

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION

PARTNER ORGANISATION	
Organization ID	E10258486
PIC number	890017875
Full legal name (National Language)	DreamTeam AMKE
PROFILE	
Is the organisation a public body?	No
Is the organisation a non-profit?	Yes
Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organization/ association
Main sector of activity	Offering participation in youth-led events and youth participation activities
BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
<p>Please briefly present the organization/ the group.</p>	<p>DreamTeam is a non-profit youth organization that was established in 2016. It started as an informal group of young people and in 2020 acquired its legal form.</p> <p>The mission of DreamTeam is the promotion and development of youth initiative and youth participation in a local and international level through mobility projects, implementing experiential and non-formal learning.</p> <p>The NGO has the following strategic objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion and solidarity among European youth. - Build bridges between European Youth and promote the value of volunteerism. - Work on innovative strategies and initiatives that will strengthen our common European future in a range of topics. - Raise awareness about the issue of xenophobia and other forms of discrimination through non-formal education. - Promote intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding between youth that come from different social and cultural backgrounds. - Develop Critical Thinking Skills in order to combat hate speech and discriminatory discourses wherever they happen. -Address environmental issues that plague our planet and find out how we can contribute to stop them. -Develop new ideas for solving current social and ecological problems and encourage active citizenship. -Exchange experiences and create networks between youth organisations, schools and decision-making bodies. - Communicate how youth work and non-formal education can positively influence better youth employability and employment. - Foster sustainable international cooperation and networks, capacity and partnership building in the youth field working with social inclusion of youth. - Promote Erasmus+ Programme opportunities. <p>DreamTeam activities are based on non-formal education methods and structured dialog. Culture, arts, creativity, youth active participation, social inclusion, solidarity and tolerance, mutual understanding and respect, human rights,</p>

	<p>cooperation, European awareness are the core elements of these activities.</p> <p>The NGO works with young people, but also with youth workers, trainers and teachers; with organisations active in non-formal education and life-long learning. DreamTeam is guided by the principle of youth for youth – our leaders and members are young people with a strong desire to change the community for the better, learn together and grow young people's competences. We are active in education, training and implementation of projects who intend to increase and develop youngster's knowledge, skills and attitudes. DreamTeam gathers trainers, youth experts and volunteers with all levels of competences to actively contribute in the fulfilment of the potential of young people within a European dimension.</p>
<p>What are the activities and experience of the partner organisation in youth work?</p> <p>Please provide information on your organisation's / group's regular youth work activities at local level.</p>	<p>a) <u>Active participation, social inclusion & human rights</u></p> <p>Our organization promotes active European citizenship and inclusion. We deal with human rights education and encourage our members to participate in civil society through our activities. As an informal group, we have already organized 5 Youth exchanges on a local level on the topics of human rights and youth participation, thus we have quite an experience.</p> <p>In detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Exchange “<i>Give Religion a Chance: Religion as a tool of social inclusion</i>” (2016-3-EL02- KA105-002644) that took place in Tinos island in April 2016 and dealt with social inclusion through inter-religious dialogue. - Youth Exchange “<i>Taste Without Frontiers</i>” (2017-2-EL02-KA105-003256, that took place in Athens in October, 2017. We worked on the topic of social inclusion of refugees through their food. The project became a good practice example. - Youth Exchange “Gender equality through intercultural learning - Volume 3 (2018-2-EL02-KA105-004175), where we discussed the importance of human rights and gender equality. The exchange took place in Athens in October 2018. - Youth Exchange “The many faces of EU” (2019-2-EL02-KA105-004989), that took place in Athens in November 2019 and we raised awareness and explored the challenges and issues of social inclusion in Europe. - Youth Exchange “Our EU, our future” (2019-2-EL02-KA105-005008)that took place in Athens in November 2019 and our main aim was active participation in the social and civil life of the youngsters. <p>Our experience is of great value on the topic and we can implement workshops, presentations and non-formal education activities that promote social inclusion and motivate youngsters to become active citizens.</p> <p>b) <u>Youth work</u></p> <p>Since its creation, the promotion of youth work and non-formal learning has always been part of our mission. We organized and participated as speakers in different events at local and international level in order to share our first-hand experience and the benefits which come out of it at a personal and professional level. In all of our projects developed under Erasmus+, we dedicate a session on the importance of non-formal learning and the skills which are developed and improved through this kind of experience.</p> <p>Youth work education is always high on the agenda of DreamTeam as there is a</p>

continuous necessity from the part of our trainers, project facilitators and young volunteers to educate and evolve our knowledge in order to be able to include more non-formal education techniques to our activities in Greece as well in Europe in general. In order to improve our work in the field, we have undertaken several MOOC courses offered by salto-youth and our NA. Our team members also participated in a Training Course “NFE for youth workers” that took place in Timișoara, Romania in February 2019.

c) Entrepreneurship education

One of our main priorities as an NGO is the inclusion of youngsters in the labour market by creating opportunities for them which they can use for their personal and professional development. Thus, we really focus on entrepreneurship education. Our team has experience, knowledge and a relevant educational background on entrepreneurial education. The two founders have a Bachelor in Business Administration and Economics respectively- but also have extended experience through youth work, mobilities and collaborations with local entrepreneurs and we are using all this to implement high-quality activities at both local and European level. We have done several workshops with local youth to improve their sense of initiative and develop some essential entrepreneurial skills. During those workshops we introduced the participants to the world of the entrepreneurs, giving them some information for different programmes (including Erasmus+ for Young Entrepreneurs) and opportunities which can be used by them in order to improve their entrepreneurial culture and find some sources of financial aid and funds.

