

PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

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Profile

Type of organisation	Association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes

Please briefly present your organization:

Get Involved is a Bulgarian non-profit organization engaged in different youth and education-related activities in Bulgaria. It has been registered as a formal non-profit organisation in 2017 and until then it has been operating as a non-formal youth group, supporting and initiating different events and initiatives, and working on a number of projects as a partner or a volunteer. The Association actively cooperates to enhance and foster Bulgarian education and culture, supporting their effective and dynamic development, incorporating all good practices and examples established by other and more developed countries.

It is one of the Association main priorities to help Bulgarian youth to improve their knowledge and understanding about European culture, traditions, habits and folklore. It is also involved in fostering children and students to express their artistic skills, to develop and meliorate their technical skills, talent and knowledge. The Association uses methods from the non-formal education to work with young people and is trying to promote different methodologies, tools and instruments that are more interactive and better perceived by young people. Education and vocational training of the youth is what the Foundation envisions as a main priority and an essential step to young people's further employment and social, professional and personal development.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?

The organisation has been working with many Bulgarian and international NGOs in order to develop and support the improvement of the youth sector. With the main goal of supporting lifelong learning and development of young people, encouraging the mobility of individuals and providing opportunities to disadvantaged groups of the society.

The Association has as a target the following groups with the aim to support their development and improvement of skills and knowledge:

- Students up to the age of 18
- Youth – 18-30
- Youth workers – teachers, trainers, volunteers
- Marginalized groups from the society
- Personnel from foundations and non-profit organisation

Because of the many years working as informal group, the team from the Association has strong experience in the youth sector and has organized different

events, trainings and workshops in the field of future development and self-discovering.

The Association is active in the coaching area, as it uses tools from the coaching in order to work with its target groups. Furthermore, the President of the Association is a coach, and as such is trying to promote the usage of the methodology in Bulgaria and Europe as an effective tool for self-development.

The skills that the personnel and the volunteers of the organisation related to the application are:

- usage of non-formal methods of education
- project management and coordination
- partnership skill for application preparation and project implementation
- Working with the young people
- Development of civil society spirit
- Initiation of initiatives and implementation of programmes and projects on national and international level
- Working with policy reforms on national level
- social entrepreneurship skills
- mediation and coaching skills
- experience in exchange of good practices
- dissemination of information and good practices via various channels
- social network and marketing skills

What are the skills and what is the expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

The project requires key personnel with a lot of experience, knowledge, international connections and strong communication skills.

Polina Spasova is one of the co-founders of Get Involved. She is a career consultant

and certified coach with experience in working with young people. Polina has A-levels diploma from Cambridge Arts and Sciences college. She has BSc and MSc degrees from Cass Business School, London. Polina has 8 years work experience in EG Consult – a very well-established educational consulting company and a VET center in Bulgaria, that also offers different competencies and language training. Polina has two years of experience in management consulting in PwC, London, where she was heavily involved in the learning and development within the organisation.

Polina has an extensive experience in the field of youth. She has participated in the managing and implementing of different projects under Erasmus+ programme.

Chavdar Spasov is a consultant for the organisation and is actively working with young people in different ways. He used coaching and mediation techniques and tools in his work. He has participated in a number of international projects and has experience in trainings as a lecturer. He also runs his own company that is connected with the driving discipline and training of young people. Chavdar participates actively in youth actions and has organized difference initiatives, fairs, seminars, workshops and presentations around the country. Chavdar has a hotel and tourism business management degree and has lived abroad which makes him suitable in working with international young people on international initiatives.

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Has the organization applied for a grant?

EU Programme	Year	Project Identification or Contract Number	Applicant/ Beneficiary Name
Erasmus+	2018	2017-3-BG01-KA105-046851	Get Involved
European Solidarity Corps	2020	2019-3-BG01-ESC31-077867	Get Involved

Additional questions

What are the issues and needs that you are seeking to address through this project?

By implementing the mobility of youth workers, the workers themselves will meet representatives from different countries who will tell and share about their experience and work with young people and vulnerable groups. They will be able to discuss various topics with social significance, and ways of working specifically with vulnerable groups will also be affected from society - such as minorities, refugees and people from sparsely populated rural areas.

What experiences and competences will they bring to the project? Please also describe how the project meets the needs and objectives of your partners.

The Bulgarian organization has already participated as a partner in many EU funded projects. The organisation is always very active in creating the program, preparing the participants and follow-up activities. The organization will contribute through access to many volunteers, who are active young people, ready to get involved in various initiatives; also the organization has experience with non-formal education methods and will help create the program. The partner is also part of the partner network with organisation from all around Europe and will contribute mainly with his experience and knowledge in working with vulnerable groups. The President of the organization is personally involved in many causes related to these groups, and it will have opportunity to give materials and tools to work with them that will be useful forv all participants.

In summary, one of the most important qualities of each of the partner organizations isvtheir willingness to engage in all activities, to create a very complete and useful program for participants and to disseminate success, results and lessons learned to the fullest a large number of people, and to continue working on the topic even after the completion of project.

Background and needs of the participants involved and how these participants have been or will be selected.

By providing a variety of profiles of young people and youth workers, the organisation will also reach a wider range of people who will have the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills related to the theme of the project. Get Involved will encourage the participation of disadvantaged people from remote geographical areas, as well as from difficult economic and social environments and regions. The purpose of this will be that they will be able to reach vulnerable groups in society and overcome problems related to their education, inclusion, and early departure from school for young people.

The organisation will take into account the strategy for inclusion and diversification (Inclusion and Diversity Strategy).

Which activities will you carry out in order to share the results of your project outside your organisation and partners?

Every young person and/or youth worker has access to a large circle of young people, with which works as well as to other partner organizations and participants are expected to spread what they have learned in their circle of people, increasing the effect of the project; more people will have the opportunity to touch and gain knowledge related to non-formal education, with coaching techniques and methodologies and working with vulnerable groups in society. The creation of useful connections and contacts between young people through intercultural dialogue and exchanges will help create a network of people willing to become part of a community working towards sustainability - of life, of thinking, of education.

The participating partners are organizations with a wide range of acquaintances and dissemination of results in a formal and informal way among other young people, others non-governmental organizations partnering with them, as well as among local media and volunteers will guarantee the successful wide dissemination of the project among the maximum number of people falling into the target group. Upon returning to the organizations, each organization will take over the responsibility to organize a networking event where stakeholders will have opportunity to meet and establish personal contact with youth workers, to exchange experience, make contacts for future projects, and learn knowledge and know-how from them about promoting the inclusion of non-formal education methods in their work; and working with vulnerable groups. The goal is for more people to be inspired by their stories, and yes get acquainted with the existence of facebook group.