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SAYES

PROJECT
SAfeguarding Young European Skaters

“Protect young athletes from sexist and sexual violence in ice sports”



INTRODUCTION



CONTEXT

End of 2019, the French Ice Sports Federation and the French **sports movement faced several scandals involving sexual violence** against young athletes. These revelations gave the athletes the opportunity to **raise their voices on this violence**, as did the world of Culture (#Metoo).

After these multiple scandals, the sports movement clearly understands that sexist and sexual violence **must be dealt with inside organisations**.

European ice sports federations, through their different disciplines concerning early mature and sometimes sexualized athletes, must sustainably work and take part in this imperative.

The **FFSG wants to carry out an ambitious project to fight against sexist and sexual violence** relying on the opportunities of European funding and **partners able to contributing effectively to this project**.



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pieds d'argile



International
Skating Union



Royal Dutch
Skating Federation



Hungarian Skating
Federation



Think Tank
Sport and Citizenship



Claude Bernard
Lyon 1 University

After several months of preparation, the consortium has submitted an application on the **Erasmus+ programme**. This European programme supports projects regarding education, formation, youth and sport. From 2021 to 2027, this programme focuses on subjects such as social inclusion, environment, digital transition, and the promotion of youth in democratic life.

For the SAYES project, the consortium wanted to focus on young athletes in ice sports, so they decided to candidate on the **youth part** of the programme.



This project received a grant of **250,937 €** from the **European commission** during the second call for proposals in 2021.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

Giving young skaters, as well as sports leaders, the opportunity to acquire knowledge and prevention tools to limit the risk of sexist and sexual violence in ice sports.

A few data*

72 %

Of those implicated
are **sports educators**

48

Sports federations in France
are concerned with claimed
cases of sexual violence

u18

Victims are
mostly **underage**



Similar abuses have
been encountered
throughout all **Europe**

+ 250,000 €

Financial support from the
European Commission

*SOURCE (2021):
Radio France; European Union Agency for Fundamental rights; Ministère chargé des sports

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVE 1

evaluating the specificities and the capacity of ice sports organisations to protect their young athletes from sexist and sexual violence in order to limit the risks



realising a scientific study to bring to light the specificities of ice sports and the inherent risks for young athletes.



Translating the study into an action plan for sports organisations including the project's partner ice sports federations.

OBJECTIVE 2

raising awareness and sensitize people to the subject of sexist and sexual violence in ice sports



Organising informational and dissemination conferences



Implementing a sensibilisation campaign for young athletes



Realising a review about the project and the fight against sexist and sexual violence in sport

OBJECTIVE 3

developing direct interventions, in a climate of trust with coaches, leaders, and young people



Organising at least 9 pilot and innovative training sessions



Creating an intervention plan close to the target groups and federations



Developing and sharing an e-learning module in several languages to young athletes

Target groups

The target groups of the project will be children and teenagers practicing the ice sports managed by the International Skating Union, as well as the coaches.

Due to their capacity to influence the regulation of competitions and the national structuring of sports, leaders of national federations, regional leagues and clubs will also be targeted by the tools created during the project.



CONSORTIUM

French Ice Sports Federation (FFSG)



**Stéphanie
DAVAL**



**Cyril
SAVIDAN**

The FFSG wishes to be proactive in the domain of prevention to complete all the measures already in place (ethical commission, description procedure, awareness communication, formations, etc.). In this project, the FFSG will have to coordinate and be sure of the good production of all deliverables, respect the financial engagements and communicate about the results.

Colosse aux pieds d'argile



This organisation is today a reference in France about the prevention against risks of sexual violence, bullying and stalking in sports. For the SAYES project, the organisation will organise training and awareness sessions in France. All of these actions will be adapted by the federation partners to ensure the widest deployment possible.



