

SRSinternational Overview

PURPOSE

SRS International exists to envision, launch, build, and develop ministry in and through sport in countries that have little or no sports ministry. We do this in partnership with different sports agencies, local teams, churches, and individuals in the context of the ECSU and the global sports movement.

VISION

We want to see two disciple makers connected to every sports team and sports community intentionally sharing their lives and their faith with everyone around them.

Services

We serve various local and regional sport ministry initiatives, networks & partnerships by offering consulting, practical support and by hosting & facilitating trainings and conferences. We also share resources and expertise with our partners to help them achieve their objectives in making disciples in and through sport. We help start and facilitate various communities of practice and connect young local leaders to grow and serve together.

Priorities

Athletes & Coaches - engage & equip more sport mentors and coaches serving all people of sport.

Health & Fitness - connect & train health & fitness specialists across Europe forming local & regional teams.

Action Sports - camps & seminars as well as holistic support for elite athletes in competition & beyond.

Sports for Integration - marginalised people groups reached and integrated through sport and games.

Major Sports Events - convene & facilitate initiatives & partnerships around sports events for community impact.

Strategic Partnerships

We come alongside local leaders and partners in over 20 countries in helping them in developing their vision, train staff and volunteers, fundraising and administrative support.



GOALS & PROJECTS FOR 2024 INCLUDE:

Connect - Sports specific networks (Baseball, American Football, Basketball & Cycling) collaborating across Europe / Monthly online gatherings connecting H&F professionals from across Europe / Convene & facilitate Ensemble2024 and Kickoff24 / Increased collaboration between sports initiatives for migrants and refugees / More Action Sport teams linked to city teams

Grow - Communities of practice & learning cohorts for sports mentors / Encourage & equip action sport athletes to compete and live unbound / 6 national training weekends for h&f specialists & enthusiasts over the next 12 months / Assist and promote initiatives, resources & strategies developed & produced in francophone countries / Global capacity building for prison sports ministry

Serve - Camps & ongoing projects in several Roma villages to see them transformed by the gospel through sport & games / Mountain bike pro tour support team / Admin support & processing volunteers & mission teams for local churches and mission partners in France & Germany / Visit & encourage 10 key H&F stakeholders in different countries / Mental Health & Support Help line

Join us as we seek to foster and develop local teams that are strong, relevant, sustainable and are multiplying in their context of their sport and community.

Ministry Development Update 2023



Athletes & Coaches

Because of the need for more female sport mentors serving elite female athletes throughout Europe, God has brought about a Community of Practice to **connect** female sport mentors, sport chaplains and sport psychologists. This group of women is **growing** in their knowledge and ability to share best practices to come alongside and **serve** elite female **athletes** while also focusing on **growing** the number of those available to serve.

After many people during Covid started meeting online, a team member in Italy organized many bible studies throughout Italy. Personal visits and continued calls have helped to **Connect, Grow, and Serve** these athletes and coaches. There are more than 60 individuals in 6 biweekly meetings that are studying God's word together. Many of the athletes are young, and we want them to understand their role as believers in the world of sports and how to be witnesses for God.

Members of our team continue to **serve** elite athletes in various countries and sports. A professional female tennis player has the ability to **grow** in her faith and **connect** by reading the Bible with others. One of our leaders is investing in a Latin American country coming alongside football players representing their country on their national team as they share their lives and **grow** in their faith.

*Hear from one of the coaches we **serve**:*

SRSinternational is **growing, serving** and **connecting** coaches who wish to coach the whole athlete. Many coaches have discovered that winning is not enough, especially when the coach doesn't have a winning season. We come alongside coaches who want to **grow**, so that they can help their athletes also **grow**. These coaches want to invest in their players holistically and incorporate this learning into their practice plans. Some of these coaches want to impart a spiritual component as well. This is an opportunity of great influence.



Health & Fitness

We have experienced **growth** of 2 weekend trainings during the last year; one in Italy and one in Romania. It was a real delight to **serve** these motivated people.

In Italy, 12 fitness professionals **connected and grew** in their learning about holistic health and how to see the fitness context as a mission field. 3 people from Romania and France also joined in the Italian training. That **connection** has resulted in them wanting to train in their own countries. Italy has also experienced a **growth** of a network of Health and Fitness professionals that plan to have a training in the south of the country.

Romania saw 12 fitness enthusiasts **connect and grow** in their learning how to take care of the body, mind and spirit and how to share their faith in Jesus in and through fitness. One senior leader is now **serving** by mentoring 3 of the girls from the training weekend.

Through the ECSU Gathering in Malta, we were able to meet and **connect** with new fitness friends, and they are now included to the community of practice in Europe. We have had 6 Zoom calls during the year to inspire and **connect** people with the passion for Jesus and fitness and have identified 10 key leaders that we invest in to **grow** and keep in contact with every month.

