

LE FAGOTIN ASBL

PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF)

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PROFILE	
Type of organization	NGO (Non-governmental organization) / Association
Is the partner organization a public body ?	NO
Is the partner organization a non-profit ?	YES

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

Created in 1995 on the initiative of a small group of volunteers, Le Fagotin has gradually developed its activities until it has become a key player in environmental education in the Belgian Ardennes.

Today, the association is a rural eco-educational center, benefiting from the label of Youth Center, Nature Center, Educationnal Farm and Social Tourism.

Our close collaboration with various local partners, coming from the environmental sector or not, allows us to develop many innovative and original activities and to reach a public sometimes hermetic to the questions of sustainability.

Summer and winter, the Fagotin team, made up of experienced animators, offers training courses, green classes, workshops, walks, guides, training, meetings... in order to share with everyone, especially young people, the richness of Walloon natural heritage.

Far from the so-called traditional methods, Le Fagotin proposes an innovative pedagogy in connection with the Living: sensitive approach, critical spirit, creativity, integration... Our methods are evolutionary, adaptive and anchored in the reality.

The goal of the association is to encourage its public, in particular young people, to become Responsible, Active, Critical and United Citizens. To do so, it relies on the essential, but not exhaustive, values of citizenship, sustainability, solidarity and benevolence. These values are carried and shared through an Education on the Environment and Sustainable Development.

The Fagotin has an accommodation center with 51 beds (disabled access), as well as several rooms for events and meetings.

We also have many outdoor spaces, including a village of huts (under construction) being built with young people as part of participatory workcamps.

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES IN YOUTH WORK

Local working sphere

Hut village

The "hut village" project is a project where youngsters meet monthly to build a hut village on the edge of the woods. This place will become an incredible meeting and activity place for the youth of the region. The aim of this project is really about connecting with each other, improving skills, spending good times and laughing together.



Mobile youth center

In 2020, Le Fagotin acquired an old trailer. With the help of young people of the local community, the trailer has been entirely remodeled to become a mobile youth center (with tables, chairs, games, electricity from solar panel, music...). Since then, the trailer has traveled to the villages and offered a great place of meeting for the youngsters with mobility difficulties. The main goal of this project was really to reconnect young people together after the corona crisis.



Participative workcamp

There is always work to be done on an animation farm.

Several times a year, Le Fagotin welcomes local or international volunteers, either individually or in groups.



Outdoor learning

During the school period, schools are welcomed at the Fagotin. For one or more days, our activity leaders accompany them on themes related to the environment, science and citizenship. Far from the classic school activities, the learning is done in the field. Manipulation, critical thinking and a systemic approach are at the heart of our methods.



Punctual activities

Several times a year, Le Fagotin set up punctual youth projects aiming to bring young people together and put them into action around projects they like: concerts, board games, geocaching, hikes...



International working sphere

ORA Network

Le Fagotin is member of the ORA International Network.

ORA's concept is to provide directly young people with the opportunity to Observe their own context (both local and international), to Rethink their own role (as individuals and members of society) and to Act as responsible citizens to strengthen community. This common process enriched the efficiency and quality of the work done at grassroots level by every organisation.

Hosting service

The Fagotin is an ideal place to organise meetings of young people or youth professionals. We regularly host Erasmus+ projects in our enchanting setting. More than just a hotel, our centre allows you to build partnerships through direct contact with youth professionals.

Woofing

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We work in partnership with several organisations : SVI, SCI, DBA...

ESC (coming soon)

The Fagotin is in the process of taking the necessary steps to welcome volunteers for the ESC.

INFORMATION OF KEY STAFF/PERSONS INVOLVED IN THIS APPLICATION

About fifteen people work for Le Fagotin. Among them, four are involved in international projects.

Dorian KEMPENEERS – Director – info@fagotin.be



Dorian has a degree in biology. Since the beginning of his professional career, he has been exploring the field of environmental education.

First as a facilitator, then as a teacher, trainer, project manager and finally director, he shares his experience with the team.

At Le Fagotin, he is responsible for the administrative and financial aspects. He is also the fundraiser and the person in charge of partnerships.

Olivier LOUIS – Pedagogical coordinator – olivier@fagotin.be



Olivier is a graduate in physical education.

He first began his career as a youth centre leader, then at Le Fagotin as a nature guide and farm leader.

Finally, he took over the position of educational coordinator in 2016 and is at the head of the animation team.

Passionate about ornithology, he takes you on a discovery of birds in our beautiful region.

Denis JORIS – Animator – denis@fagotin.be



Denis is a trained facilitator and coordinator for youth activities. Even if he has a background in the musical field (musician, musicologist, guitar builder), he has always been involved and active in activities regarding the Environment and the Nature. His professional journey has taken him on every continent which gives him a great experience on international projects.

At Le Fagotin, he is the referent for the youth activities.

Andra CAPRENTIER – Animator – andra@fagotin.be



Andra comes from Flanders and is our multilingual host. Dutch is her mother tongue, but she is also very fluent in English and Dutch.

At the fagotin, she is an expert facilitator in sustainable food. She is also a naturalist. As a trained social worker, she is used to working with groups of people with disabilities, including activities with farm animals.

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