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# SPIN Networking Webinar Social Inclusion of Refugees through Sport

3 February 2025, 14:00 – 16:00 CET

# Sport Inclusion Network (SPIN)

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# Why SPIN?

- Sport should be equally accessible for all
- Marginalized groups (refugees, migrants, and ethnic minorities – particularly women & girls) face barriers when participating in sport & 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
- Goal: make full use of sport as a means for social inclusion and integration

# History



- 2010: 7 dedicated NGOs and sport organisations launched first SPIN project to address underrepresentation of migrants & ethnic minorities in European mainstream sport
- 2012-2022: 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
- 2023: next step - open the network for organisations and groups in other parts of Europe & Global South
- Established SPIN as an international non-profit Association under Austrian law

# SPIN Projects

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www.sportinclusion.net

Sport Inclusion Network



# Aims of the SPIN network

- Promote inclusion through sport and physical activity among disadvantaged groups
- Raise awareness and share best practices
- Support, empower and capacity-build grass-roots initiatives and minority organisations
- To address pro-actively racism, sexism, homophobia and any form of discrimination
- To promote dialogue and equal and sustainable cooperation with sport-for-development initiatives and stakeholders outside the EU and in the Global South

# SPIN Members



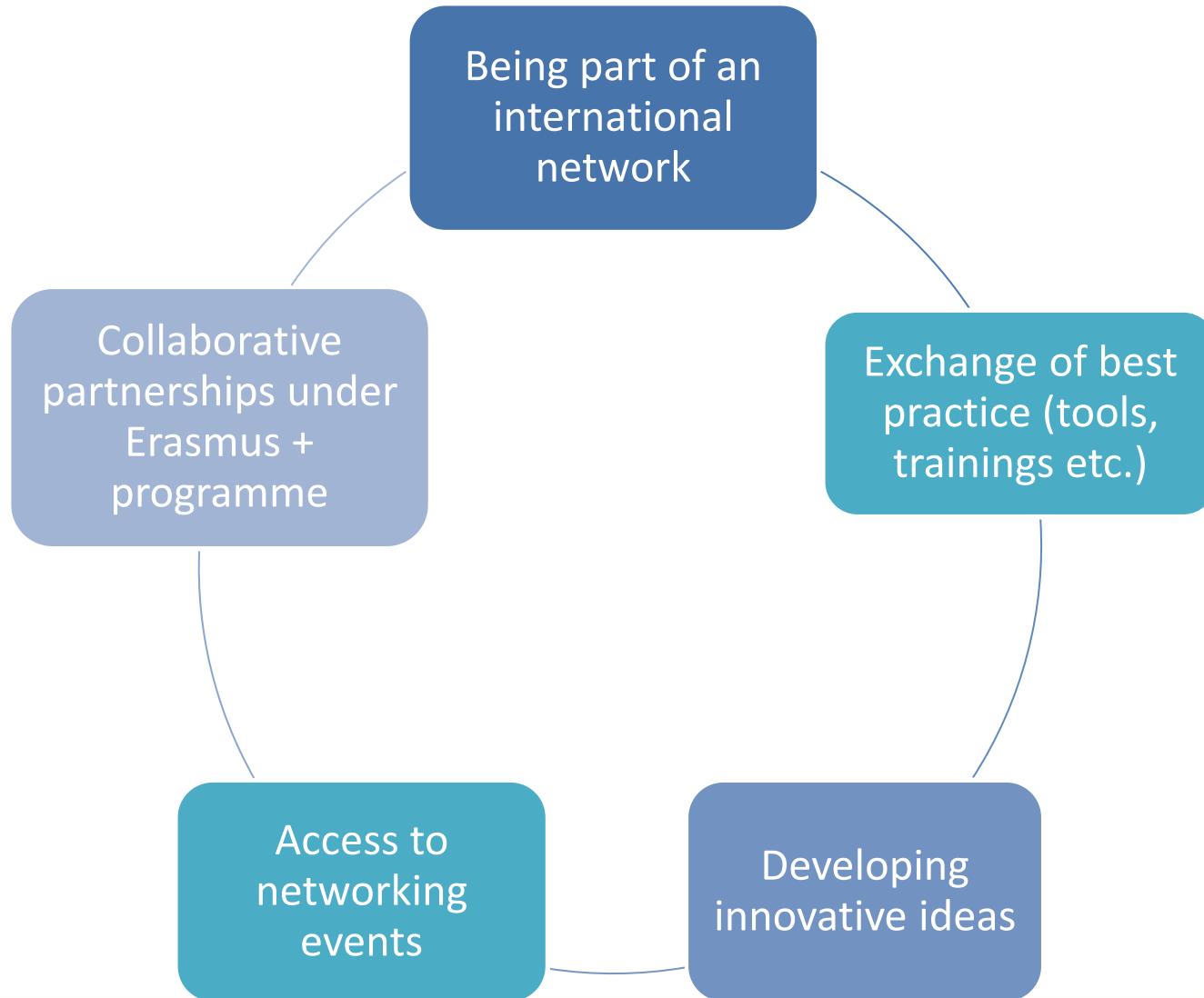
- Austria: VIDC-fairplay / Sport and Culture Association Neuer Start, University of Applied Sciences Kufstein (Department of Sport, Culture and Event Management)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina: IZI
- Finland: Liikkukaa / Monaliiku / United for Youth Initiative
- Ghana: Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies (Univ. of Ghana)
- Germany: Camino
- Ireland: Football Association of Ireland
- Italy: Unione Italiana Sport Per tutti / ASD Trekkify
- Kenya: Old is Gold Slum Youth / Kayole Starlets FC
- The Netherlands: Huis voor Beweging
- Portugal: Sindicato dos Jogadores Profissionais de Futebol / Clube Desportivo Xico Andebol

# Core functions of the network

- Developing and delivering high quality training and educational tools
- Reflection, analysis and research
- Facilitating action at a grassroots level
- Advocacy and lobbying for policy change at a European and national level
- Raising public awareness through public interventions and campaigning



# Why becoming a member?



## Tools

- **sportinclusion.net**: information & dissemination hub
- **European Training Programme**: A replicable workshop curriculum for coaches & trainers at local sport club level to foster inclusiveness and intercultural competence, accompanied by 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

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## “Social Inclusion of Refugees through Sport - Exchange of experience and learning from each other”

- **Petar Rosandić** (SOS Balkanroute) on refugee rights in the Western Balkans Region and active solidarity
- **Claudia Nystrand** (Monaliiku) on the project “OUTdoor for INclusion: Improving resilience and integration for refugees and migrant women through outdoor experiences”
- **Raymond Onyango** (Kayole Starlet Football Club) on his initiatives focusing on inclusivity and social justice in Kayole community in Nairobi, Kenya

## Open floor

Exchange and questions from participants

### Ground Rules – Please, ....

- Use the “raise your hand” option
- Or write your question in the chat function
- Switch on your video and your mic
- State your name and organisation

# Closure

## Wrap-up and Next Steps

