

"Stop Radicalisation" at Arena Liga Portugal

Initiative promoted inclusion and prevention through sport

Arena Liga Portugal welcomed participants from the "Stop Radicalisation" initiative, a European project designed to improve the quality of prevention efforts against radicalisation and extremism in sport, particularly among young people with fewer opportunities.

With the support of the Portuguese Association of Physical Education Professionals (APEF), the visit began at the Liga Portugal LAB facilities with an institutional presentation delivered by Sara Costa, Social Responsibility Project Manager at Liga Portugal.

The session focused on the mission, vision and values of the Football Foundation, as well as the various social responsibility projects and awareness campaigns that have been developed over the years. Participants were given an overview of how professional football can contribute positively to society through education, inclusion and community engagement.

The second part of the programme featured a presentation by Sara Marques from the Prevention, Education and Services team of the Portuguese Authority for the Prevention and Combat of Violence in Sport (APCVD). She outlined the organisation's key objectives and initiatives, shared practical examples of intervention work and emphasised the importance of awareness-raising and community engagement in preventing risky behaviours.

Throughout the visit, participants also had the opportunity to discover various areas of the home of Portuguese professional football, including the Official Store, the Kids Space and the Legacy Museum.

The activity provided direct insight into the work carried out by Liga Portugal in the field of Social Responsibility, reinforcing the role of professional football as a powerful tool for inclusion, education and social transformation.