



Final Conference

ACTIVE: Countering violence against children in sports and leisure activities

Tuesday 23.11.2021
15.00 - 17.30 (Time CET)

Registration here:



Pre-registration is required



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[KMOP – Social Action and Innovation Centre](#) is organizing on Tuesday, 23 November 2021, 15.00-17.30 CET, the online discussion “**ACTIVE: Countering violence against children in sports and leisure activities.**”. The discussion will explore ways to prevent and counter violence and promote a safer and more inclusive environment for all children in sports.

Bringing together experts from the field of sports, politics, psychology, as well as representatives from international and European organizations, we aim to analyze how sports organizations can prevent violence against children in sports, the resources and tools available for sports organizations, coaches and children and the role of parents in this endeavor.

To attend the event, register here for free: <https://bit.ly/30tgfyk>

All participants will receive certificates of attendance.

The event is open to the public and will be hosted in Greek with English interpretation.

Distinguished speakers from the field of politics, sports and representatives from international and European organizations will discuss the following topics:

- ✔ Tools to prevent violence against children in sports;
- ✔ Preventing child abuse in sports;
- ✔ Empowering children through sports;
- ✔ The role of parents in preventing violence in sports;

The event is aimed at:

- ✔ Sports professionals & organizations
- ✔ Educators and School Professionals
- ✔ Journalists
- ✔ Parents
- ✔ General Public



The Conference will be moderated by journalist Vasilis Skountis. It is organized within the framework of the REC Project **ACTIVE: Focus on Children; Strengthening Policies in Sports and Leisure ACTIVities**, which aims at the embedding of child protection policies by sports clubs, extra-curricular activities organizations as well as leisure- and recreational clubs for children. The project is being implemented in Greece by [KMOP – Social Action and Innovation Centre](#), in Cyprus by [CARDET](#), in Italy by [CESIE](#), in Portugal by [CESIS](#) and in Scotland by [Children 1st](#).

Agenda

15.00 - 15.05	Welcome – Vassilis Skountis , Journalist
15.05 - 15.15	Welcome Speech – Dr. Antonia Torrens , General Director at KMOP & Coordinator of the Live Without Bullying project
15.15 - 15.30	Introductory speech – Lefteris Avgenakis , Greek Deputy Minister of Culture & Sports
15:30- 15:45	How to use basketball to counter violence against children. Initiatives undertaken by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) – Javier Deshayes , NF & Sport Manager at FIBA
15:45 – 16.00	Empowering children through sports. The impact of UEFA – Carine Nkoue , Project Specialist at the UEFA Foundation for Children
16.00-16.15	The importance of sports for children. Initiatives undertaken by UNICEF Greece. Antigoni Aggelakis , Child Protection Specialist at the UNICEF Greece Country Office



16.15-16.30	The contribution of sports to society. Initiatives undertaken by Ark of the World. Ioannis Dionisopoulos , HR Manager and Basketball Team Coach at the Ark of the world
16.30-17.00	ACTIVE: Tools to prevent and combat violence against children in sports <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Giorgos Koulouris – Project Manager ACTIVE KMOP – Social Action and Innovation Centre, Greece✓ Savvas Charalambous – Project Manager CARDET, Cyprus✓ Filippo Corbelli – Project Manager CESIE, Italy✓ Ana Cardoso – Project Manager CESIS, Portugal✓ Sally Ross - Child Wellbeing & Protection in Sport Service Specialist Children1st, Scotland
17.00 - 17:30	Comments/Questions

Few words about ACTIVE

ACTIVE aims at establishing safe environments for children through the development of an [online self-assessment tool](#) and an educational [platform](#) allowing sports and leisure clubs to identify and address gaps in the implementation of Child Protection Policies in their premises.

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Lefteris Avgenakis was born on July 18, 1972 in Heraklion Crete. He studied Surveying Engineering at the University of Applied Sciences (TEI) of Athens and he was trained in Environmental Management and Technology. He holds a Master's Degree in International Political Economy and International Relations acquired at University of Peloponnese. He worked as a bank executive at Pancreta Bank. He has founded the company "Business (LP)" - Business and Technical Research Consultants», based in Heraklion. In 2007 he published his first book, under the title "Political Issues" (published by Ellinika Grammata), while in 2010 he published an e-book entitled "Public Administration: Time Zero. Even God feared the Greek State." He is an elected Member of the Greek Parliament (Heraklion constituency) with the Nea Demokratia (N.D.) party since 2007. He served as the Head of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks Sector of the N.D. party. By decision of the President of N.D., Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, on January 13, 2016, Lefteris Avgenakis was appointed as Deputy Secretary of the Political Committee of N. D. party. He was elected Secretary of the Political Committee of N.D. in April 2016 for the first time and he was re-elected in January 2019. In July 2019 he was appointed Deputy Minister of Culture and Sports, with responsibilities for sports. He is married to educator Lena Bania and he has a son, named Konstantinos.



