

PARTNER INFORMATION FOR Erasmus +

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Profile:	
Type of organisation	N.G.O
Is the project partner a public body?	NO
Is the project partner a non-profit?	YES
Main sector of activity	Offering participation in youth-led events and youth participation activities

Accreditation	
Has the organisation received any kind of accreditation before submitting this application?	
Accreditation type	
EVS and ESC	2017-1-EL02-KA110-003772
Erasmus+/youth sector accreditation	2020-1-EL02-KA150-YOU-006950
ESC Quality Label	2021-1-EL02-ESC50-006898

Back ground and experience

Please briefly present the organisation/group (e.g. its type, scope of work, areas of activity and if applicable, approximate number of paid/unpaid staff, learners and members of the group).

"You in Europe" is a NGO based in Greece.

In the first place...

Because, "You in Europe" is a space for everyone who loves living through learning... and vice versa. In fact, "You in Europe" is the embodiment of the idea that each of us has the opportunity to be involved in the society in a prosperous way, and foster social cohesion through personal development. And how do we do that? By developing programs and initiatives that motivate young people and adults to involve in learning activities, support people with special needs in gaining access to education and integrate better in the society, and help volunteers to gain knowledge, help the community and obtain new skills.

"You in Europe" inspires active European Citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among Europeans, through programmes like Erasmus +, European Solidarity Corps, Europe for the Citizens, Creative Europe, Horizon, CERV etc.

It was founded in 2012 by a team of executives, whose experience in planning, implementation and monitoring of youth projects dates back to 2004. According to the statutes, the objectives of the organisation are:

- to deepen understanding, solidarity, communication, as well as social and cultural bonding between the people of Europe
- the creation of social networks and channels of communication between populations from different European countries and which are inspired by common values, ideas and interests.
- the cultivation of relationships with groups in countries which have historical, artistic and spiritual links with Greece.
- the study, preservation, presentation and promotion of the cultural specificities of the people of Europe.
- the cultivation of the local art, theatre, music and dance traditions of the people of Europe.
- the study of the local dialects, linguistic diversity and literary production of the people of Europe.
- to promote the idea of volunteering and social solidarity.

- to promote by all possible means the social inclusion, economic and cultural advancement of the disadvantaged groups, such as women, children, immigrants, the poor, the disabled and disadvantaged people groups of the general population of European countries.

- to promote gender equality.

The target group of the organisation is the age group of young people aged 18 to 30. A permanent objective is to strengthen activities at the local level in order to strengthen links with the local community.

You in Europe is accredited with Quality Label for ESC, Erasmus+ Accreditation and is an official Eurodesk point for Greece.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this project?
What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?

Since 2012 our organisation has been involved creatively in several Youth Exchanges, TC, ESC projects and KA2 projects as a sending or Hosting Organisation. So far we have participated in 12 KA2 strategic partnerships as a partner organisation, organising events in our country.

At this moment we run a long term ESC volunteering project hosting 3 youngsters who are offering their services to a disabled people organization with the name " SFA Action for something else", another long term ESC project with 4 volunteers related to the needs of our local community foundations (cultural clubs, athletic clubs, local schools, permaculture and environment etc). We have also implemented 2 Team Volunteering projects with 20 volunteers each, more than 15 Youth exchanges and Training courses on Erasmus + programme as Hosting organization. In most of these activities we always include people with fewer opportunities (disability, educational, geographical or financial difficulties), giving them the opportunity to integrate in the local social net.

The activities of the organisation are divided into

(a) local activities of small scale and scope such as the adoption, maintenance and promotion of public green spaces, the cleaning of places of interest such as the coastline and other public spaces, the operation of web-radio for volunteers and locals.

(b) regional activities

The organisation is active at regional level, through the open call for participation of young people in activities regardless of the region of origin. Also we run a very successful initiative under the title 'Europe goes everywhere', implementing projects organised in remote areas such as Kavallari Kilkis, Agios Efstratios Island and Tilos Island

(c) European

The European activities include the participation of the organisation in

- * youth exchanges and training courses. Since 2012 we have sent more than 750 young people to the above KA1 projects

- * strategic partnerships with the production of various deliverables related to youth as well as other vulnerable social groups such as prisoners. So far we have participated in 12 KA2 strategic partnerships, on various topics such as: creative writing for breaking stereotypes, promoting social inclusion of inmates, protection of environment through sewing, reusing and recycling clothes, entrepreneurship of youth, social inclusion of deaf people etc.

- * other European programmes and initiatives

At the same time we promote volunteering through the European Solidarity Corps and in particular :

- a) sending volunteers abroad. So far we have involved over 110 young people in short or long term projects
- b) hosting volunteers from abroad. So far we have hosted 40 young people in short term projects and 14 people for long term projects.
- c) the implementation of Solidarity Projects in our area and other remote places

The basis of our philosophy is to involve young people in the “learning by doing” procedure using the NFE. We love to work using the tool of oppressed theatre (Augusto Boal) for our international, national and local projects. We have also worked with topics such as the traditional games, arts, comics, social inclusion, storytelling, the protection of the environment and the value of Democracy.

Experience in cross border and international cooperation

Our organisation focuses on Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects. At the same time it is an objective to participate in transnational activities of the European Commission and the European Union like the project "Mobility for Inclusion - Transnational and Interregional training mobility pathways" in cooperation with the Italian Co.Ge.S don Lorenzo Milani Societa Cooperativa Sociale", the URBACT III project in the framework of the creation of Transfer City Networks of the successful good practices, Europe for Citizens programme to provide support and training to prisoners who wish to be empowered, participation in an international conference on the 'Exclusion of violence' entitled 'La renonciation a la violence et la promotion de la culture de paix', organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Education Tunisia by the Youth Centre of Kaala Ke Birra, suburb of Sousse and many more.

