



# Introduction

The Heroes of Football team, consisting of members from six European countries, created a toolkit for Football Associations, members and volunteers of amateur and professional football clubs, and individuals who just love football.

With this toolkit, Heroes of Football wants to give you relevant and ready-to-use tools to make your football/sport environment welcome and inclusive for every person who wants to be part of it; regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The toolkit specifically focusses on how you can help LGBTIQ-people (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer) to feel accepted in football.

We therefore created several factsheets with specific information about regulations, dealing with different situations and possible training games for players, trainers, educators, club boards and other football stakeholders. Furthermore, we made a virtual reality game, which can be used to start a debate about being LGBTIQ in football.

## *Heroes of Football*

*'A European mission to ensure that everyone who loves football or takes part in the game, enjoys it 100% and can be who they are for 100%. This way everyone can give it the full 100%, together with the team.'*

Testimonials of young LGBTIQ football heroes are also available and can be part of information sessions. In 2017 we will also launch a documentary via [www.heroesoffootball.eu](http://www.heroesoffootball.eu), which will give an answer to the question 'Is European football ready for LGBTIQ-people in football?'

Heroes of Football encourages all European football countries to read the toolkit and use the tools to create awareness about inclusiveness and LGBTIQ-people in football. The tools and factsheets are freely available on our website and can be distributed to your own stakeholders.

We hope that you will enjoy reading and using the various toolkit parts and wish you a lot of success with the implementation of an LGBTIQ-policy or LGBTIQ-actions to make football more inclusive.