

Youth Council Next Generation

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Please briefly present the partner organisation. What are your goals and objectives, target group, activities? How many members do you have? What are activates of your organisation? Why do you want to participate in projects? (500 words max.)

Youth Organization Next Generation is a non-profit, NGO founded in February 2010 by young people willing to be active citizens. Our mission is to create opportunities for young people, promote exchanges between students from different countries, summer and winter camps, for a better understanding of the culture and traditions of other nations. The main goal of the organization is to give non-formal educational possibilities to young people, in different fields, at local and international levels; to promote the idea of volunteerism and to connect young people without reference to their nationality, religion, political, economic or social status. We are trying to help and give the right resources and basic knowledge to young people for future employment and promote the idea of entrepreneurship for people with fewer opportunities. Also providing training and financial support for young individuals for better development of the democracy and values of civil society. We have offices and staff working on our local projects and recruiting people for international projects. Local activities for nonformal education. Development of civil society and promoting democratic values.

Our target groups are Young people from 13 to 30 years, no matter their gender, religion, race, social status or sexual orientation. We are trying for the development of the civil society and active participation of the youth, at local, national and international levels. We are proud to say that we have members included in the youth council of the municipality, taking care of representing the youth from our municipality in front of the municipality council, in this way promoting active participation and decision making on a local level. We have more than 100 members.

Having in mind that our members are the capital (real value) of our organization, we want to offer training and education possibilities for them, so youth workers and members of our organization can develop their competencies and work more efficiently for achieving the aims and goals of our organization. We have a strong motivation to participate in this project.

Activities and experience in areas relevant to youth work, work with trainers and leaders, education of youth workers, etc. (500 words max.)

Youth Council Next Generation cooperated with many organizations from South-East Europe and European Union on projects within Youth in Action, Erasmus+ and other programmes of EYF, EU and other international foundations with topics: Intercultural competencies, Active Participation, Social inclusion, Social Entrepreneurship, Youth activism, European awareness, Youth Leadership Training, Social media and digital skills, Gender Equality, Human Rights, European values etc.

Concerning the theme of the project, we can say we worked together with other organizations on the projects: "Less Scrolling More Living" held in Asnaes, Denmark, "Screen Free" in London, Uk, "Less opportunities + media tools = Better opportunities" held in Vranje, Serbia, in Katerini, Greece and Zakopane, Poland, "My Culture – Traditional Games & Sports!" in London, Uk, "Creating Social Entrepreneurs" in Istanbul, Turkey, "Gender through the Screen", in Skopje, North Macedonia, "My local community is European Citizen" held in Topola, Sebia, "EU Future, Maybe" in Mozen, Germany, "Human rights and Inclusion of Minorities" held in Prizren, Kosovo, "Peace Initiatives and Conflict Management in Eurasia" in Istanbul, Turkey, "Are You(th) Sensitive Enough" in Struga, North Macedonia, "Communic8", in Rabka Zdroj, Poland and many more supported by Erasmus+. Our local projects are training and education for high school and university students developing

their intercultural competencies, developing skills about leadership and active participation in their local communities in different North Macedonia cities (Rural especially).

Our experience and on fieldwork is mainly on providing right information and paths for sports and wellbeing, active participation, combating hate speech, discrimination, ethnic intolerance and teaching conflict resolution on peer to peer basis. We are also using IT technologies for creating webinars, where young people can participate in structured training using their computers and attend Online training organized by our organization. We are organizing "Let's climb together" project for young people from Skopje, and the rest of our country. This project is organized every Saturday in the week, so any young person from North Macedonia can attend this sport event, with a wish to climb, burn calories, and raise awareness about ecology, nature and have a good time. We can say this project is having a very positive impact on young people from the Skopje region and is a positive example of how young people using Sport, can have personal benefits for their personal well being, be active, be in good company, start climbing on a regular basis and take care of the environment. We have outstanding results where young people are more active, taking initiative and using sport for being active in good shape. Everyone can take part in this.

