

## **Call for Applications: Instructor Training on Sport for Development (S4D) – 3rd Edition**

Sport can unite people across cultures and backgrounds and serve as a tool for social development and peaceful coexistence – but how?

The **Sport for Development (S4D)** approach goes beyond a conventional understanding of sports, using physical activity and games to foster social cohesion, equality, and personal growth. S4D applied in youth work, sport coaching and physical education can make a targeted contribution to strengthening competencies, confidence, connection and compassion as key resources of positive youth development.

Studies highlight its benefits, such as enhanced psychosocial well-being, gender equality, inclusive behavior, stronger social interactions, and improved employability, with trainers playing a crucial role in these outcomes.

The Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) are seeking motivated multipliers to implement and pass on the Sport for Development (S4D) approach in the Western Balkan Region.

A two-part training course is offered to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and methods to apply Sport for Development in their communities.

To successfully complete the training course participation in both parts is required:

**Part I: 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2025, Mavrovo (tbc.), North Macedonia**

**Part II: 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025, in Prizren (tbc.), Kosovo**

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Interested participants should meet the following criteria:

- Be a sport coach, social worker, youth worker or Physical Education (PE) teacher, or have similar work experience
- Previous experience in *Sport for Development* activities will be considered an asset
- B2 level of English proficiency or higher
- Be a national of one of the Western Balkans countries
- Availability for both training courses
- Willingness to use sport in different settings
- Dedicated to working towards youth empowerment and social cohesion/inclusion
- Interest in regional collaboration and peer learning



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### **WORKSHOP CONTENT:**

The training will cover the following key areas:

- Understanding the Sport for Development (S4D) approach
- Designing and implementing S4D training sessions with diverse target groups
- Disseminating the approach to other professionals
- Cohesion and empowerment through sport
- Adapting sports methodologies for social change

### **COSTS:**

Travel, accommodation, and travel health insurance costs will be covered by GIZ and RYCO.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications (template attached) to the following e-mails: [vladimir.gjorgjevski@rycowb.org](mailto:vladimir.gjorgjevski@rycowb.org) and [afrim.iljazi@giz.de](mailto:afrim.iljazi@giz.de) with subject: S4D Instructor Training-3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

**Deadline for applications: 12.03.2025**

We explicitly welcome applications from people with disabilities.

Join us in promoting sport as a powerful tool for youth empowerment and social inclusion!

For further information please visit [www.sport-for-development.com](http://www.sport-for-development.com) or sign up for free online events and training offers: [Events - Global S4D Community](#).

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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