which has offered to host the second round of meetings (Nature & Sports Euro'Meet) in Liptovský Mikuláš, from 2 to 5 October 2013.
