

Partner Organisation

ID	E10035174
PIC	948527984
Full legal name (National Language)	Сдружение „Фокус – Европейски център за развитие“
Full legal name (Latin characters)	Association “Focus – European center for development”
Acronym	-
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Profile

Type of Organization	Association - Private - Non profit
Is the partner organization a public body?	no
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	yes

Accreditation

Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?

Accreditation Type	Accreditation Reference
Sending organisation, Hosting organisation, Coordinating organisation	948527984

Background and Experience

Please briefly describe the partner organization

Association "Focus - European Center for Development" - Pazardjik was founded as a non-profit organization. The Association "Focus - European Center for Development" is EVS accredited NGO to host and send volunteers from all over the world.

Aims:

1. To create a European community of pupils, teachers and parents in the territory of Pazardjik and surrounding that will support the idea of social integration and professional development of adolescents;
2. To implement trainings and experiments about public interest in different problems cooperating with the local authorities.
3. To develop solidarity and promote tolerance among the public in order to stimulate social cohesion in the European Union.
4. To encourage public participation in social life and to strengthen the links between local groups, schools, businesses and municipal authorities.
5. To stimulate youth involvement in the activities related to personal and social development.
6. To carry out active work for sustainable social development and democratic principles in a civil society.
7. To organize activities and events, to restore and improve the quality of the environment.
8. To improve the welfare of disabled people - their acceptance and socialization in their families, among peers, colleagues, friends and among the middle part of the community in which they live.
9. To provide an environment where the youth with disabilities will be involved in the activities for their future development..
10. To prohibit negative social phenomena's spreading among the youth environment, such as: crime, aggression, addiction, prostitution, xenophobia etc.

Activities:

1. Educational activities - seminars, conferences, training trips, workshops, joint appearances and public awareness of the history and development and achievements of the association. Helping students and parents to improve communication and teamwork. Support specialists associated with the integration of children with special educational needs.
2. Provide an international partnership and cooperation with the organizations from other countries and from Bulgaria.
3. Developing projects related to the objectives of the association.
4. Prepare training programs for its members.
5. Research activities.
6. Public campaigns - developing local policies and strategies based on thorough analysis of needs of target groups.
7. Volunteering.

What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application?

Focus-European center for development is very much engaged in European volunteer service. We host various projects, as well as send Bulgarian participants to other countries. For most of those youngsters those experience are the first international, they give them a possibility to get to know other cultures, to meet new friends, to travel and to broaden their horizons. Only in 2021 we sent around 50 young Bulgarians for the youth exchanges, PBA, Training courses in Poland, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Lithuania and Spain. We believe that our experience with the previous projects of the similar kind will help us to carry out our tasks successfully.

What are the skills and expertise of key staff/person involved in this application?

Focus's staff has a long-term experience with European projects. This experience enables us to work successfully in the fields of youth participation at the local, regional, national and international level and to ensure the highest quality of our work. We have applied with many EVS projects and were directly involved in the whole application process from the very beginning - from writing the application form to carrying out the approved projects, coordinating and facilitating them, thus we know all the stages very well.

The staff involved in this application will be responsible for the selection process and the preparation of the Bulgarian participants, making sure that all chosen candidates are motivated and willing to participate in the project. We will also be available to our partners whenever needed, providing them with necessary information.

The team members of the association are teachers, psychologists, social workers, therapeutics, computer specialists, graphic designers etc. We have other active member as parent, public body and youth center. All the members work together on the same cause of public welfare and cooperate with local authorities and several offices in the territory of Pazardjik. The president of the organization is trainer in NA Bulgaria. Together all the team develop and implement different projects, which are orientated to involve young people, social cohesion, cultural diversity, democratic citizenship and volunteering. Our idea is to promote voluntary initiatives at the local, regional and national level and work to support the development and implementation of the European dimension in Bulgaria. Our mission as NGO is to develop and promote volunteering and also implementation of voluntary work for the benefit of society. To achieve this mission we work to implement the necessary social, economic and legal reforms. As team we had gained several skills and competences such as: teamwork, crisis and conflict management, working on European projects, implementation of initiatives , organizing various events, good interpersonal skills etc.

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Programme or initiative	Reference number	Title of the Project
<i>Erasmus+</i>	2019-3-BG01-KA105-061192	GREEN WORLD
<i>Erasmus+</i>	2019-1-BG01-KA125-047288	EVS-TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE
<i>Erasmus+</i>	2019-2-BG01-KA125-048112	EVS-TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE -2
<i>Erasmus+</i>	2021-1-BG01-KA105-078104	Together against hate
ESC	2021-1-BG01-ESC21-078639	Experience and Knowledge
<i>Erasmus+</i>	2022-1-BG01-KA105-078104	Together Against Hate!
ESC	2022-2-BG01-ESC13-079348	Global Net