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Sport as a tool for developing intercultural exchange and social diversity among young people

Basketball is one of the most popular sport all over the world. People in different countries, different environments, with different beliefs, religions or cultures watch and play this game. Basketball is a one-of-a-kind tool for different people to follow common rules and share common goals.

But Sport has its dark side too. Violence, racism and community tensions are too often to be found in international competitions as much as in local games. Sports probably don't have any intrinsic positive values. Sport is just what people make of it. In a near future, young people will be the ones able to invent new ways to use sport as a tool for good.

The aim of the project : Use **basketball and street sports** as a way to meet each other and to exchange. Find new ways to use basketball to promote intercultural dialogue and social diversity in the city. Our method : Play, think together and try concrete ideas to foster social diversity and mutual understanding through games on the playgrounds.

Activities :

- ✓ Playground tours : discover local players by playing on their playgrounds,
- ✓ Discover other street sports beside basketball : streetgolf, Parkour and so many more,
- ✓ Discuss together new ideas to bring together communities through streetsports,
- ✓ Try new games and new way to practice sports in the street.
- ✓ And all the activities you will be proposing,









When? Preparation of the groups, starting from may 2015. Exchange during summer 2015, 11 or 12 days (travel included) and a long lasting "dissemination" time after the actual exchange.

Where ? In Greece or Turkey, the accommodations and venues are to be discussed (submit your proposals in the application)

Who? Young people aged between 14 and 18 years old and who love basketball and are ready to discover more..

We are looking for partners able to propose activities and to coordinate the project with us. If you have "ready-made" applications please don't send them to us, we need to know if you understand the general spirit of the project and if your organization will be able to bring more than just a few young people.

The Deadline for applications is: September,14th 2014, midnight (GMT+2). No applications will be accepted after this.

The **Big Bang Ballers France** (*www.bigbangballers.fr*) is a non-profit organization that is part of the international NGO **Big Bang Ballers** (*www.bigbangballers.org*) based in Canberra, Australia. The original Big Bang Ballers's goal is to use basketball to tackle youth poverty and social disadvantage. To do so, one of the means of action is to break the cultural barriers between different communities. Therefore, organizing an exchange within European borders in order for the youth to meet and spend time together, is a positive step toward a better understanding of others and an increasing harmony for the future.

This exchange would be co-organized by 3 partners in a specific country allowing participants to travel to each other's country. In 2015, about 10 French young people, 10 greek young people, 10 turkish youngsters and 10 people from Spain, Germany or Italy would be traveling to one of the partner's country and share activities.You can check our last Exchange in the Ukraine "**My city, your**

city, our Cities" on facebook .

Please send your applications (Question sheet + all informations about your organizations

and what you did in the past) to contact@bigbangballers.fr

