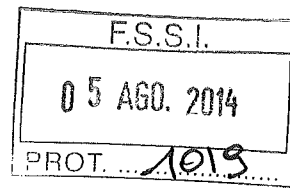




Dear Members of EDSO.

This is an open letter from EDSO Board.



Deaf European Football Association, DEFA.

EDSO is surprised to see if the above Organisation is planning to set up its own Congress in October.

EDSO would like you to pay attention that DIFA had no recognition from ICSD and EDSO. Also EDSO had not have not receive any information about the formation of DEFA and their activities. It is led to believe that DEFA is under the auspices of DIFA, therefore EDSO would not support of any such kind, but they will not stop your organisation from attending to their Congress.

I would like to make sure that you are aware that EDSO Football commission is very active in the European Championships in both Futsal and Football.

EDSO Football Commission is in the regular dialogue with UEFA, which they have given EDSO both financial and technical advices. This would allow EDSO Football Committee and the entire local football organisation to do their day to day task to ensure that the clear player pathway is intact..

EDSO Football Committee is also in regular dialogue with Deaf Champions League Committee and had received financial support from EDSO and receives elite clubs from EDSO Members to participate in their club level competitions in both ages and gender.

With the current economic climate, EDSO Football Commission believes that their EDSO Football Calendar is almost or near to maximum capacity along with International Football by ICSD.

With new football events and Congress by DEFA, would put the strain to your budget and also it will cause for concern by putting stain on most of the players budget and time off from their place of employment. More important is that your National Football competitions are to remain active and to promote clubs from within.

Please consider this carefully before you make any decision.

On behalf of EDSO Board

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