

VSport – Volunteering in Sports





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This Issue's Highlights

VSport Final Conference in Kielce, Poland

The partners of the Erasmus+ project VSport - Volunteering in Sports, which focuses on the involvement of volunteers in sport, met for the final conference of the project in Kielce, Poland from March 5-7, 2024. At the conference, the achievements and outputs, such as the development of training material for the recruitment and retention of volunteers in sports clubs, were presented. Following the conference, the various stakeholders from youth sports organizations, sports facilities and volunteer centers met for international networking on future sports projects.



Achievements of the VSport project

The sports sector, especially at the local level, relies heavily on **volunteers in sports** to engage more people for being physically active. The involvement of volunteers in sports is a key factor in the success and long-term sustainability of sports clubs, organizations, and events. Sports organizations and clubs all over Europe play a crucial role in encouraging and engaging people to get physically active. The VSport project referred to the contribution of all participating organizations to promoting voluntary activities in sports and developing awareness towards such involvement.



Through the following **project objectives** positive solutions were brought to the described situation:

 Promoting volunteering in sports through extra-curricular activities and courses given increasing innovation capacity of sport clubs delegates and other related target groups to involve volunteers.

• Embedding innovative approaches towards volunteering in sports, through mainstreaming the development of awareness towards volunteering actions.

• Encouraging sports clubs to stimulate volunteering in sports by developing such mindsets among their members.

Stimulating sports clubs on how to better engage volunteers in their activities
Enhancing the volunteering spirit among young people in sports practice in general.
Demonstrating the benefits of multidisciplinary educational approaches

by the development of a "Training module and training guide on enhancing volunteering in sports".

• Encouraging the development of a

multilevel cross-sectorial system that fosters learning through direct involvement in volunteering in sports activities. In the past two years the project VSport worked on delivering the following intellectual outputs:

1. **Comprehensive international research** on volunteering in sports

2. Training guide/ Toolkit for volunteer managers

3. **Web platform** for supporting the work of volunteer managers in sports







