

Erasmus+ Partner Identification Form

Profile

Organisation ID:	E10090494
PIC Number	943179404
Legal name:	Asociatia Kazun
English name:	Kazun Association
City	Plăieșii de Jos
Post code	537235
Country	Romania
Website:	https://www.facebook.com/KazunEgyesulet
Is the organisation a public body?	No
Is the organisation a non-profit?	Yes
Type of the organisation:	Association

Background and experience

Please briefly present the organisation (e.g. its type, scope of work, areas of activity and if applicable, approximate number of paid/unpaid staff, learners).

The Kazun Association was founded in 2002 by young people from Plăieşii de Jos, a rural settlement in Harghita county, Romania. It is a non-profit, independent and apolitical organization with the aim of empowering local youth and increasing their opportunities through education and culture. We work to strengthen cultural understanding and social inclusion, while reducing inequalities by improving the opportunities of young people from rural backgrounds facing lower education quality and fewer training and development possibilities. Our two target groups are local children aged 7-14 and young people between 15–25 years old with minority backgrounds.

Our activities focus on three main areas:

- Folklore and dance: three amateur folkdance groups with 80 children and youth (7–19 years old), meeting weekly, performing regionally and abroad; organizing summer camps and participating in competitions. Over 300 young people have taken part in these activities in the past 20 years.
- Non-formal education: local and international Erasmus+ youth projects providing learning opportunities for young people with disadvantaged backgrounds
- Sports: organizing sport activities and events to engage youth and strengthen community ties.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this project? What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?

Kazun Association has implemented two international projects. In 2012, the "From Outside to Welcome Home" youth exchange brought together 20 young individuals from Romania and Hungary, focusing on enhancing social inclusion for disadvantaged minorities. This project received funding from the European Commission through the Youth in Action Programme, Action 1.1. The "Let's Include Together" youth exchange, organized in 2013, aimed to promote intercultural understanding. This initiative was financially supported by the European Commission through the Youth in Action Programme, Action 3.1a, and involved 30 young participants from Romania, Hungary, and Serbia.



Kazun is once again open to international collaboration, aiming to promote EU values and citizenship. The organization seeks to create opportunities for local youth to travel, experience cultural diversity, and engage in intercultural dialogues.

Kazun also involved local youth in learning mobilities. In the past 2 years, 25 young people benefited from Erasmus+ youth activities, participating in 4 youth exchanges and one training course for the active volunteers.

Katalin Miklos participated in two Team Volunteering projects in 2021, and one individual volunteering in 2022 at Aventura Marao Clube, in Portugal, being a volunteer at the local youth center, gaining experience in non-formal education and supporting youth exchanges and international workcamps. She completed her master's degree in Community and Civil Developmetn Studies in Budapest gaining knowledge in community building, NGO management, fundraising and participatory action research, while working with local youth organizations. At Egyesek Youth Association she was a volunteer mentor at Seeds of Solidarity Team volunteering project in 2023, supporting the work of international volunteers working with Roma children in Hungary. In 2024 she was the camp leader of the School of Solidarity project supporting international volunteers working with refugee children from Ukraine. She has experience in mentoring long term volunteers too. In addition, at Youth Bridges Budapest she was assistant of Erasmus+ projects as well as gained experience in facilitation of workshops and trainings in international environments. At the moment, she is the leader of an informal group of local women working for the empowerment of women to participate in local decision-making. At Kazun Association, she is the coordinator of international programs as well as organizing English language clubs for local youth.

Emoke Mihaly, with a BA and MA in Education and over 10 years of experience as an international teacher in various countries, has a wealth of professional and personal experience in diverse communities. With a great understanding of cultures and intercultural relations, she promotes inclusive environments and collaboration.

As an Educational Specialist at Kazun Association, she is actively participating in the activities and programs of the association. She sustains the programs and projects mainly from know-how perspectives including developing applications, coordinating international communication and managing the evaluation, dissemination and financial aspects of the programs. She has managed a variety of projects such as folk festivals, summer camps, cultural events and two youth exchanges. She is highly committed to youth development and community engagement to support local youth in becoming active, responsible and inclusive citizens.

Imre-Zsolt Nagy is the legal representative of the association. He has useful experience in project management and civic engagement in the locality starting from traditional and folk dance performances, through summer camps, to international collaborations and programs. As a primary teacher, he has a strong connection with the local youth and has valuable connections with other organizations in the region and abroad.

The organization has experience in organizing learning activities and summer camps for children and youth. Throughout the years local volunteers were cardinal part of the organization whether on regular or occasional basis, volunteers support the team of Kazun in organizing local cultural events, workshops, or assisting the management of the dance groups and summer camps.



Associated persons

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