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Transnational Partners Meeting

Dublin, Ireland



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On 15–16 April 2026, the VIEWS project partners gathered in Dublin, Ireland, for their third in-person Transnational Project Meeting, hosted by INSIDE EU. The meeting focused on reviewing project progress, evaluating key outputs, and planning upcoming activities.

Partners discussed the overall implementation of the project, sharing experiences and identifying strengths and areas for improvement. In addition, they evaluated the Best Practices Report, Starter Kit for Volunteers and the Training Course for Volunteers, with a strong focus on testing and refining the training platform. The meeting included a co-creation moment among partners focused on the progress in developing the Training Course for Clubs and Organisations, ensuring that materials reflect practical needs and diverse perspectives. Partners also began planning the piloting phase, which will be initiated in the autumn in 2026 and involve activities in four countries (North Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia and Poland) with a total of around 400 participants. Communication and dissemination efforts, including the Global Information Campaign and project website, were also reviewed.

On the second day, partners took part in a local study visit to St. Michael's House Leisure Centre & Swimming Pool, gaining valuable insights into inclusive volunteering practices in Ireland.



The meeting marked an important step forward in strengthening collaboration and preparing for the next phase of the project. Partners will meet again in October 2026 in Slovenia.

Don't forget to check out our existing resources!

Best Practices Research Report

If you haven't explored it yet, the VIEWS Best Practices Research Report is available on the project website [here](#).

It was developed by the project partners in close collaboration with the disability community and is thus grounded in real experiences and priorities such as accessibility, inclusivity, empowerment, and sustainability.

It showcases practical examples of inclusive volunteering in sport, from grassroots initiatives to large-scale events and offers clear, evidence-based guidance for sports organisations, volunteer coordinators, and policymakers, setting a shared standard for what “good practice” looks like.

The full report is available in English—be sure to take a look if you haven't already.



Check out the VIEWS Starter Kit for Volunteers that was created last year!

Inside the Starter Kit, you'll find five resources: a preparation checklist, a quick EU guide to volunteer rights, a portfolio, adjustment request templates, and a reflection journal to help you build on your experience.

The Starter Kit is available in English, French, German, North Macedonian, Polish, Romanian, Slovenian and Spanish via the [VIEWS Project Website](#).

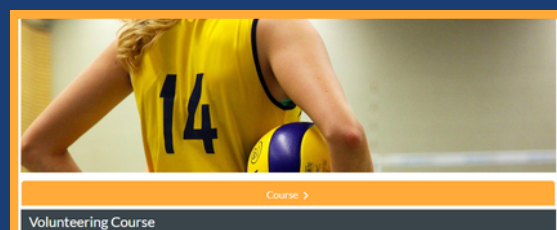
Starter Kit for Volunteers

We can't wait to share our VIEWS Training Course for Volunteers with you—but we need a little more time to make sure it is fully ready.

Developed in 2025, the course is currently in its initial testing phase. This step is essential to ensure it is well-functioning, inclusive and of high quality, and that it responds to the needs, expectations and motivations of volunteers with disabilities and people with disabilities who want to get involved in sports volunteering.

Testing will continue until summer 2026. The feedback collected will then be integrated into the platform before the official pilot phase starts later this year.

Interested in helping us test the course and share your feedback? Get in touch with us at [communication\[at\]cev.be](mailto:communication@cev.be).



Training Course for Volunteers

Updates from partners

On 9 April, the Romania project team of the Erasmus+ VIEWS project held an online meeting to plan inclusive volunteering opportunities in sport.

A key part of the discussion was the involvement of Filip Ghiorghe, a person with disabilities who will support the project as a volunteer during upcoming sport events. His participation reflects the main objective of VIEWS: creating more accessible and inclusive pathways for volunteering in sport.

The team discussed two upcoming events where VIEWS volunteers may be involved: the Corporate Games, taking place on 19–21 June, and the European Week of Sport, planned for 27 September. The first proposed role is scorekeeping during football matches, offering volunteers a clear and meaningful way to participate.

The meeting also highlighted the collaboration with the organisation Sports Volunteer, which will support the involvement of volunteers with disabilities in these activities. This partnership will help strengthen the practical impact of the VIEWS project and create real opportunities for inclusion at sport events.

The VIEWS platform will support this process through its volunteer training course, already available in Romanian, and a future course for sports clubs on becoming more inclusive.

Through these actions, the Romania project team continues to promote sport volunteering as an open, accessible, and welcoming experience for everyone.

Corporate Games - Romania VIEWS Romania Team Plans Inclusive Volunteering Opportunities in Sport

IPAK - Slovenia Health Day Community Outreach – VIEWS Project Promotion

On the occasion of World Health Day, our city's main square hosted a gathering of organisations active in the field of health. The event brought together a wide range of sports clubs and non-governmental organisations. Our institute, however, was not invited, as health is not our primary area of work.

Upon learning about the event, we decided to take the initiative and visit the participants to introduce them to the VIEWS project. We went from stand to stand, meeting representatives of the attending organisations and presenting the project's goals and opportunities for involvement.

The outreach proved successful — we agreed with several participants to organise a dedicated meeting in May 2026, at which we will present the VIEWS project in greater detail and explore possibilities for collaboration.



