

Project Proposal: **W-SPACE – Women's Social & Creative Space**

Empowering Women through Creativity, Heritage, and Community Building

The "Women's Social & Creative Space" project is a Small-scale Partnership Adult (Erasmus+ KA2) designed to address the social, cultural, and economic barriers that often limit women's active participation in public life. The project focuses on creating "safe spaces" for adult women to reconnect with their potential, their community, and the cultural heritage of their territories.

A Prestigious Context: Gibellina 2026

Partnering with us at this time offers an extraordinary advantage: Gibellina has been officially named Italy's first-ever Capital of Contemporary Art for 2026. This project is strategically timed to coincide with this historic milestone. Gibellina, a "museum-city" famous for its open-air architecture and contemporary masterpieces, will be at the center of the European cultural spotlight. Working together on this project represents an unmissable opportunity to be part of a high-profile international network and to showcase project results on a prestigious national and European stage.

The Vision

In many rural and urban contexts, women often face a lack of dedicated social spaces and bear a disproportionate share of domestic responsibilities. This project aims to bridge that gap by using non-formal education and creative tools to foster independence, social inclusion, and civic engagement.

Core Objectives

- **Empowerment & Self-Confidence:** Helping women recognize their skills and strengths through shared creative processes.
- **Social Networking:** Establishing local and international networks where women can find mutual support and professional inspiration.
- **Civic Participation:** Encouraging women to become active storytellers and decision-makers within their local communities.
- **Skill Development:** Providing practical training in creative crafts (such as ceramics and screen-printing) and digital communication.

Key Activities

The project utilizes a participatory and "maieutic" approach, ensuring that participants are the protagonists of their own growth:

1. **Territorial Discovery:** Workshops and urban explorations to redefine the relationship between women and the public spaces they inhabit.
2. **Creative Labs:** workshops on traditional and contemporary crafts to promote self-expression and potential micro-entrepreneurship.
3. **Transnational Exchange:** Study visits and international meetings to exchange best practices between partners and foster a common European identity.
4. **Community Storytelling:** Producing creative outputs (artistic works, digital stories) that narrate the territory from a female perspective.

Why Partner with Us?

- **Innovative Methodology:** We combine the Maieutic approach (learning through dialogue and self-discovery) with modern creative vocational training.
- **Social Impact:** The project targets "hard-to-reach" groups, including women in disadvantaged areas or those facing social isolation.
- **Scalability:** The model is designed to be adaptable to different European contexts, from small rural villages to larger urban suburbs.

Target Groups

We are looking for partners (NGOs, training centers, cultural associations) active in:

- Adult Education
 - Gender Equality & Inclusion
 - Artistic & Cultural Heritage
 - Community Development
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Project Framework:

- **Action:** Erasmus+ KA210-Adult (Small-scale Partnerships)
- **Target Audience:** Adult women (18+) and educators/trainers.
- **Focus Areas:** Inclusion, Creativity, Active Citizenship.