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## NEWSLETTER

# EACL

European All are Champions League for PwID:  
Developing fundamentals for football inclusion



## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Comprehensive Medical Consultations
- Specialized Treatments
- State-of-the-Art Diagnostic Services
- Preventive Care and Health Screenings
- Emergency Medical Services

## PROJECT TEAM

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### SO1

Some disabilities may limit an individual's ability to move and cause physical discomfort during sports activity, training or playing. The project's objective is to establish secure and engaging settings that motivate PwID to participate in football activities, helping them to overcome challenges.

### SO2

The aim of the project is to provide specialized skills and knowledge to experts working with people with disabilities in sport-related activities. The project will develop a manual to assist sports staff in implementing football activities for different target groups of PwID

### SO3

Participation in sports can improve the physical and mental health, as well as the overall wellbeing of PwID, while also promoting their social integration. The project aims to foster the development of skills of PwID, as well as the stakeholders involved, through the training and pilot phase

### SO4

The project seeks to increase awareness of the positive outcomes associated with sports for PwID. Developing Policy Recommendations based on the pilot experience will serve as a useful tool for raising awareness about the importance of promoting sports as a means of inclusion.





# EACL PROJECT NEWSLETTER — 12-18 MONTH UPDATE

Welcome to the third newsletter of the European All Are Champions League (EACL) project! As we move into the final stages of the project, months 12 to 18 have been marked by crucial implementation activities—including the testing of the International Football Manual for Inclusion (D2.2) and the Easy-to-Read version (D2.3). In addition, initial steps were taken toward ensuring the long-term sustainability of the project through the drafting of the Sustainability Strategy and Policy Recommendations.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The EACL project continues its mission to promote social inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities (PwID) through football. Following the successful development of inclusive training tools, the project has now entered the implementation and impact phase, focusing on practical application and strategic planning for sustainability.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE THIRD 6 MONTHS

### 1. Pilot Testing of the Football Manuals (D2.2 & D2.3)

Across all partner countries—Croatia, Spain, and Greece—the manuals were implemented in real football environments. Coaches, clubs, educators, and families tested the materials during inclusive training sessions.

Highlights of the pilot phase:

- **Inclusive Sessions:** Football clubs hosted training sessions based on the manual's structure, adapted to the needs of PwID.
- **Real-Time Feedback:** Coaches, participants, and families provided valuable feedback on usability, clarity, and impact.
- **Positive Results:** The manuals proved to be practical, engaging, and empowering for both trainers and PwID.





## 2. Drafting the Sustainability Strategy

To ensure the long-term success of the EACL outcomes, the project team has started drafting the Sustainability Strategy. This document focuses on:

- Building stakeholder engagement early and maintaining involvement through a strong social and professional network.
- Adapting project results to various local contexts, making them usable in different cultural, institutional, and club environments.
- Defining clear benefits for end users—including physical, emotional, and social benefits for PwID, skill development for coaches, and community enrichment.
- Promoting continued education and capacity-building, ensuring the project's reach extends through schools, sports clubs, and national federations.
- Creating long-term partnerships at local, national, and EU levels to embed inclusive football into mainstream practice.

## 3. Beginning of Policy Recommendations Drafting (D3.2)

Based on pilot implementation and project experience, the drafting of EACL's Policy Recommendations has begun. These recommendations will support advocacy efforts at local, national, and EU levels.

The recommendations will cover:

- Encouraging inclusive policies in grassroots and amateur football.
- Promoting funding opportunities for inclusive sports programs.
- Requiring basic training in disability inclusion for football coaches.
- Creating visibility and legitimacy for inclusive football leagues.

# NEXT STEP

In the final six months of the EACL project, we will:

- Finalize and publish the Sustainability Strategy and Policy Recommendations.
- Organize Multiplier Events to promote inclusion through football.
- Disseminate project outputs widely across Europe.

