



## Report of the October 18th Integrated Sport Event in Bacau, Romania

On the 18th of October 2015, Surf The Earth Project association, with the help of the "Ferdinand I" National College in Bacau, organized the promotional and dissemination Event part of the project "European Day of Integrated Sport" co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of European Union.

The Event consisted in a conference and integrated sport demonstrations.

At the Event were present more than 40 people, representatives of sport associations and organizations that work with people with disabilities in the North East Romania area, public interested in the event, athletes and representatives of the local press.

The conference started with an introduction to the concept of Integrated Sport general presentation of the EDIS project, the aim and objectives and continued with a recall on the event on May 23rd, seen through the eyes of the participants and staff who represented our organization. After the testimonials of participants and presentation of the video material the conference focused on the integrated sport disciplines and the set of rules established during the project with a special focus on the sport disciplines in which we had representatives. The next point we addressed was the importance and benefits of the integrated sports and how we can start future initiatives towards developing it and promoting it at a larger scale. During the conference an important issue for our country was touched, that of the lack of infrastructure for the accessibility of disabled persons to the sports facilities, the lack of resources for acquiring special equipment for the performing of sport activities in complete safety for the athletes, the reduced numbers of specialized sport technicians that are involved in working with people with disabilities and very important the new generation's reluctance towards sport and physical activities. We concluded that the experience and the contacts with other organizations, institutions and people from other countries that we gained during the EDIS project will help us find solutions and support for overcoming these obstacles.

After the conference all the participants were invited on the basketball court where they had the opportunity to play Totally Integrated Basketball games, according to the rules presented earlier.

The day ended with a debriefing, drawing conclusions and laying the foundation for future actions and projects on local, national and international level in the field of Integrated Sports.

For the ones that manifested interest but could not attend the Event we prepared reports and material that was sent to their organizations.



The general feedback was very positive and even if this concept of sport is new for the majority of people, everyone that got in contact with it manifested their will to continue it and support it.

Our organization is proud and fortunate to be part of the "European Day of Integrated Sport" Project and we send warm regards to the organizers and all the participant institutions in other European countries and we manifest our interest in future collaborations.

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