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Profile

Type of organization	Non-profit / Non-governmental organisation (NFP-NGO)
Is your organization a public body?	NO

Is your organization a non-profit?

YES

Accreditation

Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?

Accreditation type	Accreditation reference
YES	2018-1-EL02-KA110-003854

EKO has also been accredited as an election observer for the Egyptian elections/eferenda

Background and experience

Please briefly present your organization/group (e.g. its type, scope of work, areas of activity and if applicable, approximate number of paid/unpaid staff , learners and members of the group).

EKO, the Entrepreneurship and Social Economy Group, is a non-profit organisation seated in Athens, Greece, with an extended network of partners across Europe, the Euromed basin, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

It is the founding member of the Euromed Network of Youth Organizations (Y-NEMO), as well as a founding member of the International Alliance for Peace and Development (IAPD) with members in European and MENA countries. EKO also supports the Observatory to Prevent Extremist Violence (OPEV) as an active member contributing constructively to prevent and combat violent extremism, organizing various events, info days and conferences to raise awareness on this matter.

Moreover, EKO is an active member of the network of the Anna Lindh Foundation and is honored to display the logo of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH) for two implemented Erasmus+ youth mobility projects. In addition EKO has an EVS accreditation for sending and hosting volunteers, as well as coordinating EVS projects. In the new Erasmus+ ESC context, EKO maintains this accreditation for the planning and implementation of ESC projects.

Throughout its activities, EKO maintains a special collaboration with Art and Theater Tutors, constantly expands its network of partners and collaborations in Greece and maintains and further develops a youth club with active members and activities.

EKO`s primary mission is to contribute to the creation of an inclusive society, free from prejudice and discrimination, which will be in the position to develop and grow sustainable living environment. Particularly within Greece, its major concerns refer to the challenge of:

(1) youth and women unemployment and economic obstacles as a result of the crisis and (2) the xenophobic attitudes, cultural intolerance and exclusion created by the migration wave, as well as (3) multiple environmental issues which affect sustainable development at a local, regional, national and international level. EKO participates in the Sessions of the United Nations where its members work as presenters, panelists and chairs of several side events on Human Rights Council Sessions.

To achieve this mission EKO focuses on the following specific objectives:

- Empowering youth and women through non-formal education, training opportunities, life-long learning and fostering active participation and civic engagement

- Facilitating intercultural and interreligious awareness and solidarity, especially within Greece and Europe, as well as between Europe and MENA, by providing dialogue platforms, organizing cultural exchanges and tolerance trainings
- Strengthening cross-border civil society, through knowledge transfer and sharing of good practices, as well as through collaborative initiatives with its broad network of international partners
- Actively support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and environmental causes

What are the activities and experience of your organization in the areas relevant for this project? What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?

EKO has participated in multiple European and MENA Projects as a partner in the context of promoting intercultural exchanges, the promotion of peace, human rights and sustainable development, sharing its know-how on tools and methods of non-formal education and life-long learning. In particular, the Board Members are experienced psychologists, educators, entrepreneurs, and provide services to youth, schools, universities and institutions, chambers of commerce and industry, ministries of education, culture and labor, syndicates and related associations. EKO's team consists of experienced youth workers and a culturally diverse and constantly renewed group of young volunteers, through European Programs (ESC, EYE).

EKO has planned, coordinated and implemented multiple Erasmus+ Programs, involving many partner organizations from Europe, MENA and neighboring countries on various fields of interest related to the objectives of its statutes:

["Communication Bridges for Young People"](#) was hosted in Athens, in November 2016 with Greece, Turkey, Italy, Poland, Bulgaria, Egypt & Croatia.

["Deconstructing Migration in the Mediterranean"](#) took place in Athens, in November 2016 with Italy, Turkey & Greece.

["Solidarity for the Environment"](#) took place in Athens, in October 2017 with Greece, Italy, Bulgaria, Croatia, Turkey, Egypt, Austria, Spain, and Jordan.

["EuroMed Network of Civil Society Youth"](#) took place in Athens, in October 2017 with Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Egypt, Jordan, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey.

["Olympic Spirit for Peacebuilding"](#) which took place in April 2018 and involved young people from Greece, Estonia, Malta, Israel, Italy, Czech Republic, Russia and Turkey.

["Globalization vs. Cultural Diversity"](#), which took place in Athens in April 2018 with participants from 8 different countries (Greece, Italy, Spain, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Austria, Poland, and Turkey)

["COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM"](#), which took place in Athens in November 2018 and involved 42 young people from 7 different countries Greece, Spain, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia and Italy)..

