ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION

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| **A. PARTNER ORGANISATION** |
| Organization ID  |  E10018042 |
| PIC Number | 899716517 |
| Full legal name (National Language) | Κέντρο Ενδυνάμωσης Νέων |
| Full legal name (Latin characters) | Youth Empowerment Center |
| Acronym | YEC |
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| **B. PROFILE** |
| Type of Organisation | Non Governmental Organization |
| Is the partner organisation a public body? | No |
| Is the partner organisation a non-profit? | Yes |
| **C. ACCREDITATION** |
| Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application? | * European Solidarity Corps Accreditation with supporting role

2020-1-EL02-ESC52-005943 |
| Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants? | * Yes
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| Few European Union granted projects that our organization has participated as a Partner:

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| **EU Programme** | **Year** | **Project Identification or Contract Number** | **Applicant/Beneficiary Name** |
| Erasmus+ | 2019 | 2019-2-SI02-KA105-015123 | Zavod JULIUS, Zavodzaohranjanje, varovanje in promocijoparkov in dvorcev, MurskaSobota |
| Erasmus+ | 2019 | 2019-2-RO01-KA105-064259 | AR Vocational and Investment Solutions – ARVIS |
| Erasmus+ | 2019 | 2019-2-HU01-KA105-061312 | KözösTérEgyesület |
| Erasmus+ | 2019 | 2019-2-PL01-KA105-066058 | Fundacja Ekonomisja |
| Erasmus+ | 2019 | 2019-2-EE01-KA105-051746 | Mittetulundusühing Discovering Opportunities |
| Erasmus+ | 2019 | 2019-2-NL02-KA105-002622 | Growth Organization Netherlands |

**D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE** |
| Please briefly present the partner organization. | Our story tracks back in 2015, with the launching of the ‘Refugee Crisis’ in Greece. Our active participation in the solidarity movements which arouse in Greece, not only gave us useful experiences, but also created the sparkle inside us, to fight for a different society, which promotes the values of volunteering, solidarity and the principles of communality instead of the unfortunate individualism approach which exists in our societies.Through our active involvement in series of national and international projects, coming in contact with Youth Work, informal and non formal education methods, while earning key positions in other youth organizations, we realized that the most efficient and productive way to realize our vision, is to create a Youth Organization, which will generate a positive change to the Youth, the Citizens of tomorrow.Due to these facts, three motivated individuals combined their forces and with the assistance of 20 other active youngsters and created Youth Empowerment Center. A Non Governmental Organization, targeting on implementing quality youth work in local level, while creating space and opportunities for every young person to express and develop themselves according to their needs, with respect on diversity of others and the 17 Goals of Sustainable Development of the United Nations.**Objectives*** Support and encourage personal expression
* Provide local and international activities for social and personal competences development
* Promote civic education, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion and intercultural awareness
* Promote and support the active involvement of Greek youth in mobility projects
* Promote the values of volunteerism and solidarity
* Enhance quality and recognition of youth work and non-formal education in Greece

**Fields we are active and experienced in:*** Youth work
* Facilitating group learning
* Human rights
* Combating Discrimination and Hate Speech
* Modern European Politics and Debating
* Social Issues
* Sport Activities
* Social Media and Technology
* New approaches on leadership
* Integration and social inclusion of refugees and minorities
* Creating innovative tools for youth education by connecting different approaches such as art, formal education, music etc.
* Circular Economy initiatives
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| What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application? | Since 2015, as individuals we have participated in series of projects in local and international context, empowering ourselves with skills and competencies not only to learn but alsoto facilitate others learning based on formal and non formal education methods..The main goal of our activities is to create space and opportunities for every young person to express and develop themselves according to their needs, with respect on diversity of others and the 17 Goals of Sustainable Development of the United Nations.We are working mainly with youngsters from 17 till 25 years old, residing in our local community in Thessaloniki, Greece. Most of these youngsters are members of low income and social excluded families, possessing an immigrant or refugee background mainly In more details, twice per month we are visiting Educational Institutes of our community, in order to spread the benefits of the Erasmus+ program, while implementing workshops as part of the dissemination activities from previous projects that we have recently participated. More than that, we are having a core of youngsters that we are working with. Once per week, through non formal learning methodologies, role playing games and experiential learning activities, we are trying to empower them with useful skills and competencies which will reintegrate them in the society, boost their self esteem, their future employability chances and most importantly the sense of communality that is really important for us. Additionally, during summer time we are initiating garbage gathering campaigns in the coastal district of our community. During these campaigns, with the assistance of our youngsters, we are gathering garbage material that individuals threw in our coast, while informing the broader public for the dangers of this habit to our natural habitat and the benefits of recycling. Furthermore, our organization is giving the chance to young people from the city of Thessaloniki, to commonly create and implement their own youth project. |
| What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application? | ***MichailChatzimimikos(Co- Founder)**** Graduate of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki(B.A.)
* Specialization on Modern European Politics and Human Rights
* Currently studying Social and Collaborative Economy in the Open University of Greece(M.A.)
* Exchange student for two semesters, in TechnischeUniversität Chemnitz, Germany Department of Politikwissenschaft (Political Sciences)
* Elected from the students of his Faculty, in the General Board of Political Sciences of Thessaloniki Student Association
* Political active in local level movements
* Member of Thessaloniki’s Youth City Council
* 2 years of experience as Project Manager in European Projects
* Attended several trainings and seminars offline and online , on leadership, personal development, social inclusion, hate speech, minorities/refugees integration, new approaches on youth work
* Member of the NO Hate Speech Campaign, of the Council of Europe
* Member of the Young European Ambassador’s Movement
* Speaks fluently English
* Currently facilitating workshops across Europe regarding discrimination, social inclusion and soft skills transfer. While working on his self development on securing a position in the upcoming Training of Trainers(TOT), by SALTO

***Alexandra Chatzimimikou(Co-Founder)**** Student of Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
* Member of ELSA( European Law Students Association) and part of the Steering Committee of the 2019 ELSA Summer School in Athens
* Volunteer for 8 years in various associations in Thessaloniki, on issues related with preservation of natural habitat, LGBTQI+ rights, preservation of public spaces in urban environment
* Active member of the Solidity Movement, organized in Greece in the dawn of the ‘Refugee Crisis’
* 3 years of experience as an Instructor of Greek language to individuals, having a refugee/ immigrant status
* Speak fluently French, Spanish, English
* Active volleyball player on various sports associations for 12 years
* Participated in a series of projects in Greece and in Europe, on topics related with gender rights, art as a tool of inclusion, leadership

**AustejaTiazkyte (Volunteer)*** Graduate of Vilnius University of Applied Science, Department of Health Care
* Worked and coexisted with youth in Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Estonia, Germany, UK, Spain, Cyprus, Romania
* Mentoring member of ESN to incoming students
* Practical youth work experience in various Belarusian youth centers
* 8 years of experience as a professional dancer
* 2 years of experience as a facilitator of embodied learning
* Voluntarily served as a nursing assistant in Europe and Russia
* Speaks fluently Lithuanian, Russian, English
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