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# INTEGRATION CUP

ROMA 2026

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interetnica ed interculturale*

***Football as a vehicle for inter-ethnic  
and inter-cultural integration***

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## INTEGRATION CUP ROME 2026

Teams representing integration soccer tournaments organized in Rome - Milan - Turin - Genoa - Trieste - Madrid - Zaragoza - Bucharest - Katowice are invited to participate.

The event will take place from July 17 to 19, 2026, in Ostia Antica - Lido di Roma: The matches will be played at the "Totti Sporting Club" and "Aldobrandini" facilities, located 0.7 and 2 km, respectively, from the "Village Roma Capitol" accommodations. Participation in the Integration Cup includes:

- Team registration fee **to be paid by May 10, 2026**,  
**€ 500.00** via bank transfer to Club Italia Eventi  
IBAN IT49C0623003231000015078622 BIC/SWIFT CRPPIT2PXXX.
- Individual participation fee **to be paid by June 30, 2026**  
**€ 80.00 will be applied to 18 members** of each delegation (players, coaches, and managers). Any additional athletes, managers, and accompanying persons will be charged € 180,00.

Regular registration includes:

- Internal transfers to and from accommodations/sports facilities;
- Availability of sports facilities/matches;
- referee appointments;
- full board from Friday dinner to Sunday breakfast;
- overnight accommodation for each delegation at the Village Roma Capitol;

(Village Roma Capitol - <https://www.baiaholiday.com/roma-capitol/>)

The tournament format and rules are subject to the number of participating teams. The respective delegations are expected to **arrive by 3:00 PM on Friday, July 17th**, with **departure scheduled for Sunday, July 19th**.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORT AS A TOOL FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

Italy, a geographical and cultural crossroads in the heart of the Mediterranean, remains one of the main entry points for immigrants seeking refuge and opportunities in Europe. Every year, thousands of people cross the sea or land borders, driven by wars, political instability, persecution, and extreme poverty.

Sport is a powerful tool for inclusion and cohesion, capable of combating and overcoming social isolation. It is the strongest antidote we have against all forms of discrimination. In addition to teaching teamwork, the joy of togetherness, and the importance of following daily rules, sport promotes self-awareness and mutual understanding.

Sport significantly contributes to economic and social cohesion, fostering a more integrated society. It facilitates the integration of migrants and people of foreign origin, supports intercultural dialogue, and reinforces a shared sense of belonging and participation. Therefore, it is crucial to provide spaces for sports and support sports-related activities, enabling positive interaction between immigrants and host communities.

The encounter between different cultures and the appreciation of diversity are key themes in an increasingly globalized world. Alongside governmental policies for integration and the fight against inequality, sport serves as a lever for social development in disadvantaged areas and a means of inclusion for migrants, foreigners, and political refugees.

This is confirmed by renowned national and international athletes such as Fiona May (world champion and Olympic silver medalist in long jump), Klaudio Ndoja (basketball player and captain of Virtus Bologna), and Isabel Juarez (400m sprinter), who have shared their experiences of arriving in Italy, overcoming challenges and hopes before becoming top-level athletes fully integrated into society.



## FOOTBALL AS A VEHICLE FOR INTERETHNIC AND INTERCULTURAL INTEGRATION

If sports can act as a driver of social inclusion, football is its main engine. Football is the most widely practiced sport in the world, and when a ball is in play, skin color, religion, or language do not matter.

Football can and should represent a model for modern society, countering identity paranoia, racism, and xenophobia. A visit to a sports field already reveals a working model of a multicultural and inclusive society.

The football field becomes an alternative space for expression beyond the activities proposed by integration projects. It offers young migrants a place to reclaim the spontaneity and desire to participate that are often limited by the migration process, which can strip individuals of their identity by reducing them to labels such as “foreigner,” “refugee,” or “asylum seeker.”

Popular football has long sent this clear message. In recent years, numerous amateur clubs in Italy have focused on cultural integration and social awareness, such as CS Lebowski and St. Ambroeus. Additionally, initiatives like MUNDIALIDO -a World Cup-style tournament exclusively for migrant communities in Rome and Lazio-have emerged.

Since its inception in 1999 and now approaching its 28th edition, Mundialido has been a cultural mediation project that, through the passion for the beautiful game, has brought together, fostered dialogue, and united diverse migrant communities.

It is a moment of meeting, joy, and exchange that begins well before the matches-with team formation, training sessions, community engagement, and the search for volunteers, players, and sports facilities.



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Networks, friendships, and bonds have developed from the football teams, leading to collaborations with teams representing migrant football tournaments organized in the following locations:

ITALY - ROME, MILAN, TRIESTE, TURIN, GENOA

SPAIN - MADRID, ZARAGOZA

POLAND - KATOWICE

ROMANIA - BUCHAREST

INTEGRATION CUP constitutes the concluding act of the Mundialido, a unique event of its kind—a sort of integration within integration. The six selected national teams will meet in Rome, in the midst of the jubilee, to compete for the title and, above all, to reaffirm that football and sport in general represent a fundamental vehicle for involving people in processes of hospitality and integration, as well as, in the current historical context, a tool of utmost importance in the fight against discrimination and social marginalization.

The event emphasizes and promotes the inherent values of sport which, through its positivity and strength, help overcome barriers between peoples and allow the merging of citizens from different nations, with diverse cultures and ethnicities, who live, work, and study in the same territory. Participation in this Tournament is reserved exclusively for teams composed entirely of immigrants, workers, students, asylum seekers, and refugees from every continent. Sport becomes an alternative space for expression compared to the activities offered by hospitality projects, a place where one can reclaim the spontaneity and willingness to engage typical of youth—qualities that are often limited by a migration journey which frequently deprives its beneficiaries of their identity.

This initiative contributes to fostering shared values and behaviors, guarantees equal opportunities for foreigners, and provides the possibility to participate in social life. In an increasingly multicultural socio-cultural reality, the enormous value represented by INTEGRATION CUP for social integration and community building is undeniable, allowing the many foreigners with whom we share our territory to become the protagonists of a unique initiative, rich in content and spectacle.