



## OWS4ALL – Open Water Swimming for All

### D2.1 – Pilot Pool Event Slovenia Results and Consortium Meeting Report

*Terme Čatež, Slovenia – 9 May 2026*

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## 1. Introduction

The OWS4ALL project aims to promote inclusion, physical activity and equal participation opportunities in open water swimming for persons with disabilities through adapted sport methodologies, pilot events and international cooperation between partner organisations.

As part of the project implementation, the consortium organised a Pilot Pool Event and Consortium Meeting in Terme Čatež, Slovenia. The event served as a preparatory activity for the final Open Water Swimming Event planned in Cres, Croatia.

Special attention was dedicated to swimmers with cerebral palsy participating through the Slovenian partner Društvo cerebralne paralize Sonček Posavje, with the objective of assessing individual swimming capacities, safety aspects and appropriate participation formats for the final event.

The meeting additionally served as an opportunity for the consortium to evaluate the current project implementation and discuss organisational adjustments following the withdrawal of PK Vidra from the project consortium.

## 2. Objectives of the Pilot Pool Event

The Pilot Pool Event had the following objectives:

- testing swimming capacities and safety preparedness of participants;
- assessing participation possibilities for swimmers with disabilities;
- preparing participants for the final open water swimming event in Cres;
- evaluating organisational and safety procedures;
- promoting inclusion through adapted swimming activities;
- strengthening cooperation between consortium partners;
- defining implementation adjustments following the withdrawal of PK Vidra.

## 3. Event Overview

Item	Description
Event title	Pilot Pool Event Slovenia and Consortium Meeting
Location	Terme Čatež, Slovenia
Date	9 May 2026
Lead beneficiary	SDPA ROK KERIN (Slovenia)
Participating beneficiaries	OWSC Primorje (Croatia); Društvo cerebralne paralize Sonček Posavje (Slovenia)
Main target group	Persons with disabilities, with special attention to swimmers with cerebral palsy, accompanying persons, trainers and partner representatives
Purpose	Preparation, testing and safety assessment before the final open water swimming event in Cres, Croatia

## 4. Consortium Meeting

During the consortium meeting, project partners analysed the current implementation status of the OWS4ALL project and discussed the continuation of activities planned within the Grant Agreement.

The meeting included evaluation of pilot testing results, organisational preparation for the final event in Cres and redistribution of project responsibilities following changes in the consortium structure.

#### **4.1 Redistribution of Responsibilities after Withdrawal of PK Vidra**

During the consortium meeting, partners discussed the withdrawal of PK Vidra from the project due to internal organisational changes within the club.

In order to ensure uninterrupted implementation of project activities and achievement of project objectives, the consortium agreed that the responsibilities initially allocated to PK Vidra would be redistributed among the remaining beneficiaries, primarily OWSC Primorje, with support from local experts, trainers, volunteers and associated organisations.

The consortium additionally confirmed that:

- no EU funds were transferred to PK Vidra;
- no eligible project costs were declared by PK Vidra;
- PK Vidra did not implement project activities generating financial obligations toward the project;
- project implementation remains fully feasible and compliant with Erasmus+ eligibility requirements.

The consortium concluded that the withdrawal of PK Vidra would not negatively affect the achievement of project objectives, deliverables or planned project activities.

#### **4.2 Evaluation of Swimmers with Cerebral Palsy**

Special attention during the Pilot Pool Event was dedicated to participants with cerebral palsy involved through Društvo cerebralne paralize Sonček Posavje.

The practical swimming assessment showed that only three participants with cerebral palsy, accompanied by support persons, demonstrated the physical and technical capacity required to safely complete the approximately 600-metre adapted route planned within the Cres open water event.

The adapted route is integrated within the 1000-metre recreational swimming race. Recreational swimmers complete an additional loop of approximately 400 metres before joining the final 600-metre segment toward the finish line.

Based on the pool testing results, it was estimated that recreational swimmers could potentially reach the swimmers with disabilities approximately 200–400 metres before the finish line.

The remaining participants with cerebral palsy demonstrated swimming capacities ranging approximately between 50 and 100 metres, which was assessed as insufficient for safe participation in the adapted 600-metre route.

Consequently, the consortium agreed that these participants would instead participate in the children’s promotional swimming race at a distance of approximately 40 metres, ensuring their inclusion in the final event in a safe, adapted and appropriate manner.

The consortium concluded that this approach fully respects the principles of inclusion, safety and individual adaptation promoted within the Erasmus+ Sport programme.

<b>Assessment result</b>	<b>Participation format proposed for Cres</b>
Three participants with cerebral palsy demonstrated sufficient readiness for the adapted route.	Participation in the approximately 600-metre adapted open water route, accompanied by support persons.

