



ახალგაზრდობის რეგიონული ცენტრი

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

A. PARTNER ORGANIZATION

Organization ID	E10287610
Full legal name (National Language)	სსიპ ახალგაზრდობის რეგიონული ცენტრი
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B. PROFILE

Type of Organisation	Governmental Youth Organisation
Is the partner organization a public body?	YES
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	YES

The Youth Regional Center is a government organization that operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sport of Ajara. Because the organization receives government funding, our target groups are determined by the youth policy document established by the Georgian government. Our beneficiaries are young people aged 14-29 who live or study in the Ajara region. It is crucial for the center to engage all young people who meet these criteria, regardless of their sex, gender, sexual orientation, beliefs, etc. The center has a quota system for involving young people living in the highland region, ensuring their maximum participation in each project.

Even though the center was founded in 2019, we have succeeded in planning and implementing a wide variety of projects designed to achieve the key goals of our center. It is worth mentioning that before the organization was founded, our team conducted a survey to identify the needs of our target groups. Based on this research, the center has formulated the following objectives:

- Promoting active citizenship, solidarity, and tolerance among young people.
- Implementing and coordinating local, national, and international events and programs in the field of youth.
- Involving young people in public, economic, and cultural life, and developing and implementing relevant programs to share international experiences and establish connections.
- Developing, implementing, and coordinating programs to promote volunteerism, youth careers, and professional development.
- Developing, implementing, and coordinating programs to identify and enhance the intellectual and physical abilities of young people in the Ajara region, helping them properly manage their free time and promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Creating conditions for the inclusion and activation of young people with disabilities, as well as socially vulnerable individuals, in public life.
- Collaborating with local and international organizations, establishing connections, and deepening cooperation for the development of the youth sector.
- Collecting and analyzing information on youth needs.
- Creating suitable conditions for revealing, forming, and developing the intellectual, personal, professional, and physical potential of the youth of the Autonomous Republic of Ajara based on the main directions of the state youth policy.
- Deepening and promoting patriotism, environmental awareness, and civic values among young people.

The Youth Regional Center (YRC) carries out a wide range of activities with the aim of improving the lives of young people. It should be noted that YRC has successfully executed more than 100 projects since its establishment in mid-2019. Here are some of the projects that showcase the dedication of YRC in empowering and improving the lives of young people, both locally and internationally:

Large scale crisis management projects in response to Covid-19 and War against Ukraine.

March 2020 - June 2020, March 2022 - June 2022

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This project involved training and coordinating approximately 400 volunteers to provide food, first aid, and hygiene products to 20,000 socially vulnerable households during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Ajara Region. The project also included disseminating information about community regulations and monitoring their implementation in public places. The project led to the formation of the YRC club, which conducts social campaigns, charitable activities, and event planning implemented exclusively by club members. Additionally, YRC provided humanitarian aid to Ukraine and supported locally affected war-affected individuals.

International Youth Forum

An annual event, with the latest occurrence in November 2022 (2022.11.24 - 2022.11.28)

Project partners: Council of Europe, National Council of Youth Organizations of Georgia (NCYOG)

The International Youth Forum is an annual event aimed at fostering effective communication among young people from different countries, backgrounds, and religions to address global youth-related challenges. The event also includes workshops for sharing successful practices and involves representatives of leading European youth organizations. Last year's theme focused on young people's involvement in decision-making, and it was organized in collaboration with the Council of Europe, attracting delegates from 15 member countries.

C. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

Youth Career Development Support Program

Conducted annually, with activities spanning from January to December 2023

The program offers students at least 6 months of paid internships in various companies, with a significant portion of the compensation subsidized by YRC. Additionally, YRC's Youth Initiatives Support Program provides financial and technical support to young entrepreneurs and helps them acquire essential skills for realizing successful business ideas.

Support for Participation in International Projects

Conducted annually, with activities spanning from January to December 2023

YRC provides financial support to young people to participate in various international projects, including conferences, forums, and short-term study courses that align with the Center's priority areas. These priority areas include promoting non-formal education, supporting cultural and artistic development, and encouraging healthy lifestyles and volunteerism among youth.

Promotion of professional development

Conducted annually throughout 2023

This project aims to support young people in their professional development by offering financial assistance in the form of one-time grants to participate in educational certification courses based on demand. Participants are competitively selected by YRC, and the project is open to individuals aged 14 to 29 in the Ajara region.

The Youth Regional Center's most significant strength lies in its human resources, which will play a pivotal role in contributing to the youth projects.

The Youth Regional Center is organized into three departments, each led by a director, a deputy director, and heads of departments and subdivisions. The project team comprises a head of project management, three heads of subdivisions, and 20 coordinators/specialists. Additionally, the administrative resources management department is overseen by a head of department, two heads of subdivisions, and two specialists, while the PR department is led by a head of department, two heads of subdivisions, and five specialists.

Since 2019, this dedicated team has been diligently working at the Youth Regional Center, successfully executing over 100 projects of varying scales, complexities, and types. These projects encompass both local and international initiatives related to non-formal education, culture and art, healthy lifestyles, volunteer activities, career development, and the intellectual growth of young people, some of which have been mentioned in a previous question.

What defines a good youth worker is professionalism and the motivation to instigate positive change. Given that the center employs professional young individuals who possess a deep understanding of the needs and circumstances of other young people, they are committed to ensuring the maximum participation of their peers in these projects. The staff's extensive experience includes working with youth on more than 100 projects, benefiting approximately 10,000 young individuals. Importantly, the feedback received has consistently been overwhelmingly positive, indicating that the center is well-equipped to accommodate more projects and reach out to an even larger audience.