

Introduction

The EDU:PACT Project

Although in most European countries, physical education teachers and coaches work with culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse groups, research indicates that many physical education teachers and coaches have not received formal training on working with diverse groups and lack professional competences in the area of intercultural education. Moreover, initial education (pre-service) and continuing professional development (in-service) do not provide physical education teachers and coaches with the necessary knowledge, skills, competences or tools to maximise the opportunities presented by diverse and intercultural groups.

The Intercultural Education through Physical Activity, Coaching and Training (EDU:PACT) project was initiated in response to this need. The following handbook presents key knowledge, skills, competences and activities that will help current and future physical education teachers and coaches seize the opportunities presented by intercultural education. Ultimately, this handbook will help physical education teachers and coaches be better prepared to work with people from diverse backgrounds and to promote intercultural education.

To ensure the relevance and usability of the content in this handbook, EDU:PACT has relied on a consortium of partners that have provided a mixture of practical and academic experiences in the areas of physical education and coaching. Six universities specialising in the development of physical education teachers and coaches provided important theoretical input while two NGOs working directly with intercultural groups ensured that the content is adapted to practitioners. Finally, the International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE) and the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sport further acted as validators to ensure the broad relevance of the content.

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