Dr. Antonia Torrens is the General Director of KMOP, educational psychologist and the founder of Live Without Bullying. She holds a Ph.D in Educational Psychology from the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom. Since 2004, she has been responsible for the operation of Three Group Houses and a Day Care Center for persons with chronic, but less severe mental disorders. She has been supervising as scientific advisor numerous projects at national and international level, aiming at enhancing the living conditions of vulnerable social groups, such as people with disabilities, unemployed, victims of violence and trafficking, elderly, ethnic minorities and many others. Since 2016, she has created and is responsible for the "Live Without Bullying" initiative. Live Without Bullying is an initiative of KMOP, based on an online counseling platform where young people and adults chat directly to trained and experienced psychologists so as to be assisted in incidents of school and cyberbullying. Since 2016, the LWB platform has supported more than 30,000 students, and its message has been reached hundreds of thousands of people in Greece. Live Without Bullying is supported by the Greek Ministry of Education, the General Secretariat of Sports, the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece and has been evaluated by COFACE Families Europe as a Good Practice to confronting bullying.



Vassilis Skountis was born in 1963 in Piraeus, he has a bachelor in Law from the University of Athens, while he has been working for 43 years as journalist, specialized in sports. He has worked in various newspapers, websites, radio and television stations. He was in charge of the Press Services of the 1998 Basketball World Cup, manager of the Olympic News Service at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, and Press Officer of the Hellenic Basketball Federation and Hellenic Basketball Clubs Association (ESAKE). Also, he was correspondent for “L’Equipe” and for the official website of Euroleague. For his career as journalist, he was awarded by the Botsis Foundation with the highest media prize by the then President of the Greek Republic, Mr. Karolos Papoulias. He was also responsible for writing, editing and publishing several sport encyclopedias, including the history of the Olympic Games, the description of all Olympic sports and the centenary of basketball. In 2017, he issued the book “We are champions” dedicated to the Greek Basketball National team’s triumph in European Championships 1987.



Javier Deshayes has been working at the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) since 2012. With a MSc in International Sport Management (Northumbria University, UK) and a Global Master of Business Administration (Macquarie University, Australia), he has a vast knowledge of the sport and business environments. Javier currently oversees basketball players’ development, both on and off the court. While implementing activities to maximise the potential of young athletes, he also provides them with educational opportunities. Safeguarding young athletes, but also other vulnerable stakeholders, is one of his priorities. His focus is in the administrative and educational part, making sure that policies and strategies are followed and guaranteeing that objectives are reached.



Carine Nkoue is project specialist at the UEFA Foundation for children, in charge of the projects of the Foundation. As a former athlete she has always seen the power of sport for good. After her university cursus she worked for 10 years on the ground on the implementation of projects aiming at improving children lives. She has been responsible for the implementation of the first project of the UEFA Foundation for children in the refugee camp in Jordan aiming at building resilience and working on post-trauma.



Antigoni Angelakis is Child Protection Specialist for UNICEF Greece Country Office, officially established in November 2020. Prior to the official establishment of the UNICEF Greece Country Office, Ms. Angelakis served as member of the UNICEF Refugee and Migrant Response Working Group in Greece from October 2017, managing Family and Child Support Units supported by the Country Programme throughout the Greek mainland and islands and the UNICEF programme portfolio for Gender-based Violence Response and Prevention projects in Greece. Once Head of Operations and Programmes at NGO METAdrasi, she is actively engaged in the field of refugees and asylum-seekers since 2008, and specialized in project design and management with a focus on the provision of community interpretation in asylum and first reception settings, the rights of unattended adults and legal assistance services.



Ioannis Dionisopoulos is HR Manager and Basketball Coach at the Ark of the World Basketball Team. He has extensive experience in the field of sports as he has been working as professor of Physical Education for more than 10 years, specialized in basketball. In 2017 he led the Icarus U16 Basketball Team (Kallithea, Greece) to the Championship, while in 2019 he led the Basketball Team of the Ark of the World to the Championship. He holds a Bachelor's in Physical Education and an MBA from the International European University.



