

Tools

- **sportinclusion.net:** Main information and dissemination hub
- **European Training Programme:** A replicable workshop curriculum for coaches and trainers at local sport club level to foster inclusiveness and intercultural competence, accompanied by the Electronic Learning Environment (ELE)
- **Publications:** Action research, Study reports, Good Practice Guides, Toolkits, and more
- **Web Tools:** Self-Assessment Tool for Sport Clubs, SPIN Connecting Tool



Get Involved!

Is your organization active in the field of sport and inclusion?
Would you like to contribute to the work of SPIN?

Get in touch today!

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Interested in joining SPIN?

The following types of membership are available:

| Type of Membership | Annual Fee |
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| Organizational member (e.g. NGO, grassroots initiative or sport club) | 15 € (from „high income“ & „upper middle income“ country - World Bank list) 0 € (from any other country) |
| Supporter or Institutional member (e.g. public institution, association, company) | 150 € (based on capacity, voluntary contribution can be higher) |
| Individual member (without voting rights) | 10 € |

For detailed info and membership request:



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Why SPIN?

Sport should be equally accessible for all in society. However, marginalized groups, including refugees, migrants, and ethnic minorities – particularly women and girls – face barriers when participating in sport and physical activities.

The Sport Inclusion Network (SPIN) has been formed to address these barriers along with often intersectional dimensions of discrimination such as gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, or social status. Our goal is to make full use of sport as a means for social inclusion and integration.

The strength of a network lies in the diversity of its members. Therefore, we call on sport clubs, associations, NGOs, and minority initiatives as well as public institutions to unite for social inclusion in and through sport and join SPIN.

Grassroots

A key focus of the SPIN Network is to support, empower and capacity-build grassroots initiatives and minority organisations. By lending practical support to small groups and promote migrant and minority self-organisations, they can harness their potential as key agents for social change.

SPIN History

In 2010, seven dedicated NGOs and sport organisations from across Europe launched the first SPIN project to address the underrepresentation of migrants and ethnic minorities and asylum seekers in mainstream sport. The group evolved into an informal network implementing a series of innovative initiatives and projects, including ESPIN, Sport Welcomes Refugees, SPIN Women, SPIN Refugees, and SPIN Youth.

In 2023 we made a next logical step to open the network for organisations and groups in other parts of Europe and in the Global South. We established SPIN as an international non-profit organization under Austrian law.

Member Benefits

- Being part of an international network that promotes social inclusion in and through sport
- Exchange of best practices with experts and practitioners
- Developing ideas for a more inclusive sport
- (Online) networking events that connect members and increase our common impact
- Support for grassroots clubs and initiatives in building their capacity to offer inclusive sport
- Forging partnerships for collaborative projects under the Erasmus+ programme (PIC number: 881215707)



About SPIN

SPIN is a non-profit association registered under Austrian law.
Full name: Sport Inclusion Network (SPIN)
Registration number (ZVR): 1621751943

Learn more about SPIN and its activities here:



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