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The initiative FairPlay - Different Colours. One Game - at the Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation started in 1997 in the course of the EU-Year Against Racism with support by the European Commission and the Austrian Ministry for Sports. Since then, FairPlay is organising activities against discrimination in Austrian football and sport, and that in cooperation with associations, clubs, fan clubs, migrant and youth organisations, meanwhile also co-funded by the Austrian Football Association (ÖFB). FairPlay founded the network Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) together with European partners and acted as its coordination office until 2010 and is furthermore a strong national partner in the FARE network.



The central focus of the work of VIDC is the practice of enabling communication, encounters and exchange in our central fields of work: knowledge management, culture, gender, anti-racism work and sports. To make knowledge experienced and to communicate the joie de vivre and quality of life of other cultures is, for us, just as important as supporting them against the threat of imperial and colonial arrogance. The VIDC sees itself, on the one hand, as part of Austrian civil society, as a platform, which fosters initiatives and projects, encourages mobilisation and offers support. On the other hand the VIDC is an important platform for networking and agency work as well as participative and emancipatory initiatives. In this context we are talking about bringing together different realities of life in cooperative projects and the enhancement of creative solutions. The VIDC wants to offer a space for action in partnership, for creativity and ideas, projects and dialogue by and for people from different cultural backgrounds with different experiences and realities. Looking at global development from a non-European perspective and reflecting this, quickening learning processes, building equality and removing barriers are aspects which VIDC sees as part of its know-how as well as its political values. Including FairPlay. Different Colours. One Game. the VIDC consists of two more departments: the main department of VIDC itself + Moving Cultures – Kulturen in Bewegung.

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