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C.2. Partner Organisation

Full legal name (National Language)	SOPRO - Solidariedade e Promoção ONGD
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C.2.1. Profile

Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association/social enterprise
Is your organisation a public body?	No
Is your organisation a non-profit?	Yes
Is your organisation: a public body at regional/national level; an association of regions; a European Grouping of Territorial	No

C.2.2. Accreditation

Have you received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	
Accreditation Type	Accreditation Reference
Accreditation for EVS under Youth in Action	2014-1-PT02-KA110-002125
Quality label reference	2020-1-PT02-ESC52-006831
Quality label reference	2021-1-PT02-ESC50-007785

C.2.3. Background and Experience

Please briefly present the partner organisation.

SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção is a Non-Governmental Organization for Development, non-profit-making, founded in 1996, situated in Barcelos, Portugal. The SOPRO's mission is the youth's education on solidarity and promotion of cooperation projects for human development in the world. As inspiration to future work, SOPRO has a vision: to be a promoting actor of the participation of all and, in particular, of young people as witnesses and channel for the solidarity.

SOPRO develops its activities at local and international level, and has made Sustainable Development Goals presented by United Nations its own purposes, working to SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere; SDG 4: Ensure inclusive, equitable and quality education; SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls internationally; SDG 10: Reduce Inequalities; SDG 13: Tackling climate change; SDG 15: Protecting Land Life and Biodiversity and SDG 17: Partnerships for the Implementation of the Goals.

In Barcelos area, SOPRO has developed several projects, among them: Voluntary work with Portuguese Volunteers and Volunteers from European Solidarity Corps who works with elderly, social shop and children and youth with fewer opportunities; School Supply Bank and projects dedicated to Gender Equality and Non-Gender Violence.

Internationally, SOPRO's work is focused in Mozambique, since 1998, in Beira region and in Sofala's catholic missions (ESMABAMA – Estaquinha, Mangunde, Barada and Machanga), where SOPRO's staff work as volunteer for a short or long period. The intervention's goal in Mozambique is to make possible the Universal access to education. The Mozambican children, that otherwise wouldn't have access to education, are supported by tree programs, Um Euro faz Sorrir (One Euro makes smile), Apadrinhamento (Be a Godfather to a Child) and Voluntariado Internacional (International Voluntary Work).

At European level, SOPRO works on Erasmus+ KA1 projects in the organization and partner in youth exchanges and training courses. We are partners in several KA2 projects. In the European Solidarity Corps we receive volunteers in Barcelos in individual and team volunteer projects in SOPRO projects or young people sent by our partners. We also have local young people working on solidarity projects such as the Éden project and LOVE HAS NO AGE.

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

Volunteering is SOPRO's main relation with the entrepreneurship and the biggest base of work because it is believed that "small gestures can change the world" and they have the needed power to change the world. With short and long term voluntary work projects, SOPRO acts in educational area (adult literacy, teacher training and educational support to children and young), health and human/civic problems. Until 2023, SOPRO sent 150 volunteers to the Developing Countries.

At a local level, SOPRO we have a group of Portuguese volunteers, who who collaborate in activities promoted by SOPRO such as the organization of the School Supply Bank, the promotion of sport activities and fundraising campaigns. In its projects SOPRO always tries to create a compromise between young people and society, particularly those in difficult conditions of life. SOPRO believes that the major proof of entrepreneurship is the personal commitment with a mission. It means to have an active social role and the wish to activate the societies. SOPRO has a long experience in cooperation for the construction of a more equitable and educated World. Other projet in SOPRO was the creation of monitoring and protection mechanisms for victims of domestic/gender violence, mainly women, and consequent construction of a new future and reintegration into society.

