

## #20.WELCOMING THROUGH SPORT: ONE IDEA, DIFFERENT APPROACHES, MANY SUCCESSES

### THE GERMAN OLYMPIC SPORTS CONFEDERATION (DOSB)

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#### Topic relevance

**PLAYING TOGETHER / INCLUSION / SPECIFIC FOR REFUGEES / GETTING OPPORTUNITIES / NETWORK**

**Factor of success DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS**

**Type INITIATIVE/PROJECT**

**Language** English

#### Target population

Refugees in Germany. Local clubs and organisations seeking support and resources to welcome refugees in their structure

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#### Synthesis of the good example

Besides the federal program "Integration through Sport", The German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB) has coordinated the project "Welcoming through Sport" (WIS) which fosters the integration of refugees intensively in Germanic society through local sport clubs. The project is funded by the Commissioner for Migration, Refugees and Integration.

#### Highlights and outcomes

The importance of this project that it has currently taken place is to have been creating partnerships with Sports Federation and Government Migration institutions. It will help you to understand the development of the "welcome culture" as a long-term but a key process which could help the integration of refugees in volunteer position of sport structures. It's a big step on the way to social integration and contributes to the development of sustainable concepts, and could help as mediators and communicators with other refugees to become members of a sport club. The report provides good examples support by local sport club involved in the project and focus on certain types of sports used to facilitate social inclusion.

#### Context and approach

The programme Welcoming through Sport (WIS) has been created according to the immigration policy of Germany since 2014: welcoming refugees coming from war countries. By this program, they could play organised sport as a way of welcoming them to their new country, while helping to support many volunteers at sports clubs. Some activities have been designed for vulnerable target groups as women and youth. The main objectives of the project were to develop in 2016 sustainable concepts, provide networking to 13 regional sports confederation and over 200 clubs involved, promote the "welcoming culture" in sport and integrate refugees in volunteer position of sport structures.

#### Information about project/organisation's holder

The German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB) is the non-governmental umbrella organisation of German sport. It was founded in 2006, resulting from the merger of the German Sports Confederation (DSB) and the National Olympic Committee for Germany. The DOSB stands for performance, health, joy of living and the conveyance of values and supports inclusion and coherence of all groups of society.