



## PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

C.2. Partner Organisation	
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C.2.1. Profile	
Type of Organisation:	Non-profit / Non-governmental organisation (NFP- NGO)
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes

C.2.2. Accreditation	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	
Accreditation Type	Accreditation reference
EVS Accreditation	2018-1-EL02-KA110-003854
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	



### C.2.3. Background and Experience

Please briefly present the partner organisation (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 organisation based in Athens, Greece, established in 2013. It operates at both local and European levels, with youth as its primary 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 primary concerns refer to the challenges of:

- Youth and women unemployment and economic obstacles as a result of the economic crisis of the last decade and the Covid-19 health crisis;
- The xenophobic attitudes, cultural intolerance and exclusion created by the migration crisis;
- 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
- Multiple environmental issues which affect sustainable development at local, national, and international levels

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

- 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
- Facilitating intercultural and interreligious awareness and solidarity, especially within Greece and Europe, as well as between Europe and MENA, by providing dialogue platforms, organising cultural exchanges and tolerance trainings
- 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
- Actively supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and environmental causes, and promoting green growth and sustainable social and economic models
- 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 members have diverse academic and professional backgrounds, which allow them to contribute to high-quality research related to the projects' deliverables, develop intellectual products, and implement training tailored to the specific needs of each project. EKO's dynamic team consists of 3 permanent staff members and 2 part-time staff members. The team is also supported by volunteers, interns, and occasionally by Young Entrepreneurs in the context of the Erasmus program.

EKO has built an extensive network of around 250 partners across Europe, the Euromed region, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. This vast network of international partners ensures that EKO outreach activities reach diverse communities worldwide. Additionally, EKO is a founding member of the Euromed Network of Youth Organisations (Y-NEMO), the International Alliance for Peace and Development (IAPD), the ESIRA network that brings together European and African countries, which further enhances the impact of its initiatives, promoting cross-cultural exchange and cooperation and the EUth Ambassadors network, a partnership of 10 organisations aiming to promote the EYGs. EKO is also actively involved in influential international networks such as the Anna Lindh Foundation.

At both the local and national levels, EKO partners with public bodies, municipalities, universities, and foundations that work with vulnerable youth, thereby broadening its outreach across various sectors. EKO focuses on collaborating with Greek organisations in less accessible areas to ensure that the people of these local communities are socially included and given equal opportunities.

#### **What are the activities and experiences of the partner organisation in the areas relevant to this project?**

EKO is a youth-oriented organisation active in the field of **non-formal education**, working on **youth empowerment, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion, sustainability, and active citizenship**. The organisation carries out its activities through workshops, local actions, Erasmus+ and European cooperation projects, youth exchanges, and online learning formats, including, for example, the "EYES Virtual Exchange", an online facilitated discussion highlighting active citizenship and social inclusion.

EKO focuses on creating learning opportunities for young people, particularly those with fewer opportunities, by



offering skills-development workshops and participatory activities that support personal, social, and civic competences. Its activities encourage youth participation, peer learning, cooperation, intercultural understanding, and the development of transferable skills relevant to everyday life and employability.

At a local level, EKO organises workshops and small-scale community actions that promote inclusion, dialogue, environmental awareness, and social responsibility, within the framework of its Youth Club, in collaboration with Greek civil society organisations. This includes initiatives like the “Info-Days” for young people on opportunities available through the Erasmus+ framework in collaboration with local universities (NKUA, UNIWA, AUEB). At an international level, the organisation participates in transnational projects and youth exchanges, providing young people with opportunities to engage with peers from different cultural and social backgrounds.

Through its involvement in European programmes and virtual exchanges, EKO supports young people in gaining international learning experiences and broadening their perspectives. A concrete example, is EKO’s participation, as an international observer, in the Egyptian Senate and Parliamentary elections.

Overall, EKO’s work aims to offer accessible, practical, and youth-friendly learning spaces that foster participation, dialogue, and skill development. EKO’s team has experience in managing and coordinating national and international projects and initiatives, including quality assurance, dissemination, and sustainability planning. Our members have diverse expertise, which they utilise in conducting research, developing intellectual products, and implementing training, based on the needs of each project.

What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?	
Name of board /staff member	Summary of relevant skills and experience
Kyriaki (Kitty) Panourgia, PhD	<b>EKO’s president - Education Specialist and Entrepreneur</b> Kitty Panourgia is a social scientist and female entrepreneur, with studies in the field of educational and cultural planning and organisation 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 Labour, of Health etc.). Furthermore, she is an expert in event management, being involved in international scientific 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 schoolkids, youngsters, families, civil society organisations, etc. For many years she has held and still holds important positions in different Bodies, Organisations and Associations such as the Women’s Organisation of Managers and Entrepreneurs, and general secretary of University of Manchester Alumni Association in 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.
Natalia Kakourou	<b>Project Manager &amp; HR responsible</b> 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 organisation and Events Management for 5 years. 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 organisation’s team dynamics.



