



"NextGen Voices– Shaping the Future of Student Councils in Europe"

PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

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“Development of innovative startup companies” NGO

Who Are We?

The Society for Development of Innovative Startup Companies is an organization dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship and innovation among young people. We focus on promoting social integration, self-realization in the field of entrepreneurship, and providing support for youth to develop and popularize their ideas. Our mission is to create an environment that nurtures entrepreneurial spirit by connecting young individuals with mentors, providing them with resources, and encouraging the exchange of experience both locally and internationally.

Our Goals

Our organization has set forth several key goals:

- To promote social integration and self-realization in entrepreneurship.
- To support the development and implementation of youth-related policies, particularly those focused on innovative entrepreneurship and European initiatives.
- To facilitate networking opportunities for young people, encouraging them to develop their entrepreneurial skills and make valuable contacts both in Bulgaria and abroad.
- To stimulate the growth of startup companies by providing access to partners, financing, and good business practices.
- To foster social entrepreneurship by combining traditional entrepreneurship with a focus on societal change.
- To participate in the creation and management of projects under European Structural Funds and other programs, thereby contributing to the optimization of the business environment and the introduction of innovative solutions.





Our Experience

Our organization boasts extensive experience in organizing and conducting events that promote entrepreneurship and innovation. We have successfully implemented various initiatives, such as Startup Weekend, TEDx, Startup Europe Week, Silicon Drinkabout, and more. Additionally, we have experience in managing projects under the cross-border cooperation program Interreg VA Bulgaria-Romania, Interreg Greece-Bulgaria, Erasmus+. We are also actively involved in training and capacity-building activities, particularly in the education sector. Our experience includes organizing and conducting seminars and workshops to acquaint participants with the possibilities offered by the Erasmus+ Programme, as well as integrating online platforms for pre-school and school education. Our team comprises professionals with deep expertise in organizing events, legal and organizational experience, and strong communication skills with young people and educators. This combination of skills positions us to successfully implement projects that align with our goals of optimizing social processes and integrating leading technologies to enhance civic participation and democracy.



Our Projects

Programme	Project	Period
Interreg V/A Greece- Bulgaria 6-th Call	Bussines Council	2020- 2023
Erasmus+ KA2 Cooperation Partnerships	"Introduction of multisectoral approach in the lower secondary level of the education system by applying the knowledge acquired from all studied subjects with the purpose of learning skills for coping with real life situations"	2020- 2023
Erasmus+ KA 154, Youth dialog	Youth academy for NGO	2023- 2024



Our Projects

Programme	Project	Period
Erasmus+ KA 154	Youth Academy for Cybersecurity	2023- 2024
Operational programme “Good management”	Partnership between Municipality Chavdar and the society of Municipality Chavdar, Bulgaria	2022- 2023
Erasmus+ KA 154, Youth dialog	Youth Ombudsman in Bulgarian Municipalities	2019



We want to make a **positive impact** on the world of student councils.

