

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM



CENTAR DRUŠTVENIH INOVACIJA | CENTER FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
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B. PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Non-profit, non-governmental organization (NFP-NGO)
Is the partner organisation a public body?	NO
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES
C. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	

Please briefly present the partner organisation.	Center for Social Innovation (Centar društvenih inovacija, CDI) is a NGO founded in 2012 in Zagreb and has been active for 10+ years with its main aim of promoting sustainable social innovations for 21st century's communities. In doing so, special emphasis is given to youth work as young people are future leaders who will have to live with negative consequences of their ancestors' actions and tackle challenges of tomorrow. CDI supports and empowers young people with a variety of projects dedicated particularly to them. However, the association also works with the general public in advocating for transition to more sustainable practices in each human activity. As people are different, social innovations can help to bridge those divisions, so CDI works with people of different cultural and religious backgrounds. Over the years, 30+ projects have been implemented, covering a broad spectrum of topics ranging from social innovations, social entrepreneurship, and sustainable development to STEM, education, youth work, counseling, and intercultural and interreligious dialogue. CDI has accumulated knowledge in the respective niches, and is open to collaboration in other related fields. Upcoming plans envisage stronger and broader engagement at the European level with organizations that share CDI's aims and values. More concretely, potential projects and partnerships should reflect upon Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and/or Erasmus+ programme's priorities (inclusion and diversity; digital transformation; environment and fight against climate change; participation in democratic life, common values and civil engagement).
What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?	Young People in Croatia Active Around Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is a nationwide project supported by the former Ministry of Demographics, Family, Youth and Social Policy, carried out in 2020-2021. The project aimed to bring SDGs closer to Croatian youth, and it was done by appointing "Youth SDG Ambassadors" from all over Croatia. Those young people choose 1 out of 17 goals and advocate for its fulfillment within their communities. The selected goal is tailored and adjusted to fit specific contexts, thus making it more tangible to other community members. The project was a huge success, and ambassadors participated in numerous local, regional, and national public events. Be Your Own Boss is an Erasmus+ youth exchange project with CDI as the beneficiary and 4 other partners from the UK, Spain, Turkey, Bulgaria, and Romania. The youth exchange took place in Samobor (Croatia), 1-9 August 2021. Project's aim was to empower participants to develop the competencies needed for (self) employment. The participant feedback demonstrates the project's relevancy, that project was well-timed, and that the overall quality was outstanding. Geronto-housekeeping projects. CDI also addresses issues elderly people face in Croatia. Therefore, in the last few years, two projects supported by ESF were launched to provide assistance in the maintenance and proper functioning of the households of older society members. On top of that, CDI successfully integrated around 20 women into the labor market by acting as their employer in those projects. Parent support programmes. Projects "Partner Parenting: Psychosocial Support in the Community" and "On the Road to Parenthood: Psychosocial Support in the Community" offered education and counseling services to first-time and employed parents. Projects were implemented during the COVID pandemic, but CDI successfully transformed the project's

	activities into an online environment.
What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?	CDI is a well-established non-governmental organization with a long list of volunteers, mainly young people from Croatia. Moreover, CDI is situated in the country's capital, which opens possibilities to attract experienced persons to the association as Zagreb is, without any doubt, the center of science, education, economy, and culture in Croatia. DUBRAVKO ŠOPAR Dubravko is the Director of CDI with more than 15 years of experience in civil society. He has strong analytical skills, which is unsurprising as he is an economist by training. The roles Dubravko covers are overseeing and coordinating CDI's activities, education of young people for entrepreneurship, and all tasks related to financial management. BOŽIDAR NIKŠA TARABIĆ Božidar is a member of the Management Board. He holds MPsych and MBA titles and is currently a PhD student. He works at the University of Zagreb as Head of the Office for Psychological Support and Mental Health Protection. Božidar's organizational, project, and communication management expertise are salient when creating new project ideas. He is also a counselor and educator, and he acted in those roles in parent support programmes. MATEA SUČIĆ Matea has rich international working and educational experience. She holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in International Business from the Cracow University of Economics. In addition, she has more than five years of experience working for renowned world companies. As a member of the Management Board, Matea provides advice on new social innovation and entrepreneurship projects and is dedicated to implementing business tools (e.g., quality, time, and customer relationship management) in non-profit settings when appropriate. VLADIMIR KEREČENI Vladimir holds an MA in Theology and is a PhD Student. He is the longest-serving member of the Management Board with expertise in intercultural and interreligious dialogue. He is also devoted to initiating humanitarian and social projects for community development. Vladimir is keen on social work in communities, especially with vulnerable groups.
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E. EUROPEAN UNION GRANTED PROJECTS			
EU programme	Year	Project identification or Contract N	Applicant/ Beneficiary Name
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