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Profile	
Type of Organisation	NGO
Is the partner organization a public body?	No
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes

Background and Experience

Please describe briefly your organization (type, dimension, working areas, specific experience areas, social context and if it is relevant, the quality system used).

Founded in 1983, CO.P.E. is devoted to the international voluntary service, development cooperation, European projects, and management of awareness rising and active citizenship campaigns. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs recognized CO.P.E. as NGO in 1987.

CO.P.E. is engaged in:

- cooperation programmes in favour of communities in developing countries, training and community capacity building;
- capacity building, alphabetization and VET training of peoples from developing countries;
- promoting working experiences in developing countries among local workers, young volunteers and adult professionals, selecting them and providing them with technical training;
- training of national and international civil service volunteers;
- VET training of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers;
- GCED, advocacy and awareness rising on issues concerning fair development, migration and integration.

The NGO CO.P.E. has thirty-five years of experience in managing developing cooperation projects, funded among others by EuropeAid and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the following countries: Tunisia, Tanzania, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Peru. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs also fund us (with the Info-EaS programme) projects for non-formal VET and validation of refugees' competences, integration of refugees into the formal education system, VET on entrepreneurship and job orientation, awareness rising projects into Italian schools to explain the drama of migration, thanks to refugees storytelling and group workshops. Concerning active citizenship and awareness rising campaigns,

CO.P.E. recently concluded two important initiatives in Europe:

- 2015 South4South!-campaign for the promotion of Global Education and Citizenship, development cooperation and international solidarity in the Region of Sicily (Funding programme CONCORD EYD);
- 2017 Dreaming Out Loud aimed at building a more inclusive and tolerant Europe by engaging young people in welcoming refugees and at contrasting existing stereotypes about migrants.

What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application? Which are the competences and knowledge of the key staff/persons that will participate in this project?

During the last years, in the frame of Erasmus+ and other European programmes, CO.P.E. has been working on the validation of refugees' competences acquired through informal process, by focusing on women (mainly Syrian, Tunisian and sub-Saharan) and providing entrepreneurship VET training and job orientation; benchmarking of EU Members States systems of validation of skills, identification of non-formal and informal path to validation of key-competences (VVH); development of ICT platform for the integration of NQF and EQV by focusing on informal learning, including the validation of volunteers' competences (DESTAVA); identification of new professional skills and competences of volunteers required to achieve the future challenge of the third sectors (FUTUR3 and FutVol, the first being awarded success story by the European Commission); development of training tools and laboratories for the education of young Europeans to inclusiveness in society and refugees integration (Dreaming Out Loud); education of young Europeans to tolerance and refugees integration and the promotion of active citizenship (Trip2Tolerance and CivAct); development of an edu-game to reduce cyber-bullying among youngsters and students (CCB); education and awareness rising for environmental preservation and sustainable development (Turn off Wast. Turn on Development).

Thanks to a grant of the Italian Ministry of Interior, CO.P.E. has been also working on a "European Skills Passport for Refugees" (ESPaR) experimenting a new method of identification and validation of professional skills of refugees and asylum seekers in order to facilitate job orientation and entrepreneurship. The main aim of the project is to facilitate the rapid integration of asylum seekers and refugees in EU member states, the harmonization of models and practices among EU member states and the recognition of skills and qualifications of immigrants. Specifically, it aimed at creating a European skills passport for 260 asylum seekers and refugees to share in EU countries.

In 2016, CO.P.E. worked on Dreaming Out Loud whose main objective was to generate positive messages against hate-speech and hatred to disseminate and to stimulate policy proposals for a respectful and coherent coexistence between European citizens and the so-called "new arrivals" (immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers). By promoting multiculturalism and understanding, especially among young Europeans, the project aims at fostering participation and active citizenship in order to generate a new positive and tolerant rhetoric towards the migrant population. The project targeted young Europeans and unaccompanied minors refugees, through laboratories on "non-violent communication and refugee reception" and the production of videos for a social communication campaign.

In 2017 CO.P.E. supported the start-up of a twin NGO "COPE Tunisie", based in Tunis, in order to foster the cooperation among Mediterranean borders. CO.P.E. is currently working on the CORE project (Core Guidance for Resettle Refugees) aimed at preparing a "Welcoming Guide" for resettled refugees which provides information on essential services on European destination countries. The refugees involved will also be assisted in developing the skills necessary for inclusion in the new environment or workplace, and the aptitudes necessary for successful integration will be investigated. The result will be an interactive information platform which will be also open to authorities and institutions as databases that are the result of survey work and reports carried out at national level.