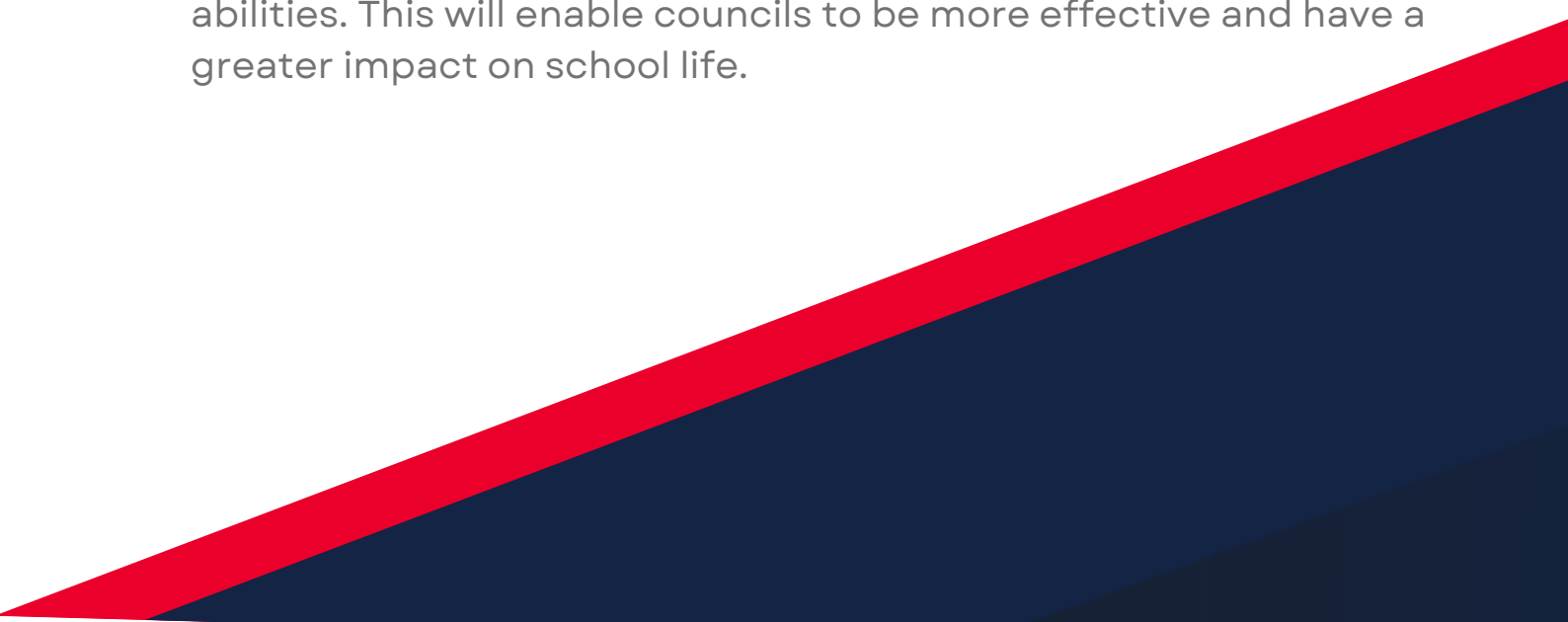
Student councils in many European countries often face significant challenges in their operations. These challenges include insufficient powers, lack of funding, and inadequate institutional support. As a result, there is limited student participation in decision-making processes within schools, and a weaker influence on the school environment. Additionally, there are significant disparities in the legal status and effectiveness of student councils across different countries, leading to unequal quality of student representation. The project idea will be submitted to the Human Resource Development Center, the Bulgarian National Agency coordinating the Erasmus+ program, under Key Action Partnerships for Cooperation in the field of youth, with a lump sum of 400,000 euros.

The Benefit:

The project will enhance the legal status and functioning of student councils by providing them with the necessary tools and knowledge to perform their roles more effectively. This will lead to better representation of students' interests, increased youth participation in democratic processes, and the strengthening of democratic values among students. Furthermore, the project will encourage collaboration between student councils from different countries, leading to the exchange of best practices and mutual support.

Solutions

The project offers several key solutions to the identified problems:

- **Strengthening the legal status and powers of student councils:** The project will encourage dialogue with governmental institutions to push for legislative changes that provide student councils with more authority and autonomy. This will enable the councils to have a stronger influence on school decisions and more effectively represent students' interests.
 - **Providing funding and resources:** The project will work to secure adequate funding for student council activities through participation in European programs and national initiatives. This will allow councils to implement larger and more effective projects that benefit students.
 - **Creating a platform for sharing best practices:** The project envisions the creation of an online platform that connects student councils from different countries. This platform will facilitate the exchange of experiences, sharing of successful practices, and promote collaboration among councils.
 - **Training and capacity-building academies:** The project will organize training sessions and academies for student council members to develop their leadership skills and decision-making abilities. This will enable councils to be more effective and have a greater impact on school life.
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Project- Goals



**Strengthening
Student
Councils**



**Developing
Leadership
and
Management
Skills**



**Providing a
Platform for
Collaboration**



**Increasing
Student
Participation
in Democratic
Processes**



**Improving
Social and
Educational
Equality**



PROJECT ACTIVITIES



Research



Development of an
Online Platform



Capacity-Building
Academy and
Experience Exchange



Recommendations for
Legislative
Improvements




Roundtable with
National and European
Institutions

These activities are designed to systematically address the challenges faced by student councils across Europe, ensuring they are well-equipped, legally supported, and connected to effectively represent and empower students in their respective countries. By incorporating research and targeted interventions, the project aims to create lasting improvements in the effectiveness and influence of student councils.




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