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## Profile

Type of Organisation no profit organization/association
Is the organisation a public body? no
Is the organisation a non-profit? yes
Total number of staff 6
Total number of learners 56

## Background and Experience

## 1.Please briefly present your organisation.

The Convent Center of Language and Art" is a Cultural Association based in Amantea, in Calabria, Italy. The Linguist and English Professor Ms. Diana Bruni founded it 16 years ago, in 2002. Since then, the activities of the association have never stopped.

Convent Center focuses on the promotion of European languages and Arts, as well as the promotion of artistic and cultural events that give to the widest possible audience a complete view of the figurative Arts, Music and European languages.

Convent Centre has strengthened its educational structure year by year by adapting its work to the various requests from the territory in which it operates and to the latest technological innovations, such as e-learning platforms. The association has always promoted high quality educational courses, together with study trips in the most sought-after destinations, such as Great Britain and USA, Malta and Spain.

Convent Center aims to foster vocational training courses for learning and empowering languages skills (English, Spanish, Greek, French, German, Japanese), also by using innovative methodologies It operates also in collaboration with other public and private bodies, nationally and internationally, by organizing exhibitions of figurative arts, music concerts, theatre, literature events with related professional upgrading courses for the aforementioned categories.

Recently, Convent Center has moved a further step and has become an active promoter of European projects, in particular ERASMUS+ and Creative Europe Programmes. Furthermore, we normally run projects for public schools in our region Calabria through PON, POR and Alternanza Scuola - Lavoro confirming our remarkable commitment to young people, youth workers, young adults, students, pupils, teachers and all categories involved in Education.

We want to empower people to become Citizens of the World by supporting them in strengthening their linguistic and artistic skills and competences.
2) What are the activities and experience of your organisation in the areas relevant for this application?

Convent Centre was a pioneer organization in the town of Amantea and the surrounding territory, which aimed to improve linguistic and cultural knowledge and competences. Since the very beginning, the team of Convent Centre has been always extremely motivated and professional in experimenting innovative, open, sustainable new methodologies for learning and improving languages skills among kids, youngsters and adults.

Our members have yearlong experience in working with young people in the framework of formal as well as non-formal education, participating and facilitating workshops, events, long-term projects as well as international trainings around the topic of multilingualism and we are happy to bring this expertise onboard the project and share it.

Since summer 2017, we are experimenting new approaches for teaching English with kids using Theatre as non-formal educational method. We developed a series of laboratories and workshops, together with different cultural organization of our surrounding territory. Kids are learning by using Marionettes, Object Theatre and Figure Theatre. They do also develop and create stories by themselves enabling and increasing their creativity.

