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Liberi Nantes ASD Presentation

Who we are

We're a nonprofit, independent, secular, non-political amateur sports association.

We promote playing and sports practices as fundamental tools for social inclusion.

Since our birth, on 26th of October of 2007, we bring forward the idea that claiming personal identity and dignity can be done on a sports field, being it a place of build and rebuild of positive relationships.

We live off the support and commitment of those who believe in our values. For the past 12 years, we've been working in the neighbourhood of Pietralata, in Rome, where we've been taking care of the abandoned, historical public football field "XXV Aprile". Our aim is to transform it and give it back to the local community as the very important recreation and cultural centre it was in the past.

Our vision

Liberi Nantes is an open community where we nurture and grow freedom, respect and acceptance. We believe in playing as universal dimension of human growth and we use sports as a tool for mutual development.

What we do

Liberi Nantes Football Club is our football team completely formed of refugees and asylum seekers. It has been competing in the Roman amateur federal championships for the past 12 years. All our team members receive technical equipment, health assistance and everything they need as footballers. In the past we managed to have a female team as well.

CamiNantes is an heterogeneous group of men and women, migrants and locals, which explores the principal attractions in Rome and in the countryside. They have the



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main aim of rediscovering the beauty of our city and territory. We believe that walking together is a great way to exploit a pacific and natural environment to nurture healthy relationships and at the same time fight language and cultural barriers.

Italian School: free Italian courses for foreigners have been one of the pillars of the activities offered at Liberi Nantes. Thanks to *Lingua in Gioco* (our specific action inside the ongoing *Paideia* european funded project) we're experimenting the teaching of Italian language through the practice of football. This is an attempt to put in practice a method conceived by the Ca' Foscari University in Venice.

Main projects

Below are the summary sheets of the main projects in descending chronological order

Year	2020 - 2021
Project	Football for Unity
Description	The project is linked to the 2020 European Football Championships (moved to 2021) and aims to organize an <i>Awareness Festival</i> involving around 150 young people (foreign and local) by football tournaments and forums on fair play and discrimination issues
Funding body	European Commission (AMIF)
Liberi Nantes role	Partner
Project Leader	UEFA Foundation for Children
Other partners	Street Football World; EFDN (European Football For Development Network); Johan Cruyff Foundation; Oltalom Sportegyesulet; Sport Against Racism Ireland; Kickfair EV; Street Child United

Year	2019 - 2020
Project	Giovani in Campo



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Description	The second edition of the project promotes the protagonism of young people by making the most of the tool of football to "build community" and to tackle issues such as bullying, racism, gender discrimination and social marginalization.
Funding body	Roma Capitale
Liberi Nantes role	Partner
Project Leader	Fondazione Roma Solidale
Other partners	Asilo Savoia; vari istituti scolastici dell'area metropolitana di Roma

Year	2019 - 2021
Project	Paideia
Description	The project is aimed at various categories of migrants (UAMs, refugees, asylum seekers both women and men) and promotes empowerment, language training and the acquisition of key citizenship skills through experimental language workshops based on alternative tools like sport activities
Funding body	European Commission (AMIF)
Liberi Nantes role	Partner
Project Leader	CIES
Other partners	Associazione Culturale Aristofane, Passaparola Italia, Cooperativa Sociale Arcadia

Year	2018 - 2019
Project	Giovani in Campo
Description	The project promotes the protagonism of young people through sport as an instrument of encounter and knowledge of diversity, in order to tackle issues like bullying, racism, gender



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	discrimination and social marginalization
Funding body	Roma Capitale
Liberi Nantes role	Partner
Project Leader	Fondazione Roma Solidale
Other partners	A number of schools in the roman metropolitan area

Year	2018
Project	APAD
Description	The aim of the project is to offer spaces for inclusion and social mediation through several free sports and recreational activities (football, women's football, hiking) for around 150 people living in the reception centers in Rome
Funding body	UNAR (Italian National Anti Discrimination Bureau)
Liberi Nantes role	Leader

