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EU-COLPBOL MEETING IN KAUNAS:

READY FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE PROJECT

After 18 months of intense work, the entities of the international consortium that is developing the Erasmus+ Sports Project EU-COLPBOL held their 5th transnational meeting on June 30 and July 1.

The work teams of the entities from Spain (COPAVA and AEColpbol), Romania (Aldo-Cet and University of Craiova) and Greece (EDRA and University of Athens) travelled on this occasion to Kaunas, the second largest city in Lithuania, invited by the partners of **Kauno Kolegija**, University of Applied Sciences of Kaunas, a highly accredited public higher education institution in the Baltic region.

The work sessions took place at the University facilities for two days, during which the member entities of the consortium were able to check the general status of the project, as well as the training materials that have been created in recent months, which, at present, are already finished in their English language version.

On the agenda of the first day, as was done in the previous meetings in Valencia and Athens, a practical Colpbol activity was scheduled, for which the hosts invited a group of professionals and users of the **Dienos Centras "Šviesa"**, a care center for people with intellectual disabilities in Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital.

After some previous warm-up and basic technique exercises to become familiar with Colpbol's green and blue ball, the group enjoyed a training game at the university's sports facilities in which everyone could experience the benefits of this inclusive sport expanding non-stop throughout Europe.



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The experience was so positive and dynamic that the group of users unanimously decided to prolong the match in order to continue enjoying Colpbol.

On the second day, the colleagues from CSI Cyprus, technological partner of the consortium, presented the e-learning platform that is inserted in the official website of EU-COLPBOL, and which constitutes the intellectual product 4 of the project. Attendees were able to learn how the different courses are structured on the platform, as well as review the improvements that have been made with the creation of interactive self-assessment activities at the end of each teaching unit.

The afternoon of the second day was dedicated to the planning of the validation sessions or Pilot Courses that will take place at the turn of the summer and to which sports professionals, people with intellectual disabilities, professionals from the disability sector and supports will be invited.

After reviewing administrative and dissemination matters, such as, for example, the organization of a Final Multiplier Event in each country to make the Project widely known, the meeting was closed, noting on the agenda the next transnational meeting, which will take place in Valencia, Spain, in the month of November.

With the expression of our sincere thanks to the Lithuanian team for the perfect organization and their kind hospitality, we all get down to work, as an intense summer comes to prepare for an autumn full of activities, in which we will already be able to taste the results of the exciting EU-COLPBOL project.

