

CALL FOR PARTNERS

Erasmus+ Sports: Small Collaborative Partnership Hayde D.A. (dance all)

United Societies of Balkans is looking for partners for a project proposal for a **Small Collaborative Partnership** that is planning to submit to the Erasmus+ Sport deadline of 26th of April. The deadline to answer to this call is **10/04/2020**.

We are looking for partner organization (NGOs, sport clubs, public bodies) who are working closely in the fields inclusion, inclusion through sports, promotion of healthy lifestyle and folklore dances. These organizations will have to have a strong interest on folklore dances, ethnography, sports and intercultural dialogue.

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

Project description

The mental and physical balance of people has been promoted by many bodies around the world. Through this holistic approach, a sustainable development for all sectors can be achieved, as well as an increase in the quality of life of citizens.

We see this, too, both within the European Union, which has set itself the goal of enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, and Unesco, which is among the 17 goals of sustainable development for people's physical and mental health and well-being.

Through this project, USB aims to promote the use of traditional dances as a remarkable form of physical exercise, while recognizing their importance as a tool of non-formal intercultural dialogue tool as well as a tool for accepting the different.




Activities

Partners organization will aim to elaborate together to highlight the use of traditional dances as a physical exercise and tool of intercultural dialogue and acceptance as well as reinforce the interest of people to take part to traditional dances classes.


The project will last 24 months and will include:

- Research of 20 common dances in between the countries and creation of 20 tutorials of how to dance
- Realization of 15 local workshops and 3 virtual exchanges
- three international meetings.

AIMS

-  To highlight the importance of traditional dances as a tool of physical exercise as well as a tool of intercultural dialogue and integration
-  To reinforce the participation of people in traditional dances groups
-  To build a network of bodies that is interest on working on the promotion of the aims of the project in order to activate the citizens in more healthy life style

Objectives

-  - To discover the common cultural elements in between partner countries
- To reinforce the interest of the citizens to take part to traditional dances groups and improving their physical and mental health
- To promote the traditional dances as a tool of intercultural dialogue, acceptance and equal access.
- To facilitate the integration of different in the process of dancing by provide an open and safe space where everyone can freely participate and develop their social, civic, soft skills in the field of sport, by supporting the education in and through traditional dances, including also people from vulnerable groups
 - To foster synergy with, and between, local, regional, national and international policies to address the importance of use the traditional dances as a method for physical and mental balance
 - To create a strong network among the partners and the relevant stakeholders that are going to join the project, by implementing local activities related to traditional dances.
 - Promote and include voluntary activities in and through sport, with the motivation of the young people to participate in traditional dances activities, including also participants with fewer opportunities.

WANT TO BE OUR PARTNER?

If you want to take part in the project and agree with your role and responsibilities as partner organisation, then please send us fully filled **Partner Identification Form** (including the PIC) that is attached to this call to info@usbngo.gr with subject line “Hayde D.A. Sport”.

Deadline for answering the call: 10/04/2020

If you don't have a PIC number is very easy to get one. It takes up to 5 minutes to receive a pic and it does not require you to have a bank account. Of course if you are about to receive EU funding then they will request an account. You may register your organisation here. (Probably it will require to create an EU login account - in order to log in to your organisation's profile) [HERE THE LINK!](#)

Only for countries from Balkan area!

WHO WE ARE?

United Societies of Balkans (U.S.B.) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Thessaloniki, Greece working in the field of youth mobility, participation and facilitating society's awareness about social issues, inclusion and understanding. The vision and aim of the organisation is the promotion of youth empowerment, participation in the economic and political life, youth mobility, voluntarism and human rights.

Key areas of the organisation's activities concern the defence of human rights and the intercultural dialogue, the organisation of youth related projects such as youth exchanges and training courses, which can bring young people from Balkans and Europe together, and the organisation of local interventions, campaigns, researches, seminars and multimedia productions. It envisions a global and inclusive society, where citizens are equally empowered to contribute in the shaping of a world with less prejudice, discrimination and other forms of injustice.

The organization has a very rich experience in organizing international activities and gives the opportunity to local youngsters and people to meet and interact with other people from Europe. It has implemented successfully more than 60 youth and other projects about many different subjects, having hosted more than 3,000 people in Greece. Moreover it has been involved in more than 1000 youth projects and has prepared and sent around 2,500 youngsters abroad to youth mobility projects. USB is also a very active organisation in the field of voluntarism and especially in European Voluntary Service (EVS) and now European Solidarity Corps. Since 2009 it has hosted 200 volunteers in projects of 10 months or short term and has sent 100 volunteers abroad. Since 2016 it has created a network of 10 different NGOs in the city of Thessaloniki where it coordinates volunteer projects.

United Societies of Balkans believes in networking and the creation of long lasting synergies and has been a member organisation of UNITED for Intercultural Action, Salto-Youth, Thess Network-regional NGO network, FERYP (Forum of European Roma Young People), Anna-Lindh Foundation (co-head of the Greek National Network), Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU International), Youth Express Network (YEN), Butterfly Dreamer and DYPALL (Developing Youth Participation at Local Level), Great Silk Way International Youth Union, ENTER network, Youth Networks.