

Partner information: Centre of international volunteering «V Proekte!»

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Please briefly present your organisation, including information on its aims, target groups, regular activities and other relevant aspects.

Autonomous non-profit organization "Centre of international volunteering "V Proekte!" is a youth organization, that was established by active young people from Samara who have huge experience of organizing and participation in different youth trainings, seminars, youth exchanges, forums, round tables and conferences as well as international volunteering projects in Europe.

The mission of the organization is promotion of the international volunteer movement and international youth exchanges in Russia and abroad.

The main objective of the organization is provision of services in organization and realization voluntary projects.

The subjects of activity:

- attraction of all categories of citizens of Russian Federation to participation in the international voluntary movement;
- attraction of foreign citizens to participate in the international voluntary movement in the Russian Federation;
- development of international cooperation;
- propaganda of principles and values of international volunteering;
- assistance in the development of non-formal learning and education of people in the field of international volunteering and international youth exchanges;
- attraction of youth, national and ethnical minorities, people of different religions to participation in social and cultural life of the Russian Federation and of other countries;
- creation of legal and political culture for youth, women, national and ethnic minorities, people of different religious and people with less opportunities;
- creation of civil society in accordance with the principles of democracy, equality, tolerance, openness and consolidation of peace and consent between peoples.
- support of citizens and organizations in activities appropriate to the goals of the organization.

Centre of international volunteering "V Proekte!" fulfills the following activities:

- realization of international, intercultural youth exchanges;
- assistance in promotion of active social policy among youth, national and ethnic minorities, people of different religious and people with less opportunities;
- overcoming national, ethnic, religious and gender contradictions within society;
- cooperation with the Government and local authorities, participation in decision-making upon the questions of voluntary movement and interests of the following social groups: youth, national and ethnic minorities, people of different religious and people with less opportunities;
- collection, analysis and creation of informational banks for development of voluntary, civil and intercultural movement;
- publishing and information activities in the field of electronic, printed mass media and other possible information networks, the establishment of a mass media;
- involvement of specialists and experts for activities in selected areas, projects and programs;
- independent research activities;
- creation of temporary and permanent working groups, creative teams;
- organization of research and educational and cultural events: conferences, trainings, seminars, lectures, youth exchanges, creative meetings, excursions, camps, exhibitions, concerts, competitions, etc.;
- participation in state, municipal, private, international, environmental, social, cultural, humanitarian and other programs and projects related to youth work and promotion of the international volunteer movement;

- participation in the activities of international public non-profit associations, alliances, international informational and exchange networks;
- organization and participation in interregional and international meetings, conferences, seminars and trainings; cooperation with international enterprises and organizations in order to achieve the objectives of the Organization.

Target group of our activities: youth, active people of any social, religious and ethnic background, willing to support those in need on voluntary basis, open to intercultural experience and learning.

What are the main topics addressed by the activities that you plan to carry out?

Creativity and culture

Intercultural/intergenerational education and (lifelong) learning

International cooperation, international relations, development cooperation

What are the activities and experience of your organisation in the areas relevant to future participation in the Erasmus+ programme?

In October 2017 the team of local volunteers decided to establish a new organization in Samara that will work in the sphere of international volunteering and can offer a lot of different possibilities for youth.

Nowadays, there is no alternative organization in the city that could support local young volunteers and propose them to become international volunteers not only abroad, but in Samara as well.

We think that it's very important to tell youngsters about short-term, medium- as well as and long-term volunteering projects abroad. Here is important to mention that our participation in the Erasmus+ Programme is the priority area of the organization's work, but we also look into options for cooperation with organizations within international workcamps and other type of projects.

We also think about importance of arranging some meetings and events for young people, where we could talk about these options for youth from Russia.

Taking into account the fact that CIV «V Proekte!» is already stay in close cooperation with some local organizations, including those which has already been accredited within Erasmus+ Programme as EVS hosting organizations in Samara, we would also be glad to be accredited in order to work with the Programme directly.

These organizations would like to continue their work within the Programme only in case CIV "V Proekte!" can be their supporting organization. Besides that, it's important to mention, that since December 2017 CIV "V Proekte!" plays role of supporting organization for some partner organizations in Samara, that host EVS volunteers from Europe. We appreciate their confidence in our organization.

Moreover, the staff of the organization is well-experienced in organizing training for mentors, volunteers and writing different projects, so we have many ideas for EVS projects, youth exchanges, trainings and seminars that can also be implemented within Erasmus+ Programme then.

With this Accreditation Application we apply for the accreditation within Erasmus+ Programme as an EVS sending organization. We would be happy to start our collaboration with the Programme by sending volunteers from Russia to Europe. We are ready to send volunteers from all across Russia. But we want also to be accredited as EVS hosting organization within the Programme in the future.

