

Sport is the hidden social worker in many of our neighbourhoods (Sebastian Coe).

In a context where many European states are adopting an “internal security” perspective to manage the arrival of migrants and refugees, sometimes undermining the human rights standards to which they have committed themselves, hate speech against migrants and minorities is becoming increasingly relevant and significant in European societies.

Despite the efforts of EU Member States to combat discrimination based on racism and xenophobia, official data show that - like homophobia or sexism - it is spreading in European societies, targeting especially people with a migrant background, racialised people, asylum seekers and refugees, and ethnic and religious minorities. In this increasingly generalised context, where nativist and exclusionary discourses have privileged media and political podiums, it is cities and their communities that are articulating the most inclusive and supportive responses to create territories of intercultural coexistence and social cohesion.

The SCORE project directly addresses the following priorities of the project

- Combating discrimination and racism: to promote awareness, build knowledge and share best practices at local level on the benefits of diversity, as well as effective measures to tackle discrimination and racism.
- Inclusion of minorities: promoting awareness and knowledge about the role of minorities, such as people of racial or ethnic origin, in European societies and their contribution to cultural development.

The overall objective of the project is the creation of a coalition of European cities and local authorities for the promotion of inclusive sport, as well as the prevention and fight against racism, xenophobia and related intolerance in the field of sport.

This objective is linked to those set out in the call such as:

- To give citizens the opportunity to discover the cultural diversity of the European Union and to make them aware that European values and European cultural heritage are the basis of a common future.
- To strengthen mutual understanding and friendship between European citizens;
- Encourage cooperation between municipalities and the exchange of good practices.
- Support good local governance and strengthen the role of local and regional authorities in the process of European integration.

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- To offer cities and municipalities the opportunity to develop larger projects with the aim of increasing the impact and sustainability of their projects;
- Enable beneficiaries to develop more thematic and policy-related projects;
- Establish lasting links with partner organisations;
- Raise awareness of the benefits of diversity and combat discrimination and racism;
- To increase and foster mutual understanding and acceptance towards European minorities, such as the Roma;
- Raise awareness of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and its implementation and promote a culture of fundamental rights;
- Improve information on the rights conferred by EU citizenship and improve their implementation in the Member States;
- Raise awareness and improve information to mobile EU citizens and their family members about their EU citizenship.

Beneficiaries

Cities and their citizens in general. The local, regional and state public administrations, organized civil society, sports clubs, etc.