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**Inclusive Evolution 2024
Partnership Building Event
25-27.09.2024 (travel days not included)
Info Pack for participants**

Welcome to the Information Pack for the upcoming Partnership Building Event organized by Babilon Travel NGO. This three-day event aims to bring together possible suitable partners in our European network to establish new partnerships, networking and collaborations. The event will take place in Paralia Katerini, Greece, on 25-27 September 2024, travel days not included.

**About
Babilon
Travel NGO**

Babilon Travel NGO was established in 2013 with a strong vision of fostering unique perceptions of the world we live in. The organization's main mission is to promote social inclusion of youngsters with fewer opportunities through non-formal education, intercultural learning, European citizenship, volunteering, sports, and mobility. Over the years, Babilon Travel has coordinated several local, national, and international projects, focusing on youth and social inclusion. They have grown from a small team of three staff members to over ten dedicated individuals, most of whom contribute their time on a voluntary basis. Babilon Travel is committed to the personal and professional development of youth, empowering youth participation, promoting inclusion, and emphasizing sustainability and digital transformation.





WHY?

The European Union statistics reveal that one in 30 people have severe sight impairments, and 10% of these individuals are blind. Additionally, about 5% of the EU population has significant hearing impairments. With unemployment rates as high as 75% for the visually impaired and similarly high rates for other sensory disabilities, it is clear that the EU's inclusion strategies have not been effective.

“The Hidden Majority” research (2013) highlights that in Romania, the situation is even more challenging for young blind or visually impaired persons (VIP), with an unemployment rate of 86%. Entrepreneurial initiatives are almost non-existent, and the status of guide dogs, crucial for VIP mobility, is not clearly defined, with only 15 such dogs in Romania. Acoustic traffic lights and tactile carpets mandated by Law 448/2006 are largely absent.

For those with hearing impairments, barriers to education and employment remain significant due to the lack of sign language interpreters and assistive technologies. Data from the 2014 EU Youth Report shows that although 82.2% of EU youth graduate, only 20.6% secure employment, and 29% face the risk of social exclusion. Civic and social involvement is low, with only 25% volunteering and 16% involved in NGOs.

We would like to extend our network of valuable partners in order to improve social inclusion all over Europe. A stronger network and innovative initiatives will enable us to share best practices and resources, leading to better opportunities and quality of life for those who need it most. Together, we can ensure a diverse and equitable Europe where everyone has the chance to thrive.





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Event overview and objectives

The Partnership Building Event 2024 will bring together potential and suitable partners for future collaborations and projects. This gathering aims to create fruitful connections and facilitate new cooperation opportunities that will shape the future. Join us to build strong partnerships, to drive innovation, growth, and success in the days to come.

The event aims to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Facilitate Meaningful Networking
2. Foster Collaboration and Cooperation
3. Promote Innovation and Creativity
4. Showcase Successful Partnerships
5. Encourage Cross-Sector Collaborations
6. Provide a Platform for Idea Exchange
7. Inspire Action and Commitment
8. Lay the groundwork for future collaborative projects

“Networking turns connections into collaborations and ideas into actions.”

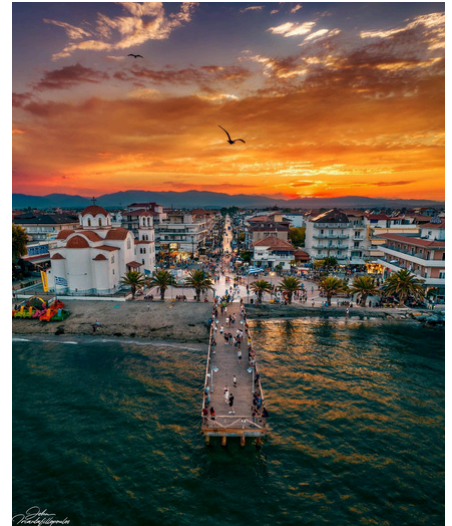


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The Venue

Paralia Katerini, located on the coast of the Aegean Sea in northern Greece, is a popular tourist destination known for its beautiful sandy beaches and vibrant atmosphere. This seaside town offers a mix of modern amenities and traditional Greek charm, making it ideal for both relaxation and exploration. Visitors can enjoy various water sports, explore local shops and restaurants, and experience lively nightlife. Additionally, Paralia Katerini serves as a convenient base for excursions to nearby historical sites and natural attractions, such as Mount Olympus and the ancient city of Dion.



