

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION

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B. PROFILE

Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organization
Is the partner organization a public body?	No
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes

C. ACCREDITATION

Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	No
Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants?	No

D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Please briefly present the partner organisation.

NAQAH is a young and dynamic association based in Sicily, founded in the early months of 2023, with the main objective of promoting education, culture, and the local community, with a specific focus on the Alto Belice Corleonese area. The founders of NAQAH bring over 10 years of experience in the non-profit sector. In 2005, at the age of 20, they co-founded the Provocopuscolo Association, which operated successfully until 2015. During this period, the association organized a series of events aimed at social, tourism, territorial, and cultural promotion. They were also involved in creating and distributing informative brochures, managing an informational blog, and launching an online forum to encourage active citizen participation in Marineo (Palermo). This experience was pivotal in inspiring similar organizations. After their experience with Provocopuscolo, the members of NAQAH continued their collaboration with various nonprofit organizations, always focusing on promoting the local community and maintaining a spirit of cooperation. Over the years, they developed skills in various fields, including law, agriculture, finance, and communication. These skills were put to use for various local institutions and businesses in the implementation of projects to support the community and culture. NAQAH represents the natural evolution of a growth path initiated in 2005. The experiences gained in the work and academic context led to the identification of areas of intervention consistent with the individual paths of its members. The main areas of intervention include youth information support, training programs, local promotion, and social agriculture. We are a recently established association, but behind us is a team of individuals with extensive experience in nonprofit, administrative, and organizational roles. We are ready to apply our skills to make a difference in the community. We have team members with a long history of involvement in the nonprofit sector who understand bureaucratic challenges and know how to overcome them. We are dedicated to making a difference and improving people's lives. We aim to be a strong voice for those in need of support and opportunities. We believe in empowering young people and those less fortunate and work hard to offer them a better future.

NAQAH has six main objectives:

1. **Informational Support:** We provide information and resources about available opportunities in the area, such as education, employment, counseling, cultural and social events. We aim to be a reliable guide to help people seize the opportunities that interest them.
2. **Training Programs:** We organize courses, workshops, and professional and cultural training programs to facilitate skills development and the acquisition of new knowledge. We aim to help individuals improve their job and personal prospects.
3. **Innovation and Sustainability:** We support and promote projects that encourage innovation, sustainability, and the valorization of local resources. We want to contribute to a more sustainable future and a resilient community.
4. **Social Agriculture:** We support social agriculture as a tool for social inclusion, territory redevelopment, and the promotion of health and well-being. We collaborate with local communities, farmers, and organizations to develop projects involving disadvantaged or vulnerable individuals, offering them work opportunities, training, and social integration through agricultural and gardening activities.
5. **Territorial Promotion:** We aim to promote the territory in which we operate, highlighting its resources, traditions, and cultural heritage. Through events, guided tours, tourist promotion, and collaborations with local authorities, we seek to make the beauty of our territory known at local, national, and international levels. We want to stimulate sustainable territorial development, attract tourists and investments, and foster economic and social growth in local communities.
6. **Promotion of Human Rights and Inclusion:** We are committed to promoting and safeguarding the human rights of all, without distinction of ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or other characteristics. We work to raise awareness in the community on these issues and promote inclusion and respect for all.

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

In 2023, NAQAH continues its commitment to the set objectives. Its connection with the Provocopuscolo Association in Marineo, Sicily, led to significant results from 2005 to 2012, including the publication of a renowned quarterly informational newspaper, management of an informative blog, and the creation of the "Botta & Risposta" Forum to improve communication between citizens and the municipal administration. Moreover, NAQAH members organized activities for young people, such as the "A IURNATA 'NPISCINA" event for children and the "Boschetto fest," an artistic and musical festival involving numerous artists and musicians, attracting over 2,000 participants each evening. Educational courses and creative workshops, such as the "Corso Micologico" and the "Libriamoci" laboratory, were also promoted, involving young elementary school students. The association has actively collaborated on European projects, such as the "European Citizenship Project," "Euro Fest," and the creative workshop "Let's Talk about Sex!" In 2010, it promoted a training course on the Italian Constitution and, in 2011, launched "Il Groviglio," an interdisciplinary project that stimulated local creativity, involving prominent artists. The "Nicolò Carnesi ACUSTIC SECRET SHOW" was another significant event at the Beccatelli Castle in Marineo. In 2012, NAQAH participated in the European "Grundtvig" project, contributing to adult training programs. Since then, it has developed Priski.it, an online magazine dedicated to art and music, involving authors from across Sicily. In subsequent years, the current members focused on improving their personal skills for managing cultural events and collaborated with businesses in the music industry. Current collaborations involve numerous local entities, including the Municipalities of Marineo, Godrano, Villafrati, CESIE in Palermo, and many others, maintaining NAQAH's connection with the community and contributing to its cultural and artistic development.

Target Group

The NAQAH ETS Association is dedicated to providing informational and aggregative support to the community, with particular attention to young people and the less fortunate. Our primary goal is to promote and implement opportunities offered by the local area in various sectors, including art, tourism, employment, social support, agriculture, and the food supply chain.

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

The core of NAQAH consists of four key members: Vincenzo Salerno, Antonio Cangialosi, Carmelo Buttice, and Giuseppe Li Castri. This team is supported by a community of local volunteers who play a fundamental role in both local and international activities. This community includes various professionals, such as architects, tax consultants, lawyers, farmers, social workers, and numerous volunteers who actively collaborate in organizing events and meetings. Vincenzo Salerno, President of NAQAH, is the driving force behind the association. His passion is the guiding force, and his primary role is to efficiently coordinate all activities and individuals involved. He works in web and graphic design with passion and dedication.

Antonio Cangialosi, Vice President, is a well-known agricultural entrepreneur who has promoted the fruits of his orchard throughout Italy under the brand "Arancia Di Sirena" (aranciadisirena.it). His expertise in the agricultural sector is of vital importance to the association.

Carmelo Buttice is the Secretary of NAQAH, an attorney known for his attention to detail, offering valuable support in handling complex legal and administrative matters in Italy and Europe.

Giuseppe Li Castri, the Treasurer, is an experienced tax operator with a strong passion for numbers and a clear talent in using Excel spreadsheets. His previous experience in various fields, including cooking, agriculture, and carpentry, further enriches the NAQAH team.

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