

1st NEWSLETTER – ALICE PROJECT

The **ALICE project – Active Living promotion for a better Inclusion of Children at risk of Exclusion and poverty** – promotes social inclusion and well-being of children living in rural and marginalized communities by improving their access to sport and physical activity. To address the lack of opportunities in these areas, the project introduces the ALICE Truck – a mobile sports hub that brings sport directly to children, transforming everyday public spaces into places for play, learning and connection.

Beyond physical activity, ALICE supports children in developing confidence, teamwork and essential life skills, while also strengthening the capacities of organizations and professionals working with children at risk of exclusion.

Through its activities, the project will reach hundreds of children across multiple European countries, promoting healthier lifestyles and equal opportunities for all.

Kick-off meeting – Athens, Greece

The ALICE project officially kicked off in **Athens, Greece on 18–19 November 2025**, bringing together partners from Romania, Italy, Bulgaria, Croatia, Portugal and Greece.

Hosted by The Smile of the Child, the meeting offered an inspiring environment and an opportunity to learn more about the organization's work dedicated to child protection and well-being.

Over two days, partners exchanged ideas, aligned on project goals and activities, and set the foundations for future collaboration. Discussions focused on how to implement the ALICE model, engage children in disadvantaged areas and ensure a strong and coordinated partnership.

The meeting marked an important first step in building a shared vision and a strong collaboration committed to making sport accessible to every child.



2nd Transnational Meeting – Targu Jiu, Romania

The second project meeting took place on **17–18 March 2026 in Targu Jiu, Romania**, where partners reviewed progress and planned the next phase of activities.

The main focus was on the development of the ALICE Capacity Building Programme, which provides training materials, practical tools, and guidance for sports organisations, coaches, youth workers and community facilitators working with children at risk of poverty and social exclusion. Partners worked on shaping the structure and content of the programme, ensuring it will support professionals in delivering inclusive, engaging, and impactful sport activities in their local communities.

At the same time, discussions advanced the implementation of the ALICE Truck activities, focusing on how sport programmes will be adapted to different local contexts and the specific needs of children in rural and marginalized areas.

In parallel, partners discussed ongoing communication and dissemination efforts.

The meeting strengthened coordination among partners and ensured a clear and shared direction for the next steps of the project.

What's next?

In the coming months, the ALICE partnership will focus on further developing the Capacity Building Programme and delivering training activities for coaches, sport professionals and community actors working with children at risk of exclusion.

At the same time, partners will organise local workshops in each country, bringing the project closer to communities and ensuring that knowledge and tools are effectively applied in practice. In parallel, work will continue on further developing the implementation of ALICE Truck activities in local communities, adapting sport programmes to the specific needs of children in rural and marginalized areas.

The partnership will also continue its collaboration through regular meetings, with the next project meeting planned to take place in Padova, Italy.