

Identification of the promoter

NOTE: *We don't sell the projects. We recruit the participants by the application and select them by doing a Skype interview. We always provide our partners with the qualified and highly motivated participants, take responsibility for them.*

Organisation	
Organization ID (OID)	E10200624
ERASMUS+ PIC (UNIQUE ID CODE)	947847141
Promoter's legal name (national language)	Saglam Dusunce Gencler Teskilati Ictimai Birliyi
Promoter's legal name (Latin characters)	Common Sense Youth Organization
Acronym, if applicable	CSYO
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Profile of the Promoter	
Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public
Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-profit / Non-governmental organization (NFP-NGO)
Activity level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> European <input type="checkbox"/> International



Background and Experience

Please briefly present the partner organization (e.g. its type, size, the scope of work, areas of specific expertise and specific social context)

"COMMON SENSE" Youth Organization was founded by a group of young people as a non-political, non-profit, non-governmental organization in the city of Sumgait in 2006. "Common Sense" Youth Organization (CSYO) has 13 years of experience working through non-formal education, concentrating on youth work, voluntarism, peace-building, social economy, active citizenship and participation. We have more than 70 members who support and help us in our activities. The main aims of our organization are:

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- to deliver the importance of non-formal education in the lifelong learning process;*
- to make the youth be aware of their civic responsibility and increase active citizenship;*
- to promote a healthy lifestyle and show the consequences of bad habits;*
- to raise environmental awareness and the significance of environmental protection among the youth;*
- to advocate for human rights and equality;*
- to underpin peacebuilding and conflict prevention;*
- to promote the concept of social entrepreneurship;*
- to support local schoolchildren and students in their self-development process.*

CSYO is working in different social, educational and cultural fields with different target groups: youth, students, refugees, IDPs etc. Organization cooperates with different NGOs in Europe and is actively involved in Erasmus+ (previously Youth in Action) programme as a promoter/partner and hosts projects in Azerbaijan. Organization is a full member of 2 big network in Europe: "Youth Express Network" and "Youth and Environment Europe".

Generally, CSYO has successfully organized and hosted international training and youth exchanges about Human rights, migration, cultural diversity, tolerance, environment and related topics, in the frame of Youth in Action/Erasmus+ programme. We have implemented a plenty of local projects in direction of our priorities and in the framework of our projects, we have worked with many international organizations and governmental bodies. Also on this direction, we organized 2 big conferences "Eastern Partnership & Visegrad 4: International Youth Cooperation Forum" (20-25 Nov 2014, 4-6 Dec., 2017) - during the conferences the participants discussed opportunities for international cooperation and held presentations on financial opportunities and programs for youth and youth organizations.

*From the January 2019 CSYO selected as **Erasmus+ Youth in Action INFO CENTRE** for Azerbaijan by SALTO EECA. As Info Center CSYO give consultations for youth and organizations interested in Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) opportunities, organize promotional/informational activities about Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps opportunities aiming, create and manage a community of youth workers and policymakers interested in Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps around dedicated, cooperate with SALTO EECA on its own promotional/informational activities.*

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

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental awareness is an integral part of CSYO activities and we are working to promote environmental awareness through group learning, informational and inspirational seminars, campaigns, summer camps. "Green Thinking" campaign—we annually carry out this project to increase environmental awareness and responsibility, to promote the concept of waste sorting and recycling among the young by organizing seminars, trainings, debates, bicycle tours, camps, festivals, international projects and cleaning activities. We have also implemented Erasmus+ projects related topic environmental issues. As a team we

are also working with school-children and established ECO clubs at 9 school in order to maintain sustainable development and communication.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

CSYO is working on raising awareness on the healthy lifestyle through scientific information, long-term education campaigns, youth exchanges, training courses and seminars. We have started “No-Smoking” campaign since 2009 to promote the healthy lifestyle and show the consequences of bad habits by conducting photo and video-making competitions, flash mobs and other non-formal education methods. We are a permanent member of the National Coalition on Tobacco Control. In the framework of the work of this Coalition, we prepared a draft bill about “2011-2015 National Strategy for Combating Tobacco Use” and “Restrictions on Smoking” and presented to the Cabinet of Ministers. We are so pleased that the government has banned smoking in closed areas from 1st January of 2018 and our organization has been a part of this decision. We organize “No-Tobacco Month” campaign during 1-31 May every year. In addition, on 20th of December 2017, 4th National Conference on “Fight against Tobacco” was held by our organization. “Sport 4 Change” Youth Exchange (12-18 May 2017, Baku, Azerbaijan) was organized by CSYO in order to promote the role of sport for a healthy lifestyle. This project was aiming to mobilize sport for development to promote skills, healthy lifestyle, encourage cultural engagement among people of different backgrounds.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

All of the activities of CSYO is aimed to increase the social inclusion of young people in the society. Towards this aim, we are working with different branches of national and international activities, such as debates, competitions, camps, tournaments, Erasmus+ projects, study visits and so on.

We train and teach schoolchildren how to debate in different topics and in different forms, and we arrange debate tournaments and camps for them in order to bring up new generations of active citizens in society every year. To inform the young about the philosophy of volunteering and increase their participation in voluntary works, we conducted “Mobile Volunteering School” project which had great follow-ups after project had finished.