<b>Konstantina Traka</b>	<b>Researcher &amp; Project Manager</b> 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, organisation, 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.
<b>Emmanouela Iosifidou</b>	<b>Project Manager &amp; Event Coordinator</b> 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 specialises 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.
<b>Caroline Abdelshohada</b>	<b>Project Manager</b> Caroline Abdelshohada is a project manager with a strong background in human rights and youth empowerment. With five years of experience in research and project management, she has focused her work on civil society Organisations and youth engagement. After earning a bachelor's degree in political science from Cairo University, she began her career as a researcher and youth worker for an Egyptian Organisation, where she contributed to projects centred on human rights advocacy. In addition to her work in civil society, Caroline has extensive experience in media coordination. During her three-year tenure at the Egyptian State Ministry of Information, she managed youth empowerment initiatives aimed at raising awareness of critical social issues, including illegal migration, unemployment, and fake news.
<b>Natalia Georgouloupoulou</b>	<b>Youth Worker &amp; Social Media Expert</b> Natalia Georgouloupoulou is a communications professional driven by social inclusion, cooperation & collective action. She holds an MBA from Université Grenoble Alpes and a Bachelor's degree from Panteion University of Athens, with an academic background rooted in social sciences, strategy, and communication. At EKO, she manages the social media accounts to promote EKO's values & actions and supports the organisation of European projects and initiatives that contribute to a more inclusive society.
<b>Danai Skalistiri Piki</b>	<b>Youth Worker &amp; Researcher</b> Danai Skalistiri Piki is a youth worker and researcher with wide international experience across European and global environmental and social contexts. She holds a joint master's degree in Sustainable Territorial Development and Climate Change from the University of Padova (Italy) and the University of Johannesburg (South Africa), as well as a BSc in Economics with a minor in Psychology from the University of Southampton (UK). She is committed to environmental sustainability, eco-friendly solutions, degrowth, and informal learning, and that's her main role as a researcher at EKO's team, to bring and implement sustainable initiatives.
<b>Isaak Tselepis</b>	<b>Web-technician</b> 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.

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EU Program	Year	Project Identification or Contract Number	Project Title	Applicant/ Beneficiary Name
KA220 Erasmus+	2025	2025-1-IT03-KA220-YOU-000351552	Youths Premieres on Culture In Difference in Ethnic Diasporas to foster Intercultural and Intergenerational Belonging	Associazione Vallda
KA220 Erasmus+	2025	2025-1-HR01-KA220-YOU-000361087	Eco-Patrols: Boost its Green Goals	ARGONAUTA
ERASMUS-EDU-VIR T-EXCHANGE	2024	101193489	EYES	ABARKA ONG
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	Go for Green - Sports and nature based activities to promote youth participation in fighting climate change	Padre José Augusto da Fonseca School Group, Aguiar da Beira
KA220 Erasmus+	2023	2023-1-ES02-KA220-YOU-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
EEA Grant	2022	EEA888	Active Preventers and Active Bystanders: Preventing Gender Based Violence in youth's life	Bodossaki Foundation
European Solidarity Corps	2022	2022-1-EL02-ESC30-SOL-000070954	Shakespearean effort for common solidarity	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
KA220 Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-BG01-KA220-YOU-000028893	Young Entrepreneurs in Times of Crisis	<b>FECE</b>
KA210 Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-DE04 KA210-YOU-000033892	Youth SDG Work	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 "Wyjdź z Domu"
KA220 Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-ES02-KA220-YOU-0000288	Podcast Employ yourself in Culture	Integra A Coruña
KA220 Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-BG01-KA220-YOU-000028893	Young Entrepreneurs in Times of Crisis	<b>FECE</b>
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
<b>KA3 - European Youth Together</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>ERASMUS-YOUTH-2022-YOUTH-TOG-LOT2-101089766</b>	<b>Values, Ideas and Stories from Youth ON stage - VISION</b>	<b>Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group</b>
European Solidarity Corps	2020	2020-1-EL02-ESC11-005663	SOS - A home for every child	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
<b>KA3 Erasmus+</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020-2-EL02-KA347-006079</b>	<b>Fostering Solidarity through Education</b>	<b>Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group</b>
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)
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
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 Vibria Intercultural
KA2 Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-BE04-KA227-YO U-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	2020	2020-3-EL02-ESC11-006576	Resources for Youth Power	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
KA205 Erasmus+	2020	2020-3-DE04-KA205-02	Intercultural Action Competence Tool -	Kulturlife



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<b>KA3 – European Youth Together</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>624656-EPP-1-2020-1-S E-EPPKA3-EU-YTH-</b>	<b>Values and Opinions of Young Communities in Europe - VOYCE</b>	<b>Hello Youth</b>
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
<b>KA3- Erasmus+</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019-1-DK01- KA347-060095</b>	<b>Youth Voice: We Are Shapers, Not Listeners</b>	<b>Crossing Borders</b>
<b>KA3- Erasmus+</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2019-3-EL02- KA347-005255</b>	<b>Youth Voices Matter (Y- MOVE)</b>	<b>Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group</b>
KA2 - CBY-ACCPALA	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
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
KA2- Erasmus+	2018	2018-1-DE02-KA204-005230	Sustainability through Cross-Border Circular Economy (SCRCE)	Dr. Ludwig Intelligent Projects GmbH
KA1 – Erasmus +	2017	2017-2-EL02-KA105-003382	Globalization vs. Cultural Diversity - GCD	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
KA1 – Erasmus +	2017	2017-2-EL02-KA105-003326	Olympic Spirit for Peace-Building	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
KA1- Erasmus+	2017	2017-3-EL02-KA105-0037247	Countering Violent Extremism – CV-EX	Entrepreneurship And Social Economy Group
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