

PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

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OID	E10358017
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<i>PROFILE</i>	
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

<i>LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE</i>	
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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, a co-founder, contributes his multidisciplinary experience from Integrated Master in Forest Engineering as a Greek Climate Pact Ambassador, and a Trainer in Council of Europe and EU activities, bringing deep expertise in environmental advocacy, human rights, refugees and hate speech.
- Konna, the other co-founder, brings an academic background in environmental sciences and natural product research, as well as hands-on experience in project management in the field of youth work and sustainable development. Her holistic approach strengthens the group's impact in environmental and empowerment initiatives.

Youthwavers' core mission is to promote environmental awareness, sustainability, and human rights equality, while also empowering young people through non-formal education, digital means, and active civic participation. The group addresses pressing social and human-centered issues such as combating hate speech, gender equality, European integration, and youth empowerment, aligning its goals with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the EU Youth Goals.

They are dedicated to providing inclusive social services that improve quality of life and ensure social security for various groups, including youth, marginalized communities, and the LGBTQI+ community. The organization prioritizes the promotion of European values, environmental objectives, and active citizenship. Through non-formal education methodologies, Youthwavers empowers young individuals, encourages sustainable environmental behavior, and advocates for meaningful youth participation in societal matters.

The Vision: Ride the RADES

R — Raise awareness & Responsibility

- Raise environmental awareness and promote sustainability.
- Address key areas of the SDGs and UN Youth Goals.

A — Advocate & Act

- Advocate for social and human rights initiatives.
- Address human-centric issues such as combating hate speech.

D — Defend & Develop

- Defend European values and identities.
- Develop social and human capital for gender equality and social cohesion.

E — Empower through Education

- Empower young people using non-formal education methods and digital tools.
- Encourage youth to participate actively in society and create impact.

S — Support Cooperation & Solidarity

- Support regional, national, and international initiatives that foster cooperation.

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE

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

Youthwavers is a newly established informal youth group, founded in 2024 and based in Thessaloniki, Greece, with a growing volunteer presence in cities such as Drama, Larissa, Athens, and others. Our primary goal is to foster a positive and lasting impact within the Greek youth work field by offering inclusive spaces where young people can explore European values, enhance their skills, and actively participate in shaping their communities. We are committed to promoting empowerment, sustainability, social inclusion, and human rights through creative and inclusive youth-led actions.

Our team is composed of young individuals aged 20–30 with diverse academic and professional backgrounds, including environmental sciences, youth work, human rights, and social policy. Each member brings valuable experience from their involvement in youth mobility programs, training courses, summer schools, student exchanges, advocacy initiatives, and volunteer projects. Together, we have strong expertise in project management, proposal writing, non-formal education (NFE) methodologies, and the development of educational and training materials. Through our online Discord community, we connect youth from different regions with European opportunities, offering them access to mobility programs and platforms for intercultural learning. We also facilitate youth exchanges, international training experiences, and advocacy actions that empower young people to develop leadership skills, build networks, and engage in European dialogue.

In addition to grassroots work, Youthwavers is dedicated to developing impactful campaigns that raise awareness and mobilize action on pressing environmental and political issues. These campaigns serve as tools for empowerment, community engagement, and advocacy, allowing young people to become agents of change in their local and international environments. We actively support values of sustainability, digital empowerment, and social justice, aiming to improve quality of life and ensure social security for marginalized groups, including the LGBTIQ+ community.

In summary, Youthwavers is a youth-led initiative focused on creating meaningful change through campaigns, local actions, and European collaborations. Our mission is to empower young people, foster inclusive practices, and contribute to a more equitable, sustainable, and participatory society. We remain committed to supporting youth across Greece and Europe to recognize their potential, act on their ideas, and shape a future that reflects their values and visions.

