

Programme priority: An educated region

Specific objective: S.O.4.2: Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and online education and training

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PRESS RELEASE

Conference SPORT FOR ALL, EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

July 9-10, 2026, 10:00-18:00, C420, University of Craiova

The University of Craiova, together with the **D.A. Tsenov Academy of Economics** (Bulgaria) and the **Engage in Education Association**, is pleased to announce the international conference “**SPORT FOR ALL, EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY**”, which will take place on **9-10 July 2026** at the University of Craiova.

The conference is organised within the framework of the Interreg VI-A Romania-Bulgaria project “**PROMoting IncluSivE and Quality Education through Technology, Leadership and Sport - Hard**” (**PROMISE-Hard**). This initiative promotes inclusive, high-quality education through innovation, cross-border cooperation, leadership, and sport. The conference will bring together academics, researchers, students, education professionals, policymakers, and representatives of civil society to exchange ideas, share best practices, and discuss the role of sport in promoting inclusion, diversity, and equal opportunities. Beyond its physical benefits, sport helps develop teamwork, leadership, resilience, and lifelong personal skills.

The project aims to strengthen graduates’ competencies and skills, enhancing their employability and better preparing them for the labour market in the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border region. To support these objectives, two modern educational infrastructures will be developed: one at the University of Craiova and another at the D.A. Tsenov Academy of Economics in Svishtov. This is the second Interreg Romania-Bulgaria project implemented jointly by the two universities, reflecting their continued commitment to cross-border cooperation in higher education. The conference also reflects the shared commitment of the project partners to fostering innovation, inclusion, and excellence in higher education while strengthening cooperation between Romania and Bulgaria.

For further information about the **conference programme** and participation, please contact the **Communications Manager**.

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