

Italian Sport Partnership

Developing Sports Ministry in Italy



Our Vision

Our vision is to see a new generation of sports leaders growing in every major city and across every sport. We want each ministry area—Go Play, Go Fitness, and Go Sport—to impact local churches, equipping them to reach and transform their communities.

Project Context

Italy is one of the most sports-oriented nations in the world, yet sport is still not widely seen as a tool for evangelism. Over the years, opportunities have increased to demonstrate the potential and simplicity of using sport as an accelerator to build bridges between the Church and the world.

Through this process, several churches have seen their members participate in sports conferences and training courses and, in some cases, start new projects within their churches. In the coming years, we want to see even more projects and teams growing in different cities, creating networks among churches for an even greater impact.



Looking Back at 2026

Throughout 2026, the Italian team partnered closely with IPG26 during the Winter Games, serving not only as participants but also as leaders by developing resources and facilitating sessions with local churches. Beyond the Games, the team continued building relationships and exploring new ministry opportunities across Italy. Fitness remains the most active ministry area, with leaders sharing the Gospel through gyms, personal training, Tikva, and Pilates, while the team continues seeking new ways to equip churches, develop ministry partnerships, and engage more young people in sports ministry.

Plans moving forward

- Organize three Vision Casting events, building on the momentum from the Winter Games, Theology of Sport Seminar, and Fitness Conference.
- Organize a gathering focused on disability and sport, following the interest and opportunities that emerged during the Games.
- Continue to support and equip leaders and develop ministry teams across Northern, Central, and Southern Italy.
- Strengthen partnerships with local churches and create new opportunities for sports ministry.
- Identify and develop new leaders, especially among Gen Z.
- Organize additional Theology of Sport Seminars in different parts of Italy.



Prayer Requests

- Pray for the Vision Casting events and Theology of Sport Seminars, for the churches involved and the resources needed.
- Pray for unity among Italian churches and ministries, and that ongoing ministry activities would bear fruit.
- Pray for new leaders to emerge, especially among Gen Z, and for the continued growth of the Italian team.



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