

# Doping prevention through peer learning among youth

prePLAY Project Team

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## Introduction

Share the best practice to initiate other NADOs to start the similar prevention programmes

#### **G** The main outline:

Background for applying from Erasmus+ programme
 Overall idea of the prePLAY project
 Tips and experiences for NADOs

During the presentation keep in mind:
If your NADO/IF could involve more volunteers to the prevention activities
Which additional target groups should be approached during the prevention

#### Doping prevention through peer learning among youth

Erasmus + project – Sport Programme – Collaborative Partnership

300.073,98 € - 80% is co-funded by EU (EACEA)

6 partners + independent observer from DSJ







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# How to apply from Erasmus+ programme?

- Take enough time, application is very comprehensive
  - Solution We had only 1 month and it was barely enough
- Try to find reliable partners as soon as possible
  - You can not submit the application if you don't have enough partners and/or if they don't have PIC numbers
  - In the application try to stick to the guidelines
- 🕼 Hope for the best  $\bigcirc$

# Overall idea of prePLAY project

To recruit and train anti-doping ambassadors which will, with the method of peer networking, develop and shape a network of young athletes that believe in a sound mind in a healthy body and reject any thought of using doping substances to enhance their athletic prowess.



# Can everyone do it?

# YES, they can!

s Implementation of such a programme is a bit demanding, but on a national level one can do it

s low budget (partly based on volunteerism)

A Involves young people (athletes)

suitable for topics on which young people don't want to talk about

# **Overall idea of prePLAY project**

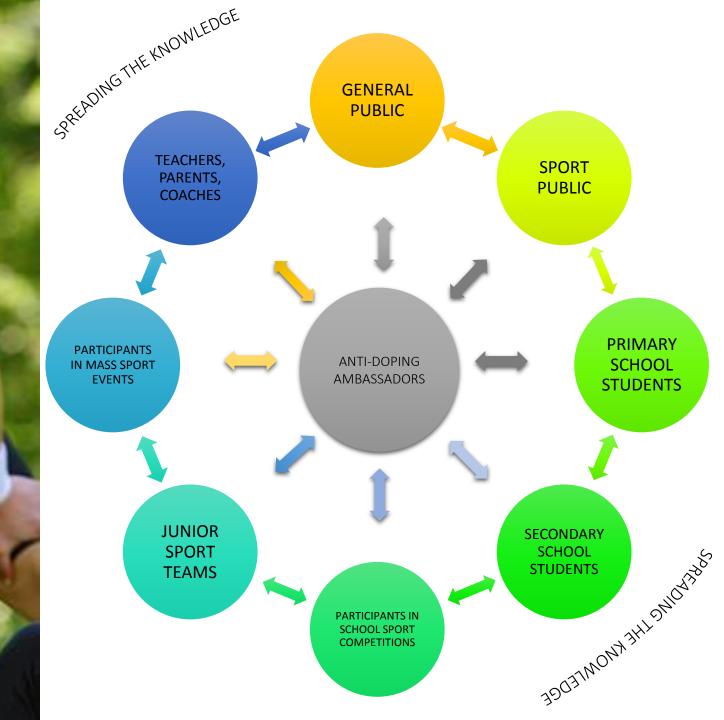
Anti-doping ambassadors are educating young athletes about the importance of clean sport and dangers of doping with the method of peer to peer networking

> Anti-doping knowledge

Ambassadors

Target groups, e.g. youth on grassroots levels of sport

Peer-to-peer networking



# Innovative aspects of prePLAY project

TARGETING PARTICIPANTS AT GRASSROOT LEVEL OF SPORT

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY FOR RETIRED ATHLETES

PEER-TO-PEER NETWORKING ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION AS PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

# How to carry out such a model of prevention?

- 1) ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, LONG-TERM PLANNING, SETTING OBJECTIVES / DESIRED OUTCOMES
- 2) AMBASSADORS RECRUITMENT
- 3) AMBASSADORS TRAINING
- 4) PREVENTION ACTIVITIES
- 5) EVALUATION

# **ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION**

Before the organization starts with ambassadors program there are several areas that should be analyzed:

- Environment there are two main environments to analyze: sport and school environment
- S Current prevention programs Are there any? Who are they targeting?

Resources – do you have efficient resources to carry out numerous prevention activities?

#### ENVIRONMENT

- sport environment
- school environment

CURRENT DOPING PREVENTION PROGRAMS

FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES

# LONG-TERM PLANNING, SETTING OBJECTIVES AND DESIRED OUTCOMES

#### TIME PERIOD

Ambassadors recruitment: 3-6 months

**Overall plan:** 3-5 years in advance

#### TARGET GROUPS

Identify how to reach young athletes: Through NSF In schools At sport clubs At sport events Over Social Media

#### OBJECTIVES

General objectives: conditions for clean sport Intermediate objectives: ambassadors recruitment, educational materials, prevention activities ...

