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YOUUnited z.s.

Erasmus+ Partner Identification Form

PARTNER ORGANISATION

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PROFILE

Type of organisation	Association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	NO
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES
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BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

Please briefly present the partner organisation.

YOUUnited z.s. is a non-governmental, non-profit, independent and generally beneficial association. The organisation, founded in 2023, is located in Kroměříž, Czech republic. Team members of YOUUnited z.s. are students and young professionals who are highly motivated and interested in working with young people and developing their potentials. Therefore, YOUUnited z.s. focuses all its activities towards youth aged between 13 and 30 years.

Our association offers youth counseling in various areas and organizes activities for them with elements of informal education. It does so in order to improve their current skills and deepen the knowledge acquired, for example, at school through formal education methods. Furthermore, YOUUnited z.s. supports youth in self development, finding their own identity, developing their talents and strengths, as well as accepting and overcoming their weaknesses. Thanks to the international Erasmus+ projects, YOUUnited z.s. helps young people to broaden their horizons, teaches them how to have no prejudices towards foreign cultures and strengthens their self-confidence in an intercultural environment and communicating in a foreign language. An equally important mission of YOUUnited z.s. is also to inform and support youngsters in participating in local, national and international activities in the field of education, career life and volunteering in socially beneficial activities.

The association actively promotes the values of the European Union and coordinates all its activities in accordance with them. In practice, this means that YOUUnited z.s. is an organization that strives to build a tolerant, sustainable, inclusive and non-discriminatory environment for all young people without limitations. Our goal is to promote positive changes and develop informal educational activities at the local, national and international level. In addition, we educate young people about the opportunities that the European Union offers and encourage them to actively use them. As a result of that, young people gain stronger sense of belonging to the European Union and its values.

In the field of the Erasmus+ programme, our organization focuses on activities including elements of informal education, i.e. youth exchanges and youth participation activities. Among the main areas of implemented projects are ecology and sustainability, healthy lifestyle and social topics, such as inclusion of disadvantaged groups in society, women's equality and active citizenship. In the future, we intend to expand our scope also to training courses for youth workers, solidarity projects and the Discover EU drive for inclusion.

YOUUnited z.s. is working towards establishing cooperation with other national and international NGOs in various fields, Czech universities (for example MENDELU university in Brno), public bodies and institutions, professionals, and companies. We participate in national events, job fairs, make presentations at schools, where we inform young people about their opportunities for employment, entrepreneurship, volunteering. Campaigns include presentations on Erasmus+ projects and other youth projects and opportunities, internships, volunteering program European Solidarity Corps, the Erasmus business program for young entrepreneurs and other programs.

YOUUnited z.s. is highly ecologically oriented. We are managing our NGO in sustainable way – we sort the trash, use rain water, save energy and supply locally-produced food to our kitchen. Our members participated in many projects with ecological focus and we think protection of the nature is crucial, nowadays more than ever before. Thus, we are planning to develop projects with ecological focus that will be set in the natural

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

environment, where we will educate participants about the importance of the protection of our planet. Following this approach, we are also going to design a set of national and international events and workshops related to eco-friendly lifestyle and sustainable travelling, as well as green skills.

YOUUnited z.s. strongly supports equality and social inclusion. We have volunteered in organisations working with minorities and socially excluded people. In our projects, we would like to emphasize the importance of inclusion and equality of all members of our society. Our participants are often individuals with fewer opportunities or special needs. These activities are aimed to support them in taking actions in the social activities with other youngsters. Besides the projects focused on social entrepreneurship and our aim to create a social enterprise, we are planning to create a training course for youth workers working with young people with special needs and develop their skills.

YOUUnited z.s. aims to develop youngsters' soft skills through non-formal learning such as discussions, debates, group work, brainstorming. We educate them in the areas of communication and teamwork in the intercultural environment, innovations and creativity, internal motivation and also leadership with the result of creating their own business plan. These activities aim to support young entrepreneurs and prepare them for future careers.

Our organisation also supports active youth participation in the civic activities because we believe that active participation will prepare them for informed and responsible action in their future. Therefore, we are planning to organize youth participation activities, where will be held dialogues between young people and decision-makers. Participating in issues affecting young people's lives is essential for them to become proactive and active people who are willing to improve life in their community.

YOUUnited z.s. promotes active healthy lifestyle and sports. Our goal is to enhance the physical health of youngsters by organizing projects focused on health. We collaborate with various professionals working in the field of sport – such as yoga teachers, dancers or gym trainers. We regard active lifestyle as a crucial topic nowadays, when a lot of countries face the problems with obesity and lack of movement. Participants will actively take part in the daily physical activities and also learn techniques of meditation, relaxation and how to overcome stress. During these projects, mental health will be emphasized. Psychologists will discuss with participants common mental issues and teach them how to prevent them, which will have a positive effect on youngsters' future mental condition.

