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| **Participants Profile**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **OID** | E10203795 | | **PIC** | 947901752 | | **NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION** | Lokalna akcijska grupa Vallis Colapis | | **ADDRESS** | Kurilovac 1  47280 Ozalj  Croatia | | **WEB** | https://leader.vallis-colapis.hr/ | | **FB** | https://www.facebook.com/lag.valliscolapis | | **PHONE** | +38547731400 | | **E-MAIL** | vck@vallis-colapis.hr | | | | | |
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| Title | | Mrs. | | |
| Family name | | Cule | | |
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| **PART B. PROFILE OF THE PROMOTER** | | | | |
| Status | × Private (PR) | | ☐ Public (PB) | |
| Type | x Non profit/non governmental organisation (NFP-NGO) | | ☐ Informal group of young people (NFP- IGYP) | |
|  | ☐ Body active at European level in the youth field (NFP-ENGYO) | |  | |
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| Activity level | x Local (L) ×Regional (R) ☐ National (N) ☐ European (E)  ☐ International (I) | | | |
| Accreditation Type and Number | 2020-1-HR01-ESC52-QLA-094828-01 Quality Label | | | |

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| **Please briefly present your organization.**  Local Action Group Vallis Colapis was founded in 2009 as an effort of rural towns and municipalities in the north of Karlovac County to implement EU LEADER program procedures for rural development. LAG operates in the area of 14 rural towns and municipalities (Duga Resa, Ozalj, Draganić, Kamanje, Netretić, Ribnik, Žakanje, Lasinja, Pokupsko, Pisarovina, Kravarsko, Žumberak, Krašić) and rural settlements that are part of the city of Karlovac. LAG was founded as a non-profit organisation whose founders are municipalities, local public institutions, representatives of the local business sector and non-profit organisations from this rural area.  At this point LAG has 10 employees and more than 62 long term volunteers. The majority of people working in LAG are young women from rural areas.  Local Action Group Vallis Colapis is a leading association in rural development in North West of Croatia. We have experience in implementation of national and transnational youth initiatives, voluntary projects, youth exchanges and training courses for youth workers, within programs such as Youth in Action and Erasmus+. We mobilize young people for a high range of activities, especially in democratization, active involvement, social entrepreneurship, culture, ecology, active citizenship, capacity building. We support development and implementation of European democratic values and active participation in the local community both as an applicant and as a partner.    Part of our work is promoting volunteering and empowerment of local NGOs through Volunteer Center Kupa. In order to engage and empower young people for active participation we mobilize youth with fewer opportunities for volunteering in our organisation and, in this way, educate them to be active participants of their rural community. Informing them about the possibility of getting involved in Erasmus+ programme makes a big part of that self-empowerment especially through improving key competences and skills for better social inclusion, employability and enhanced intercultural awareness.    Through a series of initiatives and projects LAG Vallis Colapis helps to spread cultural diversity and active participation of the youth in society. Organisation of concerts, digital presentation of ideas in local schools and public premises familiarized us with the needs of young people. On the other hand we became known as an organisation that wants and can help young people to improve their skills, competences and increase their sense of initiative. As members of rural associations ELARD and ENRD we are also closely involved in cooperation with organisations in EU countries that are involved in work with youth in rural areas.    **What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?**  From the very beginning of our work (2011) we have put great emphasis on working with youth in the local community and also empowering our employees and volunteers by sending them to youth exchanges, contact making events, study visits and training courses all over EU, Middle East and Europe in general. During these trainings we gained a lot of knowledge and experience that makes us competent to organize high quality projects within Erasmus+. So far we have had an opportunity to host 7 youth exchanges and send participants to numerous youth exchanges as partner organisation. Since 2018 we implemented 5 mobilities of youth workers on the following topics: inclusion, media literacy, civic monitoring and digital citizenship. Two of our mobility for youth workers projects were awarded as a good practice example.  