#### DESIRED OUTCOMES

Short-term results: influence on knowledge, attitudes and opinions Mid-term results: influence on behavior, practice, decisions and social action Long-term results: behavior change

# **AMBASSADORS RECRUITMENT**

**AThrough** publication of positions

Basic criteria:
Age (18 – 23)
Sport background
Communication and presentation skills
Understanding of management and team work
Motivation and willingness to work voluntarily

Final selection should be made based on individual interviews

# Where to find candidates and how many to choose?

Ambassadors recruitment should be carried out in cooperation with national sport federations

Sending an e-mail is not enough Informative meeting for NSFs

Sther options:

Sport faculty, high schools with sport departments, social media (Facebook, Twitter), personal contacts, etc.

ADOs needs and doping prevention programs plans

Between 10 to 20% of ambassadors will give up in the first year

I Probably up to 50% in the second year

Take time for interviews - choosing the right candidates will make your life a lot easier

# **AMBASSADORS TRAINING**

#### Ambassadors training (3 to 5 days)

- Theoretical lectures and practical workshops
- All important topics of fight against doping (Code Article 18.) (Anti-Doping Experts)
- A Teambuilding (outsourcing)
- A Psychological, ethical and philosophical aspects of drug abuse (outsourcing)
- Examples of different programs for prevention and awareness-raising activities targeting different participants at grassroots level of sport
- Exercises for communication, management and group management skills (outsourcing) (Anti-Doping Experts)
- A Handbooks for ambassadors (Anti-Doping Experts)

# Ambassadors training

At the educational camp:

Try to keep lectures short and interesting
Include as many workshops or other interactive methods as possible

some athletes to share their stories

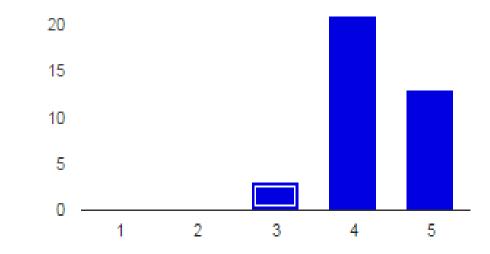
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- Give ambassadors some free time to *"*hang out"

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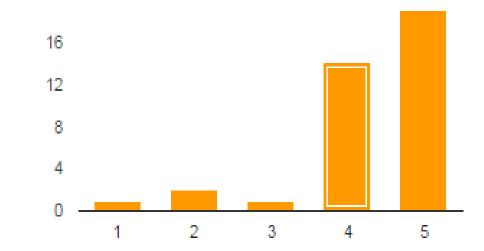
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- 🕼 Teambuilding
- Stephenet of the group of ambassadors

#### Feedback from prePLAY ambassadors

Signal How ready you are to start working as an ambassador?



I How did the camp influence your readiness?



# **PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**

Carry out at least 20 prevention activities (in the 1<sup>st</sup> year)

For athletes in high schools

S For junior athletes in sport clubs or in national teams

Be active at social media – post photos from activities, tag ambassadors

Try to involve media

# **PREVENTION ACTIVITIES - what to prepare?**



# Implementation of prevention activities

- Ambassadors should carry out activities for athletes at grassroots level of sport
  - At the beginning they are not prepared for more "demanding" audience
- At each lecture, workshop or outreach program at least 3 ambassadors shall participate
- A They can work voluntarily or you can pay them some "pocket" money

# EVALUATION

Internal evaluation:

Questionnaires and interviews with participants at prevention activities

Monitoring the effect that program on beneficiaries

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#### External evaluation:

Use of outcome indicators to evaluate the degree of success of the project.

As outcome indicators participants lists, ambassadors engaged and total number of preventive activities can be used

Results of "ambassadors" programme in Slovenia





# How does ambassadors program work in Estonia

Instead of one education manager 10-20 ambassadors are involved with the prevention activities

Schools Higher capacity to do lectures at

A More possibilities to do outreach activities at competitions

Increase in number and selection of the printed materials, leaflets etc

Stonian Anti-Doping Agency

## Before we end...

Idea to involve ambassadors in the prevention activities enables to approach more target groups and increase impact of the values-based educational activities with considerably low costs.



#### Play True Day – a day that celebrates clean sport!

In the content of the prePLAY project all project partners decided to:

- South American countries which declared 10th of April as a Play True Day
- A The purpose of this day is to acquaint sport and general public with global fight against doping

In the week before and/or after 10th of April all prePLAY organizations will carry out numerous prevention activities for different target groups

# WILL YOU JOIN US?

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## Ideas how to implement Play True Day in your organisation

Seminars for athletes & entourage

S Banners at competitions

S Outreach programs at sport stores

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Social media

Signing the pledge on <u>www.playtrueday.com</u>

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