



**EKO Greece**

Empowering youth, building a better future!



# Partner Identification Form

## 1. PARTNER ORGANISATION

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<b>Full Legal Name (National Language)</b>	<b>ΟΜΙΛΟΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΜΑΤΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ ΚΑΙ ΤΗΝ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΚΗ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΑ</b>
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## 2. PROFILE

<b>Type of Organisation</b>	<b>Non-profit / Non-governmental organisation (NFP- NGO)</b>
<b>Is the partner organisation a public body?</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Is the partner organisation a non-profit ?</b>	<b>YES</b>

## 3. ACCREDITATION

<b>Accreditation Type</b>	<b>Accreditation Reference</b>
<b>EVS Accreditation</b>	<b>2018-1-EL02-KA110-003854</b>

Accreditation Type	Accreditation Reference
ESC Quality Label (Supporting and Hosting)	2020-1-EL02-ESC52-006831
EKO has also been accredited as an election observer for the Egyptian elections/referenda	

## 4. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Please briefly present the partner organization (e.g. its type, size, scope of work, areas of specific expertise, specific social context and, if relevant, the quality system used):

EKO, the Entrepreneurship and Social Economy Group, is a non-profit organization seated in Athens, Greece, established in 2013, operating at a local and European level, with youth as its main target group.

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 sustainably. Particularly within Greece, its major concerns refer to the challenges of:

- a) Youth and women unemployment and economic obstacles as a result of the economic crisis of the last decade and the recent COVID-19 health crisis.
- b) The xenophobic attitudes, cultural intolerance, and exclusion created by the migration crisis.
- c) The need to achieve greater participation of individuals and the young generation in political and social life at a national and European level, as well as
- d) Multiple environmental issues that affect sustainable development at a local, national, and International level.



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

- 1) Empowering youth and vulnerable social groups through non-formal education, youth work, and life-long learning, as well as through the promotion of youth and female entrepreneurship and innovation.
- 2) 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 training.
- 3) Fostering active participation and civic engagement of young people, and assisting them to address novel challenges and become agents of change in their local communities.
- 4) Actively supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and environmental causes, and promoting green growth and sustainable social and economic models.
- 5) 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.

EKO's team consists of experienced youth workers and a culturally diverse and constantly renewed group of young volunteers, through European Programs (ESC, EYE), while the Board Members are experienced psychologists, educators, entrepreneurs, who provide services to youth, schools, universities and institutions, chambers of commerce and industry, ministries of education, culture and labor, syndicates and related associations. Currently, EKO has 4 permanent staff members, 2 members employed on project basis, as well as 3 volunteers.

Over the years EKO has built an extended network of more than 100 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) contributing constructively to prevent and combat violent extremism, as well as YouthProAktiv, an international coalition of 35 youth organizations, which aims to create a generation of proactive individuals ready to invest their talents for the betterment of society by starting their own business and creating jobs for themselves and others.

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.

At a local level, EKO maintains a special collaboration with local public bodies and municipalities in broader Athens, local Universities, Foundations working with children and youth from vulnerable socioeconomic backgrounds, Adult Education providers, as well as Art and Theater Tutors, constantly expands its network of partners and collaborations in Greece and operates a Youth Club with active members organized in local youth groups. In addition, EKO collaborates with Greek organizations in remote areas to reach out to target groups of the local societies for the promotion of equal opportunities and social inclusion.

## 5. ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTNER ORGANISATION

What are the activities and experiences of the partner organization in the areas relevant to this project?

Select the most relevant field to your project out of the 4 main pillars of EKO's activity, i.e.:

- 1) Youth empowerment, & Social Inclusion: 21st Century Skills through Non-Formal Education
- 2) Intercultural Dialogue & Human Rights
- 3) Promotion of youth & women entrepreneurship and innovation
- 4) Sustainable Development & Green Growth

EKO's team has experience in the management and coordination of national and international projects and initiatives, including quality assurance, dissemination, and sustainability planning. Our members have diverse expertise, which they utilize in conducting research, developing intellectual products and implementing training, on the basis of each project's needs.

