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### **“NOBODY ON THE BENCH” GETS UNDERWAY: THE INCLUSIVE SPORTS TRAINING COURSE PROMOTED BY FONDAZIONE MILAN AND FONDAZIONE PIETRO PITTINI**

*Trieste, 22 May 2023.* Equipping coaches of the sports associations operating in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region with tools to make sports practice more accessible for young people with physical and intellectual disabilities or who live in unfavourable socio-economic situations. This is the aim of the “Nobody on the bench” (*“Nessuno in panchina”*) project, promoted by Fondazione Milan and Fondazione Pietro Pittini, under the patronage of Sport for Inclusion Network, which will take place on 23 and 24 May at the headquarters of ASD Zaule Rabuiese in Aquilinia.

*“Attention to the issue of inclusion is part of the daily mission of Fondazione Milan, which, through territorial alliances, aims to support and develop opportunities for children and young people so that they can fully experience the beauty of Sport in situations that are suitable for them,”* says Rocco Giorgianni, Secretary General of Fondazione Milan, who then adds, *“Training and giving a functional method to organisations and operators in the sector means being able to make the practice of sport more inclusive for all young people with disabilities or at risk of social exclusion.”*

*“Making sport inclusive these days means investing in the training of sports organisations, which often represent real pillars of local communities. Inclusivity in sport generally concerns the removal of all obstacles that can prevent sport from spreading to all young people,”* says the President of the Pietro Pittini Foundation, Marina Pittini, who continues, *“We are proud to start this collaboration with Fondazione Milan, which has always been committed to this issue and with which there was an immediate agreement over intentions.”*

In terms of concrete activities planned, the project will include a classroom training part during which local coaches, supported by Fondazione Milan staff, will have the opportunity to acquire specialist skills on the subject of inclusive sport. Outside of the classroom, on the other hand, over the course of the two afternoons, there will be training sessions on the pitch organised and held by AC Milan coaches.

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