

PARTNER FORM

Partner organization

Youth Dynamics group - Cyprus

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Accreditation

Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application? No

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ESC – Host and send	2020-1-CY02-ESC52-001936
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Background and experience

Please briefly present the partner organisation.

Our team is an NGO of youngsters which aims at promoting active participation of young people with fewer opportunities and to develop different ways to ensure their impact on the local community by using non-formal education and intercultural learning methods.

We organize cultural events, workshops and local activities to promote the understanding and respect for diversity and cultural cooperation. Our target group is basically young people, but also we give to everyone interested, the opportunity to express their creativity and to share experiences, ideas and imagination in order to promote social cohesion and diversity.

Youth Dynamics is composed of about 200 members and numerous supporters, and deals with:

- education activities (education projects based on non-formal education methodology, focused on active citizenship, European conscience, youth employability, racism and xenophobia, human rights principles);
- cultural events (conferences, seminars, art exhibitions);
- intercultural activities (programmes and projects of youth mobility, education on international topics, promotion of different cultures in Cyprus and abroad, promotion of the ERASMUS+ Programme);

Our target group are young people aged 13-30 especially from all Cyprus including rural areas like Agros village and Pitsilia area. These young people have many geographical obstacles as they live in rural areas and they have fewer opportunities in Education, work, health, public transports, sports and leisure. So with our projects we want to offer to those young people more changes for mobility, employability and active participation in society.

One of our goal is to raise awareness on the importance of preserving the natural environment and to campaign for solutions to environmental and social problems by promoting sustainable policies.

We are a group of young people from different social status which have same interest (saving the ecology of the world) and work together for raising the awareness of people about the ecological issues. Some of our members are young, ambitious experts in different fields – ecology, biology, media, social activities, medicine, sport and they support youngsters for social integration and

personal realization .

As well, we are focusing on:

- To improve quality of life of d youth through professional and volunteer work with promotion healthy ways of life
- To promote informal education, voluntarism, ecology, preventing of unwanted forms of behaviors (delinquency, drug addiction...) developing of healthy ways of living among Youth
- To promote multiculturalism and peace,
- To promote active citizenship, solidarity, tolerance and understanding between cultures

Our group has a wide experience in the youth field and owns permanent and highly qualified facilities for training courses, meetings, apprenticeships, workshops, youth exchanges or initiatives, etc. with different skills: its facilities, together with the staff's skills, allow to always meet the stated goals. In Youth Dynamics we believe in the power of solidarity and empathy, therefore, all our practices and activities aim to promote volunteering, whether in our organization, in the community or internationally, to promote youth initiatives, especially for those who do not have the means to develop them by themselves, to promote good practices, democratic values and build a sense of belonging to the community and society in general.

Youth Dynamics was established to enable and develop the youth information and youth work. We are aiming to establish new partnerships with individuals and organizations which are working in this field, take responsibility to be executive and develop their activities which will be implemented via cultural, sport and art activities.

Organisation directs its work mainly towards the target group consisted of especially socially and economically disadvantaged young people aged 13-35.

Activists with the following aim(s);

- to fight with hate speech, exclusion and ethnocentrism and xenophobia
- Supporting personal and social development of young people
- Promoting active citizenship and democracy among the society
- Encouraging young people to take initiative and participate in democratic life
- inclusion and integration activities for disadvantaged young people and immigrants

Areas of interest, always in relation to youth, include also human rights and equality, employment and social issues, active citizenship and life- long learning, non formal education and youth policies.

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

Youth Dynamics is a young group with a clear goal to spread education, culture and to work on personality overall development. We deal with educational activities, development, culture, publication and publishing activities. We organize a lot of courses and workshops to enable young people to acquire personal and professional skills, through using new, innovative and non-formal education methods that stimulate learning, creativity and transfer skills useful for now and the future.

There are many young people who constantly come close to our reality, following our laboratories, and propose innovative ideas that can be implemented on the territory.

The mission of education activities consists of providing non-formal education opportunities for young people involving as many as possible, and trying always to involve others that have never participated before. Our aim is to help youngsters develop their transversal competences (life skills) by using non-formal learning tools. We try to educate youngsters to a peaceful cohabitation with people coming from different cultures, societies and countries, by giving them the opportunity to confront themselves with others in an intercultural environment which stimulates the development of a social conscience. Youngsters can experience themselves in a «perfect» environment to socialize with other people from different countries and get to know different cultures and tradition.