### **1** *Youth Empowerment & Social Inclusion: 21st Century Skills through Non-Formal Education*

EKO designs and implements a variety of NFE activities, and trainings for youth participation, empowering vulnerable youth and boosting youth employability. Our relevant activities are:

- Coordination of Youth Mobilities & Structured Dialogue events, under Erasmus+ and other European programs.
- Operation of a Youth Club open to all interested youngsters, in the context of which we provide workshops for the enhancement of key transferrable skills (communication, cooperation, creativity, intercultural and digital skills), while also providing support to youth groups in developing their own initiatives and local activities.

- Organization of Info-Days open to young people on opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ umbrella, in collaboration with local Universities (NKUA, UNIWA, AUEB).
- Organization of seminars and workshops for informal youth groups and newcomers organizations on proposal writing and management skills.
- Educational/cultural projects with Greek and International Foundations for the support and inclusion of orphans and children /youngsters with special socio-economic needs or fewer opportunities.
- Participation in the Sessions of the United Nations where EKO's members work as presenters, panelists, and chairs of several side events on Human Rights Council Sessions.

### Some relevant projects:

#### ERMIScom

An Erasmus+ KA203 project with a partnership among 5 European Universities (National Kapodsitrian University of Athens, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Bahçeşehir University, Metropolia Ammattikorkeakoulu, University of National and World Economy) and 1 NGO (EKO) that aspired to develop a common Master curriculum among the involved HEIs, which enhanced the efficacy of media studies to counter fake news and hate speech spread on New Media and, thereby, facilitated the social integration and inclusion of vulnerable social groups.

#### VOYCE

A KA3-EYT project, with a partnership of 9 European countries, put young people in the driver's seat and gave them the tools to learn how to present their ideas and represent their positions on various social issues (education & training, employment & labour rights, environment & sustainable consumption, smart mobility, democracy & equality) in front of institutions or any kind of public. This goal was achieved through a series of youth-oriented activities & specifically local working groups of young people in all partner countries, a social Hackathon, a co-creation process of various projects by the young people with the support of youth workers and experts, and a crowdfunding that supported the best ideas.

## JOUR-YOU

Citizen Journalism Academy for Youth, an Erasmus+ KA2 project, developed educational materials (Online Course, Best Practices Guide, and Training Toolkit) to promote media literacy, digital skills, and citizen journalism. These resources were tested through various learning events, including trainings, a competition, and a youth conference, to enhance youth organizations' capacity to foster community engagement and active participation in democratic life.

## PEC: Podcast Employ Yourself

An Erasmus+ KA220 project addressing high youth unemployment in Spain, Greece, Italy, and Croatia while promoting European cultural heritage. It raised awareness of employment and entrepreneurship in the cultural sector through video interviews with professionals (historians, archaeologists, museum directors, tourist guides, etc.) and a public podcast. The project engaged young people through local working groups, a social Hackathon, and a co-creation process supported by youth workers and experts. A crowdfunding campaign also supported the best ideas.

## VISYON: Values, Ideas and Stories from Youth ON stage

VISYON is a KA3 Erasmus+ project that is designed, centrally submitted, and coordinated by EKO. It fosters youth participation, civic engagement, and policy dialogue across Europe. By establishing a network of organizations in eight European countries, the project provides young people with the tools and platforms needed to express their concerns, share their stories, and engage in meaningful discussions about the effectiveness of current European policies in addressing youth needs.

The project begins at the local level, where young participants will take part in workshops and debates to explore the 11 European Youth Goals, develop public speaking and advocacy skills, and learn how to create and share content responsibly. Each group will then select a key topic and work on a script, leading to the creation of 11 short films—the first-ever European series fully written and produced by young people.

Through strategic communication and outreach, VISYON will elevate youth voices to local authorities and European policymakers, ensuring that young people's perspectives actively shape the future of European policies.



## European Youth Workers 4 Climate Change & Green Deal

ECHOES is a KA2 Erasmus+ project addressing the gap in climate policy awareness among youth workers and the lack of youth involvement in climate decision-making. With many young people feeling excluded and uncertain about government action, the project empowers youth workers and young people with advocacy, communication, and leadership skills to amplify youth voices in climate discussions. By fostering engagement and equipping participants with the necessary tools, the project ensures that youth perspectives are heard by decision-makers, driving more inclusive and effective climate policies.

