**What does gender have to do with sexual violence**

**against children and youth athletes in sport?**

This paper explores how gender, as a discursive and body practice, influences sexual violence in sport. Starting from CASES (an Erasmus Plus project in Child Abuse in Sport European Statistics) quantitative results, in which statistically boys are more sexually abused than girls in sport, this paper details four athletes (2 male and 2 female) subjection into sexual violence by 4 coaches (male) while being children and teenagers. Drawing on Foucault’s idea of discursive and non-discursive practices, this paper focuses of the relevant role of young athletes’ discursive environment in silencing and pretending that sexual violence does not take place. This paper states that even though in these detailed four cases coaches are the first and main perpetrators of sexual violence against children in sport, the relevant role of discursive and non-discursive practices of the environment agents needs to be rigorously taken on board in order to analyze how and why children and young athletes do not disclose their experiences of sexual violence in sport contexts.