



PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

ASOCIACIÓN CULTURAL SIMAYA

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PARTNER ORGANIZATION	
Type of organization	Non governmental / association
Is the partner organization a public body?	No
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes
Main sector of activity	Organizing cultural activities and involvement possibilities with local communities
Type of organization	Non governmental / association

ACCREDITATION	
Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this aplicación?	No
Has the organization received/applied for any EU grants?	Yes

BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE
Briefly present the partner organization

Simaya is an association based in southern Spain, Málaga. It is composed of young professionals with extensive experience participating in the Erasmus+ program.

The association's objective is to provide opportunities for young people from rural areas, those facing economic challenges, and those with limited access to opportunities to engage with the European community.

Art and Inclusion

Artistic expressions can transcend superficial differences and create emotional bonds that foster understanding and empathy among people from different backgrounds and cultures.

- **Promoting equal opportunities:** working to remove barriers that prevent certain groups of people from accessing educational, employment, social and cultural opportunities.
- **Creating safe and welcoming spaces:** creating environments where all people feel safe, accepted and valued.
- **Empowering marginalized people:** providing support and resources so that they can develop their potential and participate actively in society.
- **Build alliances and support networks:** work with other organizations and community groups that share the goal of promoting inclusion.

Nature and sustainability

- Emphasizing the importance of nature as a tool for personal development and community engagement
- Implementing projects focused on environmental awareness and sustainability
- Using nature-based activities to connect young people with their environment and promote a sense of responsibility towards it

Personal development and creativity

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Erasmus+

- Promoting international youth volunteering and social participation
- Conducting projects in rural areas to foster multiculturalism and a European identity
- Facilitating youth mobility and cultural exchange through Erasmus+
- Utilizing various artistic instruments (music, art, photography) to address themes of inclusion and diversity
- Implementing projects focused on the environment and sustainability, encouraging active participation and awareness among young people

Non-formal education

- Promoting language learning and European community participation among youth from rural areas
- Providing training activities on topics such as equality, human rights, mental health and LGBTQ+ issues
- Creating spaces for leisure and inclusive free time, fostering social connections and personal growth, accompanying the group during its different stages of development.

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

Asociación Simaya was born in 2023, and during this time our team has been involved in Erasmus+ projects implemented in our region in collaboration with local associations. Some of them are:

- Rainbow Choir (YE), Ronda, Málaga
- Act 4 Gender and sex equality (YE), Ronda, Málaga
- Dance 4 Union (YE), Ronda, Málaga
- Voices 4 Equality (TC), Ronda, Málaga
- Music 4 Diversity (YE), Ronda, Málaga
- Act 4 Equality (YE), Málaga
- Paint 4 Equality (YE)

Asociación Simaya has benefited for the following projects:

Voices 4 Inclusion - KA152-YOU-BFA6B932

Theater of empathy: a place 4 diversity - KA152-YOU-7FF008EE

1,2,3... Photography 4 Inclusion! - KA152-YOU-C31460A5

We have carried out those projects in the local community, where young people from different countries shared space and time with the residents of the town. Our objectives were met:

- Promoting multiculturalism, inclusion of minorities and skill development
- Positive impact and good practices on participants
- Inclusion of people with different backgrounds
- International connections
- Dissemination of Erasmus+ in rural areas and in social networks

Our members have participated in more than 50 projects as participants since the year 2017, which makes everyone have great experience in implementing Erasmus+ projects, social relationships, linguistic skills and necessary competencies.

They have also taken part as trainers and facilitators on different national and international projects in topics such as sports, outdoors, storytelling, creative writing, and theater.

On **November 6, 2024**, Asociación Simaya managed a support activity to Valencia to help those affected by the natural disaster, the **DANA**, the most devastating floods in Spain of the last decades. The group members contributed their knowledge to provide psychological support to those affected in vulnerable situations, initial health intervention to volunteers and support in logistical tasks such as cleaning affected homes.

In addition, some components of the association have been participating in collaboration with other institutions.

*To respect the suffering of the situation, no type of dissemination was carried out on social networks.

DISSEMINATION

At the end of Erasmus+ projects, we can organize the following activities depending on projects needs and objectives:

- **Participants' Stories** – On our Instagram page we publish posts about participants' experiences.
- **Forum of youth organizations** – sharing gained experience with local NGOs.
- **Public Event** – Participants organize a meeting with local youth and share their experience.
- **Instagram Report** – Summary of a project on our Instagram page.

What are the skills and experience of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Nazaret Vegas Alcántara

President and founder of Asociación Cultural Simaya. She studied Social Inclusion in Malaga. She is also a paramedic, an expert in coordinating health and social emergencies.

She has worked as an educator for children and teenagers with functional diversity in specific classrooms.

She has also worked as logistician and coordinator in Erasmus+ projects. In addition, she has been a volunteer since 2021 in various projects in Spain and has participated in 15 international projects.

Ángel Mori Martínez Díez

Erasmus+ coordinator and facilitator in Simaya. He studied programming in Burgos and Madrid. He is an experienced hiker and musician. He has taken part in many international projects, and has experience facilitating workshops about environment and green skills, music, theater, storytelling, sports and outdoor activities. He also volunteered in local projects and participated in more than 15 international projects.

Lorena Díaz Rosales

She graduated from the University of Málaga as a psychologist. She has extensive experience in creating content for social networks about mental health such as self-help guides, annual agendas,... She has created an Instagram page where she helps people with their personal development.

Additionally, she uses her creativity to create "safe spaces" where people can learn from each other. She has experience writing Erasmus projects on inclusion, art and mental health.

Equality
Inclusion
Human rights
Education
Languages
Social skills



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