

EHF "RINCK" CONVENTION SEMINAR

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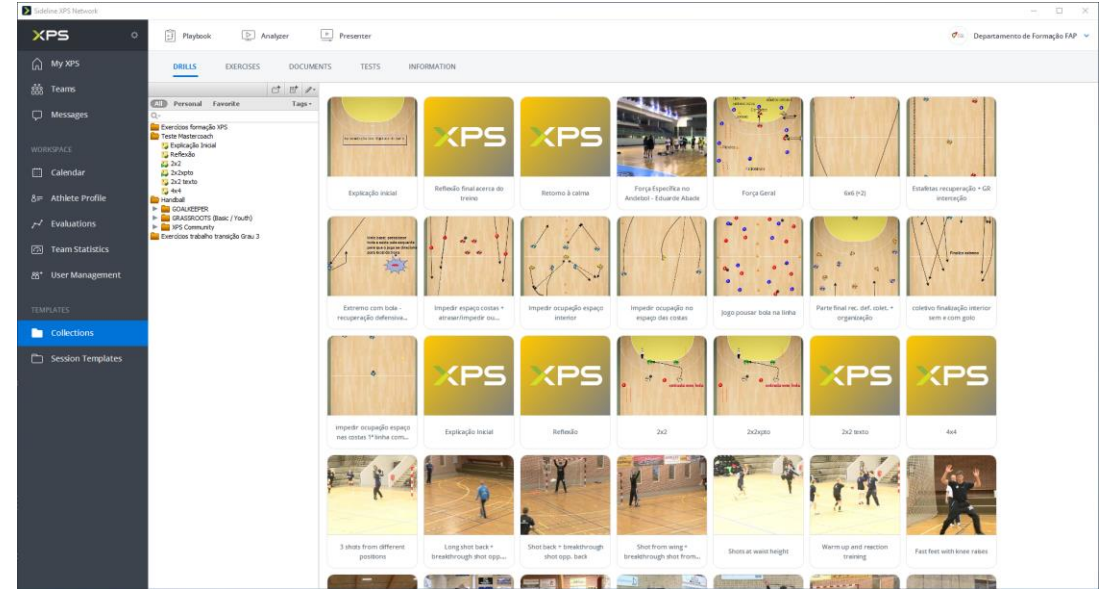
Further perspectives/dual career/"handball for life"/e-learning

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FIRST IDEAS

- Europe is very diverse, it has different languages, landscapes, cultures, tradition, etc. One thing that European have in common is the **popularity of sport**;
- Parker (2019) found in his study about sports popularity that **Football is by far the most popular sport throughout Europe. Handball, Basketball, Ice Hockey, Volleyball and Skiing, after Football, are highly searched sports throughout Europe**;
- **Through the sharing and transfer of knowledge and expertise, material aid and financial support the EHF has sought to raise the standard of the game across the continent** and to eliminate the handball 'blind spots' (EHF, 2013);
- Education plays a crucial role in the development of any Sport. **Since the existence of the European Handball Federation, Education was always at the first stage of its mission.**

NOW



- Now this is used through a **new methodology and pedagogical process**, named **e-learning**.
- **Asynchronous**: the graduates **have access when they want**, the tutor/lecturer teaches through forums, messages, documents and many other tools that the e-learning platform provides.
- **Synchronous**: the **tutor/lecturer and the students have hours where they are simultaneous online** and interact during the education process, using the tools referred before.

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Dual career / e-learning

- Top Players all Europe have practice minimum 1 per day, most of them 2 per day;
- Top Players have competitions all weekends, many times also during the week;
- HOW CAN WE PREPARE THE TOP PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE?



- With **e-learning** is possible to players to have access to formal education during a season (or more) when they are at home, at the hotel, etc.

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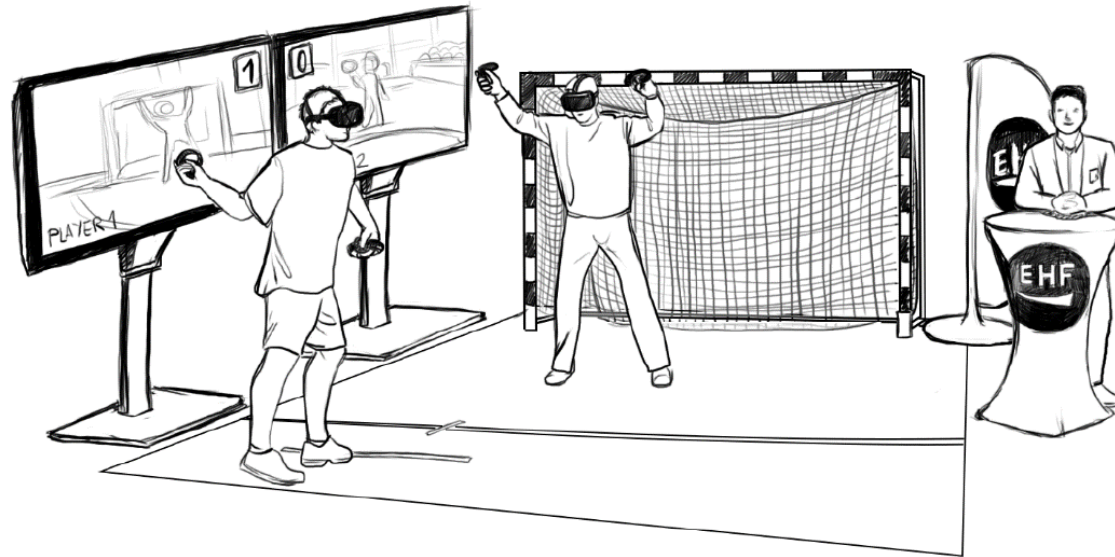
"Handball for Life"

- Education **NEVER** stops, even when you reach the last level of your education. **WHY?**



- Handball is always improving during the years. Like in other professions, coaches need to be **UPDATED**
- E-Learning is a good way to educate coaches all around the season (access from everywhere, anytime)
- Presential education is possible in specific periods of the season – end of the season / vacations

FUTURE (very near!)



Virtual Reality (VR) glasses will be used to **play “virtual” Handball**. This will give a large range of opportunities to help to **develop Handball (Entertainment, Training, Education, etc.)**. Focusing on Education, VR glasses will **help Coaches “to see” as their players see** and then correct them. But also, to **teach Coaches to “see better”** everything that happens during practices and games.

AT THIS POINT A REAL CONCERN NEEDS TO BE SHARED:

- For the forthcoming period – bearing in mind as well the effects of the pandemic impact – a special attention and tribute need to be paid to grassroots/the younger competitors.
- Furthermore, in terms of RINCK Convention, a specific differently approach is required for both sectors:
 - Beginners – young athletes
 - (their) trainers / coaches / scouters / instructors / tutors / mentors

WHY?

Simply because, the hidden part of every iceberg is the true anchor of the stability that gives the impressive image of the scope of the tasks ahead.

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