["GREEN CITIES"](#) involved 62 young people from eight (8) organizations from different countries: Egypt, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Croatia, Turkey, United Kingdom.

["Europe United: Facing challenges reinforcing Solidarity"](#), which took place in Athens, Greece in April 2019 and involved 50 young participants from 7 countries (Greece, Lithuania, Italy, Estonia, Spain, Poland, Germany)

[“Breaking Walls, Building Bridges”](#), which took place in Athens, Greece in March 2019 and involved 41 young people from 4 countries (Greece, Turkey, Armenia and Cyprus)

Moreover, EKO’s actions include:

- Implementation of a KA2 project “Sustainability through Cross-Border Circular Economy (SCRCE), with a partnership of 4 countries (Germany, Greece, Italy, Sweden), as a partner organization. SCRCE focuses on investigating the transition from the traditional Linear to a Circular Economy.
- Mobilizing efforts through networking and support of various UN bodies, by attending and actively contributing to side-events organized in the sidelines of 37th, 38th and 39th Human Rights Council Sessions of the United Nations in Geneva.
- Organization of On-site Courses and Seminars open to young people on opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ umbrella and on proposal writing skills.
- Development of on-line Courses and informational material on non-formal education, life-long learning, intercultural dialogue and other subjects aiming to empower youth and enhance participatory approach through civil society actions.
- Participation in Volunteer Exchange and Vocational Training programs (EVS, Leonardo, KEK placements, Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs)
- Collaboration with European Solidarity Corps volunteers and with aspiring new entrepreneurs within the framework of Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs.
- Active Participation in the European Youth Week 2017 and 2019 in collaboration with Schools and Foundations
- Mentoring of entrepreneurs in crisis (Early Warning European Project)
- Participation in Prince's Trust International Entrepreneurship Program for youth, which offers an introductory interactive Seminar (Explore enterprise course) & professional guidance/counseling for the development of a Business idea into a business plan.
- Implementing educational/cultural projects with French Foundations for the support and inclusion of their school children and youngsters with special socio-economic needs, poor family conditions and orphans in collaboration with the Greek Foundation Hatzinkosta.

What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?

The Members of the Administrative Board of EKO are education experts, lawyers and female entrepreneurs devoted to the promotion of social economy, youth empowerment and sustainability throughout Europe.

Kyriaki (Kitty) Panourgia – Education Specialist, Entrepreneur and EKO's president

Kitty Panourgia is the President of EKO. She is a social scientist and female entrepreneur, with studies in the field of educational and cultural planning and organization in the context of regional development. She holds an M.Ed from the University of Manchester-UK, and a PhD from the University of Geneva-CH. She works as a consultant and evaluator mainly for central and local government bodies in Greece (i.e. Ministry of Education, of Labor, of Health etc.). Furthermore, she is an expert in events management, being involved in scientific international conferences mainly in the field of Intelligent Systems. As an educational expert she plans and organizes educational/cultural trips for different target groups, such as school-kids, youngsters, families, civil society organisations, etc. For many years she held and been still holding important positions in different Bodies, Organisations and Associations such as the Women's Organization of Managers and Entrepreneurs, and general secretary of University of Manchester Alumni Association Greece. In addition, she holds the honorary title of a European Ambassador of female entrepreneurship, in the context of which she has worked as a mentor in Greece, Europe and elsewhere to encourage different target groups to get involved in Entrepreneurship.

Stivi Siozopoulou – Educational Psychologist, Entrepreneur & Vice-President of EKO

Stivi Siozopoulou is the Vice Chairman of EKO; she is a dynamic professional who firmly believes in the values of female entrepreneurship. She has devoted herself to consistently promoting the role of women in society and the economy. Her first business activity involved importing and distributing raw materials for confectionery. After completing her studies in Public Relations and Marketing, her affection for children and family matters led her to studying psychology and specialising in Educational Psychology. She then founded the nursery station "Alexandros" in Thessaloniki, where she still keeps the position of the managing director until today. Stivi is an active columnist and is actively involved in public discourse in the fields of education, family and pregnancy prevention, female entrepreneurship and environment. She currently holds the position of the Vice Chairman at the THEAGENIO Hospital for Cancer disease and is a member of the Board of the organisation Daughters of Penelope in Thessaloniki. In the past, she has been a Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce in Thessaloniki, as well as a member of the Board of the Centre for Female Issues Ergani.

