



>> **Hattrick: Football – Learning - Integration**

Playing football in a team offers various opportunities of social learning and developing transversal competences – independent from cultural background. Migrants in Europe tend to have lower access to education institutions than the average population, they are much more often affected by unemployment and excluded from many social activities. Young male migrants in particular have a risk of becoming early school leavers and/or unemployed.

The football pitch, however, is one social location where integration seems to be successful in many cases. A lot of young migrant people show enthusiasm in (team) sports, with young men especially keen on football.

The basic idea of **Hattrick** is to use the potential which young migrant footballers display on the football pitch for re-entering education and vocational training and thus improving their social integration.

>> **Hattrick project launched**

Hattrick: Football – Learning - Integration is a transnational project funded by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme.

Hattrick develops an innovative training approach by opening an informal pathway to education: **Football clubs** are explored as possible **new places of learning**. Young male migrants or other young disadvantaged men are engaged in lifelong learning activities by meeting them where they already are with enthusiasm: on the football pitch!

The project **Hattrick** promotes a **two fold training strategy** which includes the qualification of football **players** and their **trainers** to enhance social and intercultural competences. The close cooperation with football clubs throughout the project ensures the practical orientation in the project.

Hattrick started in December 2009 and will be terminated in November 2011.

Information on the ongoing project activities will be distributed in due course through following project newsletters and on the project website:

www.hattrick-project.eu



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