



## SIMCAS TO TACKLE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS

*Project Social Inclusion in Critical Area via Sport (SIMCAS) is addressing one of the main EU strategic objectives “Encourage social inclusion and equal opportunities in sport”.*

European policies in the field of sport state that “sport can also facilitate the integration into society of migrants and persons of foreign origin as well as support inter-cultural dialogue”.

SIMCAS project is co-funded by Erasmus+ programme, and aims to increase skills and competences of sporting operators to develop projects that can effectively and efficiently achieve social inclusion for first and second generation of immigrants that are at risk of social exclusion. Therefore the main goal of the project is to identify a methodological approach that can help sport operators in defining and implementing effective measures in different environments and with people with different needs. Thus, the creation of a versatile, flexible, yet detailed Tool Kit able to facilitate and deliver to future sport operators a set of guidelines and suggestions to be employed for an effective inclusion of migrants through physical activities.

A consortium of eight partners from six countries has been established with the mission to achieve the following specific objectives:

- 1) To map the challenges and needs in the integration process of immigrants, identifying in a specific way homogeneous clusters and defining more precisely the characteristics of its critical stages.
- 2) To make a bibliographic research on the topic of social inclusion via sport and analyze different experiences at European level, particularly those in the project partners' countries, to identify common elements, specificities, success factors and critical issues.
- 3) To develop a methodology that can support sport operators in the design of effective and efficient models of social inclusion for immigrants.
- 4) To implement, in different identified clusters, the methodology designed to acquire feedbacks useful to improve it.
- 5) To develop a web-based Tool Kit that will permit sport operators to design and implement new projects based on the innovative approaches developed.
- 6) To disseminate the results through focused seminars, workshops, webinars and other information material.
- 7) To assess and identify tools for the sustainability of the methodology to replicate it also after the project closure.

Involved partners are all organizations who have experiences in dealing with the inclusion of migrants and marginalized groups through sport. Their experience and activities cover all the different "critical stages" and are dealing with a wide range of diversity for what concerns the segments of the population of interest in the project: migrants coming from different countries, of different biographies, ages, religions, cultures, languages; and different hosting communities.

Partners in the project are:

- The US ACLI from Italy (the coordinator of the project),
- Organization Earth from Greece,
- The Sports Council of Pla de l'Estany from Spain,
- Sports Union of Slovenia from Slovenia,
- CHAMPIONS ohne GRENZEN e.V. from Germany,
- Girl Power Organization from Denmark,
- IREF from Italy,
- University of Cassino and Southern Lazio from Italy.



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