

PARTNER INFORMATION FORM

Organization Details

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Profile

Type of organization	NNLE
Is the partner organization a public body?	Yes
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes

Background and Experiences

Since 2016, the NNLE of the City Hall of Tbilisi Municipality Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center has been making a significant contribution to the development of the youth sector at the municipal level, creating various opportunities for young people living in the capital.

The goal of the center: to support young people in the capital by providing effective municipal services in the field of sports and youth, as well as by promoting their self-realization.

Main Directions:

- Identifying the needs of young people and promoting their ideas;
- Ensuring participation of young people in educational, sports, creative projects;
- Supporting self-awareness and self-realization of young people through non-formal education methods;
- Supporting the improvement of qualification of youth workers;
- Strengthening voluntary activities;
- Promoting the development of various types of sports among young people;
- Implementing and promoting a healthy lifestyle among the youth;
- Supporting the integration of ethnic minority representatives (their involvement in public, cultural, social activities).

See additional information about Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center here:

<https://www.facebook.com/TbilisiYouth>

<https://youthtbilisi.ge/>

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

Since 2016, the Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center (TSYC) has been making a significant contribution to the development of the youth sector at the municipal level, creating various opportunities for young people living in the capital. The goal of the center is to support young people in the capital by providing effective municipal services in the field of sports and youth, as well as by promoting their self-realization. Since 2021 the center also ensures the creation of a network of local youth organizations, the purpose of which is to inform youth organizations and increase their involvement within the framework of the Eurodesk program, as from 2021, our center coordinates Eurodesk in Georgia.

Nowadays, our organization consists of 3 sports and 2 youth centers, namely Liberty Square (Tavisufleba) and Ponitchala youth centers. Our beneficiaries mostly are 18-29 people.

with the support of the center and with the involvement of young people, projects and events for the youth are carried out within the following programs:

Liberty Square (Tavisufleba) center - we have various activities, such as speaking classes, eco activities, parlor talks etc.

Ponitchala Center - the activities at the Ponitchala Youth Center are designed to provide substantial benefits to both the target groups and the local community of the age 6-29, however, they mostly are children and student. By offering a range of courses such as English and German language classes, programming, graphic design, hip hop classes, felt making, knitting, art, guitar classes, handcraft and various creative and sports activities, the center equips beneficiaries, particularly students with fewer opportunities and ethnic minorities, with valuable skills. These skills enhance their future educational and employment prospects, fostering greater self-confidence and independence. The center's programs encourage active participation and engagement within the local community. Through workshops, clubs, and sports activities, beneficiaries interact with their peers and community members, strengthening social cohesion and community ties. The center specifically targets children and students from less privileged backgrounds and ethnic minorities, providing them with free access to quality educational and developmental resources that they might otherwise lack. This focus helps to address educational inequalities and supports the overall social integration of these groups.

European Youth Card - Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center is an associate member of the European Youth Card Association, through which Tbilisi City Hall has an exclusive opportunity to start involving Georgian youth in the European Youth Card service.

With the support of the center, the card will become available to Georgian youth from the 3rd quarter of 2024.

Eurodesk - Georgia is a member of the Eurodesk - European Union educational and youth network since April 2021, thanks to the efforts of the Municipal Department of Culture, Education, Sport and Youth Affairs of the City Hall of Tbilisi Municipality. Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center, as a youth organization subordinated to the municipality, is actively involved in the development of communication strategy.

In order to spread information about the Eurodesk program and increase accessibility, the center is planning an active information campaign, within the framework of which young people will receive detailed information about the international opportunities of Eurodesk, namely:

- Educational mobility;
- Scholarships
- Grants
- Exchange Programs;
- Internship programs;
- Voluntary programs;
- Trainings.

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"Together with the City Hall" program - since 2020, there is a "Together with the City Hall" program, the purpose of which is to support youth organizations and initiative groups in realizing their ideas. The program also includes the implementation of large-scale summer programs of the Tbilisi City Hall, which are aimed at promoting a healthy way of life among young people, promoting active leisure and recreation.