Remaining participants demonstrated swimming capacity of approximately 50–100 metres.	Participation in the children’s promotional swimming race of approximately 40 metres.
Recreational swimmers participating in the 1000-metre race.	Completion of an additional loop of approximately 400 metres before joining the final segment toward the finish line.

## 5. Pilot Pool Activities

The Pilot Pool Event included a series of practical swimming and assessment activities conducted in the swimming facilities of Terme Čatež.

Implemented activities included:

- participant registration and introductory briefing;
- warm-up and adapted mobility exercises;
- practical pool testing;
- endurance assessment;
- swimming technique evaluation;
- safety supervision procedures;
- adapted swimming exercises for persons with disabilities;
- evaluation of support and accompaniment requirements;
- preparation for open water swimming conditions;
- networking and exchange of good practices between partners.

All activities were implemented under continuous supervision of trainers, support staff and project representatives.

## 6. Safety and Inclusion Measures

The consortium applied a safety-first and inclusion-oriented methodology throughout the implementation of the Pilot Pool Event.

Special measures included:

- continuous supervision of all participants;
- individual assessment of swimming capacities;
- adapted participation formats according to participant abilities;
- involvement of support persons where necessary;
- use of safe and controlled swimming conditions;
- adaptation of swimming distances according to individual capacities;
- promotion of equal participation opportunities;
- coordination between trainers, experts and partner organisations.

The consortium concluded that individual adaptation and safety assessment are essential elements for successful inclusion of persons with disabilities in open water swimming activities.

## 7. Results and Conclusions

The Pilot Pool Event and Consortium Meeting were successfully implemented in accordance with the objectives of the OWS4ALL project and the Grant Agreement.

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The event enabled:

- successful testing of participants' swimming capacities;
- validation of safety procedures and adapted participation models;
- preparation for the final event in Cres;
- evaluation of inclusion methodologies;
- strengthening cooperation between project partners;
- organisational adjustments following the withdrawal of PK Vidra;
- continuation of project implementation without interruption.

Based on the practical assessments performed during the event, the consortium successfully adapted participation formats for swimmers with cerebral palsy in order to ensure both safety and inclusion during the final event in Cres.

The consortium concluded that the Pilot Pool Event significantly contributed to the quality, safety and sustainability of the OWS4ALL project implementation.

## 8. Dissemination and Visibility

The Pilot Pool Event and Consortium Meeting additionally contributed to the visibility and dissemination of the OWS4ALL project and Erasmus+ Sport programme objectives.

Visibility measures included:

- display of Erasmus+ visual identity materials;
- project promotion among participants and support staff;
- photographic documentation of activities;
- dissemination through partner communication channels;
- networking between organisations and participants;
- promotion of inclusion and equal opportunities through sport.

## 9. Annexes

The annexes form an integral part of this deliverable and provide supporting evidence for the implemented Pilot Pool Event and Consortium Meeting.

Annex	Content
Annex 1	Attendance lists signed by participants, trainers and consortium representatives.
Annex 2	Photographic documentation of the Pilot Pool Event and Consortium Meeting in Terme Čatež, Slovenia.

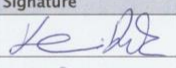






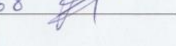
## Annex 1 – Attendance Lists


Attendance lists signed by participants, trainers and consortium representatives are attached to this deliverable as supporting evidence.

### Attendance list – page 1

**OWS 4 ALL**

Participant's list - ACTIVITY NAME KICK OFF MEETING  
Place/Date/ Time TERME CATEZ / 9.5.2026 / 11.00-12.00

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7	NINA KERIN	1984	ŠD ROK KERIN	nina.grauc@gmail.com	041656112	
8	PETRA BODOVIĆ-BENIĆ	1991	KDP PRIMORJE	danijel@kdp-primorje.hr	0996775368	

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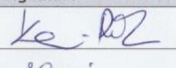
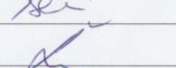


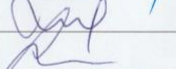
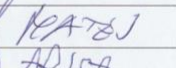
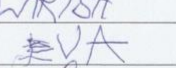
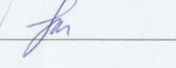


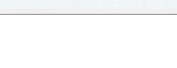

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Participant's list - ACTIVITY NAME PILOT POOL EVENT  
 Place/Date/Time TERMEČANJE / 9.5.2026 / 12.00

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9	MATEJ KOČMAN	1985	DRUŠTVO SONČEK POSAVJE	-	- - -	
10	LARIŠA ŠIBERT	2003	DRUŠTVO SONČEK POSAVJE	-	-	
11	EVA ZORKO	<del>1992</del> 2001	DRUŠTVO SONČEK POSAVJE	-	-	
12	TATJANA IVAČIČ	1982	DRUŠTVO SONČEK POSAVJE	-	-	







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15	DRUŠTVO ŽURAV	1995	DRUŠTVO SONCEK POSAVJE	/	/	
16	MIJA	2006	DRUŠTVO SONCEK POSAVJE	/	/	
17	SONJA ŽUGIČ	1974	DRUŠTVO SONCEK POSAVJE	/	/	
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## Annex 2 – Photographic Documentation

The following photographs document the implementation of the Pilot Pool Event and Consortium Meeting held in Terme Čatež, Slovenia.

