# ERASMUS+ small scale partnerships

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February 24th 2024, Final conference

# Including all persons for a Greener Future "Green-IN"













## **About the partnership**

- Association "Life & Joy" / Udruga život i radost
- Comune di Cavriago









## **Basics about the project**

- Organizations: Association «Life & Joy»/Udruga život i radost (Lead partner); Municipality of Cavriago/Comune di Cavriago
- **Duration**: 17 mths (03.10.2022 03.03.2024.)
- Total grant: €60.000,00
- Who is the project for? Target groups?
  - 10 young volunteers (5 from HR, 5 from IT);
  - 30 young persons w/disabilities (and parents);
  - Professionals that work w/persons w/disabilities
  - Citizens



## Priorities and themes

YOUTH: Promoting active citizenship, young people's sense of initiative and youth entrepreneurship including social entrepreneurship

HORIZONTAL: Environment and fight against climate change

HORIZONTAL: Inclusion and diversity in all fields of education, training, youth and sport

Keywords: Disabilities, Environment and climate change, Inclusion of marginalised young people

Social inclusion of persons with disabilities is central!

## Objectives & Results

#### The overall aim:

• to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the community by including youth in the actions of non-profits.

### The specific aim:

• to enhance the capacity of young persons as active citizens to support persons with disabilities in their efforts to be socially included in the wider community.

#### **Results:**

- 1 training methodology
- 10 young volunteers trained
- 1 innovative concept re: environmental protection
- 1 long-term cooperation agreement

## **Activities**

## 1. Preparation and Selection of candidates

## 2. Setting up the training programme for young volunteers

- a. Create a draft training programme and guidebook for candidates
- b. Focus group meetings (three different groups) \* 1 joint meeting per group.
- c. Adjusting content based on feedback from participants in focus groups.

## **Activities**

- 3. Workshops and training for young volunteers
  - a. In-situ workshops bringing together participants from both countries (1 in Cestica, 1 in Cavriago); 30 hrs of training per country
- 4. Organization of nature based actions
  - 1 in Cestica and 1 in Cavriago (serves as a way to test the volunteers' knowledge)
- 5. Evaluation activities and monitoring
- 6. Final conference and project sustainability
  - a. In Cestica, 1-2 days, presenting the project results and cooperation agreement

# Thank you!

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## **VOLUNTEERS TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

24.2.2024

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## DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING METHODOLOGY May - June, 50+ pages

Terminology and Laws

Sorts of disabilities

Visual disabilities

Hearing disabilities

Intellectual disabilities

Motorical disabilities

**ADHD** 

**Autism** 

Behavioral disorder

## MORE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Family of people with disabilities

Support

Prejudice

## OTHER THEMES

Active citizenship among youth

Organising an action with people with disabilities

How to strengthen a civil society organisation

## 2. FOCUS GROUPS



- PRESENTATION OF THE METHODOLOGY TO THE FOCUS GROUPS





- QUESTIONNAIRE ON CHANGES TO ME MADE



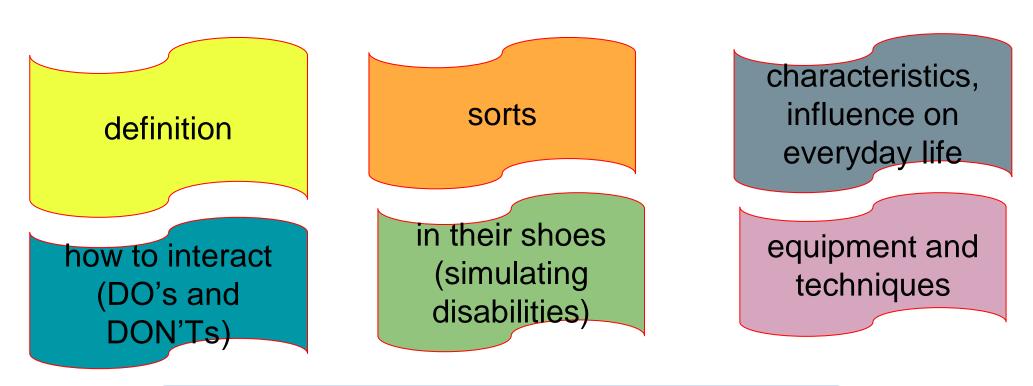
# 3. TRAINING OF VOLUNTEERS 5 WORKSHOPS x 6 HOURS

1. GET TO
KNOW
PEOPLE
WITH
DISABILITIES

2. ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AMONG YOUTH 3. ORGANISING
AN ACTION
WITH PEOPLE
WITH
DISABILITIES

4. HOW TO STRENGHEN A CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATION

## METHODOLOGY - GET TO KNOW PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



A questionnaire on gained knowledge and skills

Civil society

Active citizenship among youth

Volunterism

-characteristics
-functions in the society
-values

- benefits
- rights and obligations of volunteers and of organisations

**Planning** 

Organising an action with people with disabilities

Motivation

Delegating

**Evaluation** 

Integration and inclusion

How to strengthen a civil society organisation

Strategical planning

Operative planning

Project cycle management

## Results:

A training programme document (50+ pages)

30 hrs of training

A volunteer guidebook (20 pages)





