

## A European Media Network for Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue

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As one of the first LGBTQ sport clubs in Hungary FriGo decided to apply for hosting EuroGames in Budapest in 2006. Our joint application with EuroGames 2011 Rotterdam was supported by most of the delegates at the annual general assembly of the EGLSF in 2009. With hosting the EuroGames in Budapest we would like to improve the reputation of Hungary as an open minded country with a tradition of hospitality and to support the Hungarian LGBTQ community. As the first bigger international LGBTQ sport event in Central-Eastern Europe, EuroGames in Budapest would support the LGBTQ communities and their initiatives in the neighboring countries and in the region. We would also like to build bridges between the Hungarian LGBTQ community and the majority of the society and to improve the level of tolerance. FriGo and the EuroGames is giving the chance for many amateur and professional athletes to live a healthy life while training for the competition and participating in it. Before and during EuroGames Budapest not only was I organizing the whole (male and female) Football Torurnament, but I was coordinating the sport communication group, the main aim of which was to reach as many athletes as we can to let them know about this year's EuroGames Budapest. We were sending out newsletters, answering to inquiries or dealing with registration questions and problems - actually we were a part of the operative support team, but the tasks did overlap many times, so we needed a very well-organized and motivated team after all.

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