On a lot of Training Courses and Youth Exchanges, we are sending experienced Trainers, Facilitators and Youth Leaders, each of them experts in different areas. Through the years we created, produced a lot of experienced educators. We have a pool of youth experts in different areas, in non-formal education. Many of the young people members of our organization developed youth leaders, participating in a lot of international youth exchanges.

Based on our experience, this kind of projects influences other young people to get attracted and become active youth, using the opportunities that Erasmus + programme offers. We will be a partner organization for this project, making activities in our country. Experienced coordinators will be responsible for implementing the whole project according to this application, together with the beneficiary organization.

Skills and expertise of key staff that will contribute to the project application: (500 words max.)

Our staff are experienced in Youth in Action programme, we are developing the human capacity of our staff, young leaders and youth workers through non-formal education opportunities. They are experienced in writing and implementing local projects and activities for the youth people in our community. All of our staff members are young, motivated, enthusiastic and ready to learn more about communication skills and programme Erasmus+, so they can transfer that knowledge to the youth people in our local community. These are our key staff/persons involved in this application:

Gjoko Grdanovski is founder and main project coordinator for Erasmus + programme in Youth Council Next Generation. He has a Master degree in Marketing at Economic Faculty Skopje. In Free time he develops software and IT solutions, automation of processes and simple workflow solutions. Gjoko has been an active youth worker since 2010 when he founded Youth Council Next Generation. Since then he focused on developing youth leaders and future youth workers, developing competencies for youth. He is still providing non-formal Education and training, as well as focusing on creating mobility opportunities for youth. Gjoko has been a trainer, project coordinator and evaluation expert on more than 100 projects in our country and abroad.

Martina Sambolec is a young enthusiastic youth worker, Bachelor of Psychology and Master in Juvenile Delinquency. She has a lot of experience in youth work, non-formal education, organizing fundraisers and charity events, creative workshops etc. In our organization, she is responsible for maintaining and monitoring

project plans and project schedules, coordinating the projects, organizing different youth projects, preparing necessary presentations and materials for them. She is also responsible for organizing fun activities of educational character for youth as a trainer and facilitator.

Elena Tasheva is our international program coordinator and experienced trainer in different programs. She owns MA in marketing, and is attending her Ph.D. studies in youth work. Elena is a young enthusiast with broad experience in Erasmus+ program. She has attended more than 50 projects, as a participant, facilitator, and trainer. In our organization, she is responsible for managing the international and local projects, coordination and monitoring of project plans, creating the program and project materials, communicating with partner organizations, preparing the participants for their projects and holding dissemination sessions. She has long and broad experience in youth work and non-formal education, organizing events and projects, working with volunteers and students and mentoring workshops and projects. She has worked as a university assistant for few years in Eastern Mediterranean University before she continues her work in the youth field as a trainer and project writer. She is passionate about marketing, content writing, eco-friendly and environmental activist, social entrepreneurship, human rights and digital.

Kristina Dimitrova is our program coordinator of international youth projects. She is writing, facilitating and implementing youth projects on different social topics within the Erasmus+ Programme, such as human rights, migrants and minorities, intercultural learning and communication. She has taken part in a one year European Voluntary Service (EVS) project in Aarhus, Denmark in an intercultural media house as a journalist and video/sound editor. Thus, her other responsibilities are mainly related to making contracts with third parties and taking care of different dissemination activities in mass media & social media in order young people to be well informed about the current issues of public concern, as well as of the educational and voluntary opportunities at their disposal.

Viktor Krstevski is studying non-organic engineering and protection of the living environment. He is helping in organizing projects as local support and also he is working as a junior trainer abroad. Viktor is an athlete and has been training karate since 2004. He is part of the North Macedonian national karate team and is a Balkan, Mediterranean and European medalist.

All of our key staff/persons are respecting the Programme Guide of Erasmus+, using new and updated information on regulations and recommendation for implementing successful projects in the frame of Erasmus + programme. Keeping in mind the rise of ICT technologies and importance of the Internet, social networks and youth work, our staff is well prepared for using the newest technologies brought from the IT sector and applied to youth work on a local level.

How do you plan to select participants? And how you will ensure gender balance?