## Thank you! Ines van Hoek

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trainer, instructor, non-profit manager

20+ years experience with people with disabilities and civil society organisations







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## Organization of the Training Activity in Cavriago

First steps and criticalities

1) Local call by Municipality for volunteers

2) Focus groups







#### Context and training idea



Disability is a topic that helps us reflect on the value of inclusion both specifically but also in everyone's daily life. The ability to value differences to overcome the limitations of cultural stereotypes is like a muscle that needs to be trained every day. Therefore, we designed a training course capable of addressing professionals, as well as volunteers and families by providing for the involvement of different actors who face the issue of inclusion. Emphasizing the importance of sports, which today represents the third educational agency in our society after the family and the school, we talked about how to include children and young people in sports teams and peer groups in motor activities, both during school hours and in the afternoon, thus counteracting sports dropout among the young and very young.





#### Context and training idea

In particular, emphasis has been placed on strategies to accommodate the diversity and uniqueness of all young athletes, whether they are people with certified disabilities or frailties of any kind, giving each child or youth a role and values: these strategies involve building an educational triangle that has the sports association, parents, and the peer team group at the top.

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30 hours of training -> small-group training alternated with large-participation meetings 4 workshop meetings open to the territory stakeholders, so parents/sport trainers/teachers with the aim of making the word inclusion concrete.



**Small-group training contents:** 



I play and have fun when... How to change the rules of games so that everyone has a role.

Il sistema dei servizi e dei sostegni che ruotano intorno ad un minore con disabilità. Caratteristiche delle principali disabilità e strategie per la gestione dei relativi comportamenti problema.

The system of services and supports that revolve around a child with disabilities. Characteristics of major disabilities and strategies for managing related problem behaviors.

Autismo: come prevenire e conoscere le situazioni problematiche promuovendo il benessere della persona. Analisi di casi concreti.

Autism: how to prevent and learn about problem situations by promoting the person's well-being. Analysis of concrete cases.

Analisi di strumenti didattici per l'apprendimento di nuove abilità nel soggetto con disabilità.



## **Workshop meetings:**

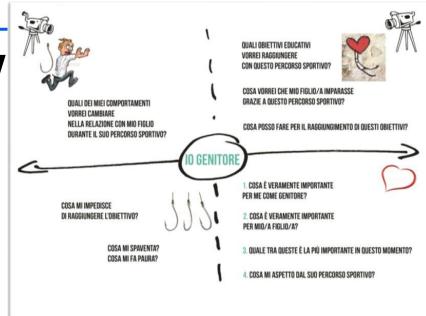
#### Meeting with the families

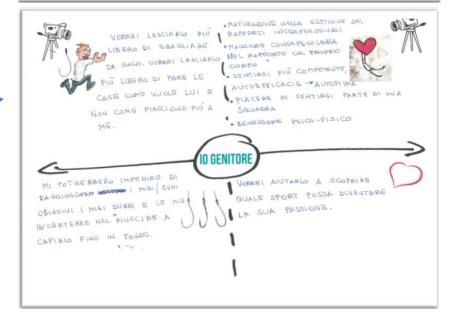
 Participants: all inclusive sport tutors, parents of children and youth with disabilities

#### **Contents**

- Sports as a source of children's well-being and quality of life
- The relationship between sporting expectations and satisfaction for both children and parents
- The importance of context in reinforcing or stopping certain behaviors
- The importance of a shared educational sports project, synchronizing with mentors and coaches
- Completion of the matrix by the parent:
  - "My goals regarding my child's sports journey."
  - "What is really important to my child"
  - "What behaviors of mine hinder him or her"
  - "What scares me"

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### **Workshop meetings:**

Meetings with the families The training included a lecture part and a game and interaction part with

participants.









### **Workshop meetings: Enhance the differences**

#### Meeting with experts/trainer

- Participants: all inclusive sport tutors, sport trainers, teachers
   Contents
- Enhancing sports as the third educational agency of society, after family and school
- How to create an inclusive environment, for the athlete with disabilities and all his or her teammates, both in school motor hours and in afternoon sports
- How to promote peer to peer relationships
- How to bring out the qualities of each child and accommodate the certified disabilities or frailties of each athlete
- How to involve parents, educators, teachers, and coaches in a shared educational sports project

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## **Workshop meetings: Enhance the differences**

The audience stayed for over an hour after the seminar ended to ask questions, speak and share experiences.









Workshop meetings: Strategies for the inclusion of athletes with disabilities

#### **Meeting with expert/trainer**

Participants: all inclusive sport tutors, sport trainers

## Contents

- The relationship between coach, tutor and family: the construction of a shared sports education project
- Responsibility: in a team problems and solutions are the responsibility of the group and not of the individual in difficulty
- The relational skills necessary to always foster listening and collaboration in a team
- How to foster the development of autonomy, sense of self-efficacy and self-esteem in the child with disabilities
- How to set individualized goals to foster learning processes in the child with disabilities
- Practical cases: questions and answers



## The training activity in Cavriago inclusive

Workshop meetings he training included a frontal lecture part and a part of play and interaction with











The training activity in Cavriago wall inclusives





# **Grazie! Hvala!**

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