

SOUTH EAST EUROPE/BALKAN HOCKEY FORUM 2009

20 Hockey officials/volunteers from 5 nations met in the Black Sea resort of Albena Bulgaria to share ideas and plan the Balkan Hockey Calendar 2009/10.

Led by EHF CDO Norman Hughes and EHF Zonal Co ordinator Antonio Antonov the forum provided the nations with an opportunity to plan together and agree on Regional projects

Bulgaria, Serbia, Romania and guests from Slovenia and Albania made up the group



The key actions agreed were:

- Balkan Hockey Competitions and Development calendar 2009/10
- To apply for EU "Youth in Action" funding for Youth exchange programmes
- To include Cyprus in 2010 South East Europe/Balkan Cup events
- To formalise the next stages for hockey in Albania
- To debate the development of hockey clusters across borders especially focusing on West Bulgaria with South Serbia and FYROM and East Bulgaria with South East Romania

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