



## VIU for youth

Our youth organisation was created by three young people, Alicia, Laura and Olaf. We are united by a strong feeling of fighting for a fairer, more supportive, tolerant, and committed to gender equality society. Our NGO is based in Barcelona (Spain).

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## Profile and accreditation

Is the partner organization a public body? NO

Is the partner organization a non-profit? YES

Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application? NO

Has VIU for youth participated in a European Union granted project in the 3 years preceding this application? NO

## Background and Experience

VIU for youth is a youth organization based in **Barcelona**. Its three founding members met while doing a long-term European Voluntary Service in Lisbon. Our organization aims to train new generations to acquire skills, techniques and resources for a better labor, social and personal integration. VIU for youth aspires to lead young people in the challenges and changes that occur every day in our societies. The young generations are the citizens of tomorrow.

Values that VIU for youth wants to transmit:

- Fight against racism, homophobia, sexism, or any other form of discrimination based on race, religion, economic status, or disability.
- Raise awareness on greening policies, climate change and sustainability.
- Create a network of local, national, and international organizations, as well as local institutions and actors with similar goals and objectives.
- Strive for a more egalitarian society in which women's needs are taken into consideration.
- Strengthen European values such as democracy, tolerance, solidarity, and cooperation.
- To build young people's self-esteem, improve their social, personal, and work skills.
- To promote non-formal education, its methodology and benefits.
- Promote existing activities/projects at local, national and European level. Also, of the Erasmus+ programmes, their objectives, and goals.

## Who are us (profile of the 3 members)

**Alicia Vidal** has a degree in Law from Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona) and is finishing her Master's Law Degree. She has lived in five different countries in the last 4 years, which has given her the opportunity to get to know other cultures, speak several languages and become a person ready for change and willing to adapt to new situations.



Furthermore, Alicia has several years of experience in the youth workers field, she was project manager in an NGO called YouthProAktiv and did her Erasmus for Young Entrepreneur in E.K.O Greece. In addition, she has a long personal experience in these projects, as she has done two European Voluntary Services (EVS), a short-term one in Croatia and a long-term one in Lisbon, where she met the other three components of the group.

She has also participated in several youth exchanges all over Europe, such as in Greece, Italy, and Hungary. She has been a facilitator in some of them and is always in touch with the needs of young people.



**Laura Olmos** has studied Social Work (Higher Level Training Cycle) and is a leisure and free time instructor. She is in the process of graduating in Social Education at the UOC (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya). She has always worked in the world of social education and integration, which is why she has experience in dealing with people with disabilities, socio-economic problems and so on.

Laura is passionate about the world of volunteering and has worked in different non-profit organizations such as the student association of her city and has also been a founder and coordinator in many other projects.

One of her favorite hobbies is theatre, to which she dedicates a large part of her life. She is a member of the organizing board of the association ELA ELA Teatre, in which she participates both as an organizer and as an actress. The European Voluntary Service she did in Lisbon changed her life, she met people from all over the world, she learned to discover herself and the people she lives with. It is this experience that has prompted her to get involved in the VIU for young people



**Olaf Rosell** has a degree in Criminology, as well as professional training in physical activities and sports animation and a master's degree in emotional intelligence. All these experiences have enriched him personally and professionally. This has enabled him to master 5 different languages.

Olaf also believes in education as a tool to change our society, so being part of this association makes him feel closer to that change. He wants as many young people as possible to get involved, both locally and globally.

This same interest is what has led him to become involved in the "Contrarellotge 2030" project, a project that seeks to make visible the good practices that are developed in line with the SDGs. This project also seeks to generate changes in local companies in this line of action. In addition, he has experience in facilitating and coordinating youth mobilities, training courses and other projects that fit within the Erasmus+ programme.