

ALL-IN: Developing Pathways of Lifelong Physical Activity for People with a Disability in Europe

Parasport Sweden has launched an initiative called “ALL-IN; Developing Pathways of Lifelong Physical Activity for People with a Disability in Europe“. The project which will run for 3 years is co-financed through the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union and will seek to establish a cross-sectoral cooperation model at a European sub-regional level that develops, exploits and implements good practices for integrated pathways of lifelong physical activity for people with a disability.

In collaboration with a strong partnership which includes Parasport Denmark, the Finnish Paralympic Committee, the Finnish Sports Association for Persons with Disabilities, Laajasalo Folk High School (FIN) the Icelandic Sport Organisation for the Disabled and Paralympic Committee, the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports, the Norwegian Ski Federation, NPC Faroe Islands, the City of Östersund (SWE), Mid-Sweden University, the Swedish Confederation of Sport, the European Observatoire of Sport and Employment and the European Paralympic Committee, the project will work to develop 5 distinct areas of Parasport in the Nordic region.



>>> *Partners at the ALL-IN Project Kickoff Meeting at the Parasport Sweden offices in Stockholm.*

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The 5 areas which the project will focus on are Marketing, Recruitment, Competition, Education and Governance. In each of these areas the partners will focus on establishing 'Knowledge Hubs'. In each area a needs analysis will be conducted, examples of good practice will be established; creative solutions will be developed to meet the need of the sector and then tested through pilot activities.

On the importance of the project, Johan Strid, Secretary General of Parasport Sweden stated "This is a fantastic opportunity for the National Paralympic Committees in the Nordic region to enhance not only the cooperation which we have at on a Nordic basis but also to enrich the activities being delivered at a national level. We have a unique approach to collaboration in the Nordic region and we are keen to explore the possibility of transferring this cultural attitude into a sustainable framework in order to ensure that more people with disabilities have the opportunity to lead a more active lifestyle".

The project will run until the end of 2019 and will seek to define common elements in the collaborative process in the Nordic region in order to then provide the basis for successful models of co-operation to be established in other sub-regions of Europe.

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