YOUUnited z.s. consists of three core members that are highly-motivated students and young professionals aged from 22 to 28 years with various backgrounds and multidisciplinary education. All members have wide experience with Erasmus+ programme, youth work and volunteering activities.

The key persons of our organisation are:

Lenka Dvořáková - president of the association YOUUnited z.s. She has two master's degrees: the first is in the field of Global Marketing and Management - ŠKODA AUTO University in the Czech Republic, the second is in the field of International Business - University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria. She has rich international experience, as she spent more than 2.5 years abroad. During her university studies, she participated in 4 long-term Erasmus+ study stays: she studied in Spain, Portugal and Austria, completed a six-month internship at Bentley Motors Ltd., Great Britain. She has participated in many innovation hackathons and international marketing competitions. Thanks to these experiences, she learned how to work effectively with people from different countries and improved her intercultural and communication skills. In addition, she

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

participated in 8 youth exchanges in Italy, Poland, Bulgaria, Poland, Turkey, Sint Maarten and 4 training courses. She works full as a social worker in a low- threshold center for children and youth with limited opportunities and freelancer tour guide in many European countries. She has a fitness trainer certificate and a crisis intervention certificate, thanks to which she can handle sudden crisis situations. Among her tasks at YOUUnited z.s. includes legal representation and management of the organization, writing new projects, communication with the Czech national agency and establishing new partnerships in the field of Erasmus+.

Eliška Čísařová – vice president of YOUUnited z.s. She is a student in the field of International Territorial Studies at MENDELU in the Czech Republic. She has been working as a volunteer in the Czech Wheelchair Tennis Association for over 6 years. Eliška also actively participates in the Academic Union (a university non-governmental organization). She completed her internships in Spain (Traineeland), in the Philippines (Helping Hands for Guimaras), in Israel (Bar – Ilan University). She participated in 2 youth exchanges - in Italy (Rising stars organization) and Turkey (Buruciye genclik ve egitim dernegi organization). She is currently completing an Erasmus+ study stay in Bangkok, where she also has an internship at the Czech Embassy. Eliška is an indispensable member of YOUUnited z.s. team mainly due to her empathy, diplomatic skills and excellent intercultural communication skills, which are essential aspects of any successful project.

Katarína Ošvátová - social media manager YOUUnited z.s. She is a student of translation and interpreting at the Comenius University in Bratislava and works as a freelancer teaching languages and music. She has extensive experience in an international environment, having lived abroad for 7 years during her childhood. She has been learning and studying social media extensively for the last few years and has many skills and experience in content creation, social media management and algorithms. Her volunteering experience is very broad, having been active in the global JMV youth community for 10 years as a leader and mentor, organizing events and trips for many age groups. She participated in various Erasmus+ projects and training courses including Poland, Bulgaria, Turkey and spent one semester in Italy at the University of Bologna. Katarína is a natural motivator, she projects her unceasing enthusiasm for youth development and positive attitude into all projects, thanks to which she is always able to encourage the team and motivate all participants in project activities.

Our previous and planned projects

In the role of hosting organisation:

As YOUUnited z.s. is young organisation established in March 2023, we haven't had a chance to host our own projects yet. However, we have submitted 2 youth exchanges (KA152) and 1 youth participation activity (KA154). Currently we are waiting for the results. They would be implemented in Summer 2024. The first youth exchange will be about sustainability and ecology, the topic of second one will be healthy lifestyle (including physical, as well as mental aspects of health) and the last project will tackle a hot-topic of biohacking. The youth participation activity will be about Roma minority, its traditions and history in the Czech Republic. All of our projects will be very practical, full of hands-on workshops and information from the professionals in given fields, which participants would be able to use in their day-to-day life.

In the role of sending organisation:

We have sent participants 5 Erasmus+ projects so far, mostly Spain and Romania. These are the projects numbers:

- 2022-1-R001-KA151-YOU-0000057942 – “YOU CARE, YOU VOTE! YOU VOTE, YOU CARE!”

- 2023-1-R001-KA151-YOU-000116129 – “SHOW ME YOUR TOOLS“
- 2023-1-R001-KA151-YOU-000116129 – “I’M SOCIAL, I’M SPECIAL”
- 2023-1-ES02-KA151-YOU-000138518 – “GAMIFIYING ECOPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION”
- 2023-1-R001-KA151-YOU-000116129 – “MINISTRY FOR THE FUTURE”

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