SOPRO is located in a rural region with several problems, as low qualification and low motivation for formal learning, high youth unemployment and low participation in citizenship activities. Thus, it is SOPRO current practice the implementation of strategies and non-formal activities to increase youth participation in society, such as study groups, intergenerational workshops and sport activities. The main goal of SOPRO is to empower young people by educating them to solidarity, performing training in literacy, improving social support and entrepreneurial conditions. It's important to note that SOPRO has a solid experience working with youth, promoting social, human and personal competencies. SOPRO works with schools that respond to local needs and give young people the opportunity for non-formal learning.

In December 2019 SOPRO received the best **Inspiring 2019 Project Award** from the Portuguese National Agency, for the Youth Exchange Be Green. A project about cultural heritage, inclusion and climate change.

Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application and on the competences and previous experience that they will bring to the project.

Pedro Falcão – Being present since the creation of SOPRO has worked several times on the directive board being an effective associate. Currently president of SOPRO. Degree in Religious Sciences by Universidade Católica and Fine Arts by the University of Porto. Has also a Master in Art Education. Entrepreneurial experience: international volunteer in Mozambique and during his career worked on assisting disrupted children in several marginalized contexts and collaborates in volunteer work since 1992.

Susana Falcão - Professional experience passed through Angola in Africa, where she was project manager during 3 years in the Team Building and organizing events. She worked directly with national workers in carrying out activities such as music festivals, sports activities, office work preparation and promotion of events. In Portugal Susana worked in organizing adventure sports activities and nature tourism. She taught the Professional Tourism courses in secondary grade. It was also Scout for 9 years, awarded Merit Node. In SOPRO Susana coordinates International Volunteering, preparing and supporting Volunteers who leave for Mission to Mozambique and volunteers from European Solidarity Corps, working with youth and partners. Coordinates in ESC, volunteering and solidarity projects. Organizes and prepares all SOPRO events, sports and commemorative events. In 2017 Susana was the exchange coordinator organized YES - Youth Exchange Solidarity and in 2019 "Be Green" a Youth Exchange about environmental issues and cultural heritage where we receive 10 countries, 50 young people to work on these topics. She was the coordinator of Be Green youth exchange **Inspiring 2019 Project Award** from the Portuguese National Agency. Susana is a facilitator in the pool of trainers of the National Agency Erasmus+ Juventude em Ação, in Portugal.

In 2021, was the project manager of the project VOU MUDAR O MUNDO!, which aimed to work on Human Rights, Citizenship Education, Volunteering and a volunteering project for children and young people between 10 and 25 years old in the municipality of Barcelos. This project is part of the Cidadãos Ativ@s Program, funded by EEA Grants and managed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in consortium with the Bissaya Barreto Foundation.

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Funded projects

EU Programme	Year	Project ID Number	Title	Beneficiary
Erasmus+	2019	2019-1-PT02-KA105-005778	Hands4You	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
European Solidarity Corps	2019	2019-2-PT02-ESC11-006087	Yes, We can!	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
Erasmus+	2019	2019-2-PT02-KA105-006095	VOICES	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
European Solidarity Corps	2019	2019-3-PT02-ESC11-006412	Together, We Can do Better!	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
European Solidarity Corps	2019	2019-3-PT02-ESC11-006413	Better Together	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
Erasmus+	2019	2019-3-PT02-KA105-006284	Dare To Create	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
European Solidarity Corps	2019	2019-3-PT02-ESC11-006417	Atlântida	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
European Solidarity Corps	2020	2020-1-PT02-ESC11-006740	Be the Change	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
European Solidarity Corps	2020	2020-2-PT02-ESC11-006949	Holding Hands	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
European Solidarity Corps	2020	2020-2-PT02-ESC21-006950	United Europe	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
European Solidarity Corps	2020	2020-3-PT02-ESC11-007253	Take care your home: body and earth	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção
Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership, Innovation	2020	2020-2-PL01-KA205-082591	Online support for youth in risk	Fundacj po DRUGIE
Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-PT02-KA153-YOU-000020266	Stronger Minds	SOPRO – Solidariedade e Promoção