

| Good practice n° 2 | |
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| Title | Afro-Napoli United |
| Author/Name of the institution (organization) | The multi-ethnic football team was the initiative of Antonio Gargiulo, the current president, and the Senegalese Sow Hamath and Watt Samba Babaly. |
| Type of the good practice | Project |
| Place | Naples, Italy |
| Start date / End date | 2009 |
| Target group of learners | Immigrants, asylum seekers and young people at risk of exclusion living in the Metropolitan City of Naples. |
| Institutions involved | Napoli United, Social Amateur Sports Cooperative: https://www.napoliunited.com/ |
| Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote social inclusion through sport, in particular the settlement of immigrants, asylum seekers and young people at risk of exclusion residing in the area of the Metropolitan City of Naples. ● Invest in integration and fight against racism. ● Look into the education of young people and social development. ● Promote traditional European games and sports. ● Train, professionally, trainers and operators. ● Promote environmental and cultural heritage in sport. |
| Description | Afro-Napoli United is a multicultural football team that represents a model recognised by the Ministry of Labour and by CONI (Italian |

National Olympic Committee) as the first of the best practices in Italy in the field of sport and integration.

The Afro Napoli United team, the name by which Antonio Gargiulo, the president, wanted to imply that this team had an open door for everyone, creating a melting pot for all those who lived in the city and wanted to play football. Gaargiulo started by recruiting people in the area of Piazza Garibaldi, the central train station, where there is a high concentration of immigrants. Word spread far and wide and in a short time Afro Napoli was able to get 40 players to enrol in the championship of the AICS, the Italian amateur football federation.

Since its creation, Afro-Napoli's main activities have mainly concerned the:

- management and administration of sports facilities;
- participation in amateur and amateur leagues at regional and national level;
- organisation and management of sports activities for immigrants and young people;
- creation and management of men's and women's football teams;
- planning and participation in European, local and national competitions;
- organisation and promotion of cultural and social activities;
- management of migrant reception centres and communication and dissemination activities.

Napoli United has created a solid network of action made up of local entities and associations with which the company actively collaborates. In addition, it has the main and fundamental support of Consorzio Gesco, which has contributed to its growth since its creation.

Afro Napoli has become more of a family than a football team. The club offers help on and off the pitch: accommodation, food and, above all, document processing to help navigate the Italian bureaucratic chaos. Just look at the colours that the president chose to represent the team: green, because it reminded him of

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| | <p>African culture; white, because it is the colour of peace; and blue, because it represents the sea that divides Europe from Africa.</p> <p>Throughout these years, the company has achieved important goals in terms of both sports and social results, consolidating itself as a reality of excellence in the national scene.</p> |
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