Thank to rich database of local and international volunteers, mentors, host families, partnering with local and European organizations as well as local authorities, we see CIV "V Proekte!" as an active organization within Erasmus+ Programme.

As a sending organisation, how do you plan to prepare the volunteers before departure (e.g. intercultural and linguistic preparation and support, task-related support and other relevant preparation aspects) and how will you offer them support during and after their mobility experience?

Centre of international volunteering "V Proekte!" is a new organization which wants to work with EVS. Although, the staff of this organization has a huge experience in sending abroad EVS volunteers from Russia.

The head person of this organization Elena Karimova has been worked with EVS for almost 3 years. She sent abroad about 25 EVS volunteers. She also attended regular meetings and seminars for EVS coordinators in Russia organized by SALTO EECA as well as a lot of trainings and seminars within Erasmus+ Programme related to work with EVS volunteers and EVS mentors, so she is well experienced in this topic.

The organization is open to recruit volunteers from all across Russia. Thanks to the internet, we are able to make interviews via Skype and explain to the volunteers from other cities the guidelines of EVS programme without problem. For those candidates, who live in Samara region we are ready to arrange individual meeting at our office. This way we have an opportunity of visual contact, the volunteers can ask any questions they have. The volunteers should be open-minded, ready to learn and experience new cultures. This may be a person of any religion or ethnic group aged between 17 and 30. He or she should be tolerant and motivated to get to know different cultures.

The preparation of "V Proekte!" will be based on the experience of its director who had been worked as an EVS sending coordinator in another organization for several years. So, we believe that the first and the most important things in the preparation process consist of assisting with practical arrangements like insurance, travel, visa, info-pack etc. Furthermore, the theoretical impact consist of cultural shock, homesickness, conflict resolution, mediation of conflicts etc. as well as providing volunteers with the information about principles and values of the Erasmus+ Programme, European Voluntary Service, who is who in EVS (roles in EVS project), volunteer's rights and responsibilities. We also think that it's necessary to arrange pre-departure training for volunteers before they go for their EVS abroad. We are planning to arrange itin advance - for 2-3 weeks before the start of EVS.

We are also planning to organize regular meetings at our office or in time-cafes to which also mentors and local volunteers of the organization are invited so that they have the chance to get more information about other European countries and volunteering opportunities for youth.

We expect both partners ("V Proekte!" as a sending organization and hosting organizations) will be actively engaged in preparation process starting from application writing to communicating with volunteer. All partners should keep in touch with a volunteer and update his|her on project details, changes and other practicalities related to cultural differences.

After the projects will be approved "V Proekte!" will take care of the insurance, visa related issues, provide a volunteer with the letter of support (in case he/she needs it), organize pre-departure training with volunteer to give clear view about volunteer's tasks, rights and responsibilities as well as cultural shock and intercultural differences.

We will always stay in contact with the volunteers we send via mail and Skype. In case of any conflict we get in touch with the hosting/coordinating organization for clarifications and interference if needed.

We believe that good preparation before the project helps to avoid most of risks during the project. Although it is important to stay in regular contact with all parties of the project in order to follow the progress of the volunteer and avoid crises.

We want the EVS project experience to be very successful and fruitful for volunteers. We will do our best to help and support volunteers before, during and after their EVS abroad. We would also be very glad to meet them in person or via Skype for arranging the final evaluation meeting.

We are open for cooperation with any Russian or European organizations. This should be an active NGO in international youth (volunteering) exchanges. Since Russian organizations are not eligible to submit EVS applications to the European Commission, our European partners should be open to do it for us to make EVS project possible. It is also important that the coordinators are flexible and ready to discuss working issues.

As a new organization, first of all, we would like to have more connections and contacts with other organizations. We are planning to write a training course and create the system of mentoring for the future volunteers in our organization. Since the staff of the organization are well-experienced in the

sphere of international collaboration, we suppose that Erasmus+ Programme provides youth with a lot of volunteering opportunities as well as it gives a chance to "open" young people by their participation at different activities within the Programme. We think that it's very important to tell youngsters about short-term, medium and long-term volunteering projects abroad. Usually volunteering activities within Erasmus+ Programme are free for volunteers and unfortunately, because of low level of life, very often it's only one possibility for young people from Russia to become international volunteers in Europe. Since there is a wide range of different activities, we think that it's very important to spread the information about Erasmus+ Programme among young people in order to give them a possibility to take part in some of these activities.

Social media

Web: <http://vproekte.org/>

VK: https://vk.com/v.proekte_rus

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/v.proekte/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/v.proekte/>

Thank you for your attention!

We hope to have an opportunity to promote international volunteering all around the world and find the new partners within universal collaboration!

Best regards,

Centre of international volunteering «V Proekte!»