Updates from partners

Within the VIEWS project, inclusion in sport means much more than participation. It means access, support, persistence, and the people who help turn opportunities into reality. The journey of Zoran Jovanovski to the Winter Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026 is a powerful example of this.

As the only athlete from North Macedonia at the Games, Zoran's participation represented far more than an individual sporting achievement. It was the result of months of coordination, communication, and commitment by the Paralympic Committee of North Macedonia, the Ski Federation of Macedonia, the Head of Mission, coaches, medical staff, and the wider support team. After an intensive process involving applications, communication with international bodies, and additional coordination with the International Paralympic Committee, Zoran received a wildcard invitation to compete in Slalom – Men Sitting, class LW11.

In Cortina d'Ampezzo, the team faced difficult weather conditions and interrupted training schedules, reminding us that participation at the highest level often requires constant adaptation. Zoran was disqualified after missing a gate roughly ten metres before the finish line on his first run, but his participation remains part of a broader story of development and progress for para sport in North Macedonia. This is where the message of VIEWS becomes especially meaningful. Inclusive sport is not created only by athletes and competitions. It is also built by the volunteers, professionals, and committed individuals who organise, accompany, encourage, and solve challenges behind the scenes. Banimir Jovanovski, Head of Mission of the Macedonian delegation and actively involved in the VIEWS project, carried out his role on a voluntary basis. His example shows that volunteering in sport can mean leadership, responsibility, and a direct contribution to creating equal opportunities.

The Paralympic Committee's volunteers continue to support sport activities throughout the 2026 national and international competition calendar. The national para-athletics team is already participating in an international tournament in Kruševac, Serbia, while six para table tennis players and two volunteers will soon travel to Varna, Bulgaria, for the international "Seagull" tournament.

Zoran's Paralympic journey, and the ongoing work of the volunteers around the Paralympic Committee, remind us that inclusion is not only a message. It is practice, teamwork, and everyday commitment. This is precisely the kind of sport ecosystem that VIEWS aims to strengthen across Europe: one in which persons with disabilities are actively supported, empowered, and visible.



Paralympic Committee of North Macedonia - North Macedonia
Behind Every Paralympic Start Line, There Is a Team

Subscribe to the [VIEWS Newsletter](#) to hear more updates from the project partners.

Work in Progress on New Resources: Research and Resource Development for Clubs/Organisations

Inclusive Volunteering Starter Kit for Clubs/Organisations

The fourth output of the VIEWS project will be its Starter Kit for Clubs/Organisations and is being developed as we speak.

So far, our project partners - under the lead of VSSO - have gathered input from stakeholders in the sports, volunteering and disability-focused sectors to ensure that the Starter Kit for Clubs/Organisations will match the needs and address the challenges of sports clubs and organisations across the partner countries and in Europe.

Would you like to be involved in the development of the Inclusive Volunteering Starter Kit for Clubs/Organisations? Please contact us on [communication\[at\]cev.be](mailto:communication[at]cev.be).

The Starter Kit for Clubs/Organisations will be ready and available on the project website at the end of 2026. For updates, sign up to our VIEWS newsletter [here](#).

We have another gem in the making: our Inclusive Volunteering Training Course for Sports Clubs and Organisations. The training course is currently under development with partners ensuring its usability and quality through several phases including:

- **Phase 1 - December 2025 to February 2026:** Survey with questionnaire targeted at sports clubs/organisations that do not involve volunteers with disabilities due to missing know-how and experience or that are facing barriers to understand needs connected to such lack. In total, the partnership gathered 40 responses.
- **Phase 2 - February 2026 to May 2026:** Focus groups and/or interviews with expert groups consisting of clubs/organisations, volunteers and/or experts with existing knowledge in the field to contribute to the first categorisation of the wants and needs related to the content for the Training Course for Clubs/Organisations.

In the upcoming months, the training course content will be contextualised and created in the same digital format as the Training Course for Volunteers, ensuring consistency and potential for interconnectedness between the two courses.

The Training Course for Sports Clubs and Organisations will be ready and available on the project website at the end of this year and tested during the pilot testing period from November 2026 to April 2027.

For updates, sign up for our VIEWS newsletter [here](#) or on the project website [here](#).

Inclusive Volunteering Training Course for Clubs/Organisations

VIEWS is on Social Media!



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The VIEWS project is now active on social media! Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date with the latest news, project results, events, and insights on inclusive volunteering in sport.

Through our channels, we will share project updates, highlight partner activities, and promote good practices from across Europe. As part of the Global Information Campaign, partners will also contribute content, ensuring a diverse and engaging flow of information.

Stay connected and be part of the VIEWS community online!

Follow us for more



Don't forget to check out the VIEWS Website!

Did you already check out our VIEWS Website?

The VIEWS Website hosts information about the project including its aim and objectives, partners included in the project, an overview of the project activities and various project resources upon completion including the Best Practices Research Report, the VIEWS Starter Kit for Volunteers and eventually a link to the VIEWS Learning EU Platform - all ready for you to discover more in detail.

If you haven't already visited the VIEWS Website, we encourage you to discover it.



Check it out [here](#) and don't forget to subscribe to our newsletter [here](#) to stay updated on new activities and resources!