More recently CO.P.E. embarked on new relevant project: project ISSE- Improving Skills of Social Entrepreneurs provide the social entrepreneurs with tools that allow them to professionalize their profile and support them to make social enterprises businesses in the EU sustainable in the future; the Open Your Mind project aims at encouraging the training of youth technicians for the cultural enrichment of the younger Euro-Mediterranean citizens, dismantling the stereotypes that exist towards the Muslim people; finally, Out of the Box (OTB) aims at promoting a receptive and positive attitude towards refugees and migrants in European youth from good practices.

Information regarding European projects experience:

European Programme	Year	N° of project or agreement	Name of applicant	Title of the project
EuropeAid	2007	ONG – ED / 2007/136-219	CO.P.E.	Turn off waste... Turn on development!
LLP/Grundtvig	2013	2013-1-FI1-GRU06-12792-4	CO.P.E.	VVH – Volunteer Validation Highway

Erasmus +	2014	2014-1-DE02-KA200-001033	UniversitaetPaderborn	DesTeVa – Destination eValidation
Erasmus +	2014	2014-1-TR01-KA201-013348KA201	VahideAktugOrtaokulu	CCB - Clear Cyber Bullying
Erasmus +	2015	2015-1-FI01-KA202-008959	OpintotoiminnanKeskusliittory	FUTUR3
Erasmus +	2016	2016-2-ES02-KA205-008151	JOVESOLIDES	DREAMING OUT LOUD
Erasmus +	2016	2016-2-EL02-KA105-002592	I.R.T.E.A	Trip 2 tolerance
Erasmus +	2017	2017-1-FI01-KA204-034696	OpintotoiminnanKeskusliittory	FutVol - Future Skills for Volunteering
Europe for Citizens	2017	589145-CITIZ-1-2017-1-CY-CITIZ-CIV	CARDET LTD	CivAct - Building the skills and capacity of migrants, refugees and the EU citizenship to actively and democratically participate in the civic domain of EU
Erasmus +	2017	2017-1-TR01-KA204-045844	Ankara Aile ve SosyalPolitikalar İl Müdürlüğü	CORE - Comprehensive Guidance for Resettled Refugees
Erasmus +	2018	2018-1-ES01-KA204-050918	Valencia Activa	ISSE - Improving Skills of Social Entrepreneurs
Erasmus +	2018	2018-1-ES02-KA105-011244	JOVESOLIDES	OPEN YOUR MIND
Erasmus +	2018	2018-1-ES02-KA205-011307	JOVESOLIDES	OUT OF THE BOX
Erasmus +	2019	2019-1-FI01-KA204-060735	Opintotoiminnan Keskusliittory	VolExpo – Volunteering management expedition
Erasmus +	2019	TR2015/DG/01/A5-02/A39	ANADOLU İLETİŞİM VE EĞİTİM DERNEĞİ	A NEW DIALOGUE FOR DISADVANTAGED GROUPS
Erasmus +	2020		Jovesolides	Bridges, no walls
Europe for citizens	2020		Acta Center	Tas Labs

Does it collaborate with some public entity? If yes, could you specify with one?

Entity name	Project or activity
Municipality of San Michele di Ganzaria, Social service Office	Exchange of volunteering services, active citizenship activities including youngsters, awareness rising campaign about migration.
Catania City Metropolitan authority, Migrant Office	Exchange of volunteering services, VET and job orientation, active citizenship workshop.

Technical and financial capacity:

Contribution to the project	To be defined
Experience	35 years, reported every year to the Italian Ministry of foreign affairs.
Management (staff)	3 permanent staff, 2 part-time staff, 4 civil servant (2 of them project assistants specialised in Euro-Mediterranean relations)

Financial capability	Certified by auditors and approved by the Italian Ministry of foreign affairs.
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Name of staff member	Summary of relevant skills and experience, including where relevant a list of recent publications related to the domain of the project.
Mr ManueleManente	International cooperation project manager. He has successfully coordinated two LLP e-learning projects (KA3-ICT "BONy" and Comenius "SMILY") and managed 5 Erasmus + projects, he is currently managing other EU funded projects, as well as CO.P.E.'s PVS projects in developing countries.He holds a MA in European Policy, Law and Institutions at the European Institute of Geneva. He has held seminars on Project Cycle Management at the Universities of Venice and Catania. He holds seminars at the Faculty of Political Science and Global Policy on "NGOs, Active Citizenship and Development Cooperation". He is member of CO.P.E. VET staff, tutor of CO.P.E. volunteers in international service. His areas of expertise comprise cross-national projects management and international consortia coordination.
Ms Carmela D'Agostino	Global Citizenship Education (GCED)manager. MA in Social Science. She is intercultural mediator and social assistant facilitating the integration of young migrants into schools, society and working environment. She is a VET consultant within third-sector social enterprises and VET Centres on intercultural dialogue, formal and informal education and innovation methodologies. She manages and design educational and awareness rising pathways jointly with schools and social enterprises in the field of social inclusion.

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