LAG Vallis Colapis was a partner on the project “Cities of YOUth: increasing the role of young people in the development of tourism infrastructure” in cooperation with Armenia, Ukraine, Georgia and Czech Republic. The project was implemented from December 2019 until November 2021 with the support of the European Commission under Erasmus+ programme Capacity Building in the field of youth.  We implemented 3 long-term EVS projects. Two of them as receiving and coordinating organisation and 1 as sending and coordinating. We implemented 1 short-term EVS. We have been awarded with an ESC quality label.  Besides Erasmus+ programme we are implementing a high number of European Social Fund projects which are oriented to: social entrepreneurship, rural development, volunteering, employment of young people, capacity building, and community activities.  Our target groups are: young people with fewer opportunities (geographic and social obstacles), youth workers, schools, teachers, students, pupils and NGOs.  **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.**  **Petra Cule** (Master of Political Science), research topic: "Using EU Funds in Karlovac County". Petra is particularly interested in working with young people, especially young people from rural areas, because she has grown up in this area and knows from her own experience the needs and problems of the young people, situated in rural environments.  She has been working for almost 7 years in LAG Vallis Colapis and is a Head of department for community activities.  Petra has participated in numerous non-formal trainings and seminars with an aim of developing competencies for youth work. Petra is a trainer and educator in non-formal education, specialized in the field of: inclusion, volunteering, democratization and active participation. Besides that, Petra actively works in the local community through other projects and initiatives.  **Petra Foršek Koški** is a Master of Spanish Language and Literature and a Librarian with previous experience of working in formal educational system and foreign language schools. She has been working in LAG for 3 years. Now, she is a youth worker and a trainer with experience in developing educational programs and project coordination, with strongly developed communication and presentation skills. She is participating in writing and implementing Erasmus+ projects (HERO-Human Rights Education Opportunity, HERO 2nd Edition, RevolutionaREE – Revolution, Evolution, Evaluation, Youth Eleven, Cities of YOUth, Look behind the veil!). Petra was one of the two trainers on the “Look behind the veil!” training course. Petra is a project coordinator of one project in the field of volunteering where we put great emphasis on volunteering practices and importance. She is very active in local initiatives and volunteering as she is also a member of another organisation in our local community.  **Martina Guštin** is an associate expert of the department of Community activities of LAG Vallis Colapis. Martina has been working for 2 years in LAG and she has been actively writing and applying projects on various calls. She has experience in organizing and implementing Erasmus+ projects and is especially interested in the topics of media literacy, cyber bullying and culture.  Martina has highly developed organizational and communication skills thanks to her previous work experience and participation in a few Erasmus+ projects.  **Vedrana Vidiček** (MA in Sociology, Anthropology and Ethnology) is an associate expert of the department for Community activities. After volunteering for more than 2 years in LAG Vallis Colapis, Vedrana started working for the NGO in February 2023. Vedrana participated and wrote several Erasmus+ projects and is especially interested in working with and for young people, intercultural exchange and experience. Vedrana has highly developed communication skills, working in teams, digital skills and management skills.  **Milan Medić** is Head of office with more than 15 years of experience in the NGO sector with a special focus on CLLD approach (Community Led Local Development) as a tool for bottom up community development. His expertise are social entrepreneurship, sustainable development, circular economy and community work in general.  **Zrinka Pavlov** is Head of the finance department with an 11 year  experience in the field of Civil society organisations where she worked as a facilitator, trainer,  coordinator and project manager. She has been working in LAG Vallis Colapis since 2011 and most of her work experience in the organisation is connected with financial management of numerous projects between two different departments (Social activities and Rural development). Besides working as financial manager, she was also a project coordinator of various projects from European Social Fund and national Ministries. |

