

Partner Identification Form for Erasmus+ Projects

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Profile	
Type of organisation	cooperative
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	No
Main sector of activity	Others
It "others", Please specify the main sector	Non-formal education and community development, focusing on sustainable living, social innovation, ecological regeneration, participatory governance and personal development for adults, young people and intergenerational groups.
Accreditations	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	
ESC Quality Label Hosting and Sending Volunteers	

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Please briefly present the organisation (5000 characters)
Nature Community is an intentional, intergenerational community and learning place located in Schönsee, Bavaria, close to the Czech border. The community project started in 2013 and moved to its current location in 2016, taking over a former hotel and holiday village surrounded by forests and nature. Today, around 65 people live here, including approximately 25–30 children, teenagers and young adults. At the heart of Nature Community is the question of how people can live together in a way that is socially connected, ecologically responsible and personally meaningful. People from a wide variety of professional, social

and cultural backgrounds share everyday life, work and responsibility. In this sense, we see Nature Community as a learning place for life: many questions around community, sustainability, cooperation, conflict, responsibility and social change are not only discussed, but experienced and explored in daily practice.

The community is situated on approximately six hectares of land. The infrastructure of the former holiday village, including accommodation, seminar rooms, communal spaces, workshops and extensive outdoor areas, allows us to host groups and larger events alongside our community life. Over the years, Nature Community has therefore also developed into a seminar and event venue with a particular focus on ecological and social transformation. We host workshops, trainings, conferences, retreats and gatherings dealing with topics such as sustainable living, community building, personal and social development, ecology, culture and new forms of cooperation.

Practical learning plays an important role at our place. Depending on the project, activities can include gardening and permaculture, ecological construction and renovation, low-tech solutions, upcycling, cooking for large groups, craftsmanship, creative and artistic work, as well as the organisation of events. At the same time, we have accumulated considerable practical experience with group processes, facilitation, community building, decision-making, conflict transformation and working with diverse groups.

Nature Community is connected to the wider European ecovillage movement and is part of the network around GEN Europe / the Global Ecovillage Network. We regularly exchange with other communities and sustainability initiatives across Europe. Nature Community hosted the European Ecovillage Gathering in 2023 and again in 2026, bringing several hundred people from the international ecovillage movement together in Schönsee.

International learning and volunteering have become an increasingly important part of our work. Since 2021, Nature Community has held a European Solidarity Corps Quality Label and has regularly hosted international volunteers and Volunteering Teams. We have also participated in Erasmus+ activities and would like to further develop this European dimension of our work in the coming years.

For us, these international programmes are closely connected to what Nature Community already is: a place where people from different backgrounds can live, learn and work together, experiment with more sustainable ways of living and cooperation, and take experiences and ideas back into their own communities and organisations.

What are the activities and experience of the partner organisation in youth work? Please provide information on your organisation's / group's regular youth work activities at local level.

Nature Community is an intergenerational community, and we consider the presence and active participation of young people an essential part of a healthy and diverse community. Children, teenagers and young adults live at our place, including several young people following self-directed learning paths. Our youth work therefore grows naturally out of community life and combines informal learning, practical experience, participation and shared responsibility.

Since 2025, our site has also hosted the **Uniartcity of Flow Hills**, a self-organised learning and living environment for young adults. Uniartcity enables young people to pursue their own learning interests through practical projects, mentoring, creative work and community life. Their individual learning journey is documented through the "Bildungsbrief", a self-directed curriculum based on practical experience, reflection and self-assessment.

International youth work is another regular part of our activities. Since 2021, Nature Community has held a European Solidarity Corps Quality Label and we currently organise around four ESC Volunteering Teams per year. Young international volunteers live and work together at Nature Community and participate in ecological, practical, social and community-based projects.

Our approach to youth work is strongly based on learning by doing: young people are encouraged to contribute their own ideas, take responsibility, develop practical and social skills and experience cooperation across generations.

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

Benjamin Neumann has many years of experience in community building, group processes, facilitation and the development of participatory organisational structures. Within Nature Community, he is involved in the development and facilitation of community processes, educational formats and international projects. His particular strengths lie in understanding group dynamics, creating participatory learning environments, facilitating dialogue and working with questions around cooperation, decision-making and organisational culture. He also has experience in coordinating larger events, workshops and international gatherings and in developing new educational and project formats. Nature Community has publicly presented his work around participatory organisational cultures and new forms of cooperation.

Gwynn Parkinson brings extensive experience in community life, embodiment, facilitation and working with groups. She is active in the organisation and hosting of workshops and learning programmes at Nature Community and is also involved in the coordination and support of volunteers. Her background includes body awareness, movement, Contact Improvisation, yoga and consent-based group work, giving her particular expertise in experiential and embodied learning processes.

Ulrich Jung is an architect, energy consultant and expert in sustainable building and energy efficiency. He has many years of professional experience in the planning and assessment of energy-efficient buildings, sustainable renovation and the development of practical solutions for more ecological construction. He is also an experienced trainer and lecturer in the fields of energy efficiency and sustainable building. Within Nature Community, he contributes both his technical expertise and his long-term experience of developing and living in an intentional community.

Franziska Siebert is a sociologist with a strong focus on community, social systems and group processes. She combines analytical and systemic perspectives with practical experience of living and working in Nature Community. Her expertise includes facilitation, community development, participatory processes and the creation of learning and encounter spaces for diverse groups. She is actively involved in developing educational and community-based formats at Nature Community.

How can you help disseminate the project results? What are your communication channels (print or email newsletters, which kind of social media, website, events, media contacts)?

Nature Community can disseminate project results through a combination of its own communication channels, public events and its wider national and international networks.

We regularly communicate through our website, email newsletter and social media channels, particularly Instagram and Facebook. Project results, documentation, methods, videos or other outputs can be published through these channels and shared with our community, former participants, volunteers and interested people from the wider sustainability and community-building field.

As an active seminar and event venue, we can also integrate project results into workshops, trainings, public events and international gatherings hosted at Nature Community. This allows us not only to publish results, but also to present, discuss and practically test them with different target groups.

In addition, Nature Community is connected to the European ecovillage movement and the Global Ecovillage Network as well as to partner organisations from ESC, Erasmus+ and other sustainability and educational

networks. Relevant results can therefore also be shared through these networks and directly with other organisations working with young people, volunteers and communities.

For particularly relevant projects, we can also approach regional media and use our existing contacts with local and regional press.

Past Projects			
Code	Title	Role	Amount
2022-3-DE 04-KA152- YOU-0000 97573	Topics: Digital Detox in community	Coordinator	41 308 €
2023-1-DE 04-ESC51- VTJ-00012 5554	European Solidarity Corps: Volunteering Quality Label Topics: social challenges, environmental protection, democratic participation	Coordinator	113 400,00 € 113 664,00 € 75 659,00 €
2024-2-DE 04-ESC51- VTJ-00029 0902			
2025-1-DE 04-ESC51- VTJ-00034 5938			