

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
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Full legal name (National Language)	Здружение на граѓани Младите можат
Full legal name (Latin characters)	Association of citizens Youth Can
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B. PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Association of citizens Youth Can
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes
C. ACCREDITATION	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHC
Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • /
D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
Please briefly present the partner organisation.	<p>Youth Can is a non-governmental, non-profit and independent civil association which aims to empower young people to take active participation in the development of a democratic society through active citizenship and social activism. The organization was founded by young people and for young people as to share the idea of the power of youth as catalysts in today's society.</p> <p>Being founded on 28.05.2009 by 8 enthusiasts, we have been managing to grow as an organization and provide structure and space for young people to learn and develop themselves personally and professionally into critical thinkers and proactive citizens of their community. Within three and a half years Youth CAN grew rapidly and became an established and recognized youth organization having more than 650 young people as their members, showing in our everyday efforts and activities that YOUTH CAN!</p> <p>The organization is led by an Executive Director and Executive Office who decide on the organizational strategy development and ensure openness and transparency within the organization.</p>

	<p>Youth Can's mission is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate personal development of young people through youth work and non-formal education • Raise awareness of young people about active citizenship as powerful tool to influence social development • Give opportunities to young people to realize youth initiatives and creatively express their opinions and attitudes • Promote the rights and liberties of young people (youth mobility and intercultural understanding) <p>Youth Can envisages a society where young people are leaders of the today, not of the tomorrow.</p>
<p>What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?</p>	<p>Through its work, Youth CAN helps young people to build capacities and today is proud to have many skilled volunteers, youth workers, trainers, leaders and project managers within the organization. So far Youth CAN has worked on many local and national initiatives, and has been part and a partner in several international projects within the ERASMUS+ programme.</p> <p>So far we managed to implement over 30 youth empowerment projects in the field of leadership, volunteering, youth activism and youth participation.</p> <p>In the past three years we are working directly with high-schools, especially in the Skopje area. We managed to work on promoting ethnic understanding in 28 School throughout Macedonia, then working on a nationwide research to see how much high school student are informed in the project Informed Youth! Active Youth!</p> <p>In the last year we designed the first pilot project about strengthening the High-School Councils in 2 High-Schools in Skopje, trying to create a functional and sustainable model.</p> <p>We realize our activities within the line of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiating personal development of young people through youth work and non-formal education • Raising awareness of young people about active citizenship as powerful tool to influence social development • Giving opportunities to young people to realize youth initiatives and creatively express their opinions and attitudes • Promotion of human rights and freedom of young people <p>To be more specific, our repetitive activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Leadership Camp- The goal of the project is to inspire young people to become aware of their leadership potential and decision making skills in order to take action in the community they live in. The main activity of the project is organizing a 7 day Leadership Camp for 20 young people. As a follow-up from the camp young people are grouped in separate groups where they will implement an initiative which they have already planned on the camp. • Motivational Weekend- It started as a Motivational day implemented by 6 volunteers. The goal of the project is to motivate young people to invest in their personal development by sharing stories of successful young individuals from Macedonia. • Make a change: be a VOLUNTEER- The general objective of the project is strengthening community development by having more young people engage in volunteering. The project included participants with no experience in volunteering that went through training modules. During the second phase the participants implemented follow-up

	<p>volunteer initiatives additionally engaging other young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year, we organized Erasmus + KA1 project named "Preparing for the big world". The project which involves participants from five different countries (Macedonia, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Spain). The main aim of the project is to prepare young people to face the real challenges in life after they finish high-school and empower them to overcome the fear of failure and express their full potential. This project will contribute towards more self-confident and skilled people, equipped with the competences to address their life challenges, which directly connects to the objectives of the Erasmus+ program for improving key competences of young people.
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<p>What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?</p>	<p>As an association which strives to professionalization, our structure consists executive office with Executive Director, volunteers and coordinators for our 3 main sections of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinator for public relations and logistics - Coordinator for communication and networking - Coordinator for membership <p>All members of the Executive Office have experience in Erasmus + programme. Our experience is based on organizing and coordinating Erasmus plus activities, taking part of them etc.</p> <p>Anita Nikolovska, Executive Director of Youth Can has more than four years experience in the CEO sector, volunteering and working on different projects related with youth work, youth initiatives, youth engagement, volunteering etc.</p> <p>She is member of the Youth Can NGO since 2014. Started as volunteer, working on different initiatives, organizing events, workshops and continued as an Executive Board member from 2015 to 2016. As an Executive Board member, she was coordinator of one of the Youth Can's programs, the program for youth activism and youth policies. She has been leading and coordinating this program for one year till the change of the organization's structure.</p> <p>She has experience in coordinating many initiatives and projects towards developing the organization's capacities. Moreover, she is responsible for managing the Executive Office and realization of activities, following the organization's strategic plan and goals, constantly communicating with governing board members, realizing collaborations with other institutions and NGO's, etc</p>
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