Participants will be selected by the project coordinator of our organisations. They all will be youth leaders, youth workers or volunteers of our organisation and older than 18 years old. They all will work directly with young people with different backgrounds, having several years of youth work experiences.

Needs and profile of our participants:

- They would like to develop and improve their intercultural competences in order to be able to work with difference culturally young people;
- They will learn and understand the phases/levels of youth work in order to recognize their own reactions in different situations within their youth work;
- They will share and explore different methods, tools and techniques what they can use within their youth work with young people and make an impact on their local communities;
- Through their personal development, the capacities of our organisation will be improved as well and send positive messages of youth work towards local community;
- They will learn project management of international youth exchanges and training courses according to the proposals of Erasmus + programme in order to provide possibilities for our members - young people to take part in youth mobility and challenge their intercultural competence. Meanwhile, they will improve the capacity of our organisation to be able to enter into the international youth work field and multiply the opportunities for young people and youth workers to participate and use the projects of Erasmus + programme.

Trainers will prepare a questionnaire for participants in order to explore their needs and expectations towards the project. Contact people from our organization will have preparatory meetings with our participants and set up a Learning agreement which will include the learning aims of the participants and the mission of our organisation towards our project. We will have participants with geographical, educational and cultural disadvantages. We will also maintain the gender balance of our participants, choosing 50/50 in males/females participants.

Will you involve any participants with fewer opportunities? If yes, which and how you will support them to help them participating in the project?

Yes, we will involve participants who have Economic, Social, Geographical obstacles and Cultural differences. During the applying process, we will have an application form which includes fewer opportunities. Participants can explain their condition as well. Our organization will support them for participation in this project; we will have a few preparatory meetings before the project, understanding their real needs.

How you can contribute to dissemination of project results and visibility of the project?

We will post the project results on our Facebook page, web page of the organization and we will send an email with the project results to our partner organizations. We will share the project results in our local community, to our NGO members and volunteers, and in groups where we are part of, interested in the topics covered by the project.

What follow up activities you can organize after the project and how you plan to use skills and knowledge that your participants will gain during the project?

A part of gaining knowledge and skills, participants will change their opinion, deal with personal stereotypes and prejudices and improve the range of key competences. Participation on the project will foster a doubtless future in youth work. Our organisation will get educated and empowered staff and develop its international cooperation, networking, including gaining tools and possibilities for easier dealing with youth participation and awareness in their local communities. All of this will lead to high-quality projects and follow up activities that will work directly with different target groups on local, national and EU level. Young people from those target groups will benefit from its activities. Also, other youth organisations in Europe dealing with similar

activities or interested to deal with similar projects will benefit by getting in touch with results that will be disseminated on the last phase of the project.

We will organize focus groups and debate sessions, with other members from our organization in our local community on which selected participants will transfer the knowledge gained on this project.

During Evaluation and follow up phase:

Evaluation meetings between participants and partner organisations;

Evaluation and follow up meetings online.

Follow up questionnaire among partner organisations;

Evaluation of the success of visibility and dissemination tools;

Based on the outcomes of the evaluation, continue the work with the projects invented during this project.

Other EU grants

Please list the projects for which the organization, or the department responsible for the management of this application has received financial support from the EU Programme during the last three years.

European Programme	Year	Reference Number	Beneficiary Organisation
Erasmus +: KA2 Capacity Building in the field of youth	2017	589970-EPP-1-2017-1-MK-EPPKA2-CBY-ACPALA	Youth Council Next Organization
Erasmus +: KA2 Capacity Building in the field of youth	2018	602479-EPP-1-2018-1-RS-EPPKA2-CBY-WB	Youth Workers Alliance Vranje
Erasmus +: KA1	2018	2018-3-MK01-KA105-059988	Youth Council Next Organization
Erasmus + : KA2 Capacity Building in the field of youth	2018	602602-EPP-1-2018-1-XK-EPPKA2-CBY-WB	Oapa Kosovo

Erasmus +	2019	2019-2-MK01-KA105-060534	Youth Council Next Organization
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