## 2 *Intercultural Dialogue & Human Rights*

EKO designs and implements a variety of local & international advocacy and awareness events, as well as educational activities for the promotion of peace and intercultural dialogue & solidarity, such as:

- Implementation of awareness Campaigns and Community Events for combating xenophobia and racism, promoting intercultural awareness, social inclusion, conflict resolution and peace
- Youth exchange and transnational dialogue projects bringing together youth from different backgrounds and from areas in conflict
- Active contribution to the Observatory to Prevent Extremist Violence (OPEV) international network, via organization of conferences and events related to peacebuilding and countering hate speech and violent extremism
- Implementation of local workshops on Human Rights, combating discrimination and fostering intercultural awareness and understanding diversity, in the context of EKO's Youth Club in collaboration with Greek CSOs
- Development of education material and tools for youth workers, so as to integrate specialized intercultural competences training approaches in their daily work with youth
- Volunteering activities as sending, hosting and coordinating partner (ESC) and as a hosting organization (EYE, Leonardo, KEK placements etc)

Our relevant ongoing projects include, among others:

## Breaking Walls, Building Bridges

YE for 40 young participants from 4 countries characterized by ongoing tensions in their relations: Armenia, Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey. The project aimed to provide a communication platform for young people, who otherwise lacked the opportunity to get in direct contact with each other, guide them through the principles of effective intercultural and interreligious dialogue and contribute to their breaking of stereotypes, developing multicultural competencies & cultivating a strong sense of solidarity.

## Peacemakers: Through your world I see mine

An international Photo Contest open to young people from all over the world, organized by EKO, under the auspices of the International Alliance for Peace and Development (IAPD), which raised awareness on the role of civil society and youth in securing solidarity among nations and promoted a culture of peace through art. The best 30 photos were displayed in a Photo Exhibition in Athens, attended by an international audience from 7 different countries. The same photos were later exposed in Geneva in front of the broken Chair in a peaceful intervention of IAPD and EKO in front of the United Nations.

## Pathways to Gender-Based Violence Prevention

A CBY-ACPALA project that aims to strengthen the capacities of youth workers in meeting the learning needs and knowledge gaps among GBV survivors and offenders, and support youth workers in creating learning opportunities that empower youth to become active agents of GBV prevention.

## Intercultural Action Competence Tool

An Erasmus+ KA205 project, with a partnership of 6 European countries, that aimed to mainstream recognition of acquired intercultural competences through youth work and non-formal education by developing a complete collection of tools organized around a web-based app that both taught and validated learning of Intercultural Action Competences (IAC)

## Active Preventers and Active Bystanders: Preventing Gender-Based Violence in the life of young people

Active Preventers and Active Bystanders was a project funded by EEA Grants, with EKO as a coordinator in collaboration with the University of West Attica, GR. The project strengthened the role of the community in the prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) among adolescents and young adults (15-26 years old) by combating the passive and silent complacency on the part of witnesses of GBV incidents. Educational material was developed and educational activities were provided to the Project's special target groups (education professionals, youth workers, social workers, parents and peer-groups), tailored to the learning needs of each group after relevant needs assessment. In addition, an awareness raising campaign and a series of youth-led local actions were carried out.

## 3 *Promotion of youth & women entrepreneurship and innovation*

EKO collaborates with players in the social economy sector to promote sustainable social and economic models in the society at a national and European level, and enhance entrepreneurial skills and attitudes in young people, women and vulnerable groups. Our relevant activities are:

- Development of and participation in Strategic partnership projects in the Erasmus+ framework that aim to enhance different facets of entrepreneurial skills and attitudes in young people, women and vulnerable groups
- Local non-formal education workshops in the context of EKO's Youth Club operation focusing on leadership and entrepreneurial skills
- Mentoring of entrepreneurs in crisis (in the context of "Early Warning" EU 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.

Our relevant ongoing projects include, among others:

## Youth Finance Academy

An Erasmus+ KA205 project that aimed to develop innovative education tools that equipped young people and young entrepreneurs with the know-how and competencies necessary for them to make sound financial decisions at a personal and professional level, to create their own livelihoods, and to become empowered, financially literate economic citizens.

## Transforming COVID-19 into an opportunity

An Erasmus+ KA227 project that aimed at reinforcing creative solutions to unemployment rates provoked by COVID-19 and enabling collaborations between the youth- and the business sector for inclusive digital job creation, following the demands of our increasingly data-driven world, by supporting young people to develop digital entrepreneurial activities in the cultural sector.

