

Volunteer and professional Coaches working together:

The Finnish Coaches Associations

2nd European Meeting of Coaches Associations and Coaching organisations

Athens, 23-24 May 2016

In Finland

Population 5,48 million

Sports Clubs 9 000

The most famous Sports: Football, Gymnastics, Ice-hockey, Athletics, Floorball, Volleyball, Basketball, Orienteering, Cross-country skiing

The number of Coaches and Instructors 100 000

- 1800 full time/half-time paid coaches

DEVELOPMENT OF A COACH – 'The Coach's path'

MOTIVES



DEFINING COMPETENCIES AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES



The multi-sports Coaches Associations



Finnish Coaches Association

Founded 1975

Home-base for all Coaches and umbrella organization for sports-specific Coaches Associations

Funding: government subsidy, operational incomes, membership fees

4 000 members

Professional Coaches of Finland



Founded 2002 by Finnish Coaches Association

Trade Union for Coaches and Directors working in coaching

Funding: membership fees

950 members

Finnish Coaches Association



- Creating network for coaches
- Publishing Valmentaja (the Coach) magazine
- Involved in coach education development work
- Provides further coach education, 60 events per year
- Organizing and taking part various coaching projects:
 - research, books, international projects, development projects
- Active co-operation within sports organizations

Professional Coaches of Finland



- Individual help in employment situations
- Unemployment fund and legal aid insurance
- Promoting coaching as a profession
- Involved in vocational coach education development work
- Provides education in employment questions: job-seeking, cv-clinics, people skills, employment skills
- Lobbies to enhance the prestige of coaches, collective bargaining and to improve conditions for their work in society

Intensive and practical Co-operation and contacting almost daily

Representation at Board meetings and strategy work

Development projects: Respect of Coaches, Ethical codes of Coaches and Athletes

Involved in sports and development work in coaching in Finland and internationally

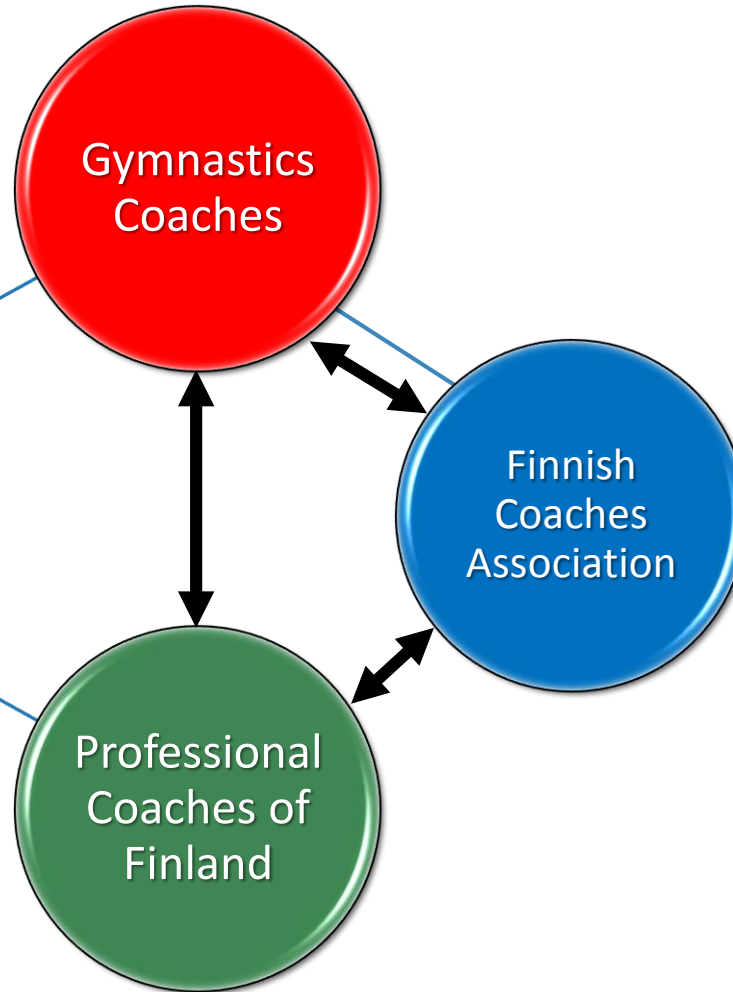
Co-operating

Funding from government to projects concerning coaches and coaching

Joint projects together with various partners

Co-operation with NOC and Sport Federations in coaches education – development work and providing

Co-operation with NOC and Valo (Confederation of Sports) to promote the status and respect of coaches in society: The Voice of The Coach



Thank You for your attention!

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