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YOUAca 2.0: YOUth Academy of grassroots sport

Summary

Starting from the first experience of the Eu funded small collaborative partnership project YOUAca, the project YOUAca 2.0, with a partnership of 6 National sports organizations, coordinated by an International Sports Confederation, from 6 Eu Countries (Austria, Italy, Spain, Finland, Estonia and Croatia) aims at delivering the first edition of Youth Academy of Grassroots Sport, preparing a new generation of young leaders in grassroots sport at national and international level. This objective will be pursued implementing the Academy in order to develop skills of youngsters and young adults in grassroots sports management by the delivering of the training modules developed during the first edition of the project. The Academy will be implemented during 2 transnational meetings and an internship, engaging globally 50 youngsters and young adults and 27 experienced senior sports leaders. The key strategies of the entire project are the “learning by doing” approach and the intergenerational dialogue method. Moreover, in order to enhance the skills developed, YOUAca 2.0 has an innovative aspect: the establishment of a team of peer trainers composed of the best young leaders evaluated at the end of the first edition, so to promote the transition from users to managers in their sport organizations. In this edition a platform will be designed and tested becoming the main tool aimed at promoting connections and ideas between the sport organization’s members (youngsters and adults) both at national and international level.

The dissemination strategy will be implemented through these activities and tools: 2 transnational meetings, 2 interactive conferences, 1 final conference, the project’s guidelines, a web platform, a promotional video. All the project’s outputs will be promoted during the main events organized by the partner organizations at national and international level and they will be part of the YOUAca toolkit aimed at engaging other sport organizations.