## START-U

An Erasmus+ KA205 project that encouraged entrepreneurship and social innovation as a solution for equal opportunities, social inclusion, and improving youth employability, and that led to the development of a guide of good practices (Booklet & E-Book), which can be generalized and applied to different contexts, allowing the improvement of the quality of the youth sector in the fields of social entrepreneurship and social innovation.

## YETC

Young Entrepreneurs in Time of Crisis is an Erasmus+ KA205 project that aimed to facilitate youth activism and to create an entrepreneurial mindset through networking, sharing best practices and developing innovative NIFL tools. The project results (IO1 Action Plan, IO2 Inspirational Guide, IO3 Online Toolkit) helped young people overcome the uncertainty caused by the unstable socio-economic situation across Europe and create a positive value by filling the gaps and promoting new entrepreneurial endeavours.

## STEP-UP

An Erasmus+ KA220 project that aimed at offering migrant women the opportunity to gradually increase a wide range of transferrable skills (communication skills, team working, confidence, ability for innovation, sustainability thinking etc), while raising their awareness on the importance of lifelong learning possibilities. In the context of STEP-UP, partners developed high-quality practical resources (interactive resources, assessment tools, trainers manual) to be used by adult education organizations, employment services, and other organizations offering upskilling programs in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy.

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## *Sustainable Development & Green Growth*

Green Growth has been a central concept of interest of EKO for the last 3 years since it first entered the partnership of the project “Sustainability through Cross-Border Circular Economy”. Our activities relevant to sustainable development and green growth include:

- Activation of local youth groups for the design and implementation of local youth-led initiatives aiming to enhance ecological awareness and promote sustainable lifestyles, green growth, and smart solutions to environmental pressures
- Designing, Organizing, and implementing of international exchange programs aiming to cultivate young people’s ecological awareness and commitment to act against the environmentally harmful growth model and habits of our societies.
- Development of educational material and manuals addressed to youth and relevant

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stakeholders with recommendations on aligning individual choices and lifestyle with sustainable development principles (Zero Waste, Circular Economy, Ecosystem Conservation etc)

- Liaising with relevant stakeholders, and public authorities involved in Circular Economy research, pilot projects and business innovations in Greece, e.g. Halandri Municipality, DRAXIS Environmental Technologies Company, National Technical University of Athens etc
- Mobilizing efforts through networking and support of various UN bodies, by attending and actively contributing to side-events organized in the sidelines Human Rights Council Sessions of the United Nations in Geneva, on topics related to the Sustainable Development Goals

Our experience relevant to sustainability issues includes the following projects:

## Sustainability through Cross-Border Circular Economy

(SCRCE): An Erasmus+ KA204 project with a partnership of 4 countries (Germany, Greece, Italy, Sweden), and EKO as a partner organization. SCRCE focused on challenges, best practices, and education approaches relevant to the transition from the traditional Linear to a Circular Economy.

## #Greenfluencers

An Erasmus+ KA205 project that focused on sustainable resource management, zero waste, and a green economy, and supported young people to become agents of change for a greener future, through the activation of local youth groups and through the exchange of good practices among organizations that work directly with youth.

## YOUng Women grEen ENtrepreneurs

An Erasmus+ KA205 project in which EKO collaborated with the Greek NGO IASIS, wherein our trainers supported young women, who lived in remote areas, to realize rural development grass-roots initiatives and to develop entrepreneurial sustainable ideas and actions in their local communities.

## Youth EConnection

An ESC Solidarity Project in the context of which a group of young people organized and implemented a series of local actions (clean-ups of different city neighborhoods, swap-market of second-hand goods, mapping of sustainable businesses in Athens, Green walks, zero-waste recipe challenges, documentary on Athen's gravest environmental problems etc) to raise awareness among their peers about common habits that they could change to become more ecologically responsible, as well as to mobilize youth of the local community to take an active role in promoting sustainability.

## Environmental Protection Unites Generations

A small scale KA2 project with the main objective to develop competencies and exchange experiences of the educational staff of the participating organizations with respect to the methods and tools used in environmental education on the one hand, and in the education of seniors on the other.

