ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION						
OID	E10116036					
Full legal name (Latin characters)	ASOCIAȚIA TARABOSTES – DEZVOLTARE PRIN EDUCAȚIE – A.T.D.E.					
<u>-</u>	TARABOSTES ASSOCIATION – DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION -					
	ATDE					
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	B. PROFILE					
Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association/social enterprise					
Is the partner organisation a public bo						
Is the partner organisation a non-prof						
	C. ACCREDITATION					
Has the organisation received any	NO					
type of accreditation before						
submitting this application?						
Has the organisation	YES					
received/applied for any EU						
grants?						
D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE						

ASOCIATIA TARABOSTES - DEZVOLTARE PRIN EDUCATIE - A.T.D.E. is a non-governmental organization founded in decembrie 2016, located in Pesceana, Valcea County.

Our vision is to be a strong supporter of sustainable development through education and concrete actions in local communities.

Our mission is to provide learning/action opportunities especially for young people but also to all people who need and want to to develop psychologically, physically and spiritually as healthy and strong-minded people.

The aim of the association is to promote and support development, in particular through non-formal and formal education in which is facilitated the access of any person to training methods and programs that contribute to social development and evolution, professional and economic development of individuals and society as a whole, as well as to promote and implement actions and projects in the field of sustainable development.

Our values/principles are the following:

- 1. Good faith in our dealings with all persons and entities with whom we interact under no circumstances we will not intentionally harm rights and/or legitimate interests of others;
- 2. Lifelong participatory learning members, collaborators of the association, beneficiaries, facilitators, trainers and other participants, together and permanently, acquire and develop new competences that they constantly capitalise on;
- 3. Action we apply in practice the acquired competences for the benefit of ourselves and of the community; For us, action is at the same time a very effective way of improving our learning and skills:
- 4. Inclusion in our activities no one may be discriminated or excluded on the basis of sex, religion, nationality, opinion, beliefs, class or social status; discriminated people and people with reduced

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opportunities etc. are supported to access our activities, programs and projects;

- 5. Cooperation all our activities are carried out in a spirit of cooperation, not competition; we are aware of the many and greater benefits of cooperation over competition;
- 6. Integrity in everything we do, we always act in accordance with our values;
- 7. Prosperity resources are abundant, sufficient, available, renewable, recyclable and reusable; they can be available to all and everyone through knowledge and efficient management. Among the objectives of ATDE we mention:
- promotion of projects/actions with and for young people, projects aimed at young people's needs and their development such as: supporting the development and initiatives of young people, the development of entrepreneurship, of a profession, of a career, encouraging voluntary work among young people, encouraging participation in personal development sessions, etc.
- international cooperation through external partnerships with organisations from all over the world to carry out similar actions with the aims and objectives of our association;
- designing, submitting and implementing projects, on its own or in partnership with other organisations, in order to attract European non-reimbursable funds (...) in order to finance actions, activities, projects necessary to achieve the purpose of the Association and the objectives of sustainable development.

The staff of our organisation consists of 10 people, including founding members, collaborators and volunteers. The operational part of association is structured in 5 departments: the Strategic Development Department (SDD), Education Programs Department (DPE), Projects Department (DPFN), Volunteer Center (CV) and Finance and Accounting Department (DFC).

In the commune of Pesceana, where ATDE was founded, there are about 1,800 people living in an area of 2.884 ha. The commune has a school, a kindergarten, a library and a creative workshop for traditional crafts organised in the library. The commune is located in an area with strong spiritual-cultural roots and great economic potential (natural resources, chemicals industry, tourism, agriculture, innovation) but which, due to the mentality of the population, are less exploited. In this geographical area, with a rich and picturesque relief, there are settlements such as Horezu ("Cocosul de Horezu"), Dragasani with wine-growing traditions, Ocnele Mari and Ocniţa (settlements where salt has been exploited since ancient times), the resorts of spas Govora, Calimaneşti - Caciulata, Olanesti, but also other tourist attractions such as Olt Valley, Transalpina, Voineasa, Ciunget Valley, The spring of Lotru River etc.

The spiritual and cultural heritage of the area is extraordinarily valuable, with many Christian monasteries: Horezu, Cozia, Bistrita, Arnota, Frasinei - to mention only the most famous.