We have a vast experience in organising youth exchanges and youth worker trainings so we could bring in and share our knowledge and also learn more from others. In this project, as a sending organisation, we can be active in the preparation and all further stages of the project and we guarantee full and active participation in all activities and later dissemination of project results for all of our participants.

Youth Dynamics is a youth group with many years of experience in youth project. Since 2011 our group host in Cyprus several youth exchanges and training courses under Youth in Action and ERASMUS+ program. In addition more than 300 young people from our group participated in projects abroad. According the youth workers mobility our members took part in more than 20 training courses around Europe. We also participated in Salto trainings course as well as train of trainers, study visits and partner building activities. Our youth workers joined also European Youth Event (EYE)2016 and 2018 in the European Parliament in Strasbourg. During the events, they exchanged ideas and perspectives on youth-related issues, develop innovative solutions to crucial questions for the future and they got the chance to meet with European decision-makers and speakers with a wide range of professional experience. In National Level our youth workers participated in several youth festivals, NGO fairs, seminars and workshops that organized by Cyprus National Agency. During the involvements of our members to all these mobilities they gained new knowledge, skills and experiences and they created a big network of reliable partners.

The majority of the activities that we used are based on non formal and informal activities like group working, role playing, simulations, reflection group, brainstorming and round table. Our activities are interactive in order to give the change to young group to get involved and have an active role and get several learning outcomes.

Youth Dynamics is a Collaborating Member of Cyprus Youth Council (CYC), a platform which aims at promoting dialogue and cooperation between youth in Cyprus and also connecting them with youth in Europe and the world. CYC is in continuous cooperation with the European Youth Forum. CYC organises events, seminars, workshops and activities that provide the necessary space for its members to exchange good practices, interests and experience on any youth related topic. The CYC seeks to act as a platform of exchange and communication between all youth NGOs in Cyprus. Therefore the CYC organises events, seminars, workshops

and activities that provide the necessary space for its members to exchange good practices, interests and experience on any youth related topic. The CYC also acts as a platform for its members for participating in European projects. The CYC is also the main stakeholder in the EU Youth Dialogue that seeks to promote the political participation of all Cyprus youth.

Youth Dynamics is member of PRISMA European Network, which is a European organizations, focusing on developing qualitative youth work activities. Objectives of the Network: Developing activities with the support of new media tools, exchange of good practices and mutual support among its members and representing the interests of young people towards a variety of stakeholders (NGOs, public authorities, mass media, companies, academic sector). Prisma European Network is a Member of CIVICUS Alliance. CIVICUS is a global alliance of civil society organisations and activists dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society throughout the world. CIVICUS Defend civic freedoms and democratic values, Strengthen the power of people to organise, mobilise and take action and Empower a more accountable, effective and innovative civil society.

Youth Dynamics is part also of “Turn ON Europe Network”, which links partners to foster youth participation in democratic life, and to support their social, cultural, and civic engagement. Organizations cooperate to improve the quality of the support systems for youth, ensuring that all young people have all the necessary resources to take part in society.

Youth Dynamics was selected on 2019 by FARE network to implement activity under the #FootballPeople weeks 2019!! The selection was a big success given that the number of applications submitted reached 300 from more than 50 countries.

Youth exchange “Be Healthy” was organized in Cyprus, Agros by “Youth Dynamics” on June 2019. The main aim of the project was to motivate young people to start living healthy life, to create and keep healthy habits and to understand the importance of being healthy. During this project we attended gym, sport complex, made healthy food by ourselves, had a conversations with professionals, worked in groups as healthy future creators. We have learnt a lot of things about healthy lifestyle and changed some of our bad habits into good ones.

Our Group is also accredited hosting and sending ESC volunteers is European Solidarity Corps programs.

Finally, thanks to its international network, Youth Dynamics is able to act with youngsters and the local territory as a link between the European dimension and the local one, helping to expand their competences and experience by promoting active European citizenship at home and abroad by activating youth with local and international organizations

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

In our organization we have many people that work in non formal education, take care of the communication and manage international projects. Our role during the project will be to collaborate with the coordinating NGO during all the project stages in order to meet the project

objectives. Practically, we take the responsibility to make visibility and dissemination actions for the project and for the ERASMUS+ Programme, according to the project plan and to deliver to the organizers proofs of those actions (documents, photos, articles etc.), to prepare activities and materials after the tasks sharing at Skype Meeting.