**Fabien
LEFÈVRE**



**Claire
LAILHEGUE**

International Skating Union (ISU)



**Rebecca
CAIRNS**

The International Skating Union has 98 member federations all over the world. This network and its role in the organisation of major sporting events provide a great opportunity to disseminate good practices to protect athletes. Its mission is to share all the results and tools finalized during the project and thus make them available to its members.

Hungarian Skating Federation



The Hungarian National Skating Federation has shown a strong interest in the subject of preventing and handling sexist and sexual violence. It's within this dynamic that they wanted to integrate the SAYES project to go further and develop stronger expertise and protocols on this subject.



**Fanni
GRAJZEL**

Royal Dutch Skating Federation



**Corien
MOSTERT**

The Royal Dutch Skating Federation has a certain experience in the fight against sexist and sexual violence within its structures. It relies in particular on political will and tools from National Olympic Committee and specialised organisations.

For the SAYES project, the Federation's role is to share its experience, extend the awareness-raising time and to amplify the distribution of appropriate tools.

Claude Bernard Lyon 1 University



The University Claude Bernard Lyon 1 owns a laboratory on vulnerabilities and innovation in sports. They have published many works that have led to a better understanding of the subject in France. Their expertise is used for a study detailing the specificity of ice sports and the inherent risks. This work will serve in the implementation of an action plan adopted by the Federations. The University will also bring its scientific perspective to measure the results of the project.



**Philippe
LIOTARD**

Sport and Citizenship



**Eva
JACOMET**

Famous European reflection group in sport, Sport and Citizenship works on the stake and socio-political goal of sports. The Think Tank is going to bring knowledge on this subject and will give outputs to communicate during the eligibility period and disseminate the results.

TIMELINE

The project is part of a long-term development perspective that can be divided into three phases:

- PHASE 1** Creation of the collaborative partnership
- PHASE 2** Implementation of the Erasmus+ project
- PHASE 3** Project's dissemination and extension in the FFSG and the International Skating Union member federations



From April 2020, during more than half of a year, the FFSG and the consortium have elaborated this project to apply to the Erasmus+ programme in October 2021.

In February 2022, the FFSG received a confirmation of the grant, from the Erasmus+ Youth Sport French agency. The eligibility period of the project started with a first main event in March 2022,

The project kick-off meeting took place in Montpellier during the ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

It was coupled with a conference bringing together the local public, elected officials, federations and international delegations.

The conference's title was "The fight against sexual violence in sport: a European ambition, the example of ice sports".

It was an amazing opportunity to spread the word.



At the end of this eligibility period, the project will be disseminated to share all the tools. They could be adapted to all ice sports organisations other sports federations.

STRUCTURE AND DISSEMINATION

The project is built and discussed during national and international events. These Multiplier events and national conferences help to prevent sexual violence in ice sports organisations.

At the same time, transnational meetings are organised to work on the different project results.

Transnational meetings

MARCH 2022
Montpellier (France) by the FFSG

MARCH 2023
Heerenveen (Netherlands) by KNSB

SEPTEMBER 2023
Budapest (Hungary) by Hunsbate

JULY 2024
Paris (France) by the FFSG

NOVEMBER 2024
Lausanne (Switzerland) by ISU



Multipliers events

Conference during the World Championship of Artistic Skating

Conference during World Championship of speed skating

Conference in Budapest

First dissemination conference in Paris

Second conference of dissemination online

DISSEMINATION

In the project lifetime, the consortium develops tools to help the dissemination towards the different public. The goal is to widen the actions in order for the sport world to be aware of sexist and sexual violence and be able to prevent and take actions against it.

The tools for dissemination will be :



Conferences and webinars



Sensibilisation guides



Informational spaces



Sensibilisation sessions



E-learning



Ambassadors

This dissemination will be turned to different levels :

LOCAL

With clubs, leaders, volunteers, coaches, staff, officials, parents, and territorial organisations

NATIONAL

With a deployment guide for all national federations

EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL

With the scientific review, the provision of tools and the presentation of results



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