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Full legal name (English)	Citizenship Academy Association
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Type of Organization	Non for Profit
Is the partner org. a public body?	NO
Is the partner org. a non-profit?	YES
Activity level	Local, National, International
Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	No
Description of the organization	The Citizenship Academy's main goal is to boost active citizenship and the constuction of development roots with principles of social, economic and environmental

	sustainability. Our ambition is to empower people and organizations in the exercise of deepening democracy. Educational, communicative and artistic activities are our areas of intervention. Non-formal education and participative and active research are our methodologies.
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***Please briefly present the partner organization**

The motto of Citizenship Academy was launched by the people who organized the “Geração à rasca” (“distressed generation”) protest, which happened on the 12th of March 2011. This initiative opened a new way of citizen participation in Europe by being convened solely through social networks without any political party or union supports. In that day, hundreds of thousands of people went out in the streets in Portugal and around the World, protesting pacifically, irreverently and creatively. This inspired

a series of protests and national and international movements under the name of "Indignados" (15-M / Real Democracy Now) that inspired the "Occupy" worldwide protest.

After this, a lot of people have joined the Citizenship Academy, animated by their wish to exercise their citizenship beyond protest. Moved by the spirit of cooperation, we aspire to capacitate as many people as possible by giving them the tools to develop their projects of civic engagement.

The Citizenship Academy promotes the human person dignity in its own diversity, multiculturalism and interculturality, the deepening of democracy and the construction of an universally free, fair, conscientious, critical thinking, solidary and fraternal society.

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

The first workshop carried out by the Citizenship Academy (CA), "Tell me how school used to be", took place in April 2013 at "Voz do Operário" in Lisbon, Portugal. It invited several children to experience a performance of how a school day was before the revolution of April 25 1974. The workshop counted with the presence of Ramiro Rodrigues, one of the captains that led the revolution of 74. His role was to bear witness through his experience and recollections of that time period. "Voz do Operário" invited the CA to offer this workshop again in April 2014. Since the CA believes that society, like the planet itself, must benefit from sustainable governance, it organized, in September 2013, a roundtable on social currencies. The roundtable counted with the participation of researchers and practitioners that didn't know each other before, despite having common interests. In November 2013, the CA was invited by "Museu da Crise"/"The Crisis Museum" to organize, in the framework of the Triennale of Architecture, a workshop, based on sensorial dynamics and simulations, on the inclusive and democratic use of public space. The workshop was entitled "Espaço Público: para quem quer ou para quem pode?"/"Public Space: For those who want to use it or for those who can?". In the framework of this invitation, the CA also organized other activities, such as a meeting of eco-villages, with the purpose of promoting mutual acquaintance, as well as sharing with the public their challenges, motivations and knowledge on food and energy sustainability. Given the rising wave of protest, the CA also organized a debate on the nature and outcome of these events, which counted with the presence of representatives of social movements and labor unions. The CA also promoted a campaign against the privatization of water, entitled "Damos as mãos pela água pública"/"We hold hands for public water". The purpose of the campaign is to collect signatures for the European Citizenship Initiative "Water and Basic Sanitation are a Human Right". This campaign had a good reception and was widely participated by the public.

Currently, CA is participating as partner in the Dreamocracy project, funded by the Erasmus+ programme. This project aims to promote citizenship participation and empowerment, through the development of social and civic competencies. CA is also partner in the New Europe project, funded by the Europe for Citizens programme. It has the goal of building a network of European City Embassies, where urban questions and innovations are key points, supported by active citizens, students and participating professionals that are actively engaged in their urban surroundings. CA is also a partner in the Citi-rights project, co-funded by the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme of the European Union. It mainly focuses on activities of awareness raising and training concerning the right to free movement, the right to work and the social dimension of EU citizenship.

Given the urgency of the topic of sustainability, we are developing an "Inter-community course", aimed at promoting the exchange of information between existing intentional communities and other projects aimed at promoting environmental sustainability.

Since the core goal of the Citizenship Academy is to promote the dignity of the human being in its diversity, inter- and multiculturalism, we are preparing a series of workshops on equality, inclusive language and gender.

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

João Labrincha | Project Manager and Non-Formal Education facilitator. Founder of Citizenship Academy. Management of working groups. Development of networks of partners. Preparation of training courses , conferences, workshops and communication campaigns. Implementation of sustainable development measures . Experience as a trainer and learner of non-formal education on subjects as human rights, equality and non-discrimination, gender, multi and inter-cultural awareness. Has organized the event "Geração à rasca" (" lost generation ") .

Catarina Leandro | Degree in Sociology, with a specialization in Sociology of Education and Culture. Works in a Shared Services Centre in the field of training and human resources development, knowledge management and information management. Has training on nonprofit organizations management, including financial management , funding and project life-cycle management .

Joana Dias | MA in Visual Arts - Painting Master of Science in Education - Intercultural Education. Doctoral student in Education Sciences - Theory and Development of Teaching. Development of training in a Digital Inclusion Center for children and youth "at risk" , has been a trainer of teachers, instructor in e-learning and has seven years of teaching experience in Visual Arts in primary and secondary education; design and implementation of educational projects and educational projects within and outside school programs with artistic, cultural and social character. Professionalization certificates. Has published scientific articles and presented papers at conferences on the theme of education. Has received scholarships in Germany, Chile and Italy. has made various solo exhibitions and participated in group exhibitions in visual arts in Portugal, Germany, Chile and China.

Patrícia Carreira | Director, theater director, professor , doctoral student in cultural management . Worked in London , Madrid and Lisbon.

André Lara | Professor of Physical Education in secondary education, is linked to the creation of various associations and political, cultural and recreational collectives in Faro (South of Portugal). In his activist career, has traveled throughout Europe for training and participation on different projects. Maintains a close relationship with associations of Northern Africa.

Marcelo Yamada | Student of International Relations, Marcelo is a member of the Association of Students of International Relations of the University of Lisbon. He is also engaged on the creation of the Academic Association for the Environmental Protection. He is experienced with the ERASMUS+ program, and that is why he is the manager of the mobility projects that our NGO participates.

Previous projects

EU Programme	Year	Project Identification or Contract Number	Applicant/Beneficiary Name
Erasmus +	2014	2014-1-ES02-KA105-000226	Xeración
DG Justice	2013	JUST/2013/FRC/AG	European Alternatives Ltd
Europe For Citizens	2013	Citizenship Caravan	La ligue de l'enseignement - fédération de Paris
Europe For Citizens	2014	Citizenship Caravan: A pilot approach to foster European democracy	La Ligue de l'enseignement
Erasmus +	2014	2014-1-ES02-KA205-001025	Xeración Asociación Cultural
Erasmus +	2014	Southlidity	Academia Cidadã (Citizenship Academy)
Erasmus +	2015	WARN	We Are Ready Now
Europe For Citizens	2014	556006 NT	Pakhuis de Zwijger
Erasmus +	2015	2015-1-IS02-KA105-001563	Xeración Valencia
Erasmus +	2015	Non Violent Conflict Transformation	Xeración Valencia
Erasmus +	2017	Yapp Me	Macuco