

## Associação Youth For the Future – Partner Identification Form

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| National Agency identification | Agência Nacional para a gestão do programa Juventude em Acção                         |
| Full legal name                | Associação Youth for the Future                                                       |
| Full legal name (English)      | Association Youth for the Future                                                      |
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| Type of Organization                                                                        | NGO / Association                                                                                                                                                    |
| Main sector of activity                                                                     | Organising cultural activities and involvement possibilities with local communities OR offering participation in youth-led events and youth participation activities |
| Is the partner org a public body?                                                           | No                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Is the partner org a non-profit?                                                            | Yes                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application? | No                                                                                                                                                                   |

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## 1. Please briefly present the organisation / the group.

“Youth for the Future” was created in 2017 in Seixo de Gatões (Coimbra, Portugal) as an informal group aiming to implement non formal education methods with Young People from the region and to develop work within the framework of Erasmus + projects and therefore to act with the motto “Think global, Act local”.

Over the last 3 years YFTF it's being a key player in raising active citizenship, sense of initiative and autonomy in Young People of the region and in this way became a NGO in 2020 with the big objective of maximizing this role and keep providing different opportunities for our young active volunteers, since Seixo de Gatões is a rural place with geographical, cultural and social obstacles.

We are committed with topics such as promotion of human rights and advocating for its defence, mostly environmental ones & climate emergency as well as refugees & migrants issues. We are also active in topics such as personal development, multiculturalism, entrepreneurship, fighting different ways of discrimination, gender balance, etc.

Members of our association had participated in and organized many experiences within the Erasmus + programme, namely Youth Exchanges, Training Courses, Partnership Building Activity and European Volunteering Service. Since August 2017, we sent 40 Youngsters from our village for several projects abroad.

## 2. What are the activities and experience in youth work? (Please provide information on your organisation's regular youth work activities.)

At this point we have hosted:

- 1 TC in the topic of Entrepreneurship and sense of initiative in January 2019;
- 1 YE about Human Rights in February 2019;
- 1 YE about Human Rights in May 2021;
- 1 TC about LGBT rights in June 2021.

Therefore, we are more experienced in implementing projects and we want to keep improving our skills and expertise. We have already a very good experience in taking care of all the logistics as well as in training Youngsters. For example, Diogo Oliveira is now member of the pool of trainers of the Portuguese NA.

As partner org we select, prepare and follow up the participants responsibly. Once they come back from the project, we make a discussion on what they have learned and how they can now change their community. In this way, part of our local activities are happening as follow up activities of our participants' projects:

In May 2019 we organized a open talk with Young politicians/volunteers/activists from all over Portugal, in which were discussed topics as European elections, climate changes, human rights, active citizenship, among others. We aim to make the second version of the event in a municipal festival in spring of 2021.

In 2019 we were part of the organization of a national movement called "Mãos à Obra" in which locals cleaned streets, mountains, beaches, etc, in more than 70 municipalities all same time during one day (22th September 2019).

In December 2019 we have implemented one activity in "Cumbre Social por el Clima" (<https://cumbresocialclima.net/>) in order to build a database of organizations which are working against climate emergency worldwide so they can join forces. This social summit was organized by civil NGO's and movements in order to protest against political inaction in United Nations meetings (COP25 and previous ones) and made real work regarding the climate emergency our planet is facing.

Moreover, we have a partnership with the nearest high school and its students association in order to make workshops with their students using non formal education methods and also to approximate formal and non formal education.

We also collaborate with national and international organisations working in same topics and we aim to bring together young people from different cultures and nationalities, promoting the multiculturalism.

At this moment, these are our main activities:

- Environmental Department is making workshops in local shools and events as well as digital campaigns in order to promote environmental & climate emergence awareness;
- Several workshops with NFE for Youngsters;
- Sport events for inclusion of people with fewer opportunities (including refugees);
- Activities with old people in local nursing home;
- Collecting food for homeless animals.

We are also building a project in which we intend to make a set of several meeting with students of high schools in our region, in which through NFE methods we aim to develop their active citizenship as well as increase their awareness about key topics. Our main objective with this project is to give them a basis on how political system works at regional and national level so they can understand better how to vote since they are about to make it for the first time.

We are about to create a regular podcast and webinars in order to promote active citizenship, social entrepreneurship and raise awareness in key topics.

In the future we aim to organize a human rights festival, in which we will screen national and international films as well as organizations connected with the topic will make

activities regarding their daily work, as some of our board members have experience on organizing a similar event before.

### 3. What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Diogo Oliveira is the President of Youth for the Future, he is graduated in Nutrition and is currently studying a Master in Human Rights and Democratisation in the Global Campus of Human Rights in the Caucasus. He has been working with writing and management of projects as well as establishing partnerships with international organizations for 4 years and he is a facilitator for the last 3 years. He is now member of the pool of trainers of the Portuguese NA. He also made EVS in Croatia and ESC in Jordan. He is a massive coordinator of local and regional activities and interconnects a lot of different movements at local, regional, national and international level. More important, he always connects easily with new people and he is usually a very good mood keeper.

Samuel Gomes is Vice President of YFTF board team and works as EU projects manager. He graduated from Law in University of Coimbra. He has been working with writing and project management as well as establishing partnerships with international NGO's for 2 years. He has also experience in coordination of local activities and as a group leader.

Camila Aveiro is board member of YFTF and she is studying Public-private Administration degree in University of Coimbra. She was President of Students Association in Montemor-o-Velho High School and was head of the partnership between this Students Association and ours. She is super energetic and also a massive coordinator of local and regional activities.

João Oliveira belongs to the Direction of YFTF and he studies Sports Science and Physical Education in University of Coimbra. He has been coordinator in local activities. He also has experience as group leader and has made preparation of national groups for international projects.

José Eduardo, Arthur Moraes and João David belong to YFTF board team. They study Law in University of Coimbra and make the bridge between our activities and law students in Coimbra. They are head of organization team of "Movimento +", that fundraises in order to deliver masks and alcohol gel to institutions which work with needy people. They have been also working with writing and project management.

Ana Francisca and Beatriz Oliveira belong to YFTF board team and Ana Francisca is studying architecture in University of Coimbra. Both Ana and Beatriz were the head of the organization team of "Mãos à Obra" national rubbish cleaning, in which they coordinated all towns of the municipality of Montemor-o-Velho. They also have experience with managing several local activities.

Ana Costa is the treasurer of Direction of YFTF and she is studying at Lisbon School of Economics & Management. Since early age she has an amazing critical spirit and great sense of logic. She is also coordinator of several local and regional activities.

Has the partner organization participated in a European Union granted project in the 3 years preceding this application?

(We were an informal group before 2020 and we had to register a new organization when turned into NGO, that's why we have just few projects.)