## Addressing Eco-Anxiety in Europe through Education and Action

EcoReactEU, a partnership between La ligue de l'enseignement, Arci APS, University of Utrecht and EKO as a partner organization, aims to ensure the skills development of youth workers and the entire European educational community, to promote the integration of eco-anxiety in their practices with young people, and thus offer a first educational response to it. The project also aspires to encourage public policies to make eco-anxiety a major issue for consideration in national and European youth and educational policies.

## Youth SDG Work

A small-scale KA2 project aimed to increase young peoples' understanding of topics such as sustainability, climate change, circular economy, and their influence as consumers, as well as to ensure that young people's voices are taken into consideration in the public discourse. To achieve this goal the project provided climate education workshops and conferences to young people (YP), as well as support to them to prepare policy recommendations that they presented and discuss with local authorities.

## Empowering Youth Through Sport for Environmental Sustainability in the EU

STELLA is a KA2 Erasmus+ project that explores the intersection of sustainability and sport as a means to promote environmental responsibility and social cohesion. By equipping youth workers and activists in five countries with tools to adopt and advocate for sustainable behaviors, the project fosters active citizenship and social entrepreneurship. Through education and engagement, STELLA empowers young people to minimize their environmental impact and contribute to more sustainable communities, aligning with EU Sport Policy priorities on eco-friendly event management and healthy lifestyles.

**What are the activities and experiences of the organization in youth work? Please provide information on your organization's / group's regular youth work activities.**

EKO implements a wide range of youth-work activities aiming to serve key needs & aspirations of young people, to empower young people at a personal, social & professional level and foster an attitude of active, interculturally competent, and socially & environmentally responsible citizenship.

At the European level, our organization has planned and implemented multiple Erasmus+ Youth Mobility Programs, as the coordinating partner, involving many partners and youth from Europe, MENA, and neighboring countries on various fields of interest related to the objectives of its statutes:

- "Communication Bridges for Young People" with GR, TR, IT, PL, BG, EG & HR

- "Deconstructing Migration in the Mediterranean" with IT, TR & GR

- "Solidarity for the Environment" with GR, IT, BG, HR, TR, EG, AT, ESP, and JOR

- "EuroMed Network of Civil Society Youth" with GR, BG, HR, EG, JOR, IT, PL, RO, ESP, Tunisia TR

- "Olympic Spirit for Peacebuilding" involving young people from GR, EE, MT, IL, IT, CZ, RU and TR.

- "Globalization vs. Cultural Diversity", which took place in Athens in April 2018 with participants from 8 different countries (GR, IT, ESP, LIT, CZ, AT, PL, and TR)

- "COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM", involving 42 young people from 7 different countries GR, ESP, TR, JOR, EG, TN and IT)

- "GREEN CITIES" involves 62 young people from eight (8) different countries: EG, GE, GR, IT, JOR, HR, TR, UK

- "Europe United: Facing challenges reinforcing Solidarity", involving 50 young participants from 7 countries (GR, LIT, IT, EE, ESP, PL, DE)

Moreover, EKO has participated as a sending partner in over 150 Erasmus+ Youth Mobility projects in the context of promoting intercultural exchanges, solidarity and peace, human rights, sustainable development, and active citizenship, sharing its know-how on tools and methods of non-formal education and life-long learning.

Based on our extensive experience in KA1 Erasmus+ projects design and coordination, in 2019, EKO was invited by the Greek National Agency to present best practices for project planning and implementation, as well as innovative non-formal education approaches to members of organizations or informal youth groups new to Erasmus+ in the context of the annual TCA Seminar.



At a local level, EKO operates a Youth Club open to all interested youngsters, in the context of which we organize non-formal education workshops aiming to enhance key transferrable skills and competencies of young people (communication, cooperation, creativity, intercultural and digital skills), and foster an attitude of active participation, while also providing support to youth groups in developing their own initiatives and local activities to help them become competent multipliers and agents of positive social change.

### **Other relevant youth-work activities of our NGO include:**

- Organization of Info-Days open to young people on opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ umbrella, in collaboration with Greek Universities (NKUA, UNIWA, AUEB)
- Organization of seminars and workshops for informal youth groups and new coming organizations on proposal writing and management skills.
- Development of online workshops and informational material on non-formal education, life-long learning, intercultural dialogue, environmental awareness, 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)
- Promotion, awareness, and active engagement activities in the European Youth Week, Erasmus+ Days, EU Green Week, and other initiatives in collaboration with local schools, Foundations, and NGOs
- Implementing educational/cultural projects with European 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.

