

ÉLETFA TERMÉSZETBARÁT EGYESÜLET

PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

Erasmus+ & European Solidarity Corps Partner Profile

**Environmental education • Sustainability • Youth work
Inclusion • Well-being • Health
Non-formal learning • Volunteering**

ERASMUS+ ORGANISATION STATUS

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Életfa Természetbarát Egyesület
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1. Organisation identification

Legal name	Életfa Természetbarát Egyesület
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2. Who we are

Életfa Természetbarát Egyesület is a Hungarian non-profit, public-benefit organisation established in 2010 and based in Kács, a small rural village in the Bükkalja region of North-Eastern Hungary.

Our mission is to promote environmentally responsible and sustainable lifestyles, healthy living, personal development and strong local communities through non-formal and informal learning. We mainly work with children, young people, families and adults in Kács and surrounding small rural communities. Particular attention is given to people living in disadvantaged areas and young people with fewer opportunities.

Our work connects people, nature, learning and community.

3. What we do

Environmental education

We organise creative, playful and experience-based environmental education activities for children and young people, working together with local schools and communities.

Our topics include:

- nature and biodiversity;
- environmental protection;
- sustainable lifestyles;
- responsible consumption;
- waste reduction;
- responsible use of natural resources;
- healthy and environmentally conscious everyday habits.

We also organise environmental camps, workshops, lectures and community activities.

Sustainable rural living

Our headquarters in Kács is also a small demonstration site for sustainable rural living.

We maintain:

- an organic and permaculture-inspired vegetable garden;
- a herb garden;
- fruit trees;
- small-scale animal keeping;
- rainwater collection systems;
- solar energy and solar hot-water solutions.

The site provides a practical learning environment where participants and volunteers can experience sustainable gardening, food production, natural resource management and environmentally responsible rural living.

Nature, herbs and healthy living

We organise herb walks, community hikes, medicinal plant programmes and educational activities connecting people with the natural environment.

We also run yoga and movement activities and programmes related to physical and mental well-being.

Creative and community activities

We use creative and experiential methods in our educational programmes, including storytelling, games, arts and crafts, movement, outdoor activities, group work and reflection.

Our aim is not simply to transfer knowledge but to encourage curiosity, cooperation, self-expression, personal responsibility and active participation.

4. Our experience with young people

Young people are an important target group of our organisation.

We have extensive experience working with children and young people in small rural communities through:

- regular environmental education;
- summer camps;
- outdoor and nature-based activities;
- creative workshops;
- community programmes;
- health and well-being activities;
- international youth opportunities.

We particularly value working with young people who have fewer opportunities because of their rural location, limited financial resources or limited access to international experiences.

We believe that international mobility can be an important tool for developing independence, confidence, intercultural awareness, communication skills and active citizenship.

5. International & Erasmus+ experience

We are developing our international youth work through Erasmus+ and European youth programmes.

Our experience includes participation in European mobility and youth projects, including a DiscoverEU project in 2024-2026, involving 40 young people with fewer opportunities.

The programme combined international travel with personal development, intercultural learning, cooperation, independence and reflection on learning outcomes.

We supported participants through preparation, mentoring, group activities and reflection.

We are interested in further developing our role in Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges, youth mobility projects and European Solidarity Corps activities, as well as building long-term partnerships with reliable European organisations.

6. Inclusion & young people with fewer opportunities

Inclusion is an important part of our organisational approach.

As an organisation working in a small rural community, we are familiar with the challenges faced by young people who have fewer opportunities to participate in international programmes.

We aim to make international experiences accessible to young people who might otherwise have limited opportunities to travel, meet peers from other countries or participate in European projects.

We can support participants through:

- individual preparation;
- practical and travel information;
- mentoring;
- intercultural preparation;
- emotional and group support;
- reflection and learning activities.

We encourage participants to take an active role rather than being passive beneficiaries.

7. Our educational approach

Our work is based on non-formal and informal learning. We believe that young people learn particularly effectively when they can:

experience → explore → cooperate → create → reflect → share

We therefore use:

- experiential learning;
- learning by doing;
- outdoor education;
- creative activities;
- storytelling;
- games and simulations;
- teamwork;
- peer learning;
- reflection and self-assessment.

We aim to create safe and inclusive learning environments where participants can express their ideas and learn from one another.

8. What we can offer as a partner

Environmental expertise

Environmental education, biodiversity, sustainable lifestyles, ecological gardening, medicinal plants and nature-based learning.

Youth work

Experience working with children and young people.

Sustainability

Practical experience with sustainable rural living, permaculture-inspired gardening, renewable energy and rainwater collection.

Non-formal learning

Creative, experiential and participatory educational methods.

Inclusion

Experience supporting young people with fewer opportunities.

Rural perspective

A genuine small-community perspective on sustainability, social inclusion and youth participation.

Dissemination

We can disseminate project results through our website, social media, local schools, community networks and educational programmes.

9. What kind of projects are we interested in?

We are particularly interested in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects related to:

-  Environmental sustainability
-  Climate awareness and biodiversity
-  Inclusion and young people with fewer opportunities
-  Non-formal education and youth development
-  Intercultural learning
-  Rural youth and rural development
-  Health and well-being
-  Sustainable lifestyles
-  Creativity, art, dance and cultural exchange
-  EU European citizenship and youth participation
-  Volunteering and community development

We are open to both new partnerships and long-term cooperation.

10. Our ideal partnership

We are looking for reliable organisations that value:

- mutual trust and clear communication;
- inclusion and equal opportunities;
- meaningful youth participation;
- environmental responsibility;
- quality non-formal learning;
- intercultural understanding;
- long-term cooperation.

We are particularly interested in partnerships where each organisation can contribute its own expertise and where projects create meaningful benefits for young people and local communities.

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for a more sustainable and inclusive Europe.**