ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION

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| **A. PARTNER ORGANISATION** |
| OID | E10216155 |
| PIC | 897368535 |
| Full legal name (National Language) | Proutist Universal Malta |
| Full legal name (Latin characters) | Proutist Universal Malta |
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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 |
| Nr of staff | 5 |
| Nr of learners | - |
| **C. ACCREDITATION** |
| Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application? | * Accreditation of Youth Volunteering Organisations Agenzija Zghazagh (Youth Organization of Malta)
* Qualty Label Accreditation from European Solidarity Corps as Supporting and Hosting Organisation

 Accreditation Reference: 2020-1-MT01-ESC52-074261 |
| Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants? | * No
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| **D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE** |
| Please briefly present the partner organisation. | Proutist Universal is a non-profit and non-governmental international organisation working in different countries around the world based on a socio-economic theory Prout, Progessive Utilization Theory. Proutist Universal Malta is Malta based NGO working locally and participating in service activities with other NGOs in Malta and Europe.The main aim of the organisation is sustainable community development and service activities. The goal of the organisation is to help needy and disadvantaged people to provide basic needs and sustainable holistic ways of living through healthy lifestyles. Prout theory is based on universal values based on neo-humanism. Neo-humanism believes in extending one’s love not only to human beings also extending love to animals, plants, animate and inanimate objects, such as water, air and earth. The organisation educates people for maximum utilization of the resources through seminars, workshops, conferences, study circles and service activities. The organization focuses to create awareness among people towards ecology, natural resources and sustainable development. The members of the organization provide food to homeless people, birds and animals. They also participate in tree plantation with other Non-Governmental organisations to protect nature and clean-up projects for the clean environment. Working with other organisations creates a more unified approach and builds community structure and assistance in various projects being made, therefore it is believed to be an important factor to our members of our organisation.The organisation has been doing service activities to achieve sustainable development goals. The youth members participate in clean Malta projects as well as healthy and positive lifestyles training programs. The organization helps to apply the insights of Prout and to find solutions to pressing socio-economic and economical challenges, such as poverty, environmental and sustainability issues.PU Malta promotes a world where everyone will be provided the basic necessity of life, so that everyone is able to fully develop their inherent capacities and resources of Malta, Europe and the other countries of the world, to be able to maximize, utilize and distribute in a rational way.PU Malta helps people with addiction to become drug-free, alcohol-free and tobacco free. The organization helps those people who would like to change their food habits to become vegetarian and vegan. However, people have their own choice regarding their food habits. They do not have to follow these lifestyles to become volunteers or members. PU Malta organizes multicultural activities such as, yoga and meditation classes, vegetarian cooking classes, workshops on sustainability, holistic and community building among different types of people, such as, students, youth and elders. The aim of such classes occupy the person’s mind to help them understand different mentalities and freedoms through expression of liberation and freeing emotions. However, our target groups are mainly youth, elders and disadvantaged people. Some of these people do not have a place to go to for peace and quiet so this will be a chance for change. Thus, the purpose of the service projects is also to engage with youth to aid elders and disadvantaged people by enhancing their quality of life. In return, the elders help youths by guiding them towards higher values.PU Malta organizes seminars, retreats, workshops, study circles and cultural programs for the youths and elders. The organization also presented these activities during ecological festivals, such as Consciousness Festival and Wellness Festival by giving workshops on sustainability and holistic wellness community lifestyles. The organization's goal is to build a peaceful community where people will be living holistic healthy lifestyles. The organization also promotes the preservation of local plants, insects, birds and animals. This is done by learning and giving feedback in both events and on a daily basis to those that ask about our current situation. Moreover, members are approached with rescuing particular species and aid in how to take care of a particular being both while walking or during local events.The organisation believes that flora and fauna is what makes our surroundings and through it’s diversity it enables us to have serenity. It gives a person an opportunity to come to their natural senses by listening and being at present. Due to the Maltese current developments of planning applications in the outside development zones and in protected areas, many have turned to frustration because these habitats of local flora and fauna are being lost. Therefore, the organisation helps to create an experience to come to terms with nature and focus on what can be done, despite the ongoing circumstances. This includes, the growing of trees, awareness of buying local produce and about certain chemical disadvantages on the environment. |