## 6. SKILLS OF KEY PERSONS INVOLVED

What are the activities and experiences of the organization in youth work? Please provide information on your organization's / group's regular youth work activities.

Name of board / staff member	Summary of relevant skills and experience
<p>Kyriaki Panourgia</p>	<p><b>President of EKO - Education Specialist and Entrepreneur</b></p> <p>Kitty Panourgia 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 organizations, etc. For many years she held and has been still holding important positions in different Bodies, Organisations, and Associations such as the Women's Organization of Managers and Entrepreneurs, and the general secretary of the 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.</p>
<p>Natalia Kakourou</p>	<p><b>Project Manager &amp; HR responsible</b></p> <p>Natalia Kakourou holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, Pedagogy, and Psychology (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) and a Master's degree in Human Resource Management (Athens University of Economics and Business. Regarding her extended education, she has been certified in adult education, creative writing, and teaching English as a foreign language. She has worked in the field of Conference organization and Events Management for 5 years.</p> <p>Currently, she works in EKO as a project manager with duties including the coordination of KA1 mobilities, the monitoring of some large-scale projects (KA2, ACF), and the development of a range of intellectual outputs. She is also in charge of exploring new venues for enriching EKO's team with interns and volunteers, training new members, and managing the organization's team dynamics.</p>

<p>Georgios Fligkos</p>	<p><b>Youth Worker &amp; Project Manager</b></p> <p>George Fligos is a geologist and geoenvironmental scientist with a strong commitment to environmental protection. He currently works in secondary education, incorporating environmental education into non-formal activities. During his studies, he conducted significant research on soil pollution in the Attica region. He has completed postgraduate studies in "Developmental Psychopathology" and "Anxiety Disorders in Children and Adolescents" and has participated in numerous seminars on socio-political, educational, and psychological topics. George has been involved in over 35 Erasmus+ programs, excels in project management, and mentors ESC volunteers. He also worked as an international election observer and is active in promoting Eurovision values. He speaks five languages and is passionate about cultural exchange.</p>
<p>Konstantina Traka</p>	<p><b>Researcher &amp; Assistant Project Manager</b></p> <p>Konstantina Traka works as a youth worker and project manager in EKO. She has graduated from the Law School of the Democritus University of Thrace. She has a special interest in the promotion of human rights and in the development and work of civil society institutions. Part of her experience is the result of her work as a volunteer in Russia in the context of a long-term ESC program. Since her return to Greece, she has been actively involved in the planning, organization, and implementation of Erasmus+ projects in both KA1 and KA2 projects. She believes that non-formal education is the best way to empower youth and vulnerable groups and hopes that her work will contribute to creating a better future for European citizens and beyond.</p>
<p>Isaak Tselepis</p>	<p><b>Web-technician</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Emmanuela Iosifidou</p>	<p><b>Youth worker - Team member</b></p> <p>Emmanuela Iosifidou is an assistant project manager with studies in Law at Democritus University of Thrace. Emmanuela has volunteered extensively, including a 6-month ESC program in Russia and has attended several training courses in project management implementation and got specialized in facilitating non-formal education activities. She has experience in EKO as a youth worker and gained skills in facilitating non-formal education. Her half Ethiopian origin allows her to have an important network with Ethiopians in Greece.</p>

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Lists of the projects for which the organization has received funding:

<b>EU PROGRAM</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR CONTRACT NUMBER</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>APPLICANT/ BENEFICIARY NAME</b>
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	2017-3-EL02-KA105- 0037247	Countering Violent Extremism – CV-EX	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2018	2018-1-EL02-KA105- 003805	Green Cities	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2018	2018-3-EL02-KA105- 004496	Europe United: Facing Challenges, Reinforcing Solidarity	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
KA 1 – Erasmus +	2018	2018-3-EL02-KA105- 004485	Breaking Walls, Building Bridges - BWBB	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group

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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
KA 3 – Erasmus +	2019	2019-1-DK01- KA347- 060095	Youth Voice: We Are Shapers, Not Listeners	Crossing Borders
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)
KA205 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

