

## Tackling Racism in Grassroots Football

### **Project scope**

TACKLE was a 30th-month sports project run by six European countries: CARDET/Institute of Development- Cyprus, KMOP- Greece, UEFA Foundation for Children-Switzerland, FARE Network-Netherlands, Spectrum Research Centre-Ireland, and the University of Pitesti-Romania. The project aimed at developing tools and resources that will empower coaches, managers, and trainers of grassroots football to take up an active role in combating all forms of racism.

### **Key objectives**

The following goals were accomplished after the completion of the TACKLE project:

- Enhancement of the awareness and competences of football coaches and managers in grassroots football to proactively manage and prevent racism, xenophobia, and other forms of intolerance.
- Contribution to the prevention & mitigation of racism and xenophobia incidents in grassroots football.
- Enhancement of awareness of national and transnational football-sports stakeholders as well as the general public about the severe impact of racism on players, grassroots football, and sports in general.

### **Project outcomes**

The Intellectual Output 1 “*Transnational Report*” outlines present challenges and

effective practices in promoting inclusion in grassroots football emerged from the national research that was conducted in each partner country.

The “*TACKLE Curriculum*,” the second intellectual output, is composed of six modules that provide a thorough learning resource for football coaches and professionals, educating, informing, directing, and empowering them to prevent, address, or mitigate incidents of racism by and toward their players.

The third intellectual output, the “*Toolkit*” is a collection of resources that football coaches and educators can utilise to organise and implement learning activities on inclusion and anti-racism actions with grassroots football players.

The fourth and last output, the “*E-learning platform*” hosts the curriculum and toolkit providing free and simple access to the educational material.

### **Final meeting & conference**

The project's final meeting was hosted by UEFA Foundation for Children at their premises in Nyon on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023. For the first time since the project began, the partners were brought together at the meeting, allowing them to outline the last steps needed to finish the project.



The TACKLE conference took place the following day, on June 23, drawing more than 50 attendees in person and more via the live stream. The highlight of the event was Clarence Seedorf's participation, a former professional player and board member of the UEFA Foundation along with the productive discussions carried out on the importance of Inclusion in sports and in general.



### What's next?

The project's life cycle is now complete, leaving behind a cutting-edge training program and tools that can be utilised to inform and empower grassroots players, coaches, and not limited to the field of Inclusion in sports.

The partner organisations have also taken the necessary measures to disseminate the project results after its completion.

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