

PRESS RELEASE

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3rd Transnational Meeting of Smart Rugby project of the ERASMUS+ SPORT programme in Iclod

- *Members of the Portuguese, Romanian and Galician partners for the implementation of the European project Smart Rugby, which aims to provide an educational tool through rugby for the social and personal development of children, will meet on 07/05/22 in Iclod, Romania.*

The third meeting of the European project Smart Rugby, under the ERASMUS + SPORT programme, organized by **ASC Rugby Cluj Junior** will take place in Iclod Arena (Cluj, Romania). Members of the **Galician Rugby Federation** (FGR, **Spain**) as project coordinator, **Associação de Rugby do Norte** (ARN **Portugal**), **ASC Rugby Cluj Junior** (Cluj-Napoca, **Romania**), **RFC Sumi XV** (Cortegada, **Spain**) and **Muralla RC** (Lugo, **Spain**), are working together to develop this project. The project was drawn up by the company Desarrollo e Innovación Deportiva S.L. of Ourense (Spain).

The main objective of this project is the preparation, **development and implementation of educational and training tools through rugby as a grassroots sport** for the personal, **social** and professional **development of children under 12 years of age**. Rugby was chosen as a vehicle for skills transfer, this being the field of expertise of all the institutions involved in this project. This initiative supports the European Commission's objective of promoting sport and physical activity across Europe, taking into account declining participation levels, by educating children with the help of sporting values.

We are currently in the implementation testing phase of the learning units. Our main objective during this phase is to make the project reach as many stakeholders as possible so they can test the units and give us feedback for improvement towards a final version. This third face-to-face meeting will serve to continue and review the implementation of the educational tool.

Before the meeting and taking advantage of the fact that there will be a rugby tournament the same day (07/05/22) at Iclod Arena, (Cluj, Romania), which will be attended by 150-200 children under 12 years of age, the foreign partners will be invited to attend the event to show them the situation of the Romanian grassroots rugby in situ. The tournament will also be used to publicize the project and establish contact with stakeholders (parents, teachers and coaches) through a tent near the field that will serve as an information point.

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