We are an organisation with more than 7 years of full activity, with a very good experience in running personal development activities for young people.

Observing and knowing the general situation of the area in which we are located and, in particular, of the rural environment in Valcea county, the members of the association together with the young people and adults attracted around us, together have decided to capitalise the potential and opportunities at local, national and international level. This potential results from the existing gap between the state of development of rural areas in Western European countries and the rural environment in our country - in general - and in the North of Oltenia Region - in particular.

Our activity is structured in 3 main components: educational activities/workshops, projects with non-reimbursable funding and voluntary actions:

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES/WORKSHOPS

We organised more than 50 educational workshops for more than 550 beneficiaries, young people and children. We organised workshops focused on personal development and emotional intelligence. During these, we addressed 6 complementary areas of personal development: health, growth (personal values), healthy relationships, career, abundance/prosperity and contribution. The workshops took place in different locations such as Pesceana, Babeni, Ramnicu-Valcea, Brezoi, Berbesti. In all these educational workshops and activities our facilitators applied techniques of PSIHODRAMA, DRAMATHERAPY, THERAPY THROUGH PLAY, THERAPY THROUGH MOVEMENT AND DANCE, ESPERE etc.

GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS

We are involved in the creation and promotion of projects with and for young people, projects aimed at young people's needs and development. Thus, we have created and implemented so far the following projects:

- -Speak UP with confidEnce and Respect! project to raise awareness of the importance of communication in direct interactions (face-to-face) and in the digital environment for 40 young people aged 18-24 from 4 countries;
- -AddVocation! project to raise awareness and facilitate the importance of discovering one's vocation for 40 participants, leaders and young people aged 18-24 from 5 countries;
- I AM RESILIENT! awareness-raising and non-formal training project for 30 young people from 3

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

countries, aged between 16 and 26 years old, on the importance of maintaining good mental health during prolonged difficult periods;

- Multiculture in one world: My own technology a project which aimed to give young participants the opportunity to learn about different cultures and design different technology projects so that they learn from each other;
- Smart Green Money! non-formal financial and environmental non-formal education project for 32 young people from 4 countries;
- Initiated Involved Integrated! project to initiate and familiarise 30 young people from 3 countries with the field of personal development by participating in a youth mobility program.

Among these, the first 2 mobilities of young people implemented in the summer of 2021 took place in the most difficult conditions, facing with particular challenges related to the selection and transportation of young people, the reluctance and even hostility of some political decision making of a local community that fully benefited from the results of the project: international cultural activities, popularisation of traditional dances, local traditions and cultural heritage of the area, the greening of the local community park and the river bed that crosses the community. Despite these obstacles, the two projects brought a lot of joy and enthusiasm to the young participants, so we enjoyed their spontaneous, sincere and beautiful appreciation. These reactions reinforced our conviction that we are doing what is right and have made us even more eager and determined to continue, expand and intensify our activities that we are carrying out.

In the European Year of Competences (2023) on the initiative of our young people who continue to face difficult situations and together with them, in addition to the implementation of 2 youth mobilizations, we have identified 2 other project needs which we are applying again this term: "Smart Green Development" (the present application and "Building Bridges: A Journey to Healthy Interactions" in response to their learning needs.

VOLUNTARY ACTIONS

In the last 4 years, our volunteer centre which has been set up within the project 2019-3-RO01-KA105-077984 Initiated-Implicated-Integrated! organised more than 20 volunteer actions which consisted mainly in greening parks or areas in Pesceana, Babeni, Ramnicu-Valcea, Goranu, Horezu, Brezoi etc.

In ATDE we employ people with a very broad spectrum of training and competences in the fields of education, psychology, training, coaching, social work, sociology, popular arts, law, economics, accounting, accounting, public relations, international relations etc.

Nicolae ZAULEŢ is the president of the association and he is in charge of the general coordination of the association. His main profession is designer of chemical installations and machinery; now he is retired from his regular job but he is very active in contributing to the local community and he devotes his time to charitable activities and supporting young people; he is in charge of the general coordination of the association.

