

FROM PLAY TO PARTICIPATION: SPORT AS A SPACE FOR DEMOCRACY

23 JUNE 2026 12:30-13:30 CET



DETAILS & REGISTRATION

- **Date:** 23 June 2026
- **Time:** 12:30 - 13:30 CET (**13.30 - 14.30 BG local time**)
- **Platform:** Online (Google Meet)
- **Working Language:** English
- **Registration:** Please register [here](#)

ABOUT THE EVENT

Sport has long been much more than physical activity and competitions - it is a space for learning, participation, and community building. This webinar is aimed at everyone working with young people and local communities. We will discuss how sport can be used as a space to build leadership, transparency, and engaged communities.

Your experience matters: The opinions and practices shared during the webinar will be used to adapt the "Education through Sport" methodology and to develop the next training sessions and resources for the project.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- **Natasa Jankovic** - Expert in Olympic education, volunteering, and youth participation through sport.
- **Fabio Figueiras** - Expert in sports governance, ethics, and good governance in sport.
- **Prof. Simon Rofo** - Expert in sports diplomacy and international politics.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

TIME / PART	TOPIC & DESCRIPTION
Welcome & Opening	Presentation of the Sport for Democratic Participation (SDP) project and the goals of the meeting.
Beyond Sport: What does the data show?	Synthesis of the research findings on the connection between sport and civic participation in Bulgaria, Montenegro, Romania, and Serbia.
The Voice of the Audience	Live Polls: <i>Interactive live polls with you - the participants, to identify the biggest challenges and opportunities at the local level.</i>
Expert Panel and Open Discussion	Focus areas: • <i>How sport develops leadership and active participation among young people.</i> • <i>The role of sports organizations in building transparent and engaged communities.</i> • <i>Q&A and open discussion with the audience.</i>
Summary and Next Steps	Opportunities to join the free practical training sessions (Train-the-Trainer) under the project.

KEY TAKEAWAYS BASED ON YOUR PROFILE

- **For coaches, athletes, and sports clubs:** How sport can develop leadership, skills, and active participation among young people.
- **For youth workers and teachers:** Practical examples of applying the "Education through Sport" approach.
- **For local authorities and civil society organizations:** Ideas for using sport as a tool for inclusion and community development.

ABOUT THE SPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION (SDP) PROJECT

Sport for Democratic Participation (SDP) is an international project by partners from Bulgaria, Montenegro, Romania, and Serbia, which explores how sport can promote active participation, social inclusion, and the development of engaged communities. Through research, practical resources, and training, the project supports organizations and professionals working with young people at the local level.

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