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>Panagiotis Kalaitzis</p>	<p>Panoulis is an experienced <u>Youth worker</u> and <u>Project manager</u> committed to fostering social inclusion, climate advocacy, and youth empowerment across Europe. With over 6 years of volunteering, 5 years of project management, and 1.5 years of experience founding and leading the informal youth group, he has become a driving force in grassroots and international youth initiatives. He has actively participated in more than 26 EU-funded and 6 Council of Europe-funded projects, developing a robust understanding of youth mobility, non-formal education, and European policy processes. As a Trainer in Study Sessions of the Youth Social Rights Network (YSRN), a <u>Trainer</u> on Hate Speech, and as a <u>Facilitator</u> empowers young people through inclusive, creative and participatory methodologies.</p> <p>Holding an <u>Integrated Master</u> in Forest Engineering and serving as a European <u>Climate Pact Ambassador</u>, he bridges environmental expertise with educational practice, advocating for sustainability and ecological awareness in youth work. His multifaceted involvement makes him a valuable contributor to both local actions and transnational cooperation initiatives, always promoting youth voice, equity, and systemic change.</p>
<p>Konstantina Papadopoulou</p>	<p>Most people know me as Konna. I'm a <u>Youth worker</u> while studying Biochemistry and Biotechnology. For 4 years, I've been actively involved in the Erasmus+ field, starting as a participant and gradually stepping into the roles of group leader, <u>Facilitator</u>, and <u>Co-founder</u> of YouthWavers. Participating in Training Courses like BiTriMulti (Norwegian NA), PBA (Finnish NA), and Keep it Real (Lithuania NGO) has deepened my understanding of project design, intercultural cooperation, and the impact youth work can have on both individuals and communities.</p> <p>Driven by a strong commitment to youth empowerment, I've taken part in several international mobility projects, often leading groups and helping young people navigate their own Erasmus+ journeys. Combining my academic background with my passion for nature, I'm currently <u>Coordinating</u> a funded Erasmus+ project focused on natural ingredients and their applications in sustainable cosmetics and wellness</p>

	<p>products. This project allows me to connect scientific knowledge with environmental education and help young people rediscover the value of traditional practices.</p> <p>I also love creating spaces for dialogue and expression, whether through facilitating workshops on youth participation and Volunteering at events like TEDxLarissa.</p>
Alexandros Mavrommatis	<p>Over the years, Alex has been involved in a variety of volunteer activities and is a committed <u>Volunteer</u> with this youth group. He has taken part in numerous training programs and youth exchanges in various nations. During one of these exchanges, he assisted in organizing and directing group activities as a Group leader. His leadership abilities and comprehension of various cultures and social issues have improved as a result of these experiences. In addition, he has been involved in his community through programs such as the Sustainable Enterprise Society at his high school, which he helped to obtain two awards for.</p> <p>In addition to volunteering, Alex's main contribution is his <u>Technical expertise</u>. At the National Technical University of Athens, he is presently working toward a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He is also a member of the Prometheus Eco Racing team, where he works on the development of the electric car's computer vision and artificial intelligence (AI) autonomous driving system and meanwhile maintains the telemetry system. As a Tech Expert, Alex uses his technical knowledge to support a variety of projects and advance digital tools and systems within the youth group.</p>
Evgenia Seferidou	<p>(aka Jenny) holds a bachelor's degree in Adult and Continuing Education, but her true passion lies in empowering young people, an interest that led her to pursue a Master's Degree in European Policies on Youth, Entrepreneurship, Education, and Culture. Her journey into youth work began during the final year of her studies, when she started volunteering at her city's Youth Center and discovered the many ways to support youth empowerment and action. A pivotal moment in her path was meeting Panoulis, with whom she collaborated on multiple events and attended impactful workshops. Her dedication extends to active roles in the <u>Municipal Youth Council of Thessaloniki</u>, particularly within the Committees on <u>Gender Equality and Environment & Sustainability</u>. She is also a committed volunteer with Thessaloniki Pride, holding a coordinating position for the 2024 <u>EuroPride</u>. She identifies as a feminist and believes that inequality must be addressed through an intersectional lens especially when it intersects with climate-related challenges. While she has only recently begun engaging in Erasmus+ activities, she deeply values international cooperation and sees the exchange of ideas and experiences as essential for addressing the complex challenges today's youth have inherited.</p>

OUR PROJECTS			
EU PROGRAM	CODE	APPLICANT	TITLE
YE	2024-1-RO01-KA15 1-YOU-000206759	A4 ACTION, RO	4THINKING
YE	2024-3-EL02-KA15 2-YOU-000273676	Youthwavers, GR	Biocraft
YE	2024-1-PL01-KA15 1-YOU-000216323	EDU4U, PL	We are all the same
TC	2024-1-RO01-KA15 1-YOU-000206712	Ofensiva Tinerilor, RO	Peers to Equality
TC	KA153-YOU-22554 AB0	Papinian ,DK	Tech Tools in Youth Work
YE	KA152-YOU-F6668B B3	Zumo de Bellota, ES	Actividad física, naturaleza y bienestar emocional