| What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application? | The main area of Proutist Universal Malta activities relates with sustainable community development. The activities involve youth engagement working together with environmental protection, sustainable wellness and local economic development. Proutist Universal Malta volunteers have been involved with yoga for wellness, meditation for inner peace and vegetarian foods activities with local community members. The projects include with helping people with poverty and economic hardship. Other are of activities include to protect nature including plants, birds and animals. The organisation volunteers involve local culture and language awareness. Cleaning local community is also important that is the part of healthy lifestyle. The organisation engage with European Added Value project through workshops, seminars and classes. The organisation promotes diversity, universalism, equality and unity among the participants. People with fewer opportunities and facing discriminated get opportunities to participate in different volunteering projects. Through the activity, the organisation promotes, sustainable living, healthy lifestyle and ethical values. Proutist Universal Malta works with local NGOs and other NGOs in Europe with sustainable community development goals and fulfilling other objectives of European Union.  |
| What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application? | PU MALTA consists of a team of 20 members with different skills and different backgrounds. They have had experience with socio-economic development, event planning and inter cultural activities, and training members on behalf of PU Malta for academic or other professional purposes. Currently the PU Malta board has five board members in which of one full-time worker ( secretary – Shambhu Sharan and four other members including an expert in the organizational field, one vegetarian activists and healthy lifestyle trainers, an organic agriculture and group moderation expert, and a professor dedicated to ecological local development as well as communication and public relations. The organization has the active participation of local volunteers and trainers. PU Malta is looking forward for to bring people with different skills into the youth related events. PU Malta is planning to participate in youth exchange, cross border projects and other events related to youth volunteering.**Shambhu Sharan**: Proutist Universal Malta member has full time volunteer Shambhu Sharan who has dedicated himself to serve the community. He helps people with addiction and mental problems. In the past Shambhu Sharan worked in the U.S. with different nonprofit organizations and NGOs, such as the President of Ananda Marga Dallas Region Inc. and Chief Secretary Proutist Universal Inc. He founded yoga clubs in different universities and community colleges and taught yoga and meditation to the students. While working in the U.S. he gained experience with event organizing, fund raising, marketing, administrative works and supervising volunteers. Sharan has volunteered with the American Red Cross in the U.S. during Katrina Hurricane to the hurricane victims distributing foods, water and daily essentials. He also worked with Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT) in India, U.S., Taiwan and Mexico. He received his Masters in Journalism degree from University of North Texas, U.S. He will use his knowledge of public relations and journalism skills with volunteering works. He is an Experienced Yoga Teacher with Yoga Alliance. He has been teaching yoga and meditation for 30 years and helped people to overcome different problems through different NGOs. Sharan raised funds in the U.S. for Abha Seva Sadan, a charitable health clinic and hospital in India through Walk To Help, walkathon events. Sharan volunteers with the Centru Tbexbix. He has been teaching people yoga, meditation and healthy holistic lifestyles to reduce stress. He helps NGOs, Ananda Marga Yoga Society and Centru Tbexbix (The Sunrise Center) with different activities, such as vegetarian cooking classes, counselling people with stress, fundraising for activities, teaching youths, volunteers and staff yoga and meditation to relax their body and mind. He also gives workshops and seminars in different topics, such as sustainability, holistic healthy living and community service. He supervises Proutist Universal Malta’s youth volunteers who are registered with Malta Council of Youth Volunteer Sector. He has knowledge to build the websites and promote the organization with marketing skills. **Andrea Muscat**: President of Proutist Universal Malta is a local citizen with a three year Diploma in Business Management. He is a retired marketing and purchasing director of ex MP Clothing, an eight million turnover company in Malta, with two gold and one silver national award to industry. Has two decades of experience in hosting students and qualified personnel in the Hospitality Industry. Also Member on various Boards of Organic Agricultural Movements. He has been participating with holistic living communities around Europe since 1990. He worked and lived abroad in Brussels representing COGECA Maltese Agriculture unions for talks on entry quota levels into the EU. He was a member on the board of Malta council for social and economic development, 2014/15 from Minister of social dialogue, consumer affairs and civil liberties. After retirement from his job Muscat has been helping different organizations’ service activities. He has been helping PU Malta with the administrative work. He provides services to elderly people, such as visiting elders, cooking foods, cleaning and helping them. He collaborates with other NGOs in Malta and European Union countries. **Finance Secretary Chandramani Sah** is managing business Lotus Crown shop in Malta. He is the finance secretary of PU Malta. He participated in service activities in the past. He also worked with different NGOs and travelled around the world doing relief service. He works mostly for animal rights. **Noel Camilleri**, vice president of PU Malta runs a construction company. He has business skills and event planning skills. He helps with organizing seminars and workshops among people. He participates in community service. He organizes music events to promote arts and culture. **Jason Debono**, Assistant Secretary of PU Malta works as a lecturer at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology. He participates in walkathons every month to bring awareness about healthy lifestyles through the event. He volunteers his time among youths and guides them towards sustainable living.  |
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