

# NEW AND FLEXIBLE ONLINE LEARNING FOR SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONERS

## RATIONALE & BACKGROUND

Sport has enormous power to engage people, especially those who face disadvantage, discrimination and social exclusion, and give them opportunities for positive change in their lives.

This is what Sport for Development aims to do. It uses the attraction of sport to promote areas such as public health, social justice, solidarity, personal development and many other positive values and outcomes for communities which few other activities could reach.

But Sport for Development is new and relevant training is limited. Formal education is inflexible and expensive. Courses in management and coaching are not enough. Sport for Development coordinators need skills like community engagement and partnership working. Activators need the skills to adapt activities to specific needs and the ability to facilitate learning in areas like life skills, literacy, gender equity, employability, conflict resolution, anti-racism and many others.

All of this requires innovative, flexible and, above all, relevant training.

## GOALS

The overall goals of this two-year transnational project are to:

- + Carry out EU-wide research in Sport for Development training needs and priorities
- + Design and pilot 10 innovative e-learning modules for coordinators and activators, based on the training priorities and available in three European languages
- + Design and pilot a digital competency-based self-reflection tool for Sport for Development practitioners to help them identify their own individual learning needs and pathways
- + Organise a global online conference on education and employment in Sport for Development
- + Develop a strategic sustainability action plan towards achieving a competent workforce in the European and global Sport for Development community.





# EXPECTED BENEFITS



SKILLS4CHANGE will create an innovative forum for the sharing of knowledge, creative ideas and good practices in Sport for Development. It will make available new, flexible and multi-lingual e-learning pathways and a digital self-development tool for practitioners across Europe and world-wide and train 80 current and potential coordinators and activators in high priority skills.

## THE PARTNERSHIP

The official applicant and coordinator of the project is SportMalta, who will be supported with the coordination and management of the project by EOSE. SKILLS4CHANGE gathers stakeholders from: a government sports council with strategic responsibilities for sport and physical activity, a well-established global platform for sport for development with valuable experience in e-learning, a university which researches sport for development and delivers relevant education programmes, a major international sport federation with a long track record of using its sport to promote wider personal and social outcomes, and four very experienced Sport for Development organisations with expertise in training design and delivery.



SportMalta



European Observatoire of Sport and Employment (EOSE)



International Platform on Sport and Development, operated by International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)



International Table Tennis Federation Foundation (ITTF)



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