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EU-COLPBOL: 3rd.TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING

After a year working on the development of the Erasmus+ Sports EU-COLPBOL Project, the first face-to-face meeting was held in Valencia (Spain) on December 16 and 17. The event, which has been jointly organized by the two Spanish partners, COPAVA and Associació Esportiva Colpbol, was attended by representatives of all the entities of the consortium, from Greece (NKUA and EDRA), Romania (ALDO-CET and University of Craiova), Lithuania (Kauno Kolegija) and Cyprus (CSI).

During the first day, the group travelled to the town of Genovés where a practical activity was carried out in the municipal sports facilities, led by A.E.Colpbol experts and in which a group of people with intellectual disabilities from the *Aspromivise-La Costera* Occupational Center (Xàtiva) participated. In addition to different warm-up and technical training exercises, all attendees played several games and had the opportunity to fully understand the rules and discuss about the practice of the sport and main drivers and barriers when playing it with persons with intellectual disabilities.

A group of children from a local school was also invited to join the activity and they played together with partners and persons with intellectual disabilities, stressing the inclusive approach of the sport and the activity.

After the lunch break, the day was completed with a work session at the *Museu de la Pilota*, provided by the municipality for the occasion, addressing the issues related to the project implementation.

The status of the project implementation was summarized in terms of quality assurance and risk management. Intellectual Output 1 and the first part of Intellectual Output 2 were reviewed and the consortium obtained significant conclusions and agreements for the next steps to follow.

At the end of the day, the group travelled back to Valencia where a Social and “team building” dinner was held in the city center with the attendance of all the partners.



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The second day of the meeting was held in COPAVA's facilities and was devoted to the revision of the topic 2 of Intellectual Output 2 and Intellectual Output 3, presented by the partners in charge of each topic.

Partners discussed about different relevant aspects of the materials developed so far and specially about the development of the website and the design of the EU-COLPBOL e-Training Platform. This was a significant point, given the importance of this section in the project.

Finally, in the afternoon, different aspects related to dissemination and project management were reviewed, including revision of administrative and financial status.

At the end of the two intense and fruitful working days, it was agreed that the 4th transnational project meeting will take place in April 2022 in Athens, organized by the partners of the University of Athens.