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Full legal name	Udruga "Agencija Lokalne Demokracije"
Full legal name (English)	Local Democracy Agency Brtonigla - Verteneglio
Acronym	LDA Brtonigla - Verteneglio
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Type of Organization	Non-governmental and Non-profit organization
Is the partner org. a public body?	No
Is the partner org. a non-profit?	Yes
Activity level	National/european
Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	EVS accreditation Accreditation reference: 2015-1-HR01-KA110-012584
Description of the organization	Local Democracy Agency Brtonigla is non-governmental organization founded in 1996 as part of the Council of Europe initiative for establishing lasting peace in the post-Yugoslav region. The start has been given in 1993 with the Resolution 251 of the standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe defining the setting up of several Local Democracy Embassies in the South East Europe region. The Local Democracy Embassy of Brtonigla (as initially was the name, Local Democracy Agency since 28th July 2005) was established in Brtonigla (Istria-Croatia) on the 5th May 1996 by the LDA's partners (regional bodies from various European countries) and the Congress of Local and Region Authorities. In 1997 LDA Brtonigla has signed an agreement with the Istrian Region with the aim to implement its activities on the whole Istrian territory and become a development instrument

in the region.

Already twenty years LDA is dedicated to support the local democracy and active citizenship, civil society, raising the awareness of the European values and citizenship, facilitate and promotes development opportunities through various European programmes among the young people, supports the efforts of the local institutions and community to create solutions for the social and economic challenges, promote and support the unique richness of the regional multicultural and multilingual identity, develop networks and partnerships with many local, national, and international public bodies and NGOs with the purpose of creating new sustainable development opportunities for the region.

Istria has a historic record shaped by its strategic geographic place in Europe as a bridge between its Western and Eastern parts, connecting the Balkans with Central Europe, traditionally has been a focal point of the conflicting interests of different international actors, has experienced periods of authoritarian regimes and changing national borders throughout the 20th century. Nevertheless, the local population has inherited, preserved and strengthened its strong sense of regional belonging and affiliation with the Istrian identity, making it richer and extremely important in the context of its symbolic role as bridge between the East and West in the heart of Europe. During the past 20 years LDA has built a long record as a leading actor for strengthening the democratic values and culture among the local population and particularly the local youth, its European awareness, has enabled the participation of large number of local young people and professionals in various programmes across Europe and has been actively involved in the realization of large number of projects under various European programmes in cooperation with its regional partners on the territory of the region.

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

The LDA Brtonigla has built a long and successful record of volunteering projects, producing results that contribute for the personal capacity of the young volunteers, the local community and strengthen the overall intercultural dialogue and European cultural richness. LDA Brtonigla has

been accredited in 2008 and active since then as Sending, Coordination and Receiving organization in the Youth and Action's EVS programme, "Europe for Citizens" and has been partner in many projects and activities dealing with local resources in the rural sector.

Since 2009 onwards LDA Brtonigla has been implementing long-term volunteering projects on the territory of Istrian region, hosted volunteers from many European member and non-member EU states: France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Portugal, Spain, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Montenegro and Macedonia. We are very proud that the experience and the dedication in our work with EVS since 2008 led to a recognition which we received from the European Commission for implementing of EVS project G.I.L.D. (2012/2013) with the award for Best Practice Volunteering Project. The agency is also open and welcoming participation of young people with special needs, as it have already hosted a young Spanish man experiencing some physical limitations and who was able to fully participate in all initiatives and activities during the year, gaining valuable experience, useful in his further life development.

LDA' work as leading partner and in collaboration with the other LDA agencies, part of the Association of LDAs, with international organizations, NGOs as well as many public institutions and bodies within Croatia has been the main driver of building the strong expertise and competence of the people working in LDA and that experience brings essential added value and learning potential for the volunteers.

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

The initiative is supported by persons specialized in different fields. Since the establishment, LDA Brtonigla focuses its activities on the development of the rural territory and multicultural environment in which operates. The key persons involved in the organisation are:

Umberto Ademollo: President of LDA Brtonigla – Verteneglio (since 1996). Successfully leads the LDA since its establishment and has a crucial role in realizing and developing the potential of the organization as one of the leading local actors in strengthening the peaceful multicultural identity of Istrian region. He represents the organization on local, regional, national and international level, in

charge of the network and partnership development, fundraising and conducting the relationships with local authorities and institutions. He is experienced in project management and responsible for the successful realization of many initiatives and events at local and international level.

Eric Persel: he is the project coordinator, competent and experienced in organizing and implementing various youth projects and managing the coordination with the LDA's partners in realization of projects. He will be responsible for the timely implementation of the planned activities, the volunteers' adaptation, requests and the activities' implementation. He has participated in various youth projects, assisted and has been responsible for the realization on several projects in which LDA was a partnering organization, has served as mentor and coordinator of the previous EVS projects realized by the agency. Mr. Persel is bilingual in Italian and Croatian, fluent in English and with basic knowledge in French and German languages.

Michal Vavra: Czech EVS volunteer with an educational background in International Relations and Political Science. He possesses strong English, Russian and basic Estonian language skills as well as the ability to assess contexts and situations from an academic perspective embedded in Foreign affairs.

Mattia Giubilei: Italian EVS volunteer with an educational background in Political Science and International Relations, and a professional one in Campaigning for Not for profit and Researcher for financial institution. He possesses strong English and Spanish Language skills as well as the resilience to adapt to different contexts and merge with different cultures.

Kimberly Klapproth: German EVS volunteer just graduated from high school in science studies, but already eager to make the whole World her home country. She possesses advanced English and French language skills as well as a unique empathic stance.

Simona Vaseva: Macedonian EVS volunteer with

an educational and professional background in the field of economy. She is able to speak fluent English and Spanish and advanced Croatian; she possesses solid communication and presentation skills, with a strong customer focus.

EU PROGRAMME	YAER	PROJECT NUM.	APPLICANT
EU Programme: Europe for Citizens	2016	2016 - 1522 / 001 - 001	Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone
Erasmus Plus	2016	2016-1-HR01-KA105-021855	ALD Brtonigla
Erasmus Plus	2015	2015-1-HR01-KA105-012625	ALD Brtonigla
Europe for Citizens	2014	558669	Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone
Erasmus Plus	2014	2014-1-HR01-KA105-000245	ALD Brtonigla
Youth in Action	2013	HR-21-9-2013-R1	ALD Brtonigla
IPA	2013	308386	ALD Brtonigla
Youth in Action	2012	HR-21-11-2012-R2	ALD Brtonigla

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