

#GAME
CHANGERS

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World Players' Union

FOOTBALL IS
MORE THAN A GAME
TOWARDS PROGRESSIVE REFORM

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PROTECTION OF MINORS

Sectoral Dialogue Committee Professional Football,
Brussels 25 February 2019

“Young players face the same and, in some areas, even worse adverse effects than older players. [...], the vast majority of young players sacrifice their tertiary or even secondary education to pursue their dream of becoming a footballer.”

GLOBAL EMPLOYMENT REPORT 2016, FIFPro



**“Are we doing enough to protect
the welfare of young players?”**

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PROTECTION OF MINORS

PROPOSED ACTIONS



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FOCUS AREAS



ELITE
ACADEMIES



PRIVATE
ACADEMIES



HUMAN
TRAFFICKING



IDENTIFY EXISTING STANDARDS

TO RESEARCH THE EXISTING REGULATIONS AND QUALITY STANDARDS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF MINORS WHICH EXIST ACROSS COUNTRIES AND IN THEIR RESPECTIVE YOUTH ACADEMIES.



GLOBAL CHILD PROTECTION STANDARDS

TO COMPARE THE EXISTING STANDARDS ON THE PROTECTION
OF MINORS IN ELITE ACADEMIES WITH GLOBAL CHILD
PROTECTION STANDARDS BASED ON THE UN DECLARATION
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.



DEVELOP & IMPROVE STANDARDS

TO DEVELOP A GLOBAL FRAMEWORK (AND LIST) OF QUALITY
STANDARDS ON THE PROTECTION OF MINORS IN ELITE
ACADEMIES BASED ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

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PROPOSED ACTIONS

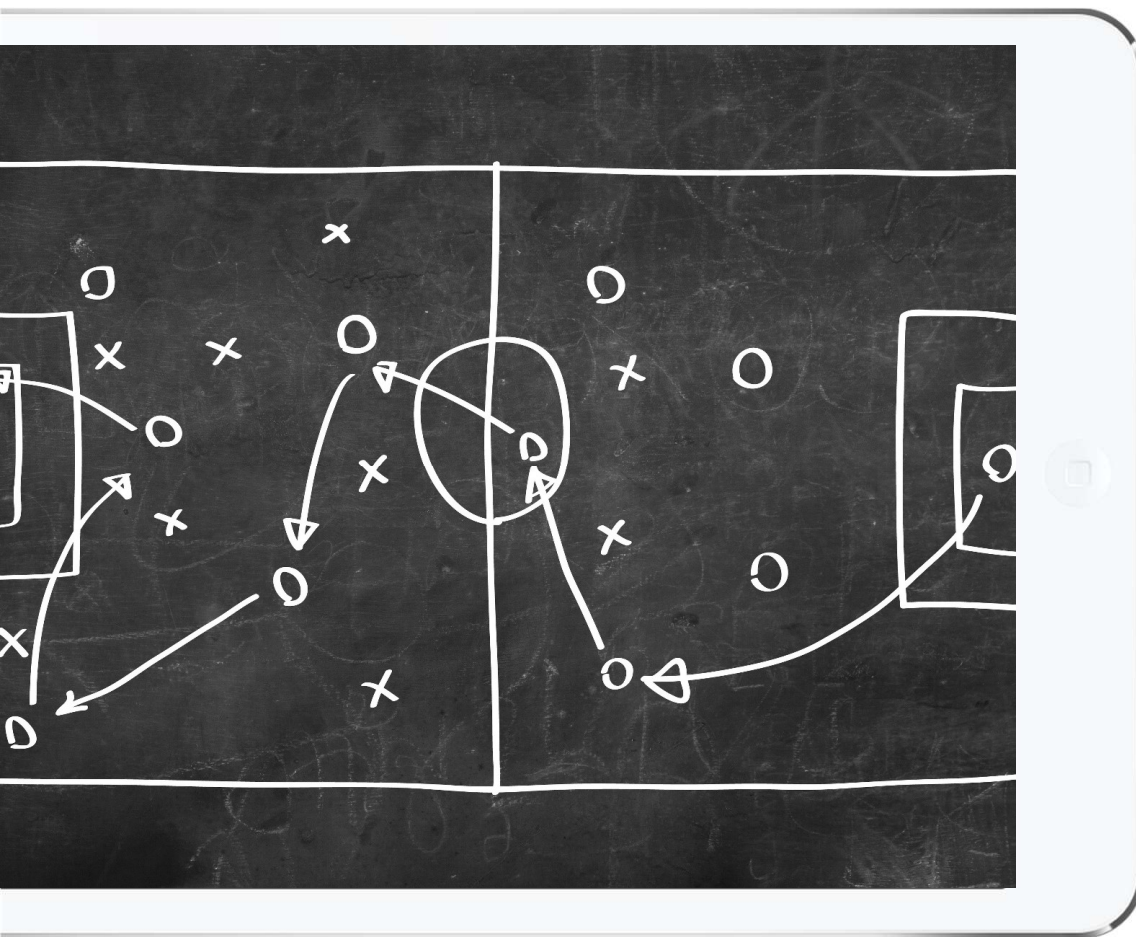




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JOINED WORKPLAN





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RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Developing a (European) research project to map the existing standards for the protection of minors in elite academies and identify potential gaps with regards to the rights of the child.