Eleni Zeppou – Lawyer, Advocacy Manager & General Secretary of EKO

Eleni Zeppou is the General Secretary of EKO. She is a Law graduate of the Kapodistrian University of Athens, a member of the Athens Bar and a practicing lawyer in Athens since 1989. After having worked in several renowned Athenian corporate law firms and in the legal departments of large technical companies, she has established her own law firm in Athens city center in which she currently works with associates. In 2002, she was elected Municipal Councilor of Psychiko, a big suburb of Northern Athens. In 2006, she was nominated candidate for the Mayor of Psychiko. Since then she has been a Municipal Councilor of Filothei-Psychiko Municipality. Eleni is a founding and active member of the Environmental Protection Associations of Psychiko and Ampelokipoi (two major municipalities of the Greater Region of Athens). Apart from being the General Secretary of E.K.O, she presides the board of two other important organizations: She is Vice-President of the Association of the Soroptimistic Association of Sozopolis, Greece (International Women's volunteering organization) and President of the Soroptimistic Group of Psychiko.

Laura Arsenis – Social Scientist & Treasurer of EKO

Laura Arsenis is a fusion of the USA and Europe. Her upbringing was American, based on the values of hard work, equality and community service. As a student of social sciences, she was a civil rights activist. She worked as a teacher and social worker in Harlem, New York before moving to Europe to start a consulting business. Designing and implementing projects funded by the European Commission and the United Nations awarded her invaluable experience and skill sets in programme management and evaluation, vocational training strategies, gender mainstreaming measures, entrepreneurship promotion and business mentoring. She managed projects in multicultural settings in Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia. Laura is a member of the European Network of Business Mentors, the Entrepreneurship and Social Economy Group and the European Evaluation Society, a member of the Institute for the Development of Women Managers and Entrepreneurs of the Hellenic Management Association, a Board Member of Directors of the Hellenic Association of Management Consulting Firms (SESMA) and concurrently a member of the Executive Committee of the European Federation of Management Consultancies Associations FEACO).

Elisavet (Eliana) Vasileiou – Project Manager & Youth Worker

Elisavet Vasileiou works in EKO as a Project Manager. She holds a Bachelor degree in Molecular Biology from the University of Crete, and a Master degree in Cognitive Neuroscience from Radboud University(RU) in Nijmegen, Netherlands.

She has been a volunteer of EKO for two years and became a staff member since January 2018. Currently, she is in charge of several Erasmus+ KA1 projects, with tasks including proposal writing, project preparation, implementation and coordination, communication with partners, budget overview, administrative support, course content creation, mentoring of young organizations/youth groups and organization of onsite trainings. She also works for the research part of KA2 Erasmus+ projects, in which EKO is partner, as well as in the context of EKO's advisory role in IAPD, the "International Alliance of Peace and Sustainable Development", being in charge of the preparation of EKO's interventions in side-events organized in the sidelines of the regular sessions of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations.

Elisavet has accumulated experience as a youth worker, through her role as a team leader in multiple Erasmus+ projects, a mentor of volunteers and facilitator of non-formal education workshops on project and team management. She has also been involved in the full project-lifecycle management (proposal, preparation, implementation, follow-up and reporting), as the coordinator, in 10 Youth Mobility programs, which have equipped her with excellent cooperation, organizational, team-management, intercultural communication and conflict-solving skills.

Isaak Tselepis – Web-technician

Isaak Tselepis holds a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering, from the Democritus University of Thrace, and works as the Lead Full Stack Developer at Verlabs company. In parallel he is active as an IT Freelancer providing System and Network Design, Setup, Administration and Maintenance, Web-based Applications / Websites, Software Development and Systems and Network Security. He has long experience as a teacher for students of Hellenic Open University on Information Technology, and as a tutor in a private learning institution on Mathematics, Physics and Software development.

Dimitris Sevastakis – IT support Specialist

Dimitris Sevastakis has a Master Degree in Computer Science from Leiden University in the Netherlands, and is specialized in Machine learning, Data Mining, Embedded Systems and Android Development. Mr. Sevastakis has been a Teaching Assistant for the Multimedia Systems class, at Leiden University for 2 years, and an Educational Research Assistant, for 1 year.

He helped build demos for MuPop, an interactive pop-up museum platform built using the Springfield Multiscreen Toolkit, and supported the development and extension of various parts of the Springfield WebTV platform, especially the MultiScreen Toolkit API, during his work at "Noterik B.V" as a Software Engineer. Currently he works at "Global Factories" international company as a Computer Vision Engineer, and as a Data Science & Machine Learning Trainer at "Young Mavericks" company.