Year	2017
Project	S(up)port Refugees Integration (EAC 2017-0492)
Description	Pilot action funded by DG EAC of the European Commission: the project, entirely dedicated to refugee women and asylum seekers, has the aim of promoting social inclusion through various recreational-sports disciplines (football, hiking, gymnastics, touch rugby)
Funding body	European Commission (DG EAC)
Liberi Nantes role	Leader

Year	2017 - 2018
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Project	Dissemination, practice and implementation of sporting activities for foreign minors who are guests of the national reception system
Description	The aim of the project is to facilitate UAMs (Unaccompanied Foreign Minors) hosted in several reception centers in Rome, free access to sports programs
Funding body	CONI (Italian National Olympic Committee) - Ministero dell'Interno (AMIF)
Liberi Nantes role	Leader

Year	2017
Project	Sport Antenne
Description	The aim of the project is to collect reports of discrimination throughout the national territory through the network of local UISP committees. Liberi Nantes is part of the <i>Task Force</i> that is called upon to mediate possible conflicts between the local community and the migrant community by using sport as a tool for meeting and mutual knowledge
Funding body	Ministero dell'Interno
Liberi Nantes role	Partner
Project Leader	UISP
Other partners	Comitati locali UISP

Community

Liberi Nantes promotes and supports grass-root, local networks as core value. Constantly looking for communication and the ability to create cooperation is one of our main strengths.



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Campaign/Advocacy

In 2020, during the emergency linked to COVID-19, the volunteers of Liberi Nantes promoted a spontaneous digital solidarity action through the *Linha* project with the aim of activating free broadband connections for some reception centers for refugees and asylum seekers. Through the association's mediation action, some of the major communication companies have provided free connections to 4 reception centers with a direct impact on about 230 guests.

With the 2019 proposal *Domicilio Sportivo* (sports residency) to the Federazione Italiana Gioco Calcio, in cooperation with UNHCR, ASGI and UISP, our football team was allowed to play and regularly compete in the official federal championship. This is an historical success for the association, which promotes the access to sports as a fundamental right to every person.

Awards

In 2020 the Sport Unit of the European Commission included the European project S(up)port Refugees Integration in the pamphlet *Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions in the field of sport*, including all best and most innovative project for sports inclusivity (
<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/6b6f6891-8507-11ea-bf12-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>)

In 2019, during the celebration for their 60th anniversary, Lega Nazionale Dilettanti awarded Liberi Nantes the *Pallone D'Oro*, honouring their commitment for social inclusion through football.

In 2019, Liberi Nantes received a Special Mention at the *REVES Excellence Award* from European Network of Cities & Regions for the Social Economy, recognising the effort for the restoration of the football field "XXV Aprile", together with ATER, Regione Lazio and private partners.



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In 2018 the European Commission in Bruxelles awarded Liberi Nantes as one of the 9 finalist associations for the *BeInclusiveAward* for their work in the project S(up)port Refugees Integration, dedicated to migrant, refugee and asylum seeking women.

In 2015, CONI (Italian National Olympic Committee) included Liberi Nantes in the *Good Practices of Sport and Integration* brochure which collects the best Italian experiences on the themes of sport and integration, with the aim of shedding light on those "virtuous behaviors" that have made sport the tool to combat all forms of discrimination and racism.

In 2013 Liberi Nantes was awarded "Premio Monteverde Pasolini - Le ragioni dei sogni, le visioni della realtà", for the commitment in spreading culture, art, solidarity and social inclusion.

In 2010, during the South African Football World Championship, Liberi Nantes was awarded with the "Premio Nelson Mandela – Sport e solidarietà".

In 2009, during their second competition at the Mondiali Antirazzisti, Liberi Nantes football team wins the *Coppa dei Mondiali*, the highest recognition for the project with the highest value for social inclusion and integration.

Between 2009 and 2018 seasons of Campionato Federale, Liberi Nantes football team was awarded the *Fair Play* recognition 5 times for their good behaviour and respect on the field scores.

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