

Final project conference Sacree

Sport and Autism from a scientific diagnosis to the **CRE**ation of a pedagogical **EU**ropean model

Conference hosted by Member of European Parliament Chiara Gemma
European Parliament, Room A1H1, Brussels

13 May 2025 from 14.30 to 17.00

Sports can help autistic individuals thrive at any age. The Erasmus+ Sacree project uses a person-centred model that adapts to various situations, structures, and contexts. This project aims to better include autistic people into sports and society by providing sustainable solutions for their access to physical activities tailored to their needs across Europe.

One of the key outcomes of the Sacree project has been the confirmation of the positive impact of sports on autistic people. It enhances acceptance and community inclusion by addressing discrimination, misunderstandings, and biases.

The Sacree project began in June 2022 and will conclude in June 2025. It is innovative because, prior to this project, there were few studies on sports and autism.

This conference will feature presentations by project partners, an overview of the scientific background and project results, contributions from external specialists in sports and autism, and insights from autistic individuals themselves and other key stakeholders, followed by a Q&A session.

Participants at the EP conference will learn about the development of the scientific methodology/model and concrete guidelines for autistic individuals, their networks, and the sports sector. The goal is to improve the quality of life for autistic people by promoting social innovation and inclusion through sports.

AGENDA

Interpretation: EN/FR/IT

14.30 - Welcome by conference host MEP Chiara Gemma, Intergroup Disability Bureau member

14.35 - Welcome by Aurélie Baranger, Director of Autism-Europe

14.40 - Presenting Sacree by Pascale Redding, Member of the federal and regional instances of the FSASPTT in charge of the RSO et innovation files, & Camille Rachynski, Project Manager at the ASPTT Fédération Omnisports, France

15.00 - Sacree results and impact by Pietro Cirrincione, Captain of SS Romulea Autistic Football Club, Italy

Challenges for the sport professional by Valerio De Carli, Coach of SS Romulea Autistic Football Club, Italy

15.15 - Presentation of scientific study results by Sidney Grosprêtre, Associate Professor in the Laboratory C3S "Culture, Sport, Santé, Société," at the University of Franche-Comté, France

15.35 - Q & A

15.45 - Round table on sport and autism:

- Jean Phillippe Piat, autistic self-representative and trainer, France
- Marc Evers, autistic Paralympic swimming champion, Netherlands
- Christo Velkov, Senior Vice President, Strategic Development, Special Olympics, Europe Eurasia

Possible further intervention by other stakeholders, fellow MEPs on sports and inclusion, etc.

16.20 - Conclusions by Autism-Europe and MEP Chiara Gemma, Intergroup Disability Bureau member

16.30 -17.00 – Informal networking