The organisation has established a wide network of partnerships with organisations from all over Europe, maintaining the geographical a wide network of networks from all over Europe with a presence in 29 countries (Portugal, Spain, France, Portugal, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Finland, Finland, Sweden, Ukraine, Moldova, United Kingdom, Romania, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Italy, Tunisia, Cyprus, Turkey, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iceland) and cooperation with around 90 partners.

Some partnerships form an informal network with the possibility of exchanging information, gathering experience and good practice, and sharing information with other partners. They provide a platform for the exchange of information, experience of good practice, as well as support for problem-solving.

In addition to these partnerships, the organisation participates in various international networks such as the Eurodesk Network. The Eurodesk network offers information services to young people and those who work with them on European opportunities in the education, training and youth fields, and the involvement of young people in European activities.

Also You in Europe is a member of the Greek network of the Anna Lindh Foundation. The Anna Lindh Foundation is the first Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation body created by all 37 member states. It promotes intellectual, social and cultural dialogue between the participating countries.

Finally, we participate in an informal network at the EU level. The main objective is to support each other on a structural basis in the development of volunteerism, youth participation, as NGOs have been working on youth issues and social inclusion for a long time.

All the four founding members of YOU IN EUROPE can share their experience on the fields above and that exactly they have been doing since 2000. The following is a brief biography and the experience of each of them in designing, implementing and monitoring youth projects.

Management:

1. Ioanna Thomopoulou: Economics graduate and permanent administrative employee at the Municipality of Nea Propodida Halkidiki. She holds an MBA from the Hellenic Open University of Thessaloniki, Greece. She also holds a Master's degree from the University of Athens. She is currently serving as Head of the Department of Support to Political Bodies of the Municipality. From 2008-2012 she was actively involved in the EU Youth Programmes, as well as in the "Europe for the Citizens" and Twinning, participating in their organisation and implementation. She also participated in the organisation and presentation of various cultural events of the Municipality. As a founding member of our organization has gained experience in the organisation and implementation of the above actions as well as in the writing of applications. At our organization, she has played an active role in the selection of the individuals who make up the groups participating in youth exchanges and training programmes, as well as in the coordination and management of the above mentioned groups. She has been appointed as the person responsible for financial transactions and carries out all payments.

2. Grigoris Kyriakou: Graduate in archaeology and holds a Master's degree in Human Resources Management, He has been involved since 2000 with EU programmes for informal learning in the youth sector. He has worked in the municipality of Kilkis for 11 years, 9.5 of which in the youth sector (responsible for the establishment and activities of the Municipal Youth Council and the Youth Information Centre). During this work he gained experience as an evaluator of the European Voluntary Service for the Western Balkans and as an evaluator of youth programmes on national level. Then, he served for 11 more years as a type B and C management (for European programmes on national level and without constructions) capacity manager in an organisation for people with disabilities. He has certified knowledge in European programme management and project management. He has expertise in areas such as Project Management, Target Setting, Funding, Project Management, Budgeting, Procurement, Internal Audit, Institutional Framework, Education and Training, Leadership and team coordination, Problem solving, Networking, Change management, Mentoring, Research. His experience in project management is related to a total budget of 5.000.000 Euro. He has been appointed as project manager and coordinator of volunteering activities. Finally he belongs to the youth trainers' registry of the Erasmus+/youth sector NA.

3. Pagona Stavroula: Graduate in Public Relations and Communication, with experience as a copywriter and responsible She has experience as a creative department manager for advertising agencies and is responsible for the promotion of activities in various ways, In charge of public relations, she is responsible for the promotion of our activities in various ways, including print

advertising, TV, internet, social media, event organization, finding partners due to her comfort in the field of public relations. She is also appointed as Eurodesk multiplier on local level.

Staff

1. Vasilis Stoulos: Graduate in Agriculture, with a degree in Greek Culture and a Master's degree in Management Graduated in Greek Culture and Management of Cultural Units. Certified instructor in "Lifelong Learning" since 2008. He worked for 12 years at the Municipality of Moudania and Nea Propodida as head of the Municipal Enterprise of Culture and Tourism. Development, as a manager of European programmes and as head of the press, communication and public relations. Basketball coach of the C category and basketball referee. He holds a diploma in open sea sailing. He has been appointed as the activities manager. He has also studied theatrical studies at the university and is a trainer in seminars about the Augusto Boal method. He was head officer of the local municipality in the European project "Zero Waste" about green and circular Economy. He is also an official trainer in LifeLong Learning programmes in Greece since 2010.

2. Igor Niemyjski. Graduated in International Relations and holds a Master's degree in the same field, specialising in international security, consultancy and diplomacy. Mentor and former volunteer, who carries out the rights and obligations as defined by the respective specifications of the guide and other relevant forms of the programme such as the quality charter, ethical principles as well as forms with guidelines. In this case in particular, the preservation of the institutional memory of even a similar or previous programme is useful for dealing with issues that arise. The mentor is responsible for the planning and evaluation of the learning objectives, and for re-designing the strategy for achieving them where necessary.

Also, two of our founding members are nominated as Eurodesk multipliers and also two more are members of the national Pool of Trainers of the Greek National Agency of Erasmus+/youth sector

All the 4 founded members know very well the process of EVS/ESC starting from the volunteer preparation and ending in evaluation of the programme. We also have enough experience in crisis management during Volunteering services .

3 of our founded members (Ms Ioanna Thomopoulou, Stavroula Pagona, Vasilis Stoulos), are amateur actors with more than 20 years experience as actors and directors as well.

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