

LETTER OF INTENTIONS

Between the undersigned respective stakeholders within the project

IN/ThROUGH - The Power of Cross-sectoral Synergy between Education and Sport

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With a goal to:

- A. Create more open, tolerant and inclusive local communities that are based on the respect of European fundamental values and human rights,
- B. Enhance youth engagement in practicing sport and health-enhancing physical activities, and
- C. Boost trans-national and cross-sectoral cooperation in the field of intercultural dialogue and promotion of European project,

we, the undersigned representatives of local authorities, sport clubs and youth organizations from Croatia, North Macedonia and Serbia, on behalf of our organizations, gathered within the initiative *“IN/ThROUGH - The Power of Cross-sectoral Synergy between Education and Sport”* that is supported the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union, acknowledge that:

- a) Promotion of intercultural dialogue and strengthening of European project among citizens and especially young people, are of increased importance for the future of Europe,
- b) Rooting European fundamental values in the life of local communities and young people is a cornerstone of societal and their personal development, and key step toward achieving European Citizenship,
- c) Cross-sectoral synergy between grassroots sport and education is a powerful driving force for resolution and transformation of the social and transnational challenges,
- d) Sport as neutral language and most favourite form of activism among youth people plays vital role in their social education,
- e) Education in and through sport can significantly raise awareness of young people and support them in achieving lifelong education goals of enhanced solidarity and tolerance, understanding and appreciating values of equality, diversity and peace,
- f) Youth participation in sport and health-enhancing physical activities need to be increased in Croatia, North Macedonia and Serbia, having in mind that this participation level is lower than EU average, and that physical and mental health of young people is at risk,

Therefore, we are committing to:

- a) Closer and long-lasting cross-sectoral and trans-national cooperation between our organizations and institutions on establishing intercultural local communities based on European fundamental values;

- b) Enhanced level of mutual collaboration on creating local and trans-national opportunities for societal education of young people in and through sport;
- c) Work on promoting and empowering youth participation in sport and health-enhancing physical activities with intention of safeguard and enhance physical and mental health of young people;
- d) Advocate for greater recognition and application of non-formal education in sport with young people and sport in non-formal education of young people;
- e) Work on promoting importance and benefits of European project and concept of European Citizenship among young people through trans-national cooperation in the field of sport;

This letter of intentions is considered as a guiding document for all future actions of the INTRO network.

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