



A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

The partnership working together to achieve the ONside project brings together a selection of 11 partners from 9 different Member States having a recognised expertise, knowledge and interest in the area of sport officiating.

Coordinated by EOSE, the project includes a unique combination of 3 International/European sport federations, 2 national sport federations, 1 national sports council, 1 National Olympic Committee, 1 university, and 2 national associations of sport officials.

OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP OF THE ONside PROJECT



European Observatoire of Sport and Employment (EOSE)
Coordinator of the project
France/EU



Sports Officials UK (SOUK)
UK



Sport Malta
Malta



European Athletics
Switzerland/EU



British Wheelchair Basketball
UK



European Table Tennis Union (ETTU)
Luxembourg/EU



Association Française du Corps Arbitral Multisports (AFCAM)
France



European Handball Federation (EHF)
Austria/EU



Dutch Olympic Committee "Dutch Sports Federation (NOC*NSF)
Netherlands



Romanian Football Federation (FRF)
Romania



National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski"
Bulgaria



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"Sport officials are essential for all sport competitions. Researching the sector and defining standards for sport officials through the ONside project will provide a solid base for future development of the role of sport officials in Europe"

Howard Webb, ONside Project Ambassador,
UEFA Champions League and FIFA World Cup Final referee.



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Enhancing the skills of Sport Officials in Europe



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EXPECTATIONS AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS

The ONSIDE project meets specific needs of the sector:

- To explore the roles and current issues in sport officiating
- To define generic skills and competences* of sport officials
- To deliver new education courses to upskill the officiating workforce

The project is based on a solid research component and will result in industry-led occupational standards and a training handbook of modules for sport officials in Europe.

The project aims to increase the profile of sport officiating while supporting those responsible for the education of sport officials across all nations and sports.

**Generic skills and competences are those which are common across all sports such as decision making, fair play, integrity and communication.*



INNOVATIVE EDUCATION TO ENHANCE THE SKILLS OF SPORT OFFICIALS IN EUROPE



OFFICIATING AT THE HEART OF EUROPEAN SPORT

The role of sport officials (e.g. umpires, referees, judges) is vital in sport. They ensure participants compete within the spirit of the sport or activity through the impartial and consistent application of its rules and laws.

Sport officiating is central to sustaining and increasing participation in sport by offering a fair, safe and enjoyable environment for participants and spectators.

Officials also undertake an important role in the staging of sport competitions and are the guardians of standards for sport.

The recruitment, training and retention of sport officials are of vital importance to all sports, at all levels, in all nations across Europe.



AN INNOVATIVE TRANSNATIONAL EUROPEAN PROJECT FOCUSING ON SPORT OFFICIALS

Sport organisations across Europe recognise the need to enhance the image and recognition of sport officials and to provide them with the opportunity to develop their skills to respond to the challenging environment in which they operate.

The ONSIDE project entitled “Innovative education to enhance the skills of Sport Officials in Europe” explores and defines, for the first time at the EU level, the generic competences, skills and knowledge expected of sport officials – covering all sports and nations.

The project implements the Lifelong Learning Strategy for Sport, known as the 7 Step Model, as the working methodology to guide the different stages of the project.

The education component includes the development and delivery of brand new training through innovative learning methods, including e-learning courses.

The project, funded by the European Commission under Erasmus+ Sport, is being conducted from January 2018 to December 2020.

