



#2 National Observatory Against Discrimination in Sport – Mauro Valeri

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Type of discrimination

- Gender Discrimination in Sports
- Racial Discrimination in Sports
- Religious Discrimination in Sports
- Disability Discrimination in Sports
- LGBTQI+ Discrimination in Sports

Target group

Athletes, coaches, referees, sport managers, and spectators. All people involved in the sport world practice at all levels from amatorial to top professionals

Problem/Solution

The main problem is the lack of understanding of the problem: discrimination in sport does not only affect professional sport and major events that receive extensive media coverage, but it also occurs in amateur sport. In this field, incidents are often linked to offenses that incite hatred, leading to violent acts. Yet the availability of data is limited to the main incidents reported in the media, which limits knowledge about 'everyday discrimination'. There is no system for comparing data common to the various federations. A similar situation arises if one tries to analyse what happens in the activities promoted by grassroots sport (which has a far greater movement of athletes than professional sport) with a lack of information on incidents during competitions and tournaments or during training.

The problem has created a systematised methodologies for monitoring, working in close cooperation with the grassroots sport associations/clubs, due to their important role played in the various communities as a means of bringing people together and socialising.

Objective

- Promoting the Observatory's activities on the territory
- Collecting data on episodes of discrimination in the world of sport and producing an annual documents of analysis

- Denouncing to National Office Against Discrimination (UNAR) the most discriminatory actions in order to contact the responsible
- Supporting ASDs in the implementation of anti-racist actions and projects
- Collecting best practices on the territory

Activities

- Monitoring is applied to all Italian territory, is managed by a central coordination, whose job is to coordinate the local focal points, and to analyse the data received
- Sensitizing the local sport world by collecting the denounces and monitoring the sport events, organising antiracist events and promoting a culture of dialogue

Results

The project is an ongoing activities and the main results is the realisation of a national database with a systematic methodology, in order to study the phenomenon of discrimination in sport and create suitable and specific solution in term of educational and preventing projects.

Top tips

Creation of a local network where all the association who fight for human and civil rights, local communities, local authorities cooperates with sport associations in order to monitor the situation and collect denounces.

More

Web site: <https://www.uisp.it/progetti/pagina/observatory-against-discrimination-in-sportmauro-valeri>

Relevant documents: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfni33z91Oic9vmcR7TWQ_E5VMs6r9iXiQ10h8k3zoHySutw/viewform