

## Georgia's Expression of Interest

### For enhanced cooperation within the scope of Erasmus+ sport

Over the last few decades, Georgia as a partner country of Erasmus+ has demonstrated ample experience in international collaboration through participation in higher education component of the programme. Inspired by such successes, Erasmus + Sport activities, aiming at developing the European dimension in sport, is a huge opportunity for our country to work together with partner institutions in European countries, through creation and development of European networks, providing opportunities for cooperation among stakeholders and exchange knowledge in different areas of sport policy. Here are the ways of cooperation:

- Collaborative partnerships;
- Small Collaborative partnerships;
- Not for profit European sport events;

Therefore, Georgia started active process of attracting potential international partners in order to participate in Erasmus + Sport program and work with them on joint grant project ideas. Those project ideas are related to the development of sport policy in the following areas:

- Promoting Healthy lifestyle and sport;
- Increasing public participation in mass sport events;
- Improving sport infrastructure;
- Organizing European Sport Week, sport festivals and events;
- Promotion of traditional sports and games;
- Protection of Human Rights and ensuring principles of good governance;

Taking into consideration the information mentioned above, The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia is exploring opportunities for development of partnership with EU partners for joint partnership within upcoming calls of Erasmus+ Sport component, which will be one more step for the promotion of sport policy and especially grassroots sport throughout the world.

Please disseminate the information among sport organizations operating in your countries about Georgia's interest for joint partnership on the above mentioned directions within upcoming calls of Erasmus+ Sport component.

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