Veronica Cristina ZAULET is the key resource person of the association, DPFN coordinator, project manager; she is graduate of Faculty of Tourism and Business Management and certified project manager. She created and successfully implemented 6 funded youth mobility projects under the Erasmus+ program, including 2 mobilities in summer 2021 in most challenging conditions.

Diana IAMANDESCU, DPE coordinator, is a facilitator, coach, trainer and psychotherapist specialised in Psychodrama Classical Psychodrama, Drama Therapy, Play Therapy, Ericksonian Hypnosis. Her area of expertise covers both human resources (Recruitment Consultant, Learning & Development Specialist) as well as psychotherapy and personal development. In the last 15 years she has worked in institutions or in projects targeting beneficiaries from disadvantaged social categories - children, young people, the elderly (examples: "Speak UP with confidEnce and Respect!", "I AM RESILIENT!", "AddVocation!", "Open Doors", "Let's learn about animals", "Steps for Future"). The projects were focused on skills development, personal development, emotional intelligence and non formal education.

Mihaela Olimpia RUSCIOR is a facilitator, psychotherapist and she is specialised in Drama Therapy, Play Therapy and Movement and Dance Therapy, with over 17 years of experience in working with youth and adolescents and in non-formal education, both as a psychologist and as a program coordinator in national and international projects. Example of projects: "Speak UP with confidence and Respect!", I AM RESILIENT!", "AddVocation!", , "Education for independent living, sustainable development and civic involvement"- in collaboration with the Association Social Activ (ASA), "Informagiovani" and "Centro Diurno Socio Educativo - within the European Voluntary Service etc. In the last 11 years she has been working with young people from disadvantaged areas, in projects on disability development, personal development and emotional intelligence development (Steps for Future project).

Carmen TUICU has a multidisciplinary background, since graduating from the Faculty of

What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application? International Economic Relations (Academy of Economics, Bucharest), a Master's program in Global Business (New York University), as well as two psycho-pedagogical training programs, the successful completion with distinction of Prepare Your Students for IELTS, Norwich Institute for Language Education (NILE), annual training courses focusing on Cambridge exam teaching methods and materials. Carmen also has a diverse background, from her first job with British Airways, to her position as an European Affairs Advisor at the Ministry of Environment, to teaching Cambridge Advanced at the Cambridge Advanced language center, Eurognosi, Ramnicu Valcea. Her work as an educator in the last period has been permanently complemented by workshops with various themes, from mindfulness, to logic and creative thinking, all built on the thread of our connection with nature. Two examples are the projects "Smart Green Money!" #talesfromthehill BookClub. The latest project was mentioned in 2023 as runner-up of the Simon Greenall Award, sponsored by Macmillan Education, International House World Organization and International House London.

The Volunteer Center is coordinated by Raluca Nicoleta and Eduard STANICA, volunteer, student of SNSPA - Communication and Public Relations Faculty is in charge of communication.

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European Union granted projects preceding this application						
EU Programme	Year	Project Identification	Applicant			
Erasmus+ KA105 - Youth exchange	2019	2019-3-RO01-KA105-077984 Initiated-Implicated-Integrated! (3I!)	A.T.D.E RO			
Erasmus+ KA105 - Youth exchange	2020	2020-2-RO01-KA105-080777 Smart green money (SGM!)	A.T.D.E RO			
Erasmus+ KA152 - Youth exchange	2022	2022 - 1 - RO01 - KA152 - YOU - 000066223 I am resilient! (IAR!)	A.T.D.E RO			

Erasmus+ KA152 – Youth exchange	2022	2022-1-TR01-KA151-YOU- 000080696 My own technology (Motech)	HATAY FOUNDATION - TR
Erasmus+ KA152 - Youth exchange	2022	2022-3-RO01-KA152-YOU- 000099173 AddVocation! (+V!)	A.T.D.E RO
Erasmus+ KA152 - Youth exchange	2023	2023-3-RO01-KA152-YOU- 000178243 Speak Up with confidEnce and Respect! (SUPER!)	A.T.D.E RO
Erasmus+ KA151 - Youth acreditation	2023	2023-TR01-KA151-YOU- 000114237 Many cultures, many youth together for a sustainable world	HATAY FOUNDATION - TR