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EQUAL PLAY
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Second Transnational Project Meeting

The **second transnational project meeting** took place in **Malatya, Türkiye, on 2-3 September 2025**, bringing together project partners and a talented group of young female basketball players from Spain, Portugal and Türkiye.

Alongside partner coordination and discussions on project implementation, this international basketball event provided a valuable opportunity for players to train together, showcase their skills and learn from one another.



Participants also attended a seminar presenting the core philosophy of the Equal Play project, focused on promoting equality, diversity and inclusion in sport.

A particularly inspiring moment was the participation of two wheelchair basketball players from the Malatya Metropolitan Municipality basketball club, who joined the training session and shared their experiences, highlighting the importance of accessibility and equal opportunities in sport.

The meeting successfully combined sport, learning and international exchange, while also enabling partners to align on next steps and upcoming project activities.



European Week of Sport 2025

Within the framework of the **European Week of Sport 2025**, the Equal Play project contributed to promoting key values of equality, inclusion and fair play through sport.

As part of this EU-wide initiative, the project reinforced its commitment to promoting inclusive and equal participation in sport.

The initiative highlighted that sport is not only about physical activity, but also about community, solidarity and equal opportunities for all.

Through ongoing project activities, partners continue to spread the message that sport belongs to everyone, regardless of gender, age or background.

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Third Transnational Project Meeting

The **third transnational project meeting** took place on **20-21 January 2026 in Mirandela, Portugal**, hosted by ADCS Carvalhais, bringing together project partners to review progress and plan the next phase of implementation.

During the meeting, partners discussed ongoing project activities, focusing on further development, implementation and coordination of upcoming actions.

The meeting provided space for concrete planning, alignment of activities, and strengthening cooperation among partners.



Partners also participated in a workshop on gender equality in sport, which brought together experts and professionals from the basketball community.

Through open dialogue and practical insights, the workshop addressed key challenges and opportunities for advancing gender equality in sport.

In addition, a joint basketball training session was organised with young female players and the Mirandela Basket Club, fostering exchange, learning and connection among participants, while promoting the values of inclusion and equal opportunities in sport.





WHAT'S NEXT?

The project continues to strengthen networking and partnership-building, building on the connections and collaboration established through previous project activities and transnational meetings.

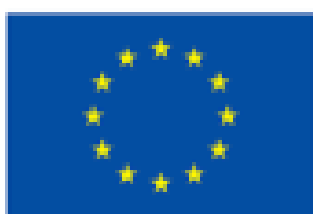
At the same time, partners will continue working on the development of the Equal Play Toolkit, ensuring the collection and consolidation of key project outputs.

The consortium will meet again in Šibenik, Croatia, for the upcoming transnational project meeting, where the next phase of activities will be further coordinated and implemented.

Together, we continue breaking the basketball glass ceiling and ensuring that every girl has the opportunity to thrive both on and off the court.

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