



## PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

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<b>Organization ID</b>	<b>E10358017</b>
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<b><i>PROFILE</i></b>	
Type of Organization	INFORMAL YOUTH GROUP
Is the partner org. a public body?	NO
Is the partner org. a non-profit?	YES
Main sector of activity	Offering participation in youth-led events and youth participation activities
Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	NO



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## BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

*Please briefly present the partner organization (its type, scope of work, areas of activity and if applicable, approximate number of staff, volunteers and members of the group).*

Youthwavers is an informal youth group founded in 2024 during an international Training Course, based in Thessaloniki, expanding its volunteer network to Drama, Larissa, Athens and other cities in Greece. Founded by two university students with extensive volunteering background and experience in youth work, with the aim of creating an active volunteer network of young people between 15-30 years old involved both in local community and international projects and support participants to empower themselves.

- Panoulis, as a co-founder of Youthwavers, brings a multifaceted perspective to the organization, enriched by his diverse experiences and expertise. Being the Greek Climate Pack, a Climate Pack Ambassador and Member of Gender Equality Committee, brings a wealth of experience in environmental issues and ensuring inclusion in gender issues.
- On the other hand, co-founder Konna, with a background in environmental sciences, coupled with her expertise in natural products, offers a unique perspective within the Youthwavers team. Her understanding of project managing in youth activities further enriches her role, adding depth and significance to her contributions.

The youth group's primary focus is promoting environmental awareness, sustainability and human rights equality within society. Our efforts address a variety of human centered and social issues, such as combating hate speech, promoting European integration, supporting sustainability initiatives, safeguarding human rights, addressing gender issues and supporting the youth to develop their skills and recognise the importance of empowerment.

Hate speech poses a significant threat to societal cohesion and individual well-being, requiring strong measures to counter its proliferation and protect vulnerable communities. European integration efforts strive to foster unity and collaboration among diverse nations, promoting shared values, digital empowerment, and peaceful coexistence. Promoting sustainability is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring a prosperous future for all by addressing pressing global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss and inequality. Upholding human rights is fundamental to ensuring dignity, equality, and justice for all individuals, necessitating continuous advocacy and legal protections to address violations and promote an equitable society.

The primary goals of Youthwavers are: **(RADES)**

- Raise environmental awareness and promote sustainability.
- Advocate for social and human rights initiatives.
- Address human-centric issues such as combating hate speech.
- Address key areas of SDG's and UN Youth Goals.
- Defend European values and identities.
- Develop social and human capital for gender equality and social cohesion.
- Encourage youth participation in society and foster proactive engagement.
- Empower young people through non-formal education methodologies and digital means.
- Support initiatives, whether Regional or European, that foster local, national and international cooperation.

Youthwavers are dedicated to provide inclusive social services to improve the quality of life and ensure social security for various groups, including youth, marginalized and the LGBTQI+ community. We prioritize promoting European values, environmental objectives, and active citizenship, where through



non-formal education methods, we empower young individuals, encourage sustainable environmental behaviors, and advocate for youth participation in societal matters.

## **BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE**

*Please provide information on your organization's / group's regular youth work activities and experience.*

As a newly established youth group, our primary aim is to foster a positive influence within the Greek youth work field. Drawing from our team's well-versed experience in project management, proposal writing, NFE methods and training material development, our mission is to promote an inclusive and equal place for empowerment, environmental awareness, sustainability, social inclusion and human rights through a diverse range of activities. To achieve this, we are committed to develop and implement campaigns, organize European projects and implement local actions.

The team's collective background includes training activities, environmental practices, fostering active citizenship, promoting youth participation, and advancing social inclusion projects. In terms of relevant experience, all members have actively participated in their local communities and have extensive backgrounds in youth mobility programs, seminars, student exchanges, summer schools, internships, volunteering activities, and advocacy actions at both local and international levels. They possess skills in team management, project organization, and a strong motivation to promote multicultural and lifelong learning among European youth.