The participants who will represent our group during the project will be actively involved in the project, in the evaluation, analyzing part, in preparing dissemination materials, multiplying and follow-up actions in our group and in our local community.

In our group we have 5 very experienced leaders and youth workers who organized many projects, they can guarantee the high quality of the project and they can take care of any issues that may appear. Apart from over 9 year experience in previous programmes like “Youth in action”, our team leaders and contact person for this application - have already gained strong experience in Erasmus+.

Experiences and our responsibilities relevant for this project application:

- Planning and management of start-up procedures
- Selection of participants
- Planning and implementation of the preparation activities (before the departure)
- Management of administrative procedures and all technical and organizational aspects
- Management of the flows of participants
- Management of the relationship with foreign partners and with participants
- Planning and implementation of monitoring and evaluation activities
- Planning and implementation of the follow up activities

The members of our group are ambitious and active young people which love to learn, teach and experience. We were volunteers in some local projects in the beginning. Later on, our members started to participate in international projects and improve their skills and develop their capacity.

As a group we organize projects within the Erasmus+ programme in our country and we are partners with many other countries in organizing different projects. Our staff members have experiences as mentor, manager of youth projects (Youth Initiatives), coach, trainers.

Our organization is an NGO with more than 10 years of experience implementing different projects in local, national and regional level. We are an organization highly experienced in project management, SMEs training, youth activities, procurement, gender equality, environmental activities, innovation, sustainable development projects etc. Our organisation has been and has been increasing year by year in terms of organizational, technical and financial capacity.

Youth Dynamics has a young and dynamic team, moving abroad for gaining new skills to be brought back to Cyprus reality, as good practices for sustainable development and social awareness. The group of young activists is constantly updating their knowledge and taking part in learning mobility, to better develop the territory and support the peer-to-peer approach, aiming at raising active participation of locals. Our NGO can also count on experienced group leaders to help young people to take part in youth exchange and 2-3 facilitators and trainers, mainly focusing on human rights education, gender issues, sports, culture, tolerance, solidarity, discriminations, healthy living and sustainable growth. The group has build its own experience in project management thanks to the previous Erasmus+ projects that we implement in Cyprus

as well the many projects we took part abroad.

Our organisation's curricula and training programmes are free from gender stereotypes and discrimination based on binary roles (for example typical 'male'/'female' jobs or models). Also our organisation offers to our members opportunity to choose subjects/ classes, take part in learning activities, work-based experience and opportunities based on their talents, interests and aspirations, regardless of their gender. In Youth Dynamics everyone is taught to not tolerate mistreatment (discrimination, stereotyping, teasing, bullying, harassment) based on gender expression or identity. Overall, our organisation is a welcoming and accepting environment in which all members' gender identity is recognised, protected and supported.

Vasilis Christofi: Youth worker, trainer, project coordinator, Director of Youth Dynamics and expert in the field of art and Culture, human rights, refugees, European citizenship etc. International projects manager. EVS mentor, 15 years of experience in European youth project. He took part in more than 60 youth exchanges, 15 training courses and 5 EVS projects.

Christiana Malay: Youth worker, organizer, logistic expert, international projects manager, English teacher, expert in the field of non formal education. 9 years of experience in Youth projects. She participated in 27 youth exchanges and 9 training courses

Evanthia Pogiati: Administrative expert, secretary, webpage editor, social media manager, English teacher, 9 years of experience in Youth projects

Have you applied for/received a grant from any European Union programme in the 12 months preceding this application?

