



"Schoolyard Games" NEWSLETTER

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The "Schoolyard Games" project, funded by the ERASMUS-SPORT-2023 program, aims to revitalize traditional games and integrate them into contemporary educational and recreational contexts.



The idea about Schoolyard Games came up when school in our local community in Zagreb was reconstructed and suddenly students got new space to play: the space become crowded all day long quickly and we discovered a variety of games played creating new friendships, collaborations and liaisons. Students created vibrant community in the yard that will hopefully grow in life-long friendships.

Iva Gjurić, Lota's Box



Here's what we did last month:

On March 19 and 20, 2024 in Portugal, organizations from Serbia, Portugal, Slovakia, Turkey and Croatia gathered to lay the foundation for what will definitely transform the experience of traditional games that are threatened with extinction in our society.



Representatives of partner organizations shared their enthusiasm about the start of the 'Schoolyard Games' project, emphasizing the importance of such an initiative.



Here's what we plan to do:

- To exchange and collect a library of games youngsters play during free time;
- To promote the benefits of sport for health and wellbeing;
- To enhance contribution to an inclusive and active society through the collection of sport practices and methodologies that support inclusiveness and gender equality;
- To increase the organizations' capacity to operate at transnational level in given topic;
- To promote Erasmus+ Sport funding as an opportunity for exchange of good practices in sport and international mobility for organizations, sports clubs and various stakeholders.

“ The Schoolyard games project offers a great chance to engage young people in classic outdoor games and encourage them to be more active.

At OTI, we put big emphasis on preserving traditional games and dances, as seen in our previous projects like FOLKGAMES and FOLKDANCES. The Schoolyard games project aligns perfectly with our ongoing efforts to safeguard Slovakia's cultural heritage and get the youth involved in physical activities.



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