The network supports youth from different cities and backgrounds and gives space to them to implement their initiatives and evolve more into the 'magic' of youth participation. They have a diverse age group with different needs to support people from 15-30 years old. The aim is to create a space for youngsters to explore European values by organizing initiatives at the local level and collaborating with other youngsters from abroad to identify and recognise their needs in the framework of lifelong learning and support them through the non-formal learning approaches.

Through campaigns, we aim to raise awareness and mobilize action on pressing environmental and political issues, advocating for positive change and collective responsibility. These campaigns will serve as platforms for promotion, engagement and advocacy, empowering individuals to become agents of change within their communities. From our participation in European opportunities we will provide space for cross-cultural learning, collaboration and civic engagement. By facilitating exchanges between young people from different backgrounds and regions, we aim to foster mutual understanding, inclusion and active citizenship, while addressing challenges and sharing practices. Youthwavers focuses on enhancing the quality of life and ensuring social security for various groups, including youth, marginalized groups and the LGBTQI+ community. Additionally, we actively advocate for European values, environmental goals and sustainable practices. The group facilitates dialogue for shaping policies that enhance the quality of life and foster civic society development.

In summary, we endeavor to ignite positive transformations through campaigns, local actions and European initiatives, striving to foster a future that is more sustainable, inclusive and equitable for the youth community in Greece and beyond. Youthwavers remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering positive change by supporting youth to empower themselves, promoting environmental sustainability and advocating social inclusion contributing to the overall well-being and resilience of the community.

## KEY STAFF

*Please give information on the persons involved in this application and on the competences and previous experience that they will bring to the project.*

<p><b>Panagiotis Kalaitzis</b></p>	<p>Known as Panoulis, is a dedicated advocate for positive societal change, showcasing an impressive track record with over 25 successful participation in Erasmus+ programs and active roles in various local organizations from 2020. As a <u>Youth Coordinator and Trainer</u>, he has refined his skills in team building, leadership, and active listening. Serving as a Climate Pact Ambassador and Ocean Advocate, he passionately represents Greece at the European Parliament and the United Nations Offices in Vienna. Panoulis actively engages in the Municipal Youth Council of Thessaloniki, contributing to awareness campaigns, policy-making, and promoting environmental sustainability. His role as a <u>Facilitator</u> in study sessions within the Council of Europe underscores his commitment to broader social issues and human rights education. Additionally, he serves as a member of the Gender Equality Council at the International Hellenic University, advocating for gender equality and representing the student body. Panoulis's public service extends to his role as a Volunteer Rescuer at the Hellenic Red Cross, highlighting his diverse contributions as a catalyst for change and a leader inspiring meaningful action in education, climate advocacy, and social rights.</p>
<p><b>Konstantina Papadopoulou</b></p>	<p>Konna is an ambitious young woman, who emerged in the reality of Erasmus by becoming <u>Project Manager</u>. She is a university student, attending Biochemistry and Biotechnology at the University of Thessaly. During her school years, she was highly active in the local community, spearheading a two-year project titled "WALKTHEGLOBALWALK" focused on environmental issues. Through this initiative, she had the opportunity to influence the habits of thousands of students and inspire them to take action. Since 2021, she has participated in several international erasmus projects, as a youth leader and participant. Her recent participation in the Bitrimulti TC, organized by the Norwegian NA, deepened her insight into youth exchanges and the youth's role within them. Similarly, her participation in the PBA TC organized by the Finnish NA fostered collaborative efforts, networking, and highlighted the vital role of young people in executing youth exchanges. Having an extensive background in natural products, their value, and their applications, acquired through her studies in pharmacy, she is passionate about demonstrating to young people the importance of the environment. Moreover, she aims to show that there are natural methods available and that there is a future in discovering them together. In her role as <u>Coordinator</u>, she facilitated expressive dialogues on the future of Europe, adding a nuanced layer to intercultural debates. These</p>