EU Programme	Year	Project Identification or Contract Number	Applicant/Beneficiary Name
YOUTH IN ACTION	2013	"Mentored Mentors, Mentor Better" CY-43-06-2013-R1	Youth Dynamics
YOUTH IN ACTION	2013	«Space for Dialogue» CY-11-24-2013-R2	Youth Dynamics
YOUTH IN ACTION	2013	"World Friendly" Entrepreneurship CY-11-37-2013-R3	Youth Dynamics
YOUTH IN ACTION	2013	Youth Lysis for Crisis CY-43-41-2013-R3	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2014	«CY.P.R.U.S (Cyprus – Poland – Romania – UK – Spain)» 2014-1-CY02-KA105-00013	Youth Dynamics

ERASMUS+	2014	«Neo (New Employment Opportunities) 2014-1-CY02-KA105-000136	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2015	P.I.C. (Participation- Inspiration – Creativity_	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2015	Together towards a Better Europe	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2015	Every HUMAN has RIGHTS	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2015	“ Contact. Create. Improve. Develop Quality EVS projects”	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2016	Youth in C.R.I.S.I.S. 2015-1-CY02-KA105-000466	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2016	Conflict management and Peace initiatives 2015-1-CY02-KA105-000470	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2016	Know your rights. Use your rights. No more discriminations and violence 2016-1-CY02-KA105-000743	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2016	Identity: HUMAN 2016-2-CY02-KA105-000800	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2017	Embrace Diversity 017-2-CY02-KA105-001076	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2017	Celebrate ERASMUS 2017-1-CY02-KA105-000988	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2017	A Muse for the Youth 2017-1-CY02-KA105-000981	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2017	P.E.A.C.E. 2017-1-CY02-KA105-000978	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2017	Educate youth to conflict management and build Peace 2017-2-CY02-KA105-001042	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2017	Healthy Living in a healthy inclusive society 2017-2-CY02-KA105-001043	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2017	«4R – Recycle - Reuse- Reduce- Rethink» 2017-3-CY02-KA105-001167	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2018	Youth news grasps 2018-2-CY02-KA105-001307	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2018	Be Healthy 2018-2-CY02-KA105-001322	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2018	Promoting Peace and Intercultural Dialogue 2018-3-CY02-KA105-001449	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2019	EU & U 2019-1-CY02-KA105-001504	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2019	DE.MO.CR.A.CY 2019-1-CY02-KA105-001503.	Youth Dynamics

ERASMUS+	2019	Youth in rural development 2019-1-CY02-KA105-001495	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2019	Diversity in Action 2019-1-CY02-KA105-001525	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2019	Peace Agents 2019-1-CY02-KA105-001505	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2019	CRITICAL THINKING & FAKE NEWS. RE-THINK THE MEDIA 2019-2-CY02-KA105-001649	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2019	CY.B.R.U.S 2019-2-CY02-KA105-001647	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2019	2019-3-CY02-KA105-001684 R.E.CY.C.L.E (Romania, Estonia, Cyprus, Croatia, Lithuania, Espana)”	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2019	2019-3-CY02-KA105-001683 CELEBRATE EUROPE	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2020	2020-1-CY02-KA105-001784 «Y-EU-oth for social entrepreneurship»	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2020	2020-3-CY02-KA105-001993 Together 4 Human Rights	Youth Dynamics
ESC	2020	2020-3-CY02-ESC11-002012 Agro-culture Volunteers	Youth Dynamics
ESC	2020	2020-3-CY02-ESC31-002002 Culture the environmental education to youth	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2021	2021-1-CY02-KA153-YOU-000011526 Leadership Skills Development for youth workers	Youth Dynamics

ERASMUS+	2021	2021-1-CY02-KA152-YOU-000011534 Youth vs Disinfo	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2021	2021-1-CY02-KA152-YOU-000011533 Celebrating ERASMUS	Youth Dynamics
ESC	2021	2021-2-CY02-ESC51-VTJ-000044989	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2021	2021-2-CY02-KA154-YOU-000039678 GET INVOLVED	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2021	2021-2-CY02-KA220-YOU-000047929 Entrepreneurship is Online	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2021	2021-2-CY02-KA152-YOU-000039723 YOUTH 4 PEACE	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2021	2021-2-CY02-KA154-YOU-000039769 YOUT MEET YOUTH GOALS	Youth Dynamics
ESC	2021	2021-2-CY02-ESC30-SOL-000039557 Save your hood save your future	Youth Dynamics
ESC	2021	2021-2-CY02-ESC30-SOL-000039868 Active citizens for a better society	Youth Dynamics
ESC	2022	2022-1-CY02-ESC51-VTJ-000068441	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2022	2022-1-CY02-KA152-YOU-000071955 Active youth in the Digital era	Youth Dynamics
ERASMUS+	2022	2022-1-CY02-KA152-YOU-000070957 yEUth	Youth Dynamics

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