

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION

<b>A. PARTNER ORGANISATION</b>	
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<b>B. PROFILE</b>	
Type of Organisation	Non-profit NGO
Is the partner organisation a public body?	NO
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES
<b>C. ACCREDITATION</b>	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	NO
Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants?	YES
<b>D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE</b>	

<p>Please briefly present the partner organisation.</p>	<p>A group of young people who dreamed of developing their community and themselves created the non-profit organisation AGOJE. The association launched in 2020, right in the middle of the pandemic, which did not bode well. However, the organization's team is confident that its mission of providing meaningful and unique experiences for young people that will serve as learning contexts tailored to their needs is of utmost importance. AGOJE's vision is to play a stance in which young people feel confident to express themselves, learn by doing, and are empowered to act, guided by curiosity and open-mindedness.</p> <p>With today's youth struggling to develop character and find career paths in an uncertain environment, AGOJE members understand and empathize with them. Under these circumstances, the association wants to act as a beacon encouraging young people to explore and partake in initiatives that will aid them in navigating their obstacles and strengthening their resilience. The means of achieving this is through experiential learning and non-formal learning methods.</p> <p>The organization also places a strong emphasis on working with young people who ordinarily wouldn't benefit from chances abroad. On the one hand, these youth are unaware of the benefits offered by programs like Erasmus+ for example, and on the other hand, even when they are, they encounter challenges that make participation more challenging. Our objective is to connect with them, provide them with better information about the opportunities they can take advantage of, provide them with support to make it easier for them to access these opportunities and engage in meaningful participation, and establish an environment where they can learn from one another.</p> <p>In order to achieve its goal, the association works towards achieving the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promoting intercultural dialogue among youth;</li> <li>- preventing young people from being marginalized and socially excluded;</li> <li>- encouraging young people to participate in international mobility;</li> <li>- promoting diversity, tolerance and non-discriminatory behaviour among young people;</li> <li>- stimulate creativity and curiosity among young generations.</li> </ul> <p>In conclusion, AGOJE stands for a group of young people who support the personal and professional growth of young people by working with and for them.</p>
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<p>What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?</p>	<p>As a young organization, the expertise of AGOJE resides in its members who have worked in transnational contexts and gained management skills by engaging in different Erasmus+ projects. The organization's mission is to promote the personal and professional development of youth in accordance with the goals of the Erasmus+ programme. AGOJE focuses on various activities and events on time management, public speaking, entrepreneurship, intercultural understanding, storytelling, digital literacy, multimedia workshops and facilitates sports initiatives to achieve the goal. In order to expand the scope of the activities carried out, the association sought out new dependable organizations that share similar aspects in terms of the target group's needs and want to collaborate toward a common goal.</p> <p>The activities and events of the organization are organized around four main themes. In this regard, the association has members with experience in the following fields:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Non-formal education methods - working with youths and young adults in non-formal settings to develop cross-cultural competences;</li> <li>2. Intercultural understanding - by working with people who have limited access to international environments and a limited understanding of other cultures;</li> <li>3. Management skills - working with young people and adults to empower them in leadership, a valuable skill in today's job market;</li> <li>4. Social inclusion - by encouraging people with fewer opportunities to participate in the organisation's activities and facilitating interaction between those who face various obstacles and those who can be considered privileged.</li> </ol> <p>In the context of the Erasmus+ Program, AGOJE implemented a youth exchange "The Storytellers" facilitating intercultural dialogue and collaboration through the method of storytelling, and has collaborated on the "Protect the Planet" youth exchange project, which addresses environmental protection. The organization seeks to inform and raise awareness among young people about how they may contribute to a clean and sustainable environment because this is one of the most pressing issues that humanity is now facing.</p>
<p>What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?</p>	<p>AGOJE team is composed of proactive members who work towards creating a better society for the current and future generations. Its members have different areas of expertise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Barb-Dudan Ionut-Toader-Constantin – is the legal representative of the association, and has 4 years of experience working with youth using non-formal educational methods. He had taken part in the European Youth Together project "European Youth at the Frontlines of Active Citizenship: A Roadmap towards a collective "South-North-East-West" Momentum" (<a href="https://vcs.org.mk/how-i-will-change-society-ionut-barb/">https://vcs.org.mk/how-i-will-change-society-ionut-barb/</a>), where he benefitted from training and mentorship from experienced youth workers and came up with an initiative that benefitted his local community, lobbying for access with non-motorized vehicles on a lake in a small town of Transylvania. Following this experience, Ionut realized he wanted to further his entrepreneurial and leadership skills and applied for Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs, where he spent 6 months taking over tasks and observing how processes unfold in a large NGO in Italy. As a result, he became the legal representative of AGOJE, and put together a team of young motivated individuals thriving for a better, more inclusive future. His motivation is to inspire young people like him to push past their boundaries and broaden their horizons by participating in international experiences. He has</li> </ol>

extensive experience managing youth projects and has volunteered in the local community since a young age.

2. Nedelcu Alexandru Gabriel – graduated the National University of Theatre and Film "I.L. Caragiale" in Bucharest. Alex has years of experience working as a freelance photographer, and as part of the documentation process, he has been filming and editing a number of promotional movies for Erasmus+ projects. He has a strong interest in digital media and works hard to capture and accurately portray the world around him. His professional background includes writing and producing manuals, websites, and managing social media accounts in addition to photography. Additionally, he wants to emphasize to young people the value of personal branding and professionalism in the non-profit industry.

3. Dani Kolanis – is an international volunteer of the organisation. She is a British Cypriot playwright and performer, trained at Ecole Jacques Lecoq (Paris), Soho Theatre Writers' Lab and holds a BA in English Literature and Drama from the University of Essex. Dani also has a range of experience facilitating and delivering sessions with young people in the U.K., Spain, Poland, Nepal and Armenia across a wide range of topics including arts and creativity, public speaking, communication skills, business pitches, creative writing workshops, livelihoods, CV and resume writing and Business English presentations.

Main experiences and abilities of our NGO team:

- non-formal education methods, capacity to facilitate and create a safe learning context;
- encouraging participation in international mobility of youth facing fewer opportunities such as social, economic and geographical obstacles and minorities in terms of religion, place of birth;
- good communication abilities;
- entrepreneurial and leadership skills;
- digital literacy, photography & videography, and social media;
- usage of NLE (Non-formal Learning Education) to increase self-esteem and confidence, enabling expression of youth without any fears of being judged;
- participation in various Erasmus+ projects, active involvement in all their stages: preparation, implementation and follow-up.

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