	<p>collective experiences enriched her perspectives and deepened her involvement in youth initiatives.</p>
<p><b>Rafaela Nikolaidou</b></p>	<p>She graduated with a BCs in Biology, focusing on the field of conservation. As <i>Facilitator</i> she has a strong interest in arts, the environment and volunteering. She has taken part in a series of youth exchanges concerning climate change and training courses for climate justice during which she had the chance to cultivate her skills concerning active listening, teamwork cross-culture communication and project management. Rafaela also took action for the environmental challenges in Palestine as part of a two-month European Solidarity Corps project, supporting and connecting with the local community. Using her expertise as a biologist, she volunteered for a month-long project concerning the surveillance of Greece's wolf populations and reproduction sites. Combining her love as <i>Performer</i> in arts and volunteering, she carried out theater games for groups of kids as part of a summer camp and interacted with citizens in public events through social experiments with the technique 'theater of oppressed'. Rafaela also volunteers in local NGOs assisting in organizing events for the city's youth.</p>
<p><b>Evgenia Seferidou</b></p>	<p>Evgenia (aka or Jenny), has a bachelor's degree in Adult and Continuing Education. But her interest lies especially in young people and that's what led her to start a Master's Degree in European Policies on <i>Youth, Entrepreneurship</i>, Education and Culture. She was introduced to youth work in her last year of studies when she started volunteering for her city's Youth Center where she learned of all the ways one could use to empower young people and help them take action. A crucial step in her journey was meeting Panoulis, working with him on various events and attending his workshops. Evgenia's volunteering also takes the form of serving the Municipal Youth Council of Thessaloniki, for the Committees on Gender Equality, and Environment and Sustainability, and being a very active member of Thessaloniki Pride's volunteers, holding a coordinating post for Thessaloniki's 2024 EuroPride. She will tell anyone who asks that she's a feminist and believes inequality should be approached intersectionality, particularly when it comes to climate-related issues. Though she has only participated in very few Erasmus+ actions, she knows international cooperation and the exchange of ideas and experiences is the key to solving the problems young people inherited from previous generations.</p>
<p><b>Alexandros Mavrommatis</b></p>	<p>Alex's extensive volunteer career includes participating in youth exchanges and training courses, taking a leadership role in a youth group, where he provided mentoring to a group of young people, all under the auspices of the Erasmus+ programme. Transcending geographical boundaries, he has demonstrated a firm commitment to his local community through his significant contribution to his high school's Sustainable Enterprise Society, resulting in two notable certifications. His dedication highlights his genuine passion for promoting positive</p>

	<p>change by combining entrepreneurship with international experiences and significant efforts in his community. Alex leverages as <u>Tech Expert</u> to support the team. Currently pursuing a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens, exemplifies an admirable combination of academic pursuits and active participation in social betterment.</p>
<p><b>Aggelos Vergotis</b></p>	<p>Known as Agver, he is a <u>high school senior</u> who intends to study at a sports university. He has successfully taken part in over 10 volunteer events for the environment, 4 Erasmus+ programmes, and charity road races. He expanded his perspectives and studied a wide range of topics as a pupil, but the main ones that spark his interest are sports, books, strategy games and travel. At the age of 18, he has expanded his horizon by getting out of his comfort and traveling across Europe to meet other youth. He consistently performed well in Greek championships in every age group, with an impressive performance in the final of school championships across Greece and Cyprus. Track and field is his key activity and area of passion. He is willing to put in a lot of effort to accomplish all of his goals since he is well-organized and wants to have plans ready for the future.</p>

### ADDED VALUE

*Would you like to make any comments or add any information to the summary of your organization's past participation?*

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### OUR PROJECTS

EU PROGRAM	CODE	APPLICANT	TITLE
<b>YE</b>	<b>2024-1-RO01-KA15 1-YOU-000206759</b>	<b>A4 ACTION</b>	<b>4THINKING</b>
<b>YE</b>	<b>2024-3-EL02-KA15 2-YOU-000273676</b>	<b>YOUTHWAVERS</b>	<b>BIOCRAFT</b>