



**GrAssMed**  
Groundsman Associazione  
Mediterraneo



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## Press Release

Fenimpres and GrAssMed through an agreement that will train, and recognise the skills acquired and matured through the first European course of "Sports and Horizontal Groundsman" to create a new professional figure "the Groundsman" that will allow sports facilities at all levels to have a competent technician in the management of the playing field, to minimise injuries and occupational diseases of athletes.

Using the figure of the Groundsman as a model, as it has been consolidated in other European countries and especially in the United Kingdom, the trade association GrAssMed sought contacts with associations and professionals capable of sharing its vision and collaborating in the realisation of a path to bring to Italy that sensitivity for the care of sports fields that is still lacking.

Aware of the fact that the project must be able to develop harmoniously, GrAssMed has identified the elements that should form its backbone: a proper legal framework, the contribution of experts and specialists in the field, qualified technicians, and professionals in the field of vocational training. The Groundsman, a profession of the future for us, but already well established in other realities.

In addition to possessing knowledge and skills in the field of agronomy, the professional must be able to deal with sports managers, coaches, players, doctors and masseurs, must be able to coordinate other Groundsmen, and must be able to manage the complexity of the interventions and the numerous pieces of work equipment.

Fenimpres was born out of the need to be represented and to represent companies in institutions in order to obtain clarifications and make proposals aimed at improving the existence of SMEs.

Fenimpres is a national association with offices throughout Italy.

"Our Association," asserts Paolo Scicutella, President of Fenimpres Bari, "is a leader in compulsory quality training, because focusing on training means focusing on the future and the resilience of SMEs, our focus on continuous training, highlights how our activities are profuse to make companies and their employees grow from a quality point of view and make them competitive on the global market.

A nascent form of confederation with Fenimpres will ensure that GrAssMed can protect its members while benefiting from the prestige of belonging to a large trade union association while maintaining its autonomy.

For Davide Vox, Provincial President of Sport, and Health of Fenimpres Bari, "Italy proves to be at the forefront of the revolutionary vision of sport. With the reform about to come into force on 1 July, GrAssMed and FenImpres Bari show how important it is to enhance the professional skills of operators, in this case the 'horizontal sports green technician'. The first course in Europe, expendable worldwide! A figure of great impact also on the ecological transition and SMEs in various economic sectors."

The professional association GrAssMed was founded as a cultural association in 2017 and became a professional association recognised by the MISE on 04 May 2023.

Speaking at the press conference were Dr. Paolo Scicutella, Francesco Dotto, Avv. Prof. Lina Musumarra, Dr. Davide Vox and Senator Dr. Filippo Melchiorre.