Sport Inclusion Network (SPIN) (European Project)

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As a product of the SPIN project, the “Good Practice Guide” presents examples towards the inclusion of migrants in and through sports from eight European countries (Austria, Germany, Italy, Republic of Ireland, Finland, Hungary, Portugal, UK). The compilation presented here is based on the studies and experiences of the European partner organisations and introduces practical examples on various levels and in various contexts. Each project partner provided reports and good practice examples from their countries. Camino – partner organisation of the project – has compiled a “Good Practice Guide” on including migrants in sports. It contains introductory texts and good practice examples from the following areas: national/governmental programmes, regional programmes, sport clubs and associations, qualification, migrant sport clubs, migrant girls/women, access in neighbourhoods, access in schools, anti-racist and intercultural events. Ultimately, quality criteria for the inclusion of migrants in sporting activities are established, accompanied by the corresponding indicators.

The Sport Inclusion Network (SPIN) project is designed to promote the inclusion and involvement of ethnic minorities, migrants and other third country nationals (including refugees) through mainstream sport across Europe. This is attempted by increasing sports participation of disadvantaged groups by promoting equal access to organized sport. The key objective is to increase volunteering of migrants and minorities through the establishment of equal partnerships and training of mainstream sport organizations. The E-SPIN initiative is a partnership between eight EU countries and is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

This good example will:

- provide you a compilation of good practices and practical examples based on the studies and experiences of different European partner organisations on various levels and in various contexts
- promote new ideas of how inclusion work in sports can facilitate intercultural exchanges
- present indicators and quality criteria, resulting from the exchanges of the practical experience of the EU project, which could serve as a guideline for assessing other potential offers, projects, and programmes.

The SPIN project (co-funded under the ERASMUS + Sport Programme / Collaborative partnerships in the sport field and Not-for-profit European sport events) brings together a mix of experienced national key players in the field of countering exclusion and discrimination in sport, including the FARE founding organisation FairPlay-VIDC/ the Italian sport-for-all association Unione Italiana Sport per Tutti (UISP)/ the Football Association of Ireland (FAI)/ the Portuguese Professional Players Union SJPF/ the migrant-led Mahatma Gandhi Human Rights Organization from Hungary/ the multicultural Finnish sport initiative Liikkukaa, as well as the German Organisation Camino, an expert on action-oriented research on sport and youth, who has compiled this Guide.

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