

Europe For Citizens – Stran2, Measure Civil Society Projects

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as member of ETSGA since 2007, AGA is promoter of a multinational - European - nomination of Tocati - programme for the safeguarding of traditional sports and games - for inscription in the UNESCO'S Register of Good Safeguarding Practices of Intangible Cultural Heritage. (<https://ich.unesco.org/en/register>)

Rational

Euroscepticism has gained ground in Member States to the point of redrawing political maps and disrupting traditional political divisions. The concept of Euroscepticism can be linked to the situation of crisis that Europe is going through, especially due to the high number of migrants' arrival. Although solidarity is one of the main pillars of our Union, many people and populist movements are taking the distance from it, driven by stigmatisation of "minorities", especially "migrants". Unfortunately, immigrants are held responsible for all ills or presented as potential threats to the preservation of national living standards, social cohesion and internal insecurity.

In this climate of crisis and fear for insecurity it is important to promote mutual understanding and community values. One of the more natural ways of promoting social inclusion and so tackling stigmatisation is by breaking the physical barriers between local communities and migrants and propel informal leisure encounters.

Traditional games and sports, as expressions of communities' identity, have always been an occasion to bring people together, no matter their race, religion or sex orientation.

Indeed, intangible cultural heritage is an important factor in maintaining cultural diversity in the face of growing globalization. An understanding of the intangible cultural heritage of different communities helps with intercultural dialogue, and encourages mutual respect for other ways of life.

The importance of intangible cultural heritage is not the cultural manifestation itself but rather the wealth of knowledge and skills that is transmitted through it from one generation to the next. The social and economic value of this transmission of knowledge is relevant for minority groups and for mainstream social groups within a State, and is as important for developing States as for developed ones.

Objectives of the projects

The project is aimed at building counter narratives to foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding, by promoting traditional games and sports as moments of union that help overcoming stigmatisation, racism and xenophobia.

Meanwhile the project aims to protect the intangible cultural heritage of traditional games and sports.

Specific objectives

- To promote solidarity and European values through traditional games and sports;
- To develop an awareness raising process amongst local communities in Europe to promote mutual understanding;

- To establish a strong network of EU organizations that use traditional games and sports to foster social inclusion.
- To promote leisure encounters between communities and socio-economic vulnerable groups, through traditional games and sports.

Activities

Phase 1: Cooperation path

Establishing of a network of organizations using traditional games and sports to foster mutual understanding and inclusion; Exchange of best practices and first co-drafting of a manifesto of mutual understanding.

Phase 2: Awareness raising

implementation of a number of national and international events aimed at promoting the awareness raising process among local communities.

Partners

We are looking for civil society organisations involved in the fields of:

- Traditional games and sports
- Intangible heritage
- Intangible heritage's festivals