

# 2010/2011 EU Youth Unified Sports Development Project Agreement Number 2009-11784



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## UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Article 30: **Participation** in cultural life, recreation, leisure and **sport**.

Promote the participation of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting activities at all levels.



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**What does the reality of inclusion of people with (intellectual) disabilities in mainstream sport look like?**



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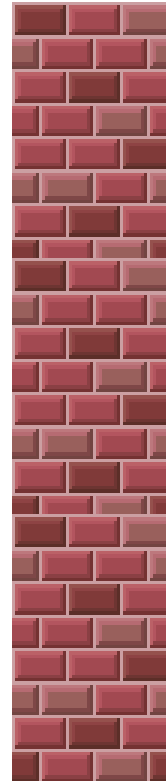
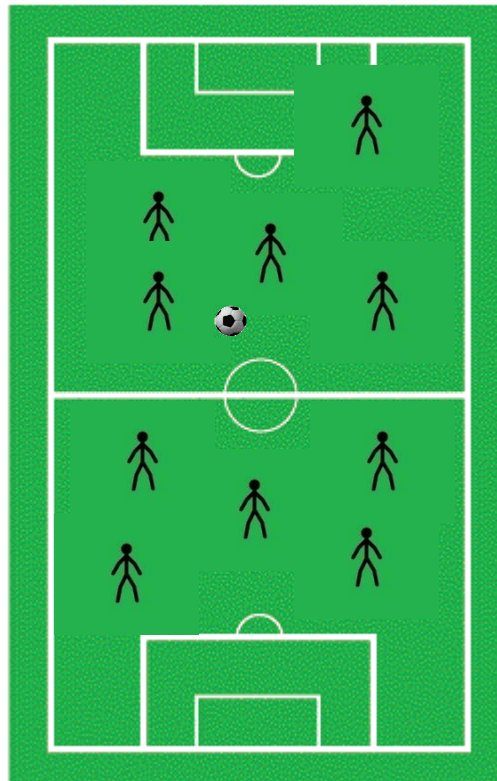
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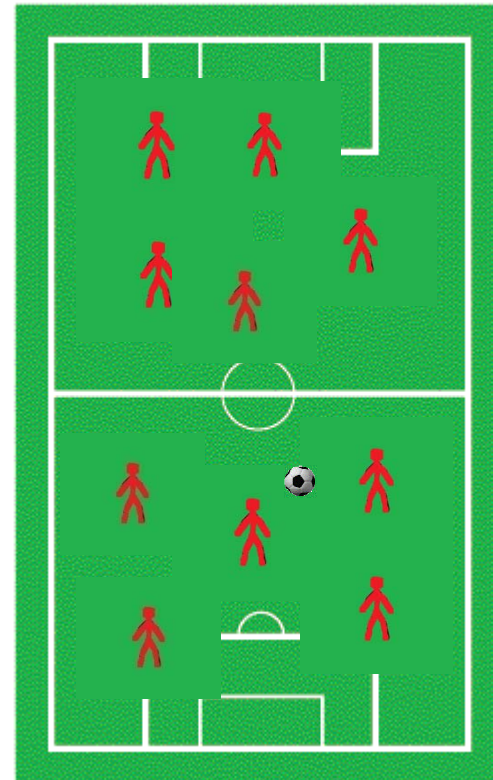
# The segregation model = most common



