Final Transnational Meeting Report

Erasmus+ Basketball Project Location: Komotini, Greece Dates: 24–25 May 2025

1. Introduction

The fourth and final transnational meeting of the Erasmus+ Basketball project took place on 24–25 May 2025 in Komotini, Greece, hosted by the Democritus University of Thrace. This meeting served as the official closing event of the project, bringing together all participating partners for two days of reflection, planning, and celebration of our collaborative achievements.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Review the overall progress and outputs of the project,
- Evaluate the impact of local and international activities,
- Coordinate final administrative and dissemination tasks,
- Discuss sustainability and explore opportunities for future cooperation,
- Prepare the upcoming "Aggora Networking" event as a follow-up activity.

The meeting combined structured presentations, interactive discussions, and working sessions, providing space for both formal evaluation and informal networking among partners.

2. Meeting Activities & Outcomes

Day 1 - 24 May 2025

The first day began with a welcome address from the host organization, followed by an overview of the meeting objectives and agenda. The project coordinator presented a comprehensive summary of the project timeline, key deliverables, and milestones achieved across the two years of implementation.

Each partner organization then delivered a brief presentation summarizing the local implementation of the project, challenges encountered, lessons learned, and the impact observed in their communities. This session revealed both the diversity and commonality of approaches across countries and confirmed the relevance of basketball as a tool for inclusion, education, and youth empowerment.

The afternoon focused on the evaluation of the project. Internal evaluation results, feedback from participants, and informal observations were discussed in depth. Partners highlighted

the strong collaboration, adaptability during COVID-related delays, and the quality of the developed educational materials. Constructive feedback was also exchanged regarding areas for improvement, such as digital dissemination and local stakeholder engagement.

The first day concluded with a reflective session, where participants shared personal impressions of the project's journey and its contribution to their work and organizations. In the evening, a group dinner allowed for informal exchanges and cultural bonding.

Day 2 – 25 May 2025

The second day opened with a dedicated session on the upcoming "Aggora Networking" event, planned for the following month. The aim of this event is to bring together stakeholders from education, sport, youth work, and civil society to network and build upon the Erasmus+ Basketball project's outcomes. Each partner discussed their potential contributions and outreach strategy for the event, with a shared commitment to making it impactful and inclusive.

Following this, a session was held on sustainability and future cooperation, during which ideas for follow-up Erasmus+ projects and other EU funding opportunities were brainstormed. Partners expressed strong interest in maintaining the network and expanding collaboration into areas such as inclusive sport, youth leadership, and cross-sector partnerships.

After lunch, attention shifted to final reporting and dissemination tasks. The coordinator shared the final reporting calendar and clarified responsibilities, deadlines, and documentation required from each partner. Communication strategies for public dissemination, social media, and multiplier events were also reviewed.

The meeting concluded with a closing session, where certificates of attendance were distributed, and a group photo was taken to mark the conclusion of a successful project.

3. Conclusions

The final transnational meeting in Komotini was not only a symbolic closure of the Erasmus+ Basketball project, but also a concrete step forward in consolidating results, ensuring visibility, and laying the groundwork for sustainable impact.

Key takeaways include:

- Confirmation of project objectives being fully met, with active involvement from all partners,
- Recognition of the project's contribution to promoting inclusive sport and non-formal education,
- Strong potential for continuity through the "Aggora Networking" event and future project proposals.

The spirit of cooperation, mutual learning, and enthusiasm that characterized the entire project was clearly present throughout the meeting. The partnerships built during Erasmus+ Basketball are expected to continue to grow beyond the project's official duration.

