

## PRESS RELEASE

Time & Place Consulting becomes official partner of the European Paralympic Committee to jointly amplify the voice of the Paralympic Movement amongst the European institutions.

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On 15 June 2020, the European Paralympic Committee signed an agreement with Time & Place Consulting to jointly amplify the voice of the Paralympic Movement with the European institutions, including all key bodies such as the European Commission, European Parliament, the Council of the EU, and the European Economic and Social Committee.

A key element of this cooperation will include the improvement of conditions for greater involvement of young people with disabilities in sports.

*We find it increasingly pertinent to assure that the interests of the Paralympic Movement remain high on the EU policy agenda. It is no surprise that COVID-19 has had an impact towards shifting policy priorities and relevant political attention. We would like to send out kind reminders of the importance of a sustainable and resilient approach for sports and disabilities. And, that this importance is multi-faceted, which includes healthy living, the role it plays for youth, especially in light of the link between grassroots and Paralympics, and tourism. To this end, we are delighted of being able to extend our engagement with European decision-makers together with Time & Place Consulting.*

Ratko Kovačić  
President, European Paralympic Committee

Several events are already envisaged for 2020 with a first webinar to be confirmed shortly for mid-July. This event will provide a platform for the European Parliament, Commission and Council to jointly evaluate what next steps should be taken at EU level to guarantee a resilient and sustainable Paralympic sector. The title: Sports & Disabilities: Getting from Grassroots to Paralympics (How can the EU improve conditions for greater involvement of young people with disabilities in sports?)

*It is an absolute honour to become official partner of the European Paralympic Committee. We are dedicated to promoting the Paralympic Movement as well as its benefits to society. Now marks a key but also opportune moment. We are expecting the publication of the European Commission's Strategy on Disabilities post-2020 and the most recent European Work Plan for Sport (2017-2020) is soon coming to an end. I look forward to our strong and fruitful cooperation with the EPC.*

Glenn Cezanne  
Managing Director, T&P Consulting

### **About the European Paralympic Committee**

The EPC is a European non-profit-making organization whose mission is to promote and contribute to the development of sport opportunities and competitions for European Athletes with a disability as part of the world Paralympic Movement and to ensure the growth and strength of the Paralympic Movement through the development of the European National Paralympic Committees and to support the activities of all EPC members.

### **About Time & Place Consulting**

T&P is a strategic communications and public affairs agency which brings together a global network of experts in government relations, legal affairs, association management, EU funding, corporate management, crisis management and reputation management.

The select network includes former political decision-makers, European Commission officials, association directors and multinational CEOs, as well as active university professors and award-winning lawyers. The consultancy combines tacit knowledge, sectoral expertise, and professional prowess to give tailored and holistic solutions.

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