**To whom will you disseminate the project results inside and outside your organisation? Please define in particular your target group audience(s) at local, regional, national, and European level and motivate your choice.**

Our dissemination strategy consists of the following:

1. Practical workshops/sessions – through interactive group work we share the knowledge and results acquired on the project.
2. Discussions – non-formal round tables or discussion on possibilities of implementing the project in our community and using the acquired knowledge to promote similar topics in our community

When sharing results after projects, first we share the results and knowledge with our fellow coworkers and volunteers, inside the organisation. Ater that, we share the knowledge in the community.

Our reach is local and regional but also national because we are members of 2 national networks: LEADER network Croatia (network of LAGs in Croatia) and Croatian Youth Network.

We promote the dissemination activities on our web sites, social media (FB and Instagram) and through Newsletters.

Target groups for dissemination are:

1. Young people with fewer opportunities (geographical obstacles and unemployed)
2. Youth workers and NGOs
3. Policy makers and stakeholders on local, regional and national level
4. Representatives of schools

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| **List of previous projects**  *Please provide a list of your previous projects for the last 4 years.* | | | | | |
| Participant | Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme | Period (start and end date) | Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER) | Amount  (EUR) | Website (if any) |
| LAG VC | 2023-1-HR01-KA153-YOU-  000127270  Training of Trainers „Inclusion Quest“  Erasmus+ | 1.8.2023.-31.3.2024. | coordinator | 26.403,00 | / |
| LAG VC | 2022-3-HR01-  KA153-  YOU-000095937  „Break  the circle“.  Erasmus+ | 1.1.-30.6.  2023 | coordinator | 27.381,00 | / |
| LAG VC | 519-05/4-22-3  „Kamanje  aktivira mlade!“, Ministry of Social  Policy and Youth | 1.1.2023.-  31.12.2023. | coordinator | 13.272,28 | / |
| LAG VC | 2022-3-HR01-  KA154-  YOU-000097079,  „Boss  2“, Erasmus+ | 1.4.2023.-  31.7.2024. | coordinator | 30.900,00 | / |
| LAG VC | 2021-2-HR01-  KA153-  YOU-000038974,  “For  Your  Involvement:  Citizenship”,  Erasmus+ | 31.5.-  30.12.2022. | coordinator | 26.073,00 | <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/details/2021-2-HR01-KA153-YOU-000038974> |
| LAG VC | 2021-2-HR01-  KA154-  YOU-000040452 „Boss“, Erasmus+ | 10.1.-  9.7.2022. | coordinator | 24.000,00 | / |
| LAG VC | 519-05/3-21-2,  Knjiga za mlade,  Ministry of Social  Policy and Youth | 1.12022.-  31.12.2022. | coordinator | 9,954.21 | / |
| LAG VC | 007-02/22-04/00247 Volonterski klubovi I volonterstvo, Ministry of science and education | 13.10.2022.-30.9.2023. | coordinator | 11.148,72 | / |
| LAG VC | 2020-3-HR01-  KA105-094554,  „REACT“,  Erasmus+ | 31.05.2021. – 30.08.2022. | coordinator | 25,823.23 | / |
| LAG VC | 2020-2-HR01-  KA105-077915,  „Look Behnd the  Veil“, Erasmus+ | 31.12.2020 – 30.10.2021 | coordinator | 21.780,00 | <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/details/2020-2-HR01-KA105-077915> |
| LAG VC | 608719-EPP-1-  2019-1-AM  EPPKA2-CBY-EP  CSF Cities of  YOUth, Erasmus+ | 1.12.2019.-  28.2.2021. | affiliate | 137.381,82 | https://citiesofyo ut  h.com/ |
| LAG VC | Misterion –  iskustvo tajne  voda, Interreg  Slovenija  Hrvatska | 1.7.2017.-  31.12.2019. | affiliate | 150.150,00 | https://www.mist erion.si/ |
| LAG VC | U.P.04.2.1.11.00 88  „Umrežavanjem  do novih  kompetencija“,  European  Social Fund | 16.8.2022..-  16.8.2023. | coordinator | 59.593,39 | https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086639619509 |
| LAG VC | Zapošljavanje  kroz  suvremeni  pristup  poljoprivredi,  Europski  socijalni fond | 1.6.2018.-  30.11.2019. | coordinator | 132.629,52 | / |
| LAG VC | 361-18-08, ECO SOCIAL, Swiss  Croatian  programme | 1.8.2019.-  31.12021. | coordinator | 168.252,99 | <https://www.facebook.com/Lag.EcoSocial> |
| LAG VC | Support for LEADER local development (CLLD) European  Agricultural Fund  for  Rural  Development | 17.2.2017.- | coordinator | 2.715.237, 3 | https://leader.vallis  colapis.hr/ruralni razvoj/prrrh  2014-2020 |
| LAG VC | 2019-1-  HR01-KA105-060321, Cultu(Ru)ral Challenge, Erasmus+ | 1.6.2019.-31.11.2019. | coordinator | 12.210,00 | / |
| LAG VC | 2019-1-HR01-KA105-060397, From migration to integration, Erasmus+ | 1.5.2019.-31.10.2019. | Coordinator | 18.073,45 | / |
| LAG VC | 2018-2-HR01-KA125-047559, Digital Stories Berlin – EVSperience Diversity, Erasmus+ | 1.8.2018.-31.1.2020. | Coordinator | 12.456,01 | <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/details/2018-2-HR01-KA125-047559> |
| LAG VC | 2018-1-HR01-KA125-047315, Act, Learn, Improve, Volunteer, Empower – ALIVE, Erasmus+ | 1.7.2018.-31.8.2019. | Coordinator | 14.765,52 | / |