Partner Identification Form (PIF)

Sociedade de História Natural, Associação Científica (SHN)

1. LEGAL IDENTIFICATION & ACCREDITATION

Full Legal Name	Sociedade de História Natural, Associação Científica
Acronym	SHN
PIC Number	926048913
OID Number	E10082201
Type of Organisation	Non-Governmental / Non-Profit Scientific Association
Public Body / Non-Profit	Public Body: **No** | Non-Profit: **Yes**
ESC Accreditation Ref.	**2021-1-PT02-ESC50-007818** (European Solidarity Corps Quality Label - Valid until 31/12/2027)

2. ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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Social Media & Research	**YouTube (SHN PaleoTV):** youtube.com/user/ALTSHN/featured **Publications:** researchgate.net/institution/Sociedade_de_Historia_Natural

3. KEY REPRESENTATIVES & STAFF

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4. BACKGROUND, ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

Core Learning Elements & Activities in Portugal:

We aim to create global climate awareness in order to protect ecosystems threatened by human activities and to support actions for the preservation of natural heritage. In line with this goal, our core learning elements are:

- **GeoHeritage & GeoPark Field Tours:** Field tours themed around GeoHeritage and GeoParks to raise social awareness in Earth Sciences.

- **Geographical Information Systems (GIS):** GIS applications to understand land degradation and climate change threatened by environmental and human impacts.
- **Paleo-Ecosystem & Laboratory Research:** Laboratory studies on fossils to analyze paleo-ecosystems and paleo-climates, shedding light on contemporary climate and ecosystem issues.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this project? What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project? Please explain how the organisation brings an essential added value to the project.

SHN has been a host organization every year for Geology master students, and Doctorate students in terms of Erasmus+ Higher Education Traineeship and Volunteering projects as well as European Solidarity Corps Projects for individuals. Currently, we have an ESC project focused on Natural Heritage Management and Sustainability. It is a 1-year ESC project where the main objective is creating risk maps using geographical information systems and correlation with fossil data during field work. It is a conservation and geoheritage project addressing typical Geopark topics.

Additionally, we have hosted several other ESC projects, including the "ESC Waterways Heritage Action Together". We also regularly receive trainees from Poland, Lithuania, and other countries to participate as volunteers in our Natural Heritage projects funded by the Erasmus+ Higher Education Traineeship program.

We have a strong collaboration with Geoparque Oeste in Portugal, where our organization is one of the founding partners. We actively seek further collaboration in Adult Education, Youth Exchange, Vocational Education, and Strategic Partnerships (KA2 projects) to create sustainable, long-term collaborations.

Please, describe the background and needs of the participants you are thinking to involve and how these participants have been or will be selected. If there are participants with fewer opportunities please give information about their profile/ background.

The facility of Sociedade de História Natural is located in Praia de Santa Cruz, Torres Vedras. The region is a popular coastal destination. The institution maintains several spaces for offices, laboratories, and storage rooms. For hosting purposes, SHN utilizes its primary building in Praia de Santa Cruz, which features 4 large individual bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 toilets, a spacious kitchen, and a living area, accommodating up to 8 participants under optimal living conditions. Additionally, accommodation is available in Cambelas, where a fully furnished house is provided.

Volunteers prepare their own meals in the fully equipped kitchens. Furthermore, SHN organizes group lunches and dinners once or twice a week. Kitchen expenses are covered through dedicated monthly or weekly allowances provided to volunteers, separate from pocket money and travel reimbursements. For local transportation, long-term volunteers receive monthly bus passes. For short-term exchanges (1-2 weeks), institution vehicles and municipality minibuses are used for local travel and airport transfers. Strong partnerships with the Municipality and local authorities ensure smooth logistics.

5. PARTICIPATION IN EU GRANTED & ESC PROJECTS

EU Programme	Reference Number	Role	Title of the Project	Country / Scope
European Solidarity Corps	617228-ESC-1-2019-1-BE-KAA-VOL-HPAREA	Hosting	European Waterways Heritage Action Together	Belgium – Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	2020-3-TR01-ESC11-096674	Hosting	Sustainability and Management of Natural Heritage	Turkey – Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	2021-2-FI01-ESC51-VTJ-000044642	Partner	Elf Start	Finland
Erasmus+ KA1 Training Exchange	2019-3-PL01-KA105-077765	Partner	"My skills, my job, my future"	Poland
Erasmus+ KA1 Youth Exchange	2020-3-TR01-KA105-096437	Partner	Happiness in the Office	Turkey
Erasmus+ KA1 Youth Exchange	2020-3-IT03-KA105-020227	Partner	Meditate+ Mediterranean Diet	Italy

EU Programme	Reference Number	Role	Title of the Project	Country / Scope
European Solidarity Corps	2019-2-HU01-ESC13-061350	Partner	Volunteering 4 All	Hungary
European Solidarity Corps	2021-1-TR01-ESC51-VTJ-000037599	Hosting	ESC Portugal 1 Mobility	Turkey to Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	2025-1-IT03-ESC51-VTJ-000348869	Host / Partner	Geoconservation of Portuguese Jurassic Coast (2 mos, 1 vol)	Italy – Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	2024-1-DE04-ESC51-VTJ-000198524	Host / Partner	Paleontological Inventory Management (1 yr, 1 vol)	Germany – Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	2025-DE04-ESC51-VTJ-000346590	Host / Partner	Paleontological Heritage Management (1 yr, 1 vol)	Germany – Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	2024-1-EE01-ESC51-VTJ-000-209801	Host / Partner	Geoheritage of the Jurassic Coast (2 mos, 1 vol)	Estonia – Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	—	Host	Natural Heritage Management (1 yr, 1 vol)	International
European Solidarity Corps	—	Host	Health and Safety Management (2 mos, 6 vols)	International
European Solidarity Corps	—	Host	ESC in Paleontological Excavation (1 mo, 1 vol)	International
European Solidarity Corps	—	Host	ESC Short Term Paleo - 1 (2 mos, 4 vols)	International
European Solidarity Corps	—	Host	ESC Short Term Paleo - 2 (2 mos, 2 vols)	International
European Solidarity Corps	—	Host / Partner	ESC in Paleontology with Kozder (2 mos, 4 vols)	Turkey – Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	—	Host / Partner	ESC in Paleo with Eurodesk Gursu (2 mos, 2 vols)	Turkey – Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	—	Host / Partner	ESC in Paleontology with Kozder II (2 mos, 3 vols)	Turkey – Portugal
European Solidarity Corps	2021-1-PT02-ESC50-007818	Host / Lead	ESC Quality Label & Mobility Projects	Portugal – EU