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Working closely with local sporting communities we have managed to further expand our reach to different populations. A brand-new community of practice of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) athletes was initiated in June 2020 to address the clean sport education needs and issues of amateur and professional athletes in MMA from the UK and other countries. This community is led by Cyprus Anti-Doping Authority (CyADA) with the support of Professor Lambros Lazuras from Sheffield Hallam University. Our goal is to continue the community of practice through 2022, after the official ending date of the project

Engaging coaches, sport journalists, and local communities in clean sport education

After successfully representing project IMPACT in cycling races that resumed in mid-2021 after pandemic restrictions, our partners from Rome (SS Lazio Ciclismo) successfully held a multiplier event in October. The event was attended and supported by representatives from different sport organisations and the local sporting community in Rome.



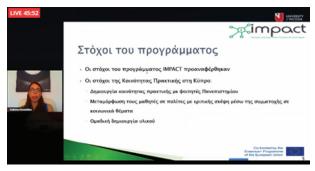


Empowering the Next Generation of Sport Practitioners

In July 2021, our partners University of Nicosia Research Foundation and the Cyprus Anti-Doping Authority (CyADA) successfully concluded their joint Community of Practice and presented the lived experiences and feedback from the community members in a half-day web-based conference that was livestreamed via YouTube.















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IMPACT's Repository of Clean Sport Education

After a challenging year, our IT partners from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki finalised the web-based repository of clean sport education programs. This open-access resource includes a wide range of web-based clean sport education programs that have been funded previously by Erasmus+ Sport, the International Olympics Committee, and other funding bodies. Through this repository we ensure that previously funded projects are not forgotten and lost, and that they are meaningfully re-used and re-created to address the clean sport education needs of different sport stakeholders.



Clean Sport Education as an Employability Prospect

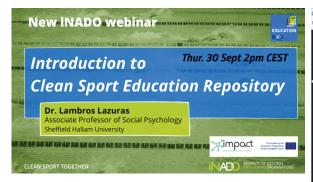


Considering the long-term impact of our project, we have established an online discussion group in EU's Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe (EPALE). This group aims to serve as a forum for the exchange of knowledge, new ideas, and innovations in the area of clean sport promotion and education. The specific objectives of the group are to:

- 1. Understand how clean sport education can be integrated in employability and career development initiatives for adult learners in sport, health, and education disciplines.
- 2. Identify best practices in the area of clean sport education.
- 3. Generate innovative ideas and solutions to better tackle doping use through education and training.

Engaging with the International Anti-Doping Community

In September 2021, iNADO organised a webinar about project IMPACT that was attended by 36 representatives from different National Anti-Doping Organisations, UEFA, US Anti-Doping Agency, and the World Anti-doping Agency.











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Sharing Best Practices with other Erasmus+ Sport Projects

Professor Lazuras presented project IMPACT's communities of practice and the repository for clean sport education in the 5th Annual Forum for Anti-Doping in Recreational Sport, and emphasised the need to maximise the visibility, impact, and added value of clean sport education projects. The event was hybrid involving both face-to-face presentations in Brussels, and virtual presentations. The talk by Dr Lazuras can be watched in the following link after 3:13:00: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UryGyY_ee6s&t=6025s



Project IMPACT goes to the Council of Europe!



The President of the Cyprus Anti-Doping Authority (CyADA) and member of our consortium, presented project IMPACT at the 54th meeting of the Council of Europe Anti-Doping Monitoring Group that was held in Strasbourg on 13-14 December 2021. The meeting was hybrid and included both face-to-face and online attendance, and was attended by representatives from NADOs, governments from more than 50 different countries and other international sport organisations, such as the International Olympics Committee and EU Athletes.

End-of-project conference

Within the premises of the final transnational partners' meeting, IMPACT's end-of-project conference tool place in the School of Physical Education and Sport Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, on Friday December 17th 2021. The conference was greeted by the General Secretary of Sport of the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sport, Mr George Mavrotas, the President and Dean of the School, and involved a presentation by Professor Lambros Lazuras about the importance of clean sport education as an important employability and career development asset for sport professionals. The conference was attended by academics of the School and sport professionals and stakeholders from local and national sport federations and teams.





Final transnational project partners' meeting



Enjoying the sunny skies of Thessaloniki, our IMPACT partners presented their achievements during the entire duration of the project and discussed strategic plans to further sustain IMPACT's role in clean sport education promotion in 2022 and beyond.