This means:

- Hikes, field camps (camping);
- Rafting tours;
- Tennis;
- Karting;
- Shooting range;

Up to now, about 15,000 young people have participated in the "Together with the City Hall" program.

Non-formal education program - since 2017, the implementation of projects and events within the framework of the non-formal education program is based on raising the awareness of young people, deepening their skills and strengthening civic self-awareness. The center also supports the development of youth organizations (especially start-up youth organizations) and initiative groups.

The number of beneficiaries participating in the non-formal education program is about 2000 young people.

Voluntary program and youth camps - youth camps and schools are actively implemented on the basis of the center, the purpose of which is to raise the awareness of young people and promote self-realization.

Since September 2020, the center holds ESC QL (role: hosting) and can receive volunteers from various European countries. Foreign volunteers can be involved in cultural, sports and educational projects and activities implemented within the center.

Researching the needs of the youth - Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center actively identifies the needs of young people living in Tbilisi, on the basis of which youth-sports events are planned.

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

Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center Team is highly experienced in youth work. Most of them have many years of experience in the youth field. All staff members have rich competences in Project management, non-formal education, youth, and international work. Our team members who work on the youth programs are:

1. Salome Udzilauri - Director of the organization since 2023. Experience in effectively managing projects funded by the European Commission, with a particular emphasis on Horizon Europe. Familiarity with EU initiatives and successful project management within this context.
2. Ana Samakashvili – Deputy Director of the organization since 2024. Extensive experience in management of European Commission program, with a particularly demonstrated proficiency in the Horizon Europe program. Assumed a leadership role at the Horizon Europe university grant office, overseeing and coordinating all pertinent aspects of the initiative. Expertise extends to youth programs, with a focus on developing education programs for mentorship, commitment to fostering the growth and development of young individuals.
3. Giorgi Turashvili - Head of administration. experienced in youth work with a background in empowering projects. Main focus on educational initiatives, and advocacy programs, addressing the unique challenges faced by young people, ensuring that youth voices are heard and valued in society.
4. Dodo Tchumburidze - Manager of educational programs. Youth Worker. Works in the organization since 2017. Experience designing and implementing innovative educational programs that cater to diverse audiences. Experience and a continuous commitment to empowering individuals through impactful non-formal education and youth-focused initiatives.
5. Tamar Koberidze – Lawyer. Environmental volunteer. Works in the organization since 2023. With a legal background, currently serves in an administrative capacity at the Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center. Brings legal expertise to the forefront, ensuring strict compliance with local regulations in the execution of EU grant projects. Experience in various youth initiatives, demonstrating experience and a commitment to community development and youth empowerment.
6. Kristine Zakarashvili - Works in the organization since 2024 as Coordinator of youth camps and volunteer programs. She is actively involved in the implementation of large-scale youth projects, as well as in organizing local and international youth camps.

7. Levan Nadiradze – “Together with the City Hall” Program Coordinator. Works in the organization since 2023. 2020-2023 President of Caucasus International University, Self-Government 2021-2022 Deputy Chairman of Youth Advisory Board of Youth Agency.
8. Nino Shakarashvili – European Youth Card (EYCA) Manager. Works in the organization since 2021. The founder and the head of GAFE - Georgian Association for Equality since 2022.
9. Tamar Gugunishvili - Eurodesk Coordinator. Works in the organization since 2023. Coordinator of the Department of Educational Process Management at the Technical University of Georgia between 2016-2022.
10. Eliso Mukataridze – Manager at “Ponitchala Youth Center,” under the "Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center" since 2019. With extensive experience in youth exchanges and working with volunteers. Dedicated to empowering youth through mentorship, enhancing social inclusion, and promoting intercultural dialogue within a diverse range of educational activities.
11. Nino Gogokhia - Nino is a dedicated civil education trainer at the Tbilisi Sports and Youth Center, currently pursuing her doctorate in public administration. She also serves as a professor specializing in international relations. From 2019 to 2021, she was the president of AIESEC in Georgia, and in 2021-2022, she represented Georgian youth at the United Nations. In addition to these roles, Nino is the head of the International Relations and Donor Coordination Division at the State Employment Support Agency, where she plays a key role in fostering collaboration and support for employment initiatives.

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