



CLOSING INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AND FINAL MEETING

Rome, 30th November – 3rd December 2022

On 30th November, partners gathered for a brief overview of the agenda for the coming days, the conference schedule, and general information on organizing meetings.

On **1st December** 2022, the final event of the SIMCAS project took place in Rome. The international conference, organised by the US Acli, was held in Palazzo Valentini, a historic building that is the headquarters of the Metropolitan City of Rome, the territorial body of the Province of Rome, which patronised the event.

The event was attended by representatives of the project partners involved in the initiative, those who contributed to its realisation or took part in the activities, and by national and territorial association leaders, Italian and European institutional and sports and social representatives.

The programme of the event included:

opening session; Institutional greeting, SIMCAS project presentation: objectives, actions, outputs, research results, methodological approach, partners and local pilot tests presentation and testimonies, results; speeches.

In addition to the representatives of the organisations involved in the SIMCAS project, speakers included: Barbari Funari, Councillor for Social Policies and Health Roma Capitale, Roberto Tavani, Delegate for Sport Regione Lazio, Saska Benedicic Tomat, ISCA Head of project, Stefano Gobbi, Sport e salute Spa Head of Social Projects and Third Sector -Sport in the Territories Department, Siliva Squarciotta, Office of Development and Credit Orientation Banca Etica, Antonio Russo, Acli National Vice President

The speeches focused on what has emerged in the two years of work discussed, regarding:

- the primary role assumed in the European context by sport as an instrument of social intervention within a renewed vision of the welfare state and the state-citizen relationship

- the need for every integration intervention through sport to be part of an overall action that sees the strategic synergy of institutions and social and sports actors.

In this regard, Kalida Popal and Sima Kamal of Girl Power, drawing on their personal stories, spoke of the immense challenges faced by refugees, especially women and girls, and the powerful support that community sport can provide to refugees, even in their darkest hours.

On **2nd December**, the final SIMCAS transnational meeting was held. As scheduled, the meeting was aimed at presenting and closing the project's final results, sharing the multiplier sports events promoted by the partners, and organising the project's closing and reporting activities.

The last part of the meeting was also reserved for an evaluation of the project by the partners to share considerations and ideas for the development of a new project starting from the SIMCAS activities and results.

The US Acli then concluded the final events of the SIMCAS project on **3rd December** with the holding of the training workshop for the implementation of the methodology identified, carried out within the framework of the National Assembly at the start of the social year, which was attended by sport managers and coaches, US Acli national and territorial leaders.



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