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Small panel session: INAMOS project
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EFFECTS OF INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES ON VOLUNTARY SPORTS CLUBS AND MIGRANTS - THE INAMOS PROJECT

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Introduction

Despite COVID-19 and environmental issues, migration and the integration of migrants/refugees are currently among the most pressing issues on the political agenda in Europe, intensified by the influx of refugees triggered by the war in Ukraine at the beginning of 2022. As voluntary sport clubs (VSCs) could mitigate this challenge and serve as an important integration catalyst (Spaaij, 2015), the European Commission, and its member States support sport-based initiatives to integrate migrants/refugees into European host societies. Despite the existence of these programmes, only a comparatively small number of VSCs are directly involved in such targeted ‘integration through sport’ practices. To increase the number of VSCs, which are willing and able to implement targeted integration measures significantly, it is necessary to understand how national or regional policies can reach the local level and impact practices. To address this challenge, the international research project INAMOS (*Integration of Newly Arrived Migrants through Organised Sport – From European Policy to Local Sports Club Practice*) takes a holistic view by including the entire impact chain in its analysis, starting with political integration programmes, continuing with the implementation by VSCs and ending with the effects on migrants/refugees.

Content of the Small Panel Session

The aim of the Session is to present and discuss selected findings from the INAMOS project in four presentations:

(1) Implementation of the programme *Integration Through Sports (IdS)* within German federal state sport confederations (*Responsible: Jarck, H. & Schlesinger, T.*)