NAME OF THE ACTIVITY
Integration of Refugees Through Sport (IRTS) Networking Platform

LEADING ORGANISATION
International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA)

COUNTRY
Denmark

HEPA-RELATED TOPIC
Socially disadvantaged groups’ access to HEPA

TYPE OF ACTIVITY
Training, education, resources

TARGET GROUP
Refugees, practitioners, sport coaches, grassroots sport organisations and initiatives

OBJECTIVES
The aim of this networking platform is to unite solutions in the field of Integration of Refugees Through Sport (IRTS) and link the organisers of these initiatives to form a new network.

ACTIVITIES
The IRTS Networking Platform offers the following professional development opportunities: Mentoring programme: Connecting people who are experienced in running IRTS initiatives with those who are just starting out, or are looking for some advice to make a bigger impact. Award scheme: Recognising initiatives and partnerships that have made an impact in their communities. Online courses: 3 new online courses will equip solution-providers with tested approaches, expert and peer-to-peer tips from the field, and avenues to support and funding. Events: Events such as the MOVE Congress.

RESULTS / EVALUATION
Our Integration of Refugees Through Sport resources have been designed with expert input from grassroots sport professionals, humanitarian organisations, coordinators from asylum centres and refugees themselves. The Implementation Guide introduces you to the topic by looking at relevant research, as well as the challenges and barriers that NGOs, sports clubs and other organisations or individuals often face when implementing or running an IRTS programme. It also looks at Integration of Refugees Through Sport through the eyes of those who are displaced and trying to build a new life in a new land. Our partners also offer their tips and tricks for working in this field based on the successes and pitfalls they have experienced in their work. And if you want to go into more depth on the topic and how to establish partnerships with sport or humanitarian organisations, they will guide you through an online learning course that is free to access on learn.isca.org.

TIPS & TRICKS
Make sure you include the people you want to reach as a stakeholder and involve them as part of co-designing the programme. Together you can figure out what should be the focus and how to create the most impactful and relevant results. Do a proper stakeholder mapping and don’t forget to reach out to other relevant entities like public agencies, municipalities and refugee/human rights organisations who might be doing similar programmes and could share their expertise.

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