

GENERAL INFORMATION	
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PIC - Participant Identification Code	896922529
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PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association/social enterprise
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes

## BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

**Please briefly present your organisation**

AD-SUMUS, Associação Imigrantes de Almada (Immigrant Association of Almada), is a non-profit association founded in 2014. We aim to promote the rights and duties of immigrants and their descendants for their full integration into Portuguese society. We focus on valorization and equal opportunities, fostering closer relations with the host society, and encouraging civic participation. Additionally, we work towards preventing situations of risk of poverty, social exclusion, and improving the living conditions of immigrants and their descendants.

Since 2014, our Local Support Centre for the Integration of Migrants from Laranjeiro - CLAIM has become an extremely relevant response in the social network of the municipality of Almada. We assist in the reception and integration of immigrants through Ad Sumus, and promote spaces for dialogue and intercultural diversity. This service has been leveraged under the financial partnership agreement established with the High Commission for Migration (ACM), I.P and Almada City Council (CMA).

CLAIM has, since April 2014, been consolidating itself as an extremely relevant proximity response in the social network of the municipality of Almada, regarding the provision of useful information in the access to fundamental goods and services essential in the process of reception and integration of immigrants in the municipality of Almada through Ad Sumus, as well as the promotion of spaces for dialogue and intercultural diversity.

Although the main objective of our organization is the empowerment of immigrant families and their offsprings in order to facilitate the acquisition of new skills and competences based on non-formal education and experiential learning, creating opportunities for young's discover a new dimensions of interaction where it's possible every person have the same opportunities to succeed in life being different and making the difference.

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

Our international experience regarding European projects similar to Erasmus+ framework came directly from the participation of our International Project Team in youth exchanges, trainings, transnational partnership meetings and workshops under the Erasmus which helped us developing our capacities and skills in many subjects connected with European project management and international mobility opportunities for youth and adults.

At a National level, Ad Sumus team also promotes and participate in local activities in order to be in full contact with the communities who we work for.

Some of our Activities:

- Public assistance in the reception and integration of immigrants;
- Organizing informal meetings on entrepreneurship, climate change, racism, gender equality, etc;
- Migrant Employment and Entrepreneurship Office, GEFE a project that supports migrants by enhancing employability and nurturing entrepreneurial abilities and fostering integration and socio-economic stability.
- Partnering in community awareness campaigns;
- Promoting cultural diversity events;
- Conducting digital literacy sessions for migrants, focusing on building ICT skills for individuals with low digital proficiency.
- E-commerce platform for female entrepreneurs coming from a difficult socioeconomic context;
- Promotion of a healthy lifestyle in the community;
- Providing services of dental check-ups and coaching;
- 2 Second-hand clothes shop run by our elderly volunteers;
- Providing legal assistance in cases of discrimination or violation of worker's rights.

Our local/national partners working with us:

- ACM (High Commission for Migrations);
- City Council of Almada;
- Food Bank of Setúbal;
- Cape Verde's Embassy in Portugal;
- SCMA – Holy House of Mercy of Almada;
- ReFood;
- IOM – International Organization for Immigration;
- SPEAK;
- Parish Council Laranjeiro/Feijó;
- ASDL Association;
- Mimo Association;
- APPDH Association;
- Novo Mundo Association;
- Lifeshaker Association.

What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons in your organization that will be involved in this project?

The team of Ad Sumus has a permanent working team of 7 people and 30 motivated volunteers that come from different backgrounds like, sciences, marketing, health sector, psychology, social service, accounting, international relations. In Ad Sumus everyone has a different area of interest and studies which broth up together gives us the opportunity to have a huge impact in everything we do.

#### Ad Sumus International Core Team:

- **Ligia Almeida:** Co-Founder, Psychologist, senior project coordinator and grant writer, trainer and facilitator that since 2002 works in the field of Immigration. Passionate by youth empowerment, outdoor education and organizational development.
- **Jorge Vinhas:** Project Manager for 2 years in various projects like Erasmus+ projects and strategic partnerships with local and international impact. Graduated in Management and Information Systems with a volunteering background in an international NGO, he's motivated by a passion for the environment, mental health, human rights, and inclusion.
- **Daniel Silva:** International Project Manager, 2 year experience in managing Erasmus+ projects. Graduated in Marketing currently is doing a master in Entrepreneurship and Business Creation. Passionate about social justice, international cooperation, music and mental health.
- **Dénise Silva:** Co- Founder, senior socio-cultural mediator, and facilitator in the field of Immigration since 2009 Graduated in International Relations. Passionate by arts, music, human rights and culture.
- **Ines Costa:** Many years of experience as volunteer. Bachelor's in political science and international relations, currently doing a masters in Humanitarian Action. Passionate about music, social intervention and circular economy help developed the 2 Second-hand clothes shop for Ad Sumus.

Beside the International core team Ad Sumus also have other active volunteers that help us to implement our local and international activities and some of them are:

- **Fernanda Araújo:** Graduated in Pharmacy, is and active volunteer in the local community, passionate for new experiences and self-development areas.
- **Helga Oliveira:** Hairdresser. Active volunteer in the local community that loves sports, outdoor activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maria João Neto:</b> Graduated in Accounting. Volunteer in the local community of Almada.</li> </ul> <p>We have a group of senior volunteers, the RAIOS de Sol (rays of sun), who contribute to the level of social support, especially in the solidarity store selling clothes to purchase basic necessities for families with children between zero and three years old. Through this project we are able to promote active aging and reduce the loneliness felt by our elderly volunteers.</p> <p>On the other hand, the Sunflowers that supports us mainly in the Food Bank, in the distribution of food, and in the distribution of food to families with children between the ages of zero and three. Combined both groups amount to more than 30 volunteers.</p>
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