



# **Internationalization and Sports University of Amsterdam Marjan Kuiper – June, 4, 2014**

# Topics

- Sports facilities at the UvA – policy and numbers
- International Students - incoming and outgoing
- Integration
- Facilities
- Internationalization at home
- Policy on Topsport
- Service to Topsport students (in- and outgoing)

# Sports facilities at the UvA – policy and numbers

- University strategic policy; student policy; internationalisation policy
- 7 faculties, 31.123 students; 2/3 bachelor, 1/3 master; 3.000 international students; 130 English taught programmes
- University Sport Centre offers over 70 sports, circa 6000 UvA students enrolled
- Campus structure and housing, finances

# International Students: incoming and outgoing

- Policy Erasmus and more
- Degree and non-degree
- Role of European/International Student Network
- Selection of partners, member of LERU & U21
- Internationalization at home

# Integration Dutch and exchange students

- ESN
- Student sport associations
- Participation sport
- Passive use of sport; watching games and tournaments

## Internationalization (at home)

- Typical Dutch or European Sports (skating, soccer, sailing)
- Sport and culture overlap
- Integration through non-verbal communication
- Health of students (Mens sana in corpore sane)
- Stress management, mental health and Mindfulness

# Topsport student counsellor

- Acknowledged by UvA as important subject
- University profile and policy, numbers, type of sports (top 3 field hockey, rowing, soccer)
- Incoming topsporter students - cases
- Outgoing topsporter (exchange) students - cases
- Important events (Olympic games, Universiade, World Championships)

# Challenges

- Language restrictions (home) student associations
- Obligatory vs Non obligatory activities
- Facilities structure
- Different integration needs for Short stay and Long stay (non-degree/degree)
- Attention for enrollment sport courses before arrival