Action Sports

Courons ensemble is not an organization but a movement. This means you are welcome to contribute with what you have and take advantage of all of the different strategies, resources and other ideas that are available through people coming together with the same vision.



Sport for Integration

Roma

God is at work in Roma communities across Europe. We are **connecting** different initiatives in Serbia and Hungary helping them **grow** their local work in their community centres and on the sports fields. After **serving** in the same communities for the last 6 years we are thank God that the work started to expand to other villages and we are seeing the first group of young leaders emerge from within the communities that want to see their communities transformed by the Gospel.

Diaspora

We have started an initiative equipping and empowering members and leaders of the diaspora living in Europe to impact their context **serving** in sport, education, business and community development

Refugees

Members of our team continue to **serve** refugees from different parts of the world with a particular focus on **connecting** and equipping those serving them in how sport can help the process of integration.

Watch a video from one of our partners:



Major Sports Events

Sports Events provide a great opportunity for increased community impact through Sports Ministry - **connecting** organizations, churches and other stake holders as we **serve** together.

France

During the Rugby World Cup, our team produced a toolkit with ideas for programs and activities to **grow** relationships and **serve** local churches & communities. We also help to facilitate the partnership of organizations, churches and other stakeholders around the games next summer in the French capital as well as in other francophone countries and around the world by connecting the different stakeholders and providing practical and administrative services.

Germany

A partnership of different churches & organizations is forming to collaborate during the European Football Championship taking place in 10 cities across Germany. Through different campaigns and a Sports Ministry Starter Kit our team, together with other partners, hope to see many more churches now in their understanding of Sports Ministry, grasp its potential and to be equip them to serve their local context.

One challenge local ministries and partnerships face when major sports events take place in their city or country are the many teams and volunteers seeking to **serve**. Our team has created a online tool and training resources to help those hosting teams and volunteers to process applications and ensure good governance and best practice.



Services

Our purpose is to help establish ministry in sport, for people, with God wherever there is little or no sports ministry. Where needed, we help **grow** local teams and provide administrative and operational help for those looking to start up their own work or organization.

We **serve** on facilitation teams, coordinate the prayer initiative and facilitate various community of practices across different sports and ministry contexts.

Also, we continue to **serve** the sports ministry family in Europe and the sports movement globally during trainings and events.

One example of **serving** happened logistically for the ECSU Gathering 2023 in Malta. Likewise, just before the ECSU Gathering, we were able to **serve** the 3 GO Networks (Play, Sport, and Health & Fitness).





Partnerships

We continue to **serve** partners in over 20 countries helping them **grow** their teams and become strong, multiplying and locally led ministries.

Kenya

At the discipleship school in Kenya, our partner was able to directly impact 35 Students from Kenya and Burundi.

These 35 students were able to directly impact over 400 children and youth every week during the discipleship school. These children and youth experience poverty, lack of education and lack of opportunity to play.

After the school, the students became **connected** as active members of their churches in Kenya and also in Burundi. A few are now working and **serving** with Word of Life Kenya in their camps and with Kick Off to Hope in their projects in the local communities both in Kenya and Burundi. During the year, they reached out and **connected** to thousands of children and young people, and will continue in the future.

Uruguay - “Centro Deportivo Logos “

Another partner originally from Uruguay and competed as a national rower there travels a lot to South America to build contacts and preach in churches but most of all **serves** athletes. Therefore, amongst other sports projects, our partner helped to start a rowing school in Uruguay which features conventional rowing as well as para-rowing. Since then, the rowing school has become an officially registered sports club which is recognized by the town administration as well as by the national rowing federation and is now even competing at regattas. Running a sports club is of course linked with many tasks and now many of his former athletes that have come to believe are experiencing **growth** in many ways including helping with the administrative side of the club and are passionate about the project.

MALTA - “KDS”

After several years of groundwork, the Malta Christian Sport Union was formally launched under the facilitation of our partner “KDS”. They hosted several round tables to gather many groups and individuals from different spheres of Sport, church and community organisations. Prayer, strategizing and planning have begun to guide their steps to **serve** those on the island with the love of Jesus. Athlete meetings and trainings are being held and a university diploma in sports ministry has been launched.

How to get involved:

If you would like to have regular updates or how to pray, you can email us at contact@srsonline.de

We have many opportunities to serve. Our main focus for 2024 will be ministry opportunities around the major sports events in Germany and France next summer.

Scan the QR Code if you would like to get involved.



For further information on our services, areas of ministry development, our partners or if you would like to give towards our work or one of our partners-please visit srsfoundation.us



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2 Timothy 2:2 “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”