**Mainstream Sport**



**Disability Sport**



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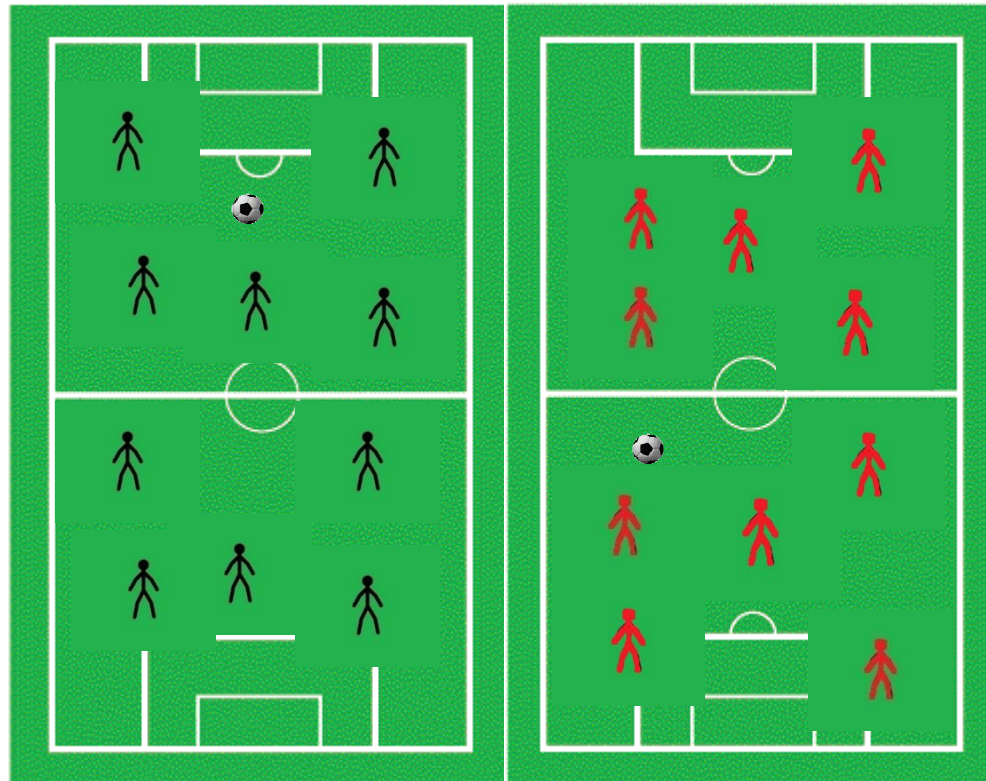
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# The « parallelization » model = developing



## Mainstream sport sharing facilities with disability sport



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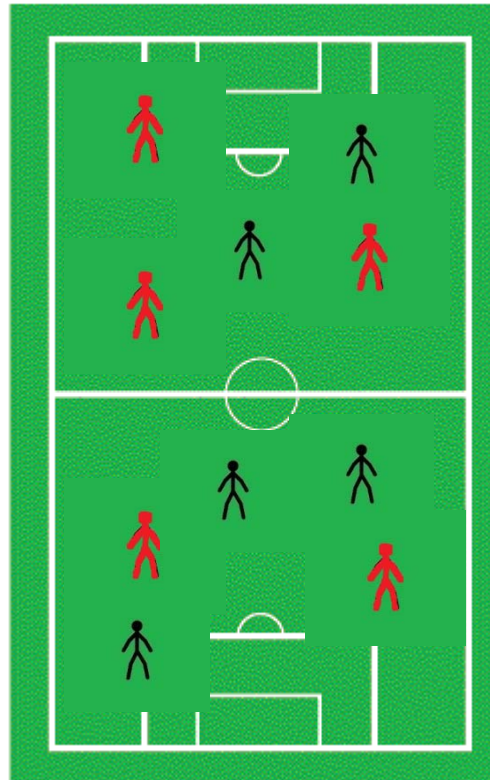


## Youth with & without intellectual disability playing sports together

Unified Sports players with intellectual disability are called athletes.

Unified Sports players without intellectual disability are called partners.

The keys to a meaningful involvement of all players in a team are age and ability matching.