Moreover, our organization strongly encourages local youth to take part in the international mobility, especially Erasmus+ youth exchanges and trainings. Focusing mainly on schoolchildren and students, CSYO is very interested in their development and contribution to society as active citizens. Therefore, we have been actively taking part in the Youth in Action program of the European Commission since 2009 and we have partners all over the Europe. In addition, Common Sense Organization possesses EVS accreditation certificate since 2012 and performs both sending and hosting (since 2016) functions.

CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND SOCIAL RIGHTS

CSYO has experienced team in working with training courses and youth exchanges on Human rights, migration, conflict transformation, tolerance and related topics, in frame of Youth in Action/Erasmus+ programme. CSYO has been a partner and host organization in a number of Erasmus+ projects on the theme of this area through the years.

YIA projects implemented by “Common Sense” Youth Organization in Azerbaijan:

Find Your Rights with the nature TC (1-8 September 2013, Sheki, Azerbaijan) This training course was aiming at empowering and developing competences of young people using outdoor as a tool in the topics of human rights and youth participation.

Let’s Define Our Rights through outdoor TC (16-22 September 2013, Sheki Azerbaijan) - 7-day project brought together activists, youth workers/leaders and multipliers with fewer opportunities and youth from culturally diverse backgrounds from the Turkey, Azerbaijan, England, France, Georgia,

Moldova, Romania, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine, and equipped them with various tools and methods of outdoor education, and taught how to transfer their knowledge in their countries.

Youth in Conflict Prevention and Peace building (22-29 January 2014, Sumgait, Azerbaijan) – During 8-day program, participants had a chance to reflect how to make TC one of the main directions of their organizations and to explore the benefits of using training as a tool when promoting human rights, peace building and environmental conflict issues.

“Migration: Exploring the future” (2-9 March 2019, Sumgait, Azerbaijan)- this Youth Exchange focused on raising awareness about migration, its challenges and opportunities and how will it become in future. During a week participants got deeper knowledge about the topic and had a chance to know policy of Europe as well as Azerbaijan on this and what kind of activities are being implemented in order to avoid such conflicts arising from migration and make sure of inclusion.

What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Common Sense Youth organization has more than 70 permanent active members who are mostly students of different universities. They are highly-skilled in the different phases of project management and each knows at least 2 languages. In initial phase, you are going to contact with the International Affairs team which consists of 6 members. Regularly participating in youth exchanges or trainings, these team members are experienced in Erasmus+ and EVS and are professional on writing and implementing local and international projects. The team lead by Ramiz Aliyev who has more than 10 years’ experience in youth work and was a former chairman and co-founder of CSYO. Performing the role of a reliable partner from Azerbaijan, CSYO always provides its partner organizations with qualified and highly motivated participants, takes responsibility for them. International Affairs team selects the participants by giving an open call that incorporates information about the project with an application form in FB page which has more than 12000 viewers. CSYO guarantees a fair recruitment of participants by their application forms and interviews. International Affairs team gives pre-departure training for the selected participants and takes feedback after they return home country. Additionally, CSYO will contribute to the dissemination of project outcomes of its partner organizations on its official website and network. In general, we are interested in long-term and solid partnership, implementation of joint projects.

Other community funding

Please give information about any type of Community grant your organization/group has received/ applied for in the last financial year

Programme or Initiative	Identification/contract number	Contracting promoter	Title of the project
Erasmus+ KA2-CBY-E	608594-EPP-1-2019-1-UA-EPP A2-CBY-EP-CSF	Center for Euroinitiatives (CEI)	Social Impact: Measuring What Is Important
Erasmus+	2019-1-AT02-KA105-002368	Plattform Generation Europa	Migration: Challenge or Opportunity
ESC	2018-1-LV02-ESC13-002407	Valmieras novada fonds	Volunteering for community 2019-2021
Erasmus+ KA2-CBY-EP	602502-EPP-1-2018-1-GE-EPP A2-CBY-EP-CSF	YOUTH ASSOCIATION DRONI	CauCAN - Counter and Alternative Narratives for Human Rights in the Caucasus
Erasmus+	2018-2-LT02-KA105-005943	Azerbaijani Youth Organization of Lithuania	“Migration: Exploring Future Society”



Erasmus+

Erasmus+	2018-2-PL01-KA125-051400	Fundacja Rozwoju Społeczeństwa Przedsiębiorczego	Think green, live creative
Erasmus+	2018-2-TR01-KA125-060374	Sahipsiz Hayvanları Koruma ve Yaşatma Derneği	Collect the Moments
Erasmus+	2017-2-TR01-KA105-047053	Engelli Eğitim Kültür Sağlık Spor Vakfı	Unimpeded smile 9
Erasmus+	2017-1-TR01-KA105-043077	Genç Birikim Derneği	Volunteering for Health 2
Erasmus+	2016-2-TR01-KA105-035586	Engelli Eğitim Kültür Sağlık Spor Vakfı	Unimpeded smile 2
Erasmus+	2015-1-UK01-KA105-012368	ASFAR	Sport 4 Change Youth Project
Erasmus+	2014-3-UK01-KA105-011969	ASFAR	UK-Eurasia Youth Exchange

Accreditation

Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?

Accreditation type	Accreditation reference
EVS accreditation - Sending & Receiving	2018-1-PL01-KA110-051718