

PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
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OID Number	E10257941
National ID N°	607/20
VAT Number	48574696
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B. PROFILE	
Type of organization	NGO
Is the partner organization a public body?	NO
Is the partner organization a non profit?	YES

C. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Description of the organization:

Morocco's Friends Foundation founded in 2015 by a group of young and enthusiastic Moroccan Young citizens.

MFF works locally and internationally with the aim of building bridges between Morocco and other countries around the world to promote cultural diversity and spread the values of peace and mutual understanding. Our Principal mission is Create a space for open dialogue to all young Moroccans and promoting their participation in the decision-making process, encouraging them to learn more about the activities and to get involved in their communities as leaders of change.

MFF's vision is to work as a network of youth with the aim of promoting the exchange of experiences and working together to open new horizons of creation and active participation of young people.

Objectives:

- Promote personal development, democratic citizenship, volunteering and youth mobility;
- Provide educational and training opportunities for youth;
- Promote and encourage the participation of citizens in professional life and strengthen their spirit;
- Defend the social, economic and cultural rights of all social groups, whether they are inside or outside of the country;
- Advocacy for public policies for all groups;
- Promote the values of citizenship, democracy and human rights principles for the Moroccan citizens;
- Support women by providing them with trainings on communication skills in order to speak up for their rights, empower themselves, and strengthen their abilities to add value to their communities;
- Empower women in social, political and economic life. We are questioning the gender gap in the society and support gender equality.

Activities:

- Organisation of training in different areas that are essential for youth and women;
- Participation in national and international events on issues related to Moroccan citizens;
- Organisation of intellectual and cultural camps, meetings, seminars, conferences and festivals;
- Publication and editing of media and research materials of interest to citizens and society;
- Partnerships with various departmental institutions and interested sectors;
- Setting local and national development projects to the citizens;
- Coordination and organization of event that aim to promote female entrepreneurship in Morocco, especially in rural areas where access to these trainings is limited;
- Organization of workshops, debates and round tables that stimulate intercultural learning and understanding.

The role of youth in the association:

The MFF places a lot of emphasis that young people can play a major role in the creation of societies, and in their effective contribution to the development of their communities. That's why, in our activities, we primarily target young people. We aspire to build their capacity, provide them with opportunities for development and to monitor their activities. Youth participate in our projects as beneficiaries, but also contribute in the implementation of these activities. We listen to their suggestions, analyst their needs, and design activities and projects that will respond to these needs. We also believe in the importance of volunteering. Young people make volunteering as an active mechanism of change and promotion of the values that our organisation supports.

Has the organization participated in a European Union granted project in recent years

EU Program	Year	Project Identification or Contract Number	Applicant/Beneficiary Name
ERASMUS+ YOUTH - CB	2021	KA02 -101051779 – YDCA ERASMUS-YOUTH- 2021-CB	Mine Vaganti NGO
ERASMUS+ YOUTH - YE	2022	2022-1-BE05-KA151-YOU-000068224	Mu-zee-um vzw
ERASMUS+ YOUTH - YE	2022	2022-1-PL01-KA152-YOU-000070654	Fundacja FECTII
ERASMUS+ YOUTH - YE	2022	2022-1-FR02-KA151-YOU-000068349	Association Ballade
ERASMUS+ YOUTH - YE	2022	2022-3-ES02-KA153-YOU-000100376	Asociación Eo,Eo
ERASMUS+ YOUTH - YE	2023	2023-1-FR02-KA152-YOU-000132309	D'Ecouves Verte
ERASMUS+ YOUTH - YE	2023	2023-1-FR02-KA152-YOU-000147681	MJC de le Région d'Elbeuf
ERASMUS+ YOUTH - YE	2023	2022-3-TR01-KA153-YOU-000103444	DEFNE GENÇLİK GRUBU
ERASMUS+ YOUTH - YE	2023	2023-1-DE04-KA152-YOU-000143909	Femination e.V.
ERASMUS+YOUTH - CB	2023	KA02 - 101131446 – AGROECO ERASMUS-YOUTH- 2023-CB	PUNTLAND COMMUNITY RY
ERASMUS+ YOUTH -CB	2023	KA02 - 101131392 – EURHOPE ERASMUS-YOUTH- 2023-CB	ASSOCIACIO PER A LA CREACIO I ESTUDIS DE PROJECTES SOCIALS C.E.P.S. - ASOCIACION

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

Executive director – Abella IBOURK

Mr. Abella IBOURK, Executive Director of the Foundation, obtained a professional license degree in the sociocultural activities of youth from the Royal Institute of Formation of Youth and Sport frameworks. He works as a regional officer in charge of children and youth programs at the regional Department of Youth and Sports Ministry in Tiznit, and at the same time member at the municipality of Tiznit, Chairman of the Committee on Cultural, Sports, Education and Youth Affairs. He holds a trainer and camp manager diploma and he is also a licensed international coach and referrer in debates.

He accumulated 11 years' experience in civil society work within the framework of a group of local and international programs in Spain, Finland, Egypt, Turkey, Tunisia and France, and participated at its supervision and completed a set of responsibilities and tasks. Abella's start was with the theater and intercultural dialogue project team supported by the European Union in Morocco, and as a director of the Generation Change project presented by the American Embassy in Morocco, in addition the coordinator of the Mediterranean Young Voice project between 2013 and 2016. He was also nominated and voted as a head of the Advisory Council for the Mediterranean Young Voice in Morocco.

Abella is a cofounder of the Parallel Youth Government in Morocco and was appointed director of the project in addition to his contribution to the establishment of the Local Council for Youth and the Local Council for Children in Tiznit, He was appointed as a member of the steering committee for these councils. Also, He gained the trust of the Moroccan Network of Anna Lindh Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue as charged of youth programs.

Project manager / Responsible for partnership and international cooperation - Safouane OUMHA

With 9 years of experience as a project manager with several national\ international organisations and programs Mr Safouane is in charge of the foundation's projects, he is also Responsible for partnership and international cooperation. He is an IT system administrator with a big dairy production cooperative in Morocco. He is our principal referent element of volunteering projects.

Safouane is a Former EuroMed trainer (2017-2018) with SALTO Youth EuroMed Program, former coordinator of several volunteering projects (EVS, SC, VSI, IVO4ALL) and mentor of volunteers with the Amuddu CSF association (2013-2018).

Safouane is also a debate referee peer facilitator in the Young Mediterranean Voices Program, which the Anna Lindh Foundation is implementing in coordination with the British council.

Gender equality program manager –Houda SEHIL

Mrs. Houda SEHIL is graduated with a Bachelor's degree of Chemistry. Throughout her experiences with local, national, and international organizations and NGOs working on SDGs, Youth and Women empowerment, Sustainability, and intercultural understanding, she has acquired a set of skills and merged them into a unique teaching and facilitation style that is adapted to both online and in-person learning.

She developed The SDG Fund program on Rural Women's Economic Empowerment to accelerate economic empowerment of rural women in two regions, Tiznit and Tafraout. It has been developed as a separate and differentiated component of the Joint Program on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment implemented by our organization and partners, and coordinated by The Provincial Council of Tiznit.

Projects Management Department–Ahmed BOULAFROUA

Ahmed has been actively involved in volunteering and youth work on both national and international levels since 2015. He has previous experience in organizing training sessions, youth exchanges, conferences, and local events, including Erasmus + projects.

Ahmed possesses diverse skills and is competent in areas such as human rights, project management, media and communications, healthy lifestyle promotion, leadership, Sports, youth work, entrepreneurship, intercultural dialogue, video making and promotion. Additionally, he is adept at group decision-making, project evaluation, and team-building.

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