

# REVITALIZE THE SCHOOLYARDS

AS VALUABLE SPORTING RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY



INTENSIVE AMBASSADOR TRAINING

Place: Bruxelles, Belgium

Hosting organization: Aces Europe

Date: 2024, December 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Introduction to the Project



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Revitalize the Schoolyards is an ambitious initiative co-financed by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) under the Erasmus+ program. This project aims to address the pressing issue of underutilized schoolyards in urban and rural areas by transforming them into valuable sporting resources for the community. The initiative seeks to bridge the gap between the increasing demand for sport and physical activities and the limited availability of suitable facilities.

#### Objectives of the Project:

- **Transform Underused Spaces:** Convert neglected or underused schoolyards into multifunctional sports areas that cater to various physical activities and sports, thereby enhancing the overall recreational infrastructure of the community.
- **Promote Grassroots Sports:** Encourage the participation in grassroots sports and physical activities by providing accessible, safe, and well-maintained facilities close to home.
- **Enhance Physical Education:** Improve the quality and quantity of physical education by integrating innovative multisport programs into school curricula, combined with non-formal education and life skills development.
- **Community Empowerment:** Foster a sense of ownership and responsibility among local communities by involving them in the co-governance and maintenance of the revitalized schoolyards.
- **Sustainable Investment:** Facilitate and attract investment from sports organizations to ensure the long-term availability and programmability of access to these sports facilities.
- The project is built on the success of previous initiatives and is designed to be replicable across various European municipalities. It aims to create a strategic administrative mechanism managed by municipalities, encouraging local partnerships between sports organizations and schools. This collaboration is crucial for co-governing, maintaining, and regenerating schoolyards, making them valuable communal assets.

#### Role of Ambassadors:

Ambassadors are pivotal to the success of the Revitalize the Schoolyards project. They act as the primary promoters and implementers of the project's objectives at the local level, ensuring the proper application and functioning of the administrative protocols developed for the project. Their responsibilities include raising awareness about the benefits of revitalized schoolyards within the community, facilitating community engagement, and reporting back to the project coordinators to ensure continuous improvement and success.

The collaboration between EACEA, local municipalities, schools, sports organizations, and community members is expected to create a sustainable model for improving sports infrastructure and promoting healthy, active lifestyles across Europe.



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## AGENDA

### International Training | Day 1 – 12.12.2024

**Place:** Rond Point Robert Schuman 6 - Box5 - 1040 Bruxelles

9.00 - 9.45	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Introduction to the project and training objectives. Overview of the agenda. Meet and greet among participants.	L'ORMA
9.45 – 10.45	<b>Project Overview</b> Detailed presentation of the "Adopt a School Playground" initiative. Importance of the Ambassador role in promoting and implementing the Administrative Mechanism.	ACES EUROPE; DES
10.45 – 11.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11.15 – 12.00	<b>Administrative Mechanism Training Part 1</b> Introduction to the Administrative Management Protocol. Rights and Duties of Municipalities, Sport Organizations, and Schools.	SISH; DES
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Group Activity</b> Interactive session to discuss challenges and opportunities. Sharing best practices and experiences. <i>[End of training of International Ambassador Training]</i>	UTH L'ORMA
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Working Lunch</i>	

### Day 1 – 12.12.2024

**Place:** European Parliament, Room JAN 2Q2 – Jan Building

15.45 – 18.30	<b>Annual Awards GALA (*)</b>  (*) Only 1 representative for partner organization	Aces Europe
19.00	<b>Aces Network Dinner (**)</b>  (**) Optional: buffet, potential cost to be confirmed 65 euros per person with advance booking, limited places	Aces Europe



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## International Training | Day 2 – 13.12.2024

**Place:** Rond Point Robert Schuman 6 - Box5 - 1040 Bruxelles

9.00	Welcome	
9.00 – 9.30	<b>Recap of Day 1</b>	L'ORMA
9.30 – 10.15	<b>Administrative Mechanism Training Part 2</b> Hands-on training on using the e-platform for the project. Practical exercises on managing and implementing the protocol.	NEST BERLIN
10.15 – 11.00	<b>Community Engagement Strategies</b> Techniques for engaging with local communities. Building partnerships and promoting the project.	SISH ACES Europe
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 – 12.15	<b>Best practice sharing</b> The case of Municipality of Valencia	DES
12.15 – 12.45	<b>Action plan and next steps</b> Working in National Groups	ALL
12.45 – 13.00	<b>Closing Session</b> Final Q&A. Feedback collection from participants.	L'ORMA
13.00 – 14.30	Working Lunch	

## Transnational Project Meeting | Day 2 – 13.12.2024 (\*\*\*)

**Place:** Rond Point Robert Schuman 6 - Box5 - 1040 Bruxelles

(\*\*\*) Only for representative of partners' organizations

14.30 – 15.00	<b>Recap of the project</b>	L'ORMA
15.00 – 15.30	<b>WP3</b> Engineering Phase   Co-design the Co-Governance protocol	DES ; NEST BERLIN
15.30 – 16.00	<b>WP4</b> Test phase   Test the co-governance Protocol	SISH
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee Break	
16.15 – 17.00	<b>WP5</b> Communication & Dissemination Strategies	NEST BERLIN; ACES EUROPE
17.00 – 18.00	<b>Conclusions, next steps and questions</b>	L'ORMA



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