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## NEWSLETTER

# EACL

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



## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Promote football as a tool for social inclusion of PwID
- Increase access to and participation in football by creating safe and inclusive environments for PwID
- Improve the physical, mental, and social well-being and quality of life of PwID through sport
- Strengthen the capacity of coaches, sports staff, and stakeholders to deliver inclusive football activities
- Raise public awareness and foster positive attitudes toward inclusion and diversity through sport

## 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 — LAST 6 MONTHS UPDATE

Welcome to the final newsletter of the European All Are Champions League (EACL) project. As we conclude the last six months of implementation (months 18–24), this edition highlights the finalization of key project outputs, the dissemination and multiplier activities carried out across partner countries, and the consolidation of EACL’s long-term impact through sustainability and policy actions.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The EACL project is dedicated to enhancing social inclusion through football for PwID. By focusing on research, training, and the development of resources, EACL seeks to empower coaches, educators, and football clubs to implement inclusive football activities. Our efforts also include raising awareness and creating policy recommendations to promote the integration of PwID in sports across Europe.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS

### 1. Finalization of Policy Recommendations (D3.2)

During months 18–24, the EACL Policy Recommendations were finalized based on evidence gathered throughout the project, particularly from the pilot testing of the manuals.

The recommendations aim to:

- Promote inclusive football policies at grassroots, national, and European levels.
- Encourage public authorities and football federations to support inclusive leagues and competitions.
- Improve access to funding and infrastructure for inclusive sports initiatives.
- Increase visibility and recognition of inclusive football for PwID.

### 2. Completion of the Sustainability Strategy

The Sustainability Strategy was finalized to ensure that EACL project results continue to be used and expanded after the project’s conclusion. The strategy focuses on:

- Long-term use of the International Football Manual for Inclusion and its Easy-to-Read version.
- Integration of project outputs into football clubs, schools, NGOs, and training programs.
- Strengthening cooperation between sports organizations, disability organizations, and public institutions.
- Ensuring continuous capacity-building for coaches and professionals working with PwID.



### 3. Multiplier Events and Dissemination Activities

In the final project phase, partner organizations organized Multiplier Events in Croatia, Spain, and Greece to promote project outcomes and engage a wide range of stakeholders.

Key outcomes of these events included:

- Presentation of the EACL manuals, Policy Recommendations, and Sustainability Strategy.
- Active participation of coaches, football clubs, educators, NGOs, PwID, families, and policymakers.
- Exchange of best practices and discussion on future cooperation.
- Increased awareness of the benefits of inclusive football for individuals and communities.

In parallel, digital dissemination activities ensured broad European reach through websites, social media, and partner networks.

## PROJECT IMPACT

By the end of month 24, the EACL project has:

- Delivered practical, tested tools for inclusive football.
- Empowered PwID to participate more actively and confidently in sports.
- Enhanced the skills and awareness of coaches and sports professionals.
- Strengthened cooperation between sport and social inclusion sectors.
- Contributed to policy dialogue on inclusive sports at multiple levels.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Although the EACL project formally concludes, its results will continue to support inclusive football initiatives across Europe. Partners remain committed to promoting the use of EACL resources, supporting inclusive practices, and advocating for equal access to sport for people with intellectual disabilities.

We thank all participants, stakeholders, and partners for their collaboration and dedication throughout the project.