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Sport Federations

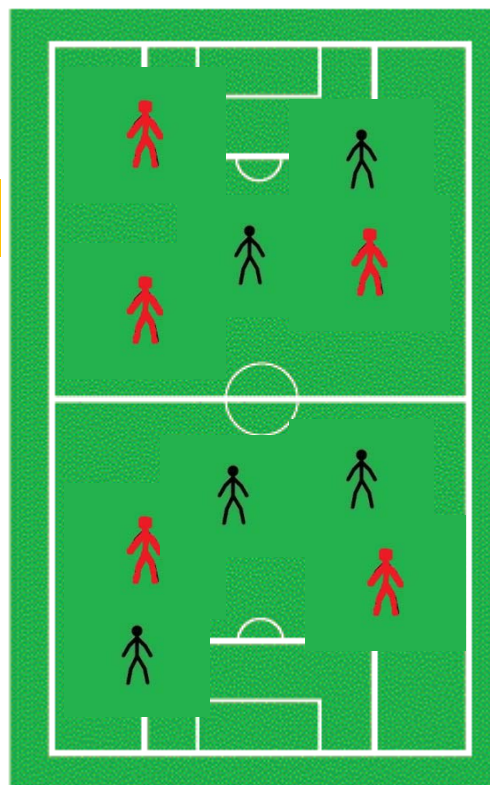
Local authorities

Universities

Teacher associations

Government

Group homes for people  
with intellectual disabilities



Local Sports Clubs

Special Schools

Mainstream Schools

Inclusive Schools

Local Special  
Olympics Program

Parents

# Project Description and Targets



- Local community level in 10 EU countries
- Regular training and sport competitions in football and basketball
- 2000 young people with & without disabilities aged 12-25
- 200 inclusive teams
- 200 trained volunteer coaches and educators
- Networks with schools, local sports clubs, universities and sport federations for sustainability
- Platforms to offer youth players to share experience



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# 10 Project Partners



- Special Olympics Denmark
- Special Olympics Finland
- Special Olympics Germany
- Special Olympics Belgium
- Special Olympics Italy
- Special Olympics Latvia
- Special Olympics Lithuania
- Special Olympics Poland
- Special Olympics Portugal
- Special Olympics Romania



# Examples of Project Alliances



Sport Federations	Institutional/ Governmental Partners	Coach Education and Research Partners	Other Partners
<p>Danish FA, German FA Sepp- Herberger Foundation, Lithuanian BB and Football Federations, Romanian BB and Football Federations, Finish BB Federation Portuguese BB Federation</p> <p>UEFA, FIBA, Europe/Euroleague</p>	<p>City councils of Turku, Oulu and Lahti; German Regional Ministries, Italian Ministry of Education</p> <p>EU</p>	<p>Latvian Academy of Physical Education; University School of Motor Sciences Torino, University of Pisa, University of Kiel/Germany, Italian Inter University Centre, University La Sapienza, Lithuanian Academy of PE, University of Bucharest/Romania, PE University of Poznan/Poland</p> <p>University of Ulster RRCC</p>	<p>Facebook groups, Special Olympics regional and local programs</p> <p>ISCA</p>

# Project Timeline



Dec 2009- Feb 2010	March/April	April /May	June-Sept	Sept 18-24	Oct 2010- March 2011	Nov 27 – Dec 5 2010	Feb 2011	March 31
Project preparatory work with partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kick off seminar with 10 Project Partners March 5-7 Lisbon</b></li> <li>• Kick off nat. activities</li> <li>• Coach education seminars</li> <li>• Networking &amp; partner activation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>European Football Week April 30-May 7</b></li> <li>• Regular training and competition on local &amp; national level</li> <li>• Coach education seminars</li> <li>• Networking &amp; partner activation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular training &amp; competing on local &amp; national level</li> <li>• Summer Camps</li> <li>• Coach education seminars</li> <li>• Networking &amp; partner activation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>European Summer Games:</b></li> <li>• <b>Unified BB competition</b></li> <li>• <b>coach seminar</b></li> <li>• <b>European Symposium Community Integration through Sport</b></li> <li>• <b>European Youth Summit</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Oct 29-31 seminar with 10 project partners Bucharest/ R</b></li> <li>• Regular training &amp; competing on local &amp; national level</li> <li>• National &amp; local Youth Summits</li> <li>• Coach education seminars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>European Basketball Week</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth in Sport Leadership Seminar at European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, Feb 3-6</b></li> <li>• <b>Final project seminar Fulda/ Germany Feb 11-13</b></li> </ul>	End of project



# Conclusions



- 200 new Youth Unified Basketball & Football teams
- 334 coaches educated in Unified Sports
- New alleys opened for integration of people with intellectual disability in the community
- Enhanced cooperation with National Football, and Basketball Federations and other partners
- Enhanced education tools and mechanisms for coaches and educators
- Youth leadership and participation strengthened



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## Conclusions ctd



- Breaking through traditional ways of thinking and acting is challenging and needs time
- Change taking place at various different levels in the different countries
- Ground laid for sustainable structures
- A positive and successful experience for all
- Encouraging expansion in future (further sports, countries)



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