European Conference
Sport Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees in a transforming Europe
Lisbon, 23 – 24 November, 2018
“Cidade do Futebol” – Portuguese Football Association headquarters

Provisional Programme

DAY ONE: Friday, 23 November 2018

8:30 - Registration

9:30 - Official Welcome

Opening speeches

- Joaquim Evangelista, SJPF President
- Kurt Wachter, fairplay – VIDC – Sport Inclusion Network (SPIN) coordinator
- Dr. Fernando Gomes, Portuguese FA President and UEFA Vice-President
- Dr. João Paulo Rebelo, Portuguese Secretary of State for Sports

10:00 -11:00 - Round Table 1
“Can sport build a diversified and inclusive Europe? A political vision.”

Chair: Cláudia Lopes - TVI

- Pedro Calado,– ACM, High Commissioner for Migration
- Mário Rui André – PAR, Refugees Platform
- Varpu Taarna – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (Finland)
- Elżbieta Gorska – UNHCR, Lisbon Office
- Paulo César – Odivelas, candidate for European City of Sport 2021
11:00-11:30 - Coffee Break

11:30-12:45 - Round Table 2
Social Inclusion through Sport: Challenges and needs of sport organizations, migrants and refugees”

Chair: Pedro Candeias – Expresso
- Francisca Araújo – Portuguese FA, Social Responsibility
- Nuno Delgado – Former Olympic Athlete and judo academy President
- Obert Makaza – Galway Bridge Project
- Aisha Albella – FC Barça Foundation
- Jonathan Fadugba – Fare network

13:00-14:15 - Lunch

14:15-15:45 - Parallel Workshop Session 1

Workshop A
Grass-roots sport clubs as agents of inclusion and active citizenship: Challenges and Good Practice.

This workshop, having due regard to varying national contexts, will seek interactively to explore and discuss the ingredients, challenges and benefits of inclusion and active citizenship as a cornerstone philosophy in grassroots sports with respect to refugees and asylum seekers. Regarding the format, 1-2 case study practical examples will be presented as part of the workshop to set the scene for interactive discussions and activities. The anticipated outcomes of the workshops are: Participants will have the opportunity to hear practical examples and discuss and share thoughts and or experiences on the topic.

Facilitator: Des Tomlinson, Football Association of Ireland (FAI)
Input: James Toner, FAI, project officer
Obert Makaza, Galway Bridge Project
Vanda Ramalho, Associação Nacional de Futebol de Rua - Bola P’ra Frente E6G Project
Vasco Malta – ACM, High Commissioner for Migration

Workshop B
Innovative tools and methods for social inclusion: How to practically support sport educators?

Sport educators and coaches often feel the need for support when they offer sporting activities for refugee children, adolescents and adults in sports clubs, youth facilities, schools and neighborhood centres. The workshop presents tools and methods for social inclusion developed by the SPIN project and by associated partners, such as training methods and quality criteria for self-evaluation. The workshop will be held in an interactive format: participants will practice and discuss some methods and will have the possibility to give feedback.

Facilitators: Willie Westerhof, Gender & Sport expert
Input: Victoria Schwenzer, Camino
Jerry Essandoh, fairplay-VIDC, workshop trainer

15:45-16:00 - Coffee break

16:00-17:30 - Parallel Workshop Session 2
Workshop C
Developing an international Sport Inclusion Network: Building alliances, new forms or cooperation and identifying resources

The so-called refugee crisis constitutes not only challenges but is an opportunity for the sport movement to demonstrate and deliver its massive potential for social inclusion of refugees and migrants. To address current challenges SPIN project partners suggested to develop a wider international network which brings together NGOs, sport clubs and associations, migrant & refugee organisations and experts. The workshop will explore necessities and current needs of a grass-roots oriented network. How can we avoid duplicating existing networks, but to be complementary and innovative? What should be the core functions of a future network and how to best mobilize resources?

Facilitator: David Hudelist, fairplay-VIDC
Input: Bella Bello Bitugu, Director of Sports, University of Ghana
Orsolya Tolnay, ENGSO, ASPIRE project
Itzik Shanan, New Israel Fund, Director, Founder of Kick Racism Out
Salomé Marivoet, ISCTE-CIES

Workshop D
The contribution of Migrant and Refugee-led Organisations

This workshop brings together field actors involve in organizing events, meetings and peer-to-peer support to migrant and refugees in need of advice. The participants will take this opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise to the other European partner. The discussions will focus on “outcome for cities regarding their integration programs” when they cooperate with organizations supporting migrants and refugees. Also we can exchange on “How national NGO’s use small organizations to help them run their migrant programme”.

Facilitator: Jean-Marc Alingue & Christian Thibault, Liikukaa-Sports for All
Input: Ali Shayan - Afghan Youth Sport & Culture Association - New Start in Austria
Mamadou Ba – SOS Racism Portugal
Alexander Kapitue – Refugees Portugal Association

17:30-17:45
Feedback from Workshops

DAY TWO: Saturday, 24 November 2018

9:30-10:30 - Round Table 3
“Migrant and Minority Women in Sport - Promoting sports participation and leadership capacities”

Chair: Miguel Morgado – Sapo 24
- Layla Mousa – UISP
- Cynthia Uwak – former FIFA Women’s World Player of the Year nominee, two-times African footballer of the Year
- Assunção Fernandes – Assumada Solidarity Association Presidente
- Maria Machado – Portuguese Olympic Committee
- David D’Agnelli – Liberi Nantes
10:30 – 11:00 - Coffee Break

11:00- 11:45 - Round Table 4
“Are the athletes really engaged with social inclusion? A football perspective”

Chair: Gonçalo Ferreira – SIC
- Carla Couto
- Osama Rashid - Santa Clara Football player
- Bella Bello Bitugu – University of Ghana, Director of Sports
- Vítor Baía (to be confirmed)

11:45 – 12:30 - Closing Session
“Establishing sustainable Sport Inclusion across Europe: Which way forward?”

Chair: Mário Fernando – TSF
- Des Tomlinson – Football Association of Ireland (FAI)
- João Oliveira – Portuguese Player’s Union (SJPF)
- Kurt Wachter – SPIN coordinator, fairplay - VIDC

12:30 - Final remarks: Joaquim Evangelista, president of the Portuguese Player’s Union

Closure of Conference/Departure