### 1. Joint Photo Before the Consortium Meeting



Representatives of project partners and participants gathered before the consortium meeting held during the OWS4ALL Pilot Pool Event in Terme Čatež, Slovenia.

### 2. Consortium Meeting

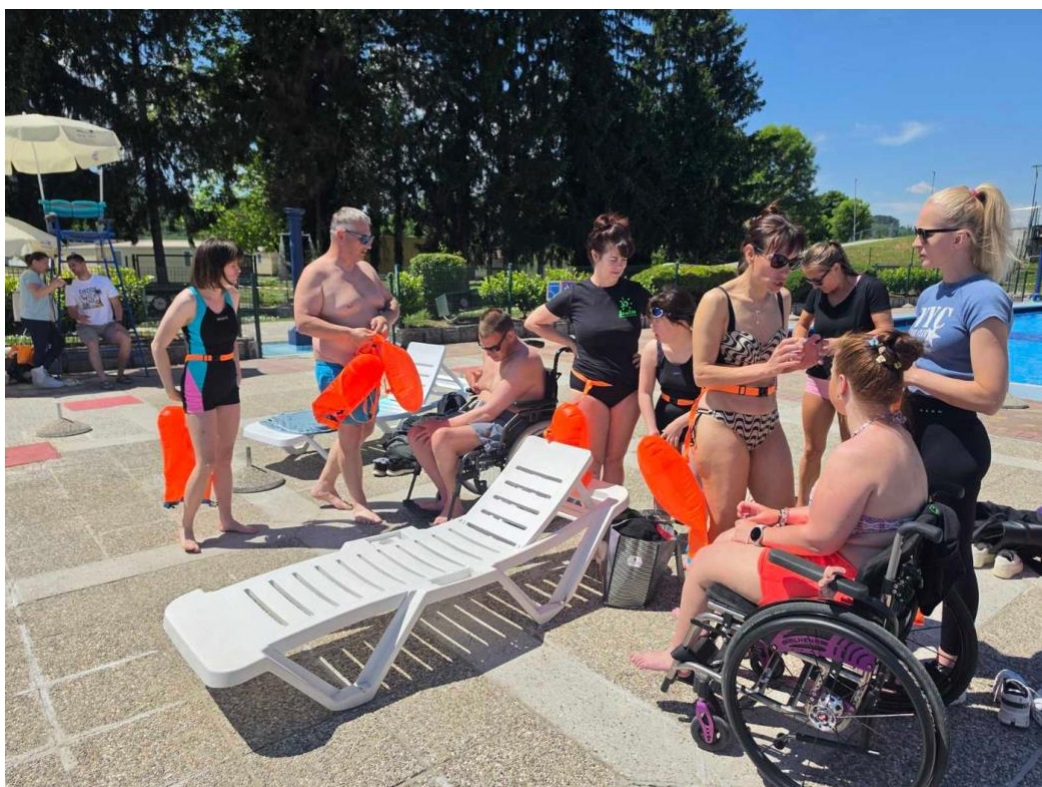


The consortium meeting focused on the coordination of project activities, cooperation with Društvo za cerebralno paralizo Sonček Posavje regarding the participation of persons with cerebral palsy, redistribution of responsibilities following the withdrawal of PK Vidra, and preparation for upcoming implementation phases.

### 3. Preparation for the Pilot Pool Event



Participants and support staff preparing for practical swimming activities, including safety equipment distribution and adapted swimming preparation.





#### 4. Final Instructions Before Entering the Pool



Final safety and organisational briefing provided to participants before the start of adapted swimming exercises and swimming assessment activities.

#### 5. Instructions in the Pool



Practical guidance and in-water support provided to participants during the implementation of adapted swimming exercises.



## 6. Preparation for the Swimming Assessment



Participants preparing for the swimming capacity assessment designed to evaluate readiness for participation in the Cres open water swimming event.

## 7. Swimming Around the “Island”



Pilot swimming activity involving adapted endurance and orientation exercises conducted in a controlled pool environment.

## 8. All Participants Successfully Swam Around the “Island”



The adapted swimming activity demonstrated the swimming abilities, motivation and active participation of persons with cerebral palsy involved in the OWS4ALL project.



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## 9. Networking After the Pilot Event



Informal networking session and exchange of experiences between project partners, participants, accompanying persons and support staff following completion of the pilot activities.