

# Grassroots Concept

**For Organisation:** Dodgeball Belgium VZW



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## **1. Plans and/or Initiatives for Sport Initiation, Physical Training, Matches, Exhibitions & Friendlies**

*Please fill in details, either initiatives that are already happening or plans for what the organisation plans to do in the future*

1. Dodgeball Belgium has the pleasure of hosting the Western European Championships in march 2026. This will be a major event for us and require a lot of preparation, dedication and effort.
2. The competition for the current year will grow even more. We have gained 2 new clubs that will participate, one of which is from our friendly neighbouring country (Luxembourg Lions). We have 3 categories with 9 mixed, 4 womens and 9 men teams.
3. The federation continues with its growth on the international stage and prepares with 6 to 10 national trainings, sharpening the nations abilities. Dodgeball Belgium will also initiate contact with other nations to host friendly matches. But details are still to be worked out.

## **2. Plans and/or Initiatives for Coaching and Referee Initiation and Development**

*Please fill in details, either initiatives that are already happening or plans for what the organisation plans to do in the future*

1. This year will mark the first Belgian certification for referees. The federation will organise several training initiations for clubs to send delegates to. As the competition matures, so will our expectations of clubs delegated referees. Clubs are asked to provide more referees and achieve a certain certification quota.
2. Dodgeball Belgium, a firm believer and participant of our international community, is taking the lead in an application for the EU Erasmus grant. This is a subsidy by the European Union granted to federations who collaborate across borders and set new standards for gender equality, youth working and many more.

## **3. Plans and/or Initiatives for Seminars, Courses, Development of Organisation & Training-Centres**

*Please fill in details, either initiatives that are already happening or plans for what the organisation plans to do in the future*

Courses, development & training programmes already mentioned above.

## **4. Plans and/or Initiatives for Club-Support (Equipment, grants, funds, training-possibilities)**

*Please fill in details, either initiatives that are already happening or plans for what the organisation plans to do in the future*

Club support by our federation results in a narrow relations with leaders of the clubs. Newer clubs receive free material to get started. They are also guided by experienced members of the community to jump over many common hurdles to get the clubs up and running quickly.

**5. Plans and/or Initiatives for Growth-Analysis (Data-collection, Data-tracking)**

*Please fill in details, either initiatives that are already happening or plans for what the organisation plans to do in the future*

No significant plans for Growth-Analysis. Membership numbers are tracked and followed, but it doesn't steer the decisionmaking yet.

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