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European Union granted projects

EU Programme	Year	Project Identification or Contract Number	Project Title	Applicant/Beneficiary Name
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2016	2016-2-EL02-KA105-002587	Communication Bridges for Young People	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2016	2016-2-EL02-KA105-002605	Deconstructing Migration in the Mediterranean- DEMI	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2016	2016-3-EL02-KA105-002709	Solidarity for the Environment - SOLEN	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2016	2016-3-EL02-KA105-002711	EuroMed Network of Civil Society Youth	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2017	2017-2-EL02-KA105-003382	Globalization vs. Cultural Diversity - GCD	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2017	2017-2-EL02-KA105-003326	Olympic Spirit for Peace-Building	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2017	2017-1-TR01-KA105-038933	Peace through Democracy	European Cooperative Youth Network
KA1- Erasmus+	2017	2017-3-EL02-KA105-0037247	Countering Violent Extremism – CV-EX	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA1- Erasmus+	2018	2018-1-EL02-KA105-003805	Green Cities	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA1- Erasmus+	2018	2018-3-EL02-KA105-004496	Europe United: Facing Challenges, Reinforcing Solidarity	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA1- Erasmus+	2018	2018-3-EL02-KA105-004485	Breaking Walls, Building Bridges - BWBB	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA1- Erasmus+	2018	2018-1-AT02-KA105-002047	Path To Success	Political and Social Research Institute of Europe
KA2- Erasmus+	2018	2018-1-DE02-KA204-005230	Sustainability through Cross-Border Circular Economy (SCRCE)	Dr. Ludwig Intelligent Projects GmbH
European Solidarity Corps	2019	2019-1-EL02-ESC11-004841	Solidarity Through Environmental Education	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP

European Solidarity Corps	2019	2019-2-EL02-ESC11-004996	Solidarity with European Islands	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA3-Erasmus+	2019	2019-1-DK01-KA347-060095	Youth Voice: We Are Shapers, Not Listeners	Crossing Borders
KA1-Erasmus+	2019	2019-1-ES02-KA105-012856	LUSCO FUSCO	Sustinea
KA1-Erasmus+	2019	2019-1-TR01-KA105-073591	Solid-ART-ity	Towards Universal and Non-Formal Activities
KA1-Erasmus+	2019	2019-2-DE04-KA105-018304	Creative Tribe	IYG: 018304-ORG-00001
KA1-Erasmus+	2019	2019-2-IT03-KA105-016742	MANAS - Music And Nature Around the Sound	New Horizons
KA1-Erasmus+	2019	2019-2-MT01-KA105-051287	Social Media, a key tool for social workers	CROSS CULTURE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION - CCIF
KA1-Erasmus+	2019	2019-2-SI02-KA105-015146	United in diversity	Mladinsko drustvo Moja Sobota
KA3-Erasmus+	2019	2019-3-EL02-KA347-005255	Youth Voices Matter (Y-MOVE)	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA2 - CBY-ACPALA	2019	608413-EPP-1-2019-1-NO-EPPKA2-CBY-ACPALA	Pathways to Empowerment in Gender-Based Violence Prevention (GBVP)	TERRAM PACIS
European Solidarity Corps	2019	2019-3-EL02-ESC11-005316	The International School of Opportunity and Change	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
European Solidarity Corps	2020	2020-1-EL02-ESC11-005663	SOS - A home for every child	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA3-Erasmus+	2020	2020-2-EL02-KA347-006079	Fostering Solidarity through Education	ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP
KA203 Erasmus+ – Strategic partnerships for Higher Education	2020	2020-1-EL01-KA203-078981	Common curricula for diversity: education in media and integration of vulnerable groups	National Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA)
KA1-Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-IT03-KA105-017844	Let's Create a Local Impact: Re-use and Recycle Developing Creativity	Associazione Elios

KA1- Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-LV02-KA105- 003026	Reality of youth work	WORLD-OUR HOME
KA1- Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-BG01-KA105- 078884	Youth democratic voice of future leaders!	Young, Active, Creative NGO
KA1- Erasmus+	2020	2020-2-NL02-KA105- 003062	Human Equality and Rights	Stichting yEUth
KA1- Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-BG01-KA105- 078385	Storify Your Mission for Impact! Youth Worker as a Digital Communicator	Via Civic
KA2 Erasmus+ - Exchange of Good Practices	2020	2020-2-CY02-KA205- 001847	“SELF EMPLOYED ENTREPRENEURS MEET EXCHANGE GET RESULTS & ORGANIZE WORK” - SEE ME GR&OW	NEOLEA GIA ANTALAGI KAI KATANOISI
KA2 Erasmus+	2020	2020-2-RO01-KA205- 080633	Youth Finance Academy	Monomyths Association
KA2 Erasmus+	2020	2020-2-PT02-KA205- 006895	Start-U: Defining (inclusive) paths to star (new) lives	ANJE ASSOCIAÇÃO NACIONAL DE JOVENS EMPRESÁRIOS