European and External Relations Committee
The EU referendum and its implications for Scotland
Written submission from sportscotland

Introduction

This paper sets out sportscotland’s views on the implications for Scotland leaving the EU, in response to the written call for evidence from the European and External Relations Committee.

Much is still unknown. The Call for Evidence request notes uncertainties in legislation, the withdrawal process, Scotland’s future relationship with the EU, and alternatives to EU membership. Without knowing more, it is not possible to offer an informed view.

Where possible, we have indicated potential consequences. It is particularly difficult to speculate on potential benefits. Leaving the EU might offer new opportunities, but there is no indication what these would be.

Potential Impact

- **Employment:** If freedom of employment is affected, it may become more difficult to attract candidates for specialist positions, particularly in high performance disciplines.

- **Access to training venues:** There is no evidence to suggest that our access to training venues within the EU would be affected. However, currency variations might affect the cost.

- **Funding streams:** It is not clear whether UK organisations will be able to access European funding opportunities and initiatives such as Erasmus Plus. These have been a relatively small component of our funding to date. This might also affect universities and further education, and therefore wider sports research.