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PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	NO
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES
BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
Please briefly present the organisation	The Czech Youth Association z.s. is a non-governmental organization founded by experienced youth workers in Přerov, Czech Republic. Our organization places significant emphasis on the regional context, particularly within less developed regions of the Czech Republic. Our primary mission revolves around enhancing the quality of life for students and young individuals through a diverse range of initiatives and events. At the national level, we are dedicated to providing youth with valuable guidance and support concerning the Erasmus+ program and personal development. Our primary focus within this endeavor is directed towards high school and university students who face various challenges, including geographical and social obstacles. Internationally, our organization is engaged in addressing key youth-related issues such as unemployment, ecology, and discrimination. Notably, in July 2019, we successfully executed a KA1 Training Course focused on combating youth unemployment. In 2020, we secured funding for two KA1 Youth Exchanges—one focused on combatting Antisemitism and another addressing Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). In the realm of ecology, our central theme revolves around combatting food waste. We have undertaken an European Solidarity Corps project at the local level with the primary objective of reducing food waste among young individuals. Additionally, we have worked diligently on addressing the critical issue of Antisemitism among youth through local projects, and this remains a key priority for our organization. In 2021, we successfully executed the KA2 project Youth Against Antisemitism and launched the KA2 project Lifeboat. In 2022, our efforts culminated in the implementation of the youth exchange projects Let's Tackle It Together and Fair Game. Looking forward to 2023, we are actively engaged in the project There Is No Planet B and have collaborated as partners in numerous other projects. Our commitment to fostering positive change and empowering youth remains steadfast, and we continue to explore innovative avenues to address pressing issues on both national and international fronts.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?	The Czech Youth Association z.s. has a rich history of engagement in activities related to tolerance promotion and combating radicalization, both within the Czech Republic and in international contexts. Our experiences in these critical areas are as follows: Educational Workshops and Awareness Campaigns: We have organized numerous educational workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns aimed at promoting tolerance, inclusivity, and diversity. These events have targeted young people, schools, and local communities, helping to raise awareness about the importance of tolerance and the consequences of radicalization. Participation in International Projects: Our organization has actively participated in various international projects and partnerships that focus on tolerance and countering radicalization. This involvement has allowed us to exchange best practices, collaborate with experts, and gain valuable insights into effective strategies for combating radicalization. Additionally, we have taken part in numerous projects specifically aimed at addressing issues such as antisemitism, racism, xenophobia, and sexism, further emphasizing our commitment to combating discrimination in all its forms. Local and International Initiatives Against Antisemitism: Antisemitism is a critical issue for our organization, and we have undertaken both local and international initiatives to address this pressing concern. Locally, we organized projects aimed at raising awareness about antisemitism and promoting tolerance within our community. Internationally, we have actively participated in projects dedicated to combatting antisemitism and promoting intercultural understanding. Tolerance in Sports: We recognize the importance of promoting tolerance in all aspects of society, including sports. To this end, we organized an international project focused on tolerance in sports. Through this initiative, we aimed to foster an inclusive sporting environment that transcends cultural, racial, and ethnic boundaries, ensuring that sports serve as a vehicle for unity and understanding. Our dedication to fostering tolerance, inclusivity, and diversity is underscored by our active involvement in initiatives that combat various forms of discrimination, including antisemitism, racism, xenophobia, and sexism. We believe that education, awareness, and international collaboration are essential tools in the fight against radicalization and intolerance, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to these critical causes.
What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?	The leadership of the organization, including the President and board members, comprises experienced youth workers with an extensive track record in managing Erasmus+ projects, and prior experience with Comenius projects as well. Our core team consists of proficient youth workers with a strong command of the English language and exceptional communication skills. These team members have also served as facilitators in various national and international projects, demonstrating their capacity to provide valuable support in navigating challenges that may arise. Our President brings a wealth of experience in project writing and project management, with a remarkable six-year tenure that includes serving as a project manager for KA2 projects. This experience underscores our commitment to effective project planning and execution, ensuring the achievement of project goals and objectives. Jan Odstrcil, a dedicated student specializing in multimedia, possesses a profound interest in a wide array of topics that are of paramount importance in today's global landscape. His areas of focus encompass critical issues such as fake news, the dissemination of Russian propaganda, and the prevailing extremist tensions within society. Jan's active involvement in numerous KA1 projects, each centered on diverse themes, underscores his versatility and keen willingness to engage with multifaceted challenges. His participation in these projects has afforded him invaluable firsthand experience in tackling various issues, honing his skills in research, analysis, and cross-cultural collaboration. Jan's dedication and contributions within the KA1 projects have consistently demonstrated his commitment to fostering positive change on both local and

	international scales. Furthermore, Jan played an integral role in a KA2 project focused on youth work, where he made substantial contributions to the design and development of final project outputs. His multifaceted skill set, which encompasses multimedia expertise, lends itself to the creation of engaging and impactful materials. Through his work in the KA2 project, Jan showcased his ability to transform ideas into tangible and effective resources, amplifying the project's reach and impact. Katerina Smolkova has been a vital participant in our organization's youth exchange programs, with a strong focus on ecology and media. Her involvement has been multi-faceted, reflecting her dedication to environmental sustainability, media literacy, and civic engagement. Katerina actively participated in several youth exchanges centered on ecology and media. These experiences allowed her to gain cross-cultural insights and broaden her understanding of these critical issues. Her engagement has not only enriched her own perspective but has also contributed significantly to raising awareness about environmental concerns and media literacy on an international level. One of her notable contributions was as a facilitator in the "Voting Never Hurts" project held in Prerov. In this role, Katerina played a key part in fostering meaningful discussions and civic education, empowering young participants to become informed and engaged citizens. She took on the essential responsibility of a project writer within our organization. Her skills in crafting project proposals have been instrumental in securing funding for our youth exchange initiatives, strengthening our ability to create impactful programs. She has been as well actively involved in the participant selection process for our youth exchange programs. Her meticulous approach and commitment to inclusivity ensure that the right individuals are chosen for these exchanges, promoting diverse and enriching experiences for all participants.
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