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KA205 Erasmus+	2020	2020-2-RO01-KA205-080633	Youth Finance Academy	Monomyths Association
KA205 Erasmus+	2020	2020-2-PT02-KA205-006895	Start-U: Defining (inclusive) paths to star (new) lives	Anje Associação Nacional De Jovens Empresários
KA205 Erasmus+	2020	2020-3-ES02-KA205-016265	#GREENFLUENCERS, Youth workers for a greener future	La Víbria Intercultural
KA227 Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-BE04-KA227- YOU-002814	Transforming COVID-19 into an opportunity: new inclusive digital jobs and training for your people in the creative sector	Youth Proaktiv
European Solidarity Corps	2021	2021-1-EL02-ESC30-SOL000036257	Youth EConnection	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
EEA Grants - ACF	2021	EEA-888	Active Preventers and Active Bystanders: Preventing Gender Based Violence in youth's life	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
KA220 Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-BG01-KA220-YOU-000028893	Young Entrepreneurs in Times of Crisis	FECE
KA210 Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-DE04 KA210- YOU-000033892	Youth SDG Work 2022	elements. Bildung und Kultur in der Einen Welt e.V.
KA2 -CBY Erasmus+	2021	ERASMUS-YOUTH-2021-CB-101052000	Citizen Journalism Academy for Youth	FECE
KA210 Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-PL01-KA210- ADU-000029607	Environmental protection unites generations	Fundacja Na Rzecz Wspierania Osób Niepełnosprawnych "Wyjdz z Domu"
KA210 Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-ES02-KA220- YOU-0000288	Podcast Employ yourself in Culture	Integra A Coruña

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KA220 Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-SE01-KA220- ADU-000035340	STEP UP: Sustainability skills entrepreneurial mind set to foster migrant women employability and upskilling possibilities	Integration For Alla
European Solidarity Corps	2022	2022-1-EL02-ESC30- SOL-000070954	Shakespearean effort for common solidarity	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
Erasmus+ European Youth Together	2021	ERASMUS-YOUTH-2022-YOUTH-TOG-LOT2-101089766	Values, Ideas and Stories from Youth ON stage - VISYON	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
KA210 Erasmus+	2022	2022-3-ES02-KA210-YOU-000093912	“Empowering NEETs across Europe: A peer learning approach”	YouthProAktiv
KA220 Erasmus+	2022	2022-2-FR02-KA220-YOU-000103696	EcoReactEU: Addressing Eco-Anxiety in Europe through Education and Action	La ligue de l’enseignement
KA220 Erasmus+	2022	2022-2-PT02-KA220-YOU-000098745	Let’s Find entrepreneurs	ANJE – Associacao Nacional de Jovens Empresarios
KA1 - Erasmus+	2023	2023-3-PT02-KA152-YOU-000181200	"Alternative Crafts – inclusive non-formal pathways for youngsters"	Município de Vila do Conde
KA1 - Erasmus+	2023	2023-3-IT03-KA152-YOU-000171844	"THE CITY FOR E(U): European dreams for a different world"	ACMOS
KA1 - Erasmus+	2023	2023-3-ES02-KA152-YOU-000170974	"Harribide - EKO Youth exchange (Etxebarri - Atenas)"	Fundación Harribide
KA220 Erasmus+	2023	2023-2-IT03-KA220-YOU-000185230	STELLA: Sport as a Tool for Environmental Sustainability Learning	TDM 2000 ODV
KA220 Erasmus+	2023	2023-3-PT02-KA210-YOU-000180310	<b>Go for Green - Sports and nature based activities to promote youth participation in fighting climate change</b>	Padre José Augusto da Fonseca School Group, Aguiar da Beira



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KA220 Erasmus+	2023	2023-2-BE04-KA220-YOU-000183481	ECHOES: Bridging Youth Engagement and Climate Advocacy in Europe	Climate and Environment Association Europe
KA220 Erasmus+	2023	2023-1-ES02-KA220-YOU-000151307	YOUnG Changemakers for Circular Local Economy	Asociación Espacio Geranios
KA220 Erasmus+	2023	2023-1-PT02-KA220-YOU-000116900	PRO(F)LITERACY 2.0	PROACTING
ERASMUS-EDU-VIRT-EXCHANGES	2024	101193489	EYES	ABARKA ONG

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