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TRADITIONAL WRESTLING, OUR CULTURE - TRADWOC

ESTABLISHING NETWORKS IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

"Promote European Traditional Sports and Games"

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General INFORMATION

Introduction and Objectives

This call for proposals is based on the Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council. The Erasmus+ programme covers the period 2014 to 2020.

Sport - Small collaborative partnerships

Small Collaborative Partnerships offer the opportunity to conceive, implement and transfer innovative practices in different areas relating to sport and physical activity between various organisations and sport organisations, sport-related organisations and educational bodies to:

Promote European traditional sports and games

- Small Collaborative Partnerships should promote the creation and development of transnational networks in the field of sport.
- Small Collaborative Partnerships should also foster synergy with, and between, local, regional, national and international policies to promote sport and physical activity.

A Small Collaborative Partnership is composed of:

a) One applicant/coordinator: organisation that submits the project proposal on behalf of all the partners.

b) **Partners** = organisations that contribute to the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the Small Collaborative Partnership.

PROJECT AGENDA (TRADWOC)

January 2017 - June 2018 – Budget 63.500€ (EU subsidies = 80%)

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PROJECT LEADER

Associazione Giochi Antichi (AGA) – Verona – Italy
www.associazionegiochiantichi.it

AGA Verona is an Association in charge of different topics:

- Since 2007, creation of the first research centre in Italy on TSGs, with research in Italian area of game communities that play TSGs, which are an expression of popular culture and an Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) to be preserved.

- Salvage and dissemination of TSGs, especially at the local level, an example being the safeguarding of S-cianco (local variant of "Lippa") widely practiced in the area of Verona organised in clubs in the whole Province of Verona.

- Organisation of exhibitions, events and cultural initiatives that promote TSGs and support the re-use of public spaces, as since 2003, Tocatì, Festival Internazionale dei Giochi in Strada (Tocatì, International Festival of Games in the Streets), a 4-day festival that takes place in the whole city centre of Verona. The festival involves about 50 TSG from Italy and other European countries; traditional music and dances of more than 100 Italian and international performers; events, exhibitions and temporary installations; game-theme conferences and meetings;

PROJECT PARTNERS

(1. Italia - Associazione Giochi Antichi – AGA Verona)
2. France - Association Européenne des Jeux et Sports Traditionnels (AEJeST)
www.jugaje.com
3. Romana - Federatia Romana de Oina (FRO)
www.froina.ro
4. España – Federación Territorial de Castilla y Leon de Lucha (FLL)
http://luchaleonesa.es/
5. Bulgaria – Institut za Etnologiya i Folkloristika s Ethnograsky Musey pri (IEFEM)
http://iefem.bas.bg/

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES

1. **Promoting** values like **equality**, **solidarity, sharing, cultural heritage, inclusiveness,** is the general aim we want to achieve by using a democratic approach.

2. **Involving traditional sports and games organisations/groups from South East** Europe:
   - An elaborate overview with contact data of traditional wrestling organisations will be gathered.
   - Organisations of traditional sports and games in the region will be informed with the possibility to participate in the meetings.

3. **Expanding** the European **network** of traditional sports and games associations with the possibility to traditional sports and games associations from South East Europe to know or to join the existing network ETSGA: www.jugaje.com.

The 'TRADWOC' PROJECT

(**TRAD**itional **W**restling **O**ur **C**ulture)

Current Situation: Wrestling is the most popular traditional sport in South East Europe but since the organisation and transmission are still based on isolated local social structures and informal networking, traditional wrestling styles are in danger of disappearance. Our research and experience show that in modern society, traditional sports and games can be successfully maintained, only if they are organised in formal organisations and if players and promoters are interconnected in translocal or transnational networks.

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AIM and OBJECTIVES

To safeguard & promote Traditional Wrestling by:

- To meet target groups of people involved in traditional wrestling, in particular regions in SE Europe. At each workshops/meeting participants will be giving the possibility to present their traditional sport(s) and their way of functioning.
- To share ideas and experience with them in order to convince them of the advantages of being organised in formal bodies and to participate in transregional networks.
- To encourage and help relevant local actors to think of new forms of organisation such as clubs, networks with educational and cultural institutions and to develop with them the conscience of traditional wrestling as intangible **cultural heritage**.
- To motivate local actors to establish regional, national or transregional organisations that can become part of a transnational network of organising, promoting and safeguarding traditional sports.
- To invite representatives of the target groups to a seminar, an international conference and wrestling exhibitions during a festival of traditional sports and games in Verona.
- The project will exploit the results to create a model for action that can be used for other traditional sports and games and in other regions of Europe.
- To present report of the actions, conclusions of the seminar and policy recommendations to the European Union in a book also accessible on the web (in PDF).

Programme 2017 / list of actions of the project:

Action	Description of the action
February, March Preparation of a data base and contact lists & Communication with local organisations in SE Europe	Collecting and evaluating information about traditional wrestling styles in South-East Europe, the locations where they are practised and the local bodies who promote traditional wrestling and organise competitions and wrestling festivals; Contacting and providing information to these groups, interested partners, local institutions and persons in SE Europe

Creation of tools for communication & Translations	Creating a page of the project on AGA Verona website; Creating a project logo and communication materials: posters, flyers, leaflets, banners, etc.
February, March Preparation of the work meeting of Verona in June or July 2017	Contacting leaders of traditional wrestling federations in West Europe (non partners) who may be interested to share their experience with non organised wrestling groups during the seminar of Verona (September) - Federazione S'Istrumpa di Sardegna (It) - Salzburger Rangglerverband (Ost) - Schwingerverband (Ch)
30.04 to 03.05 May Meeting in Constanta (Romania)	-**2nd of May:** Meeting of partners to discuss with local groups; organising a workshop to exchange information on the different situations, debating and preparing the seminar of Verona. Visiting the traditional wrestling festival of **'la Valu lui Traian'** on 1st of May
05.04 to 08.04 May Meeting in Pétritch (Bulgaria) and Nigrita (Greece)	-**6th of May:** Morning: meeting of partners to discuss with local groups; organising a workshop to exchange information on the different situations, debating and preparing the seminar of Verona. Afternoon: Visiting one traditional wrestling festival around Pétritch – Bulgaria. -**7th of May:** Morning; meeting in **'Nigrita"** (Greece) - Afternoon; local sports and wrestling festival.
29.04 to 17th May Visits and study sessions in South East Europe	Visits and study sessions, preparatory meetings, with targets groups from Romania, Greece, Skopje, Kosovo, Serbia
June or July / Work meeting at Verona	Meeting with partner federations from Central and West Europe concerning the project and seminar of September: 1) **Ranggeln federation**; 2) **S'Istrumpa federation**; 3) **Swiss federation**.
September 13-15 Seminar of Verona	Seminar with about 10 delegations: participants from project partners, target groups from South East Europe and federation partners
September 16-18 Festival of Verona	-Demonstrations of wrestling on Saturday and Sunday with wrestlers from different delegations -International conference on traditional wrestling and traditional sports and games in general; -Formulating and making public policy recommendations for traditional wrestling
October – March 2018 Publishing a book	-Collecting the material from the project actions; the seminar and the conferences; writing original articles; conclusions with policy recommendations; -Translation in relevant language(s) other than English.

Gathering information and sharing information

1 - On website of the project leader
2 - On newsletters of the partners
3 - On a book, with information: on the participants; the meetings; an overview of Traditional wrestling and festivals where they are practised in the South East Europe; the existing associations; the project and seminar conclusions; main texts of the international conference.