Accommodation will be in **Hotel Giannoulis**, in double and triple rooms with private bathroom.

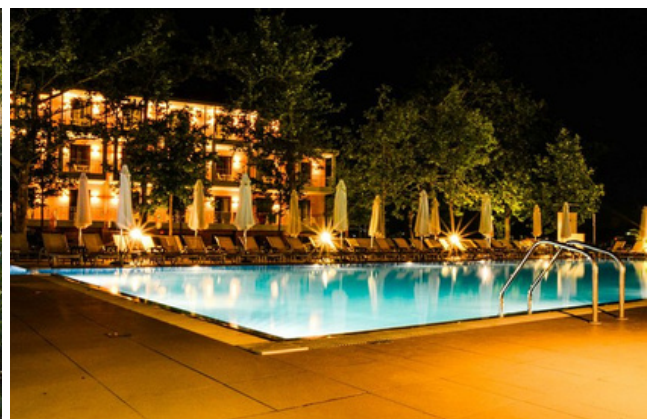
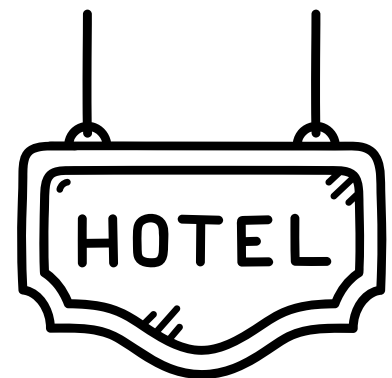
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The Agenda

The morning sessions will start at 10:00 until 13:00, with one coffee break at 11:30 AM. The afternoon sessions will start at 15:00 and will end at 18:00, with a coffee break at 16:30.

Day 1: 25.09.2024

- Welcome and Introduction to the Partnership Building Event
- Meeting the Partners
- Keynote Address: The Importance of Collaboration and Partnership in Driving Innovation and Growth.
- Panel Discussion: Successful Partnership Stories – Inspiring examples of Effective Collaborations.
- Interactive Workshop: Building Strong Partnerships – Strategies and Best Practices.
- Networking: Participants can connect with potential partners and exchange ideas.

Day 2: 26.09.2024

- Panel Discussion: Cross-Sector Collaborations – Exploring opportunities for Diverse Partnerships
- Speed Networking Session: Participants have one-on-one meetings to explore potential collaborations (follow up of the last session of day 1).
- Interactive Brainstorming: Identifying Potential Future cooperation opportunities.
- Closing Remarks: Commitment to future partnerships and sustainable collaboration.

Day 3: 27.09.2024

- Leveraging Technology to Enhance Partnerships – Tools and Platforms
- Real-world Examples of Successful Long-term Partnerships
- Feedback and Evaluation: Gathering Participant Insights and Suggestions for Future Events
- Final Networking Session: Strengthening Connections and Solidifying Plans for Future Collaborations
- Closing Ceremony: Summary of Key Takeaways and Next Steps.



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Travel information and travel reimbursement

We will reimburse travel costs, by bank transfer **to the sending organization**, within 45 days after receiving all the **ORIGINAL** travel documents. Each participant needs to buy their own ticket, fill out the travel plan, and according to their original travel documents/invoices, will be reimbursed up to:

100 – 499 km: standard travel 180 EUR, green travel 210 EUR
500 – 1999 km: standard travel 275 EUR, green travel 320 EUR
2000 – 2999 km: standard travel 360 EUR, green travel 410 EUR



All costs regarding accommodation, food and travel are from the budget of the project according to the Erasmus+ program guide.



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