

PROJECT TITLE:

EOLHSS – European Observatory on LGBTIQ+ Hate Speech in Sports: Developing a system to prevent and protect athletes from hate speech

Funding line	ERASMUS-SPORT-2025 - European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
Field of work	Discrimination in sport, Violence in sport, Integrity and positive values in sport
Partners	EUROPEAN GAY AND LESBIAN SPORT FEDERATION VERENIGING – NL (Coordinator) UNIVERSITE LYON 1 CLAUDE BERNARD– FR FONDS WIENER INSTITUT FUR INTERNATIONALEN DIALOG UND ZUSAMMENARBEIT (VIDC) -AT GEZOND EN ETHISCH SPORTEN (SPORTIEQ) – BE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS AND AMATEURS IN SPORTS CONFEDERATION (CSIT) - AT
Objective	Overall Objective: Raising awareness of hate speech and resultant discrimination based on LGBTIQ+ identity, addressing the common roots of these discriminations and developing measures towards a more LGBTIQ+ inclusive grassroots sport culture Specific objectives: 1. providing fresh and robust insights into LGBTIQ+ hate speech through data collection and analysis 2. raising awareness about the scale and the impact of LGBTIQ+ hate speech 3. developing a range of interventions including best practices for preventing and responding to LGBTIQ+ hate speech
Target groups	Sport Organisers LGBTIQ+ Athletes
Activities (Work Packages - WP)	WP1 Project Management M1-36 1.1 Launch and develop partnerships 1.2 Prepare internal communication tools 1.3 Prepare Project Management Tools (D1.1) 1.4 Financial management 1.5 Create visual brand for the project 1.6 Create Language Guidance (D1.3) 1.7 Convene a Steering Group 1.8 Evaluate and improve project delivery 1.9 Schedule and plan project meetings 1.10 Develop and publish Sustainability Report (D1.4) WP2 Data Collection + Analysis, M4-24 2.1 Literature Review 2.2 Extract key findings for public communication 2.3 Create plan for monitoring hate speech 2.4 Monitor hate speech 2.5 Organise and analyse data 2.6 Present and discuss data WP3 Awareness Raising of Hate Speech, M8-30 3.1 Design Process for collecting individuals' stories 3.2 Collect stories 3.3 Extract key points from Research Review 3.4 Design a Digital Campaign 3.5 Create campaign material (D2.1) 3.6 Implement Digital Awareness Raising Campaign WP4 Development of Interventions, M4-M30 4.1 Develop Set of Standards (D4.1) 4.2 Build Self-Evaluation tool 4.3 Build Online Training Course 4.4 Test Tools 4.5 Publish and disseminate Set of Standards (D4.1), Self Evaluation Tool (D4.2) and Online Training Course (D4.3) 4.6 Map documented accounts of remedy

	4.7 Add new accounts of remedy to the map 4.8 Evaluate impact of tools 4.9 Contribute to Sustainability Report WP5 Project Dissemination for Impact + Accountability, M6-M34 5.1 Develop objectives and indicators for evaluating dissemination 5.2 Prepare Communication Plan (D5.1) 5.3 Implement communication plan 5.4 Organise and host Roundtable 1 5.5 Organise and host Roundtable 2 5.6 Design a Dissemination Campaign (D5.2) 5.7 Create campaign material (D5.2) 5.8 Implement Dissemination Campaign (D5.2) 5.9 Design and plan Conference 5.10 Promote event and manage registrations 5.11 Co-host Conference
Expected outcomes	In the short-term, we will get a solid understanding of the prevalence and form that hate speech takes and the impact that it has. This knowledge will be shared widely to help create appetite and demands for change, which has the potential to be powerful. In addition, as well as understanding the issue, a mutual understanding of what sport organisers need to aim towards will help actors visualise a path for their own development, but also some immediate tools like a self evaluation or possible routes to remedy or the online learning course can help organisations prevent or remedy new incidents of hate speech. In the mid-term, the project will raise standards across a number of sporting organisations and contexts. Organisations will have a better understanding and appreciation of the experiences of the LGBTIQ+ community and will be more ready to dedicate time and resource and effort to improving standards. Through the round table meetings and conference, a movement will start to grow that will support and advocate for the efforts towards ending hate speech which may include a new work plan which scales up the practices tested in this project. And finally - in the long-term - a European Observatory will be developed based on the experiments and efforts and experiences of the activities in this project. This agency in whichever form it takes, will lead on the protection and prevention of hate speech across all sport dimensions and specifically it will continue to collect and analyse data; raise awareness about the impact of hate speech; develop interventions; support affected individuals and promote the accountability of sport organisers - on a pan sport and pan-European scale. Sport organisers will be effective and dedicated to their role in creating a safe sporting environment and culture, free of hate speech. This means that in the long term members of the LGBTIQ+ community can participate freely in sport without fear of abuse in any form or on any platform.
Duration	36 months