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PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Non-profit (non-commercial) legal entity
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes
ACCREDITATION	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	No
Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants?	ESN Georgia received grants from ESAA - Erasmus+ Student and Alumni Association directly. As well as a small local phase grant from the ESN International, funded by the EU Commission.
BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
ESN Georgia (Erasmus Student Network Georgia) is a voluntary organization established in 2011 by active students and young people, operating in accordance with Georgia's laws. The organization is founded on democratic principles and operates both within Georgia and internationally to promote a strong community of mobile students. Currently, ESN Georgia has about 40 active volunteers.	

Our target group: Young people aged 18 or older, specifically students pursuing formal education at higher education institutions locally and abroad, exchange students, and those interested in volunteer programs.

We aim to:

- **Empower Georgian youth to participate in international projects** by disseminating information about academic exchange programs within higher educational institutions.
- **Promote Georgia's integration with European Union countries** through the active promotion of exchange programs and the implementation of various international projects.
- **Promote the development of a volunteer system** among young people to enhance their personal and professional development and sense of citizenship.
- **Motivate students to pursue higher education abroad** to strengthen society through the knowledge and experience gained via international students.
- **Prepare students for international mobility** by providing social and practical preparation, including training, before they start their exchange periods.
- **Support the reintegration of students** returning from abroad by engaging them in ESN Georgia's activities to utilise their international experience locally.

Main Activities: The organisation actively facilitates youth participation by organising training, seminars, conferences, and cultural events for both local and international students. ESN Georgia disseminates information on academic exchange programs and implements projects specifically designed to support Georgia's European integration. We specialise in providing essential social and practical mobility preparation through specialised training sessions. Furthermore, we cooperate with a wide network of non-governmental organisations, youth organisations, and representatives of the academic and political sectors both in Georgia and abroad to achieve these goals

ACTIVITIES AND RECENT PROJECTS

Since its establishment, ESN Georgia has organised a variety of international and local events to support the personal and professional development of young people. Our organisation serves as an open platform where members can use organisational resources to create, plan, and implement their own activities in collaboration with young people from across Europe and beyond.

Selected Recent Projects:

Promoting European Integration and Civic Engagement:

Through the project “*Erasmus+ Ambassadors for Georgia*”, ESN Georgia engaged international students and mobility participants as cultural and civic Ambassadors of Europe. Within this initiative, participants visited the Tserovani IDP settlement, fostering dialogue on European values, solidarity, and civic participation. The project was funded under the “*Enriching Communities through Engaged Mobilities*” initiative and successfully implemented in cooperation with the Mtskheta-Mtianeti Regional Hub, demonstrating ESN Georgia's capacity for cross-sectoral and regional collaboration.

Sustainable Development and Education:

ESN Georgia's Social Impact Team regularly conducts educational activities with local youth, focusing on global challenges and sustainable development. Most recently, a workshop was organized at an Italian school in collaboration with its Eco Club, where participants explored the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through interactive discussions, reinforcing awareness of sustainability and active citizenship.

Alumni Engagement and Sustainability of Erasmus+ Impact:

ReCONNECT Erasmus Alumni in Georgia was a flagship project implemented by ESN Georgia, funded by the Erasmus+ Students and Alumni Alliance (ESAA) and the European Union, with the objective of establishing the first structured Erasmus Alumni Network in Georgia. The project engaged 40 Erasmus+ alumni who had completed an exchange semester or academic year abroad. From 12–14 August, participants attended in-person training sessions in Kakheti, collaborating on the design, planning, and implementation of activities to create a sustainable alumni structure and define its mission, governance model, and future initiatives. The project strengthened long-term alumni engagement and enhanced Erasmus+' institutional impact in Georgia.

Regional Cooperation and Capacity Building:

ESN SEEP 2022 was a regional event of the Erasmus Student Network South Eastern European Platform, organized by ESN Georgia and held in Tbilisi, Georgia. The event brought together more than 70 students and ESN volunteers from Southeast European countries, aiming to strengthen regional cooperation and knowledge exchange among ESN sections. As the host organization, ESN Georgia delivered a comprehensive program of trainings, workshops, and panel discussions on leadership, project management, communication, and ESN core values, complemented by cultural activities promoting intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding.

THE SKILLS AND EXPERTISE OF KEY STAFF/PERSONS INVOLVED

ESN Georgia brings together a team of experienced professionals, including youth workers, educators, active students, and long-term volunteers, each with 5+ years of experience in non-formal education, youth empowerment and training, career guidance, social impact initiatives, and local as well as international project management.

The organisation's leadership has 15 years of experience in fostering and empowering young people in Georgia and internationally through non-formal education, with a strong background in developing, advocating for, and supporting the Erasmus Generation and youth engagement initiatives in Georgia. Key competencies include project and financial management, coordination of multicultural teams, strategic planning, and effective delivery of activities in a timely and results-oriented manner, supported by a strong intercultural and international mindset.

Structure of Organisation:

ESN Georgia has several thematic teams that help the organization achieve its goals in various fields:

- **Vice President's Team**
- **Communication Team** (Led by the Communication Officer)
- **Treasurer's Team**
- **Social Impact Team** (led by Social Impact Coordinator)
- **Education Team** (led by Education Officer)
- **International Projects Team** (led by National Representative)

Each team consists of 2 to 6 volunteer members who support the Board and its supporting positions in areas such as management, communication and dissemination, financial management, educational and social event planning, and project and grant management.

Staff involved in project management:

Salome Keshelashvili - a youth worker and passionate Erasmus Generation Advocate in Georgia. Decade of experience in internationalisation & education mobility specialist. At the Erasmus Student Network Georgia, **Head of the Advisory Board/Director** - overseeing, managing the organisation's budget, everyday operations, and volunteers' cooperation, consulting board members in their responsibilities. In addition, he works as a trainer, career advisor, international student services coordinator, and co-founder of the youth educational project EDU STATION.

Anastasia Japaridze - a youth worker, civic activist, and policy consultant with professional experience in international development and cooperation. She currently serves as an **Education Officer at ESN Georgia**, where she works on promoting Erasmus+ opportunities, supporting international mobility, and strengthening awareness of European cooperation among young people. She is actively involved in non-formal education and has participated in more than ten international youth projects across Europe. Her experience includes project writing and coordination, facilitation, teaching, and training on media literacy, EU integration, civic engagement, ecology, migration, anti-discrimination, and cultural diversity. She has also organized and implemented cultural, educational, and social activities for both international and local youth within international project frameworks.

Ketevan Kupreishvili - A youth worker based in Georgia, actively involved in youth projects, civic education, and international cooperation. Board Member and **Social Impact Coordinator at ESN Georgia**, working on project implementation, volunteer coordination, and support for international students. Experienced in Erasmus+ youth activities and international events with a strong interest in youth participation, civic engagement, and democratic processes

Elene Mikanadze - **the Lead of the International Projects Team and National Representative of ESN Georgia**, with two years of experience in project management. She has worked with various civil society organizations and diplomatic institutions, focusing on youth development, media literacy, and conflict management.

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