Giorgos Koulouris has 5 years working experience in the field of communication, consulting and project management. He currently works at KMOP as Digital Media Manager & Project Manager in European funded projects, under the Health & Wellbeing Unit. His projects are focused on fighting racism and violence in sports, promoting civic and political engagement of youth, countering fake news and hate speech online. Also, he is an active blogger in Greece and abroad for a wide range of topics such as human rights, politics, youth, social exclusion. He has collaborated with the London School of Economics, Euronews.com, Huffingtonpost.gr, Protagon.gr, SocialEurope.eu, Medium.com, Mignatiou.com, Helpis.gr, Athensvoice.gr. He has participated as a speaker in international events, emphasizing the fight against populism in Europe. He holds a M.A in Sustainable Development from Panteion University of Political & Social Sciences, a Bachelor in International & European Studies from the University of Piraeus, an online diploma in Storytelling for Social Change from the University of Michigan and a Diploma in Digital Marketing from the Hellenic American Union.



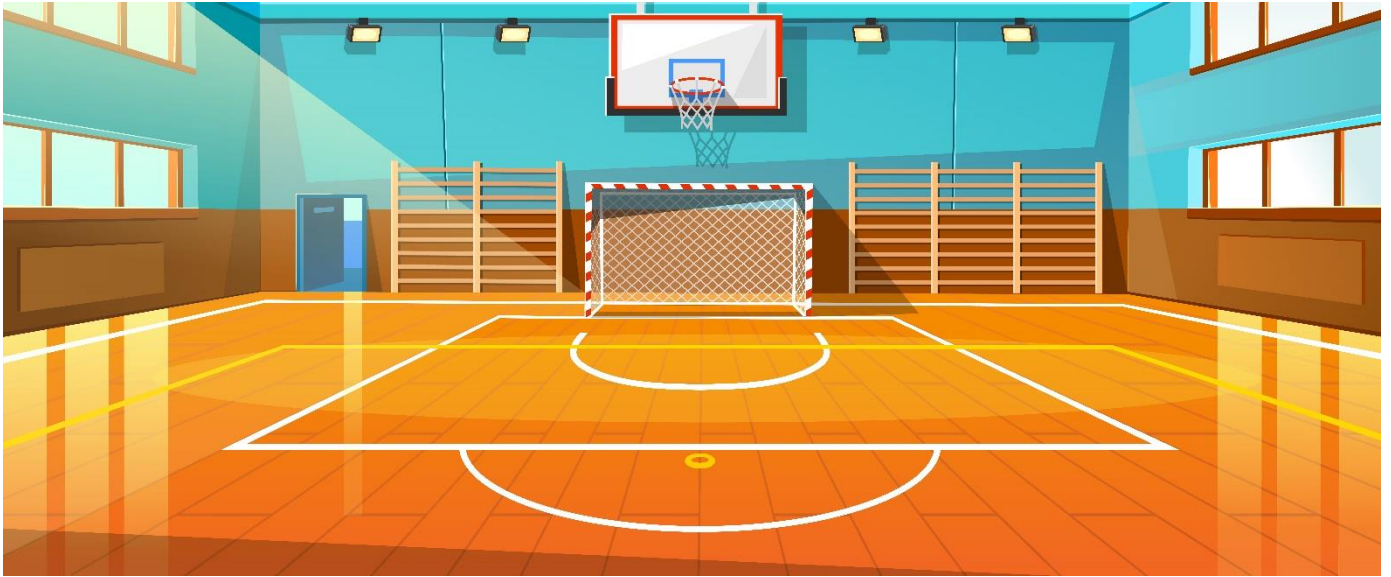
Savvas Charalambous is CARDET's Communication and Advocacy Manager while in the past he has held the positions of Head of the Social Affairs and Project Manager at the Centre. With longstanding experience in both civil society and private organizations, as well as an academic background in Politics and Political Communication, he has amounted considerable expertise in designing and implementing campaigns, actions and projects. Throughout his professional career he has worked in multiple initiatives and programmes for the promotion of civic participation, citizen engagement and human rights. Additionally, he has been involved as a Board member and a member of staff in multiple Civil Society Organizations and has also worked for an international Communications and Public Relations Company.



Ana Cardoso is a sociologist and Member of the board of directors of CESIS (Centre for Studies for Social Intervention). She works as Coordinator in several action-research projects addressed to disadvantaged people.



Filippo Corbelli is a project manager at CESIE, a European centre of studies and initiatives based in Palermo (Italy), where he manages projects in the field of sports. Previously, Filippo worked as youth workers with young people. From this experience he understood the importance of sports for the physical and mental development of young people. Filippo comes from Reggio Emilia, a city renowned for its Reggio Approach to early childhood education.



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