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COMBATING HATE SPEECH IN SPORT
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Co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe and implemented by the Council of Europe's Sport Division, will provide technical assistance to public authorities in **France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Spain** Ministries and main sport stakeholders. **We make a difference.**

What we did

- set-up the network of cooperation for the project implementation
- define a common understanding of what is Hate Speech in Sport
- understand the main challenges each country is facing to address hate speech in sport
- agreed on next steps, set up the project calendar
- prepared the Fact Sheets and good practices for Greece, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, discussed with stakeholders, presented during online workshops in October 2022, February 2023, March 2023
- designed a 360° peer review for Montenegro for fast track state of play evaluation



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UNDERSTAND

- Current state of play in relation to hate speech in sport in partner countries of the project: France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Spain
- European policy context, instruments and solutions to be used as support and reference during the project, the newest CM Recc(2022)16 adopted in Turin (CDADI, ECRI, Saint-Denis Convention, Supporters Direct Europe)
- Relevant personal experience and practices from sport practitioners - inspiration both professionally and personally (Olympic and Paralympic athletes, professional basketball players, woman referees, journalists, coaches, UEFA, FARE, Outsport Networks)
- More details at: [About the project - Combating Hate Speech in Sport \(coe.int\)](https://www.coe.int/en/web/combatting-hate-speech-in-sport)



LESSONS LEARNED

- Diversity, complexity of the topic
- There is no miracle recipe - we are working with sensitive issues both politically and at a personal level
- We acknowledge that we have a great responsibility and have to face and tackle this challenge
- Many approaches, measures and practices in each partner country - that we can use transversally
- There are many policy achievements that we can build on
- There is a great expertise available, lived experiences - quite regrettably - from a wide diversity of fields and stakeholders that we must bring together to make change and create something new and with a significant impact
- The project is perfectly illustrating the role of sport as one of the leading policy fields for promoting human rights, diversity, inclusion, respect
- Impact – sport power to produce profound societal changes
- Willingness – to commit
- Together – alliance stakeholders

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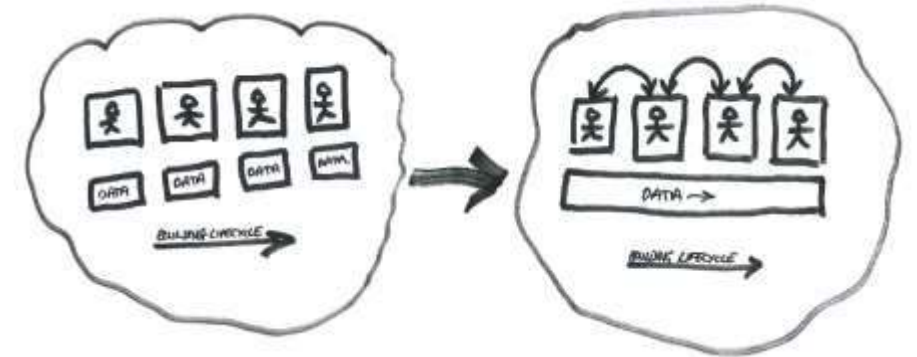


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WHAT

- **Holistic strategies** - rather than “Working in Silos” (people, teams federations, associations) in different sports who are working towards the same objective, often in close vicinity but not sharing information – we aim at generating new opportunities to make a difference: **societal change**
- As increasing amounts of data are generated, it is more and more important to be able to share this across our project life cycle. Whether through appropriate structuring and standardisation or improved analysis of unstructured data regarding Hate Speech in Sport
- Stakeholders are ultimately the experts to this project and know how to influence the change, so that it becomes **sustainable**. In all sports, at all levels. There is a great expertise available, lived experiences - quite regrettably - from a wide diversity of fields - we bring together to make change and create something new and with a significant impact



Prevent – Penalise – Restorative measures – Rehabilitate

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HOW

- We must be comfortable with CONSTANT CHANGE, Impact – sport power to produce profound societal changes
- We need to embrace TRANSPARENCY, the CHALLENGES, interesting conversation with the people who really care about how to solve this sensitive issue.
- We're also going to be ACCOUNTABLE - opportunity to showcase new ways of doing things, to lead the path forward – the Resource Center will showcase countries case studies, be inspired by different practices in each country.
- Our approach:
 - top-down - support to encourage innovation - keep people accountable, collective vision, make strategic decisions
 - and bottom-up - grassroots influence is important, especially with the younger generation. Create the environment for people to ask: **"How can I become involved?"**

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VISIBILITY - COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETINGS

- **26 October 2022** - 17th CoE Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport
 - Interventions on the role of inclusive sport
- **30 November 2022:** Human Rights Forum, Strasbourg, hybrid
 - Update on Combating Hate Speech in Sport progress: presentations by athletes, practical aspects from Greece, Spain
- **2023 meetings** EPAS, Saint Dennis, Macolin Conventions
- **April 2023** "Protecting and promoting the human rights of transgender and intersex athletes in sport"

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NEXT STEPS

1. **Use the state of play of hate speech in sport (Country Fact Sheets) for the elaboration of strategies:** stakeholders mapping, existing legislation, data collection, identified gaps and challenges (policy fields, missing legislation) and opportunities, existing practices, inter-sectorial cooperation, transversal examples
2. **Provide guidance** - elaboration of the **national strategies** to prevent hate speech in sport
3. **Set up an online resource centre**
 - tools to address hate speech in sport, measures to prevent, counter, report and remedy
 - No Hate Speech Movement campaign, the Gender Equality Strategy of the Council of Europe, the programme of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport and other relevant CoE instruments
4. **Design and implement a campaign** to address hate speech in sport (education, trainings, customized tools) to and strengthen stakeholders' capacity to prevent and address hate speech. Raise awareness of the power of sport for a positive change promoting human rights, tolerance, respect for diversity, non-discrimination and intercultural learning in primary and secondary schools and sport clubs in Europe

WHAT CAN WE DO TOGETHER

In common partner countries:

- Exchange of practices from stakeholders, communities - roles in Combating: Preventing – Punitive measures – Restorative practices
- Challenges needing to be addressed
- Share useful contacts

- What would you see beneficial for your future activities?

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