

GRASSROOTS SPORT DIPLOMACY



Title: Oina, making Romania's national sport known around the world

Leading organisation: Romanian Federation of Oina

Country: Romania, India, Serbia, Bulgaria, Germany, Republic of Moldova, England, Sweden

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Romania's national sport is called oina. Similar to baseball, which Romanians claim was copied from oina, this not-so-popular sport (even in Romania) was exported outside the country over the past few years. This is because the Romanian Federation of Oină launched multiple actions to promote the sport in other countries.

The Romanian Federation of Oină targeted countries with prominent communities of Romanians, but also countries further abroad. For example, since 2018 in India has organised the Indian National Oină Championship. Each year, the Romanian Federation of Oină collaborates with the Indian Federation of Oină, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, and local authorities and schools from India to organise this oina competition.

Similar actions, such as the organisation of competitions, friendly matches or oina exhibitions, have recently taken place in England, Bulgaria, Serbia, Republic of Moldova and Sweden. Usually, the event is accompanied by a cultural program that presents Romanian traditions, and officials from the Romanian State and the host country participate.

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