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RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS



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RESEARCH STEPS

- ✓ Analyse current charters and existing standards
- ✓ Application of the Rights of the Child for youth academies
- ✓ Data analysis of double pass model
- ✓ Workshops together with representatives of Centre for Sport and Human Rights & focus groups with players
- ✓ Development of a global framework of standard for youth academies based on the rights of the child
- ✓ Post research presentation and discussion



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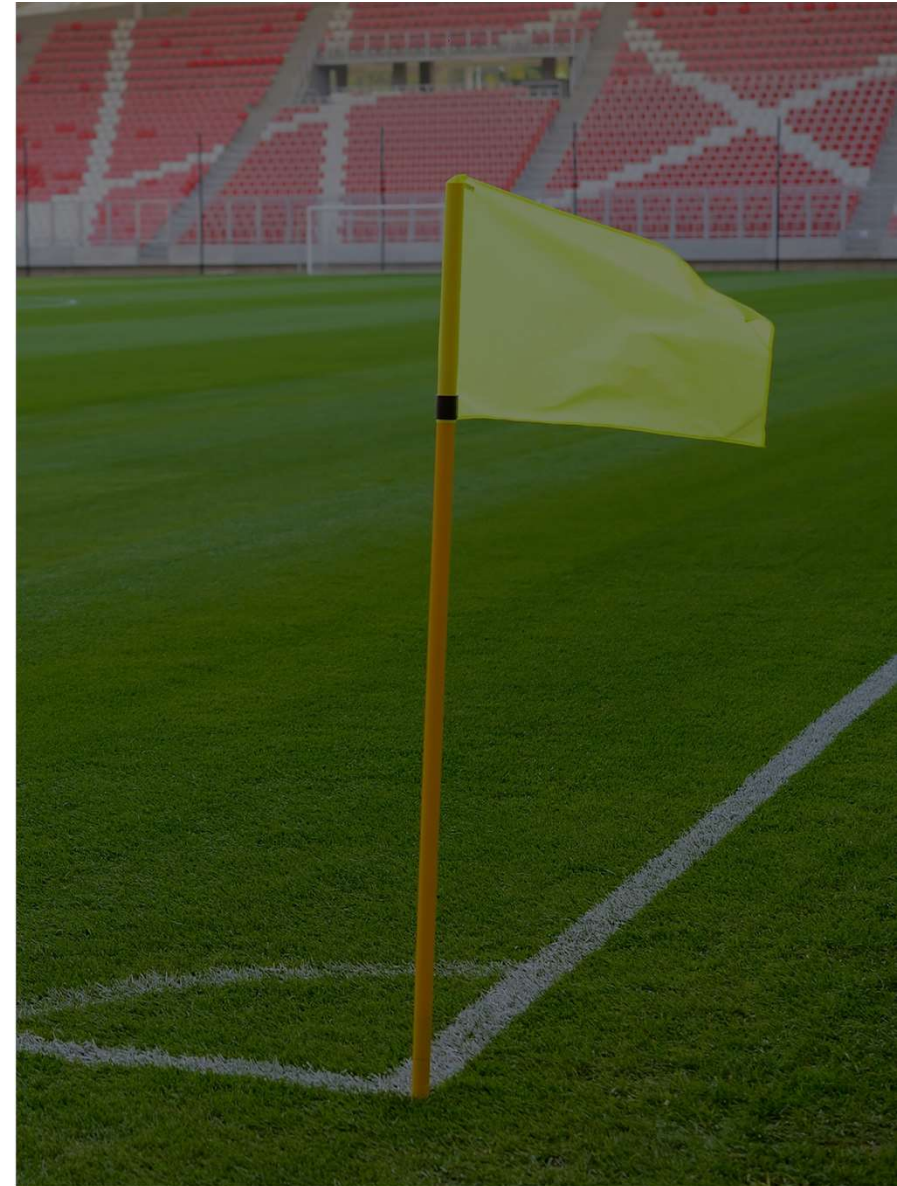
RESEARCH COSTS & TIMELINE

3 MONTHS

The research project would run for three months with a potential starting date in April and final report in June.

COST 59.300 EUR

- 1.Charters analysis: 12.500€
- 2.Data analysis: 25.600€
- 3.Workshops: 8.700€
- 4.Reporting: 9.600€
- 5.Post research: 2.900€



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