Furthermore, we have already implemented two Youth Exchanges on the topic:

- Youth Exchange “Get up, Start up” (2017-3-EL02-KA105-003662), that took place in Athens on April 2018 which aimed at empowering youth through non-formal learning with quality entrepreneurial education and learning, in order to address change in young mind-sets and to inspire a new set of values inclined towards risk taking, venture creation and self-development.
- Youth exchange “YOUth can move the world forward” (2018-3-EL02-KA105-004494) that took place in Athens on May 2019 and dealt with the topic of social entrepreneurship education. The activities aimed to stimulate the creativity and initiative of young people to generate innovation and to solve the most important social problems.

As an NGO, we also promote among our members the programme “Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs” to the ones who are interested.

d) Environmental education

This year we are focusing on environmental protection and we want to educate ourselves more on the topic so we can offer our local and European community with actions and activities that can be beneficial for environmental sustainability. There is a continuous necessity from the part of our trainers, project facilitators and young volunteers to educate and evolve our knowledge on the topic, in order to be able to include more non-formal education techniques to our activities in Greece as well in Europe in general.

Our experience is limited in our local area where we participate in activities such as deforestation, recycling, waste management, plastic free lifestyle, energy saving and garbage collection. We have organized various events of litter collection during the last two summers at the beaches of Greece with great success. Furthermore, we follow the international movement ‘Fashion Revolution’ that envisions a fashion industry that conserves and restores the environment and values people over

	<p>growth and profit. We believe that a small shift in our lifestyles can have a great impact on the environment and we can finally get in harmony with nature.</p>
<p>Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application and on the competences and previous experience that they will bring to the project.</p>	<p>DreamTeam consists of members and volunteers that are motivated and with extensive experience in Youth Programs, non-formal education activities and volunteerism. Members of DreamTeam have taken part in several local and international projects considering topics as youth participation, social inclusion of minorities, gender equality, healthy lifestyle, environmental problems, youth entrepreneurship.</p> <p>The core members are the founders of DreamTeam, Thanos Giannopoulos and Debbie Theodosiou.</p> <p>Thanos Giannopoulos holds a bachelor degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Piraeus and is the financial manager of the NGO. He also has a Master's degree on Cultural Technology and Communication from the University of Aegean and a Degree on Local Administration by the National School of Public Administration of Greece. He speaks fluently English and French and he is very keen on information technologies, digital arts, social media and open data. He is a very experienced youth worker, being involved since 2016. He has organized and facilitated 7 Youth Exchanges in local level so far and has participated in 6 international exchanges and trainings.</p> <p>Debbie Theodosiou has a bachelor degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in International Relations. She also holds a degree from the National School of Public Administration. She is the project coordinator of the NGO. She speaks fluently English, Spanish and French. She is a social worker and has an extended experience on volunteering, youth work and non-formal learning. Her experience starts in 1990 when she became a member of the Hellenic Scouts Association and volunteered for 10 years. She was part of a series of non-formal educational activities in the islands of the 'barren line' of Greece, Symi Chalki and Nisiros. Since then, she has organized and facilitated 7 local Youth Exchanges and has participated in more than 10 international mobility programmes.</p> <p>Giorgos Sintosis is the trainer of the NGO. He has graduated from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens and has an extended experience on volunteering activities since 2013: he has been a volunteer at PRAKSIS Daycare center for the homeless, at the Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles (MEDDASET) where he participated in beach cleaning activities and in the creation of various awareness raising campaigns. He was also a volunteer in "Passer Partout" care for the underaged program at IASIS NGO working with underaged migrants and is the Co-Founder of a self-organized collective cooking in the streets of Athens, collaborating and sharing food with homeless people. He speaks fluent English and French and has basic knowledge of Spanish. His Erasmus+ experience is extended and valuable for our NGO. He has participated in more than 10 Erasmus+ youth exchanges and training courses as a participant, trainer and facilitator.</p>

How would you disseminate the project results?	<p>DreamTeam NGO is very active on social media. We have a website (www.dream-team.eu) where we post the offered opportunities and our participants upload their experiences of the exchanges and trainings. We maintain a very active Facebook page (fb/dreamteamgoesto) with 2,000 likes and an Instagram page with 230 followers. Our social media reach a wide audience nationwide, which also serves as a strong dissemination tool. All the audiovisual material created during and after the project is uploaded to our YouTube and social media channels and promoted to specific target groups.</p> <p>In order to reassure the visibility of the project, we can conduct follow-up activities where the participants present their experience to our pool of volunteers. Furthermore, they will write a testimonial at the end of the project that you will be able to use and that will be published to our website.</p> <p>Our team can also contact the local press to promote the results of the project, especially if there is a concrete output (tangible or intangible) that affects in a good way the local community.</p>
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