

Partner Search Form

Identification of the applicant	
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Short presentation of your organisation (key activities, experience)	<p>Established in 2003, Association IKS is a civil society organization with a passion for truly impacting on the development of democracy through active citizenship engagement. We are the front-line supporters of civic initiatives, young and aspiring NGO's, and positive community change in the Sisak-Moslavina region and across Croatia. Cooperation and partnerships developed with key stakeholders in Croatia and internationally are a vivid example of our outreach and the effort we put into developing communities and civil society as the change initiator.</p> <p>Our strategic priorities (Strategic plan 2015-2017) are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enabling participatory democracy, - strengthening capacities of NGO's, - encouraging cooperation amongst key stakeholders in community development, - empowering socially sensitive and marginalized demographics - encouraging international cooperation <p>At the moment, we employ 10 ambitious, highly motivated people who have the capacity to overcome almost any challenge. We have implemented more than 15 EU funded projects since 2010.</p> <p>We participated in developing the "National strategy for the creation of an enabling environment for civil society development 2012 - 2016", and are the first organization in Croatia to start a "Job seekers club" funded by the Open</p>

	<p>Society Foundation. The first output of the club was employment for 30% of the people involved in workshops.</p> <p>We implemented the “Human rights friendly schools” program on a regional level in cooperation with Amnesty International for the first time in Croatia.</p> <p>We partner in a regional program for development of civil society and local communities in Croatia together with lead partners, 2 other NGO’s and the National foundation for civil society development. It covers 4 counties in Central Croatia and the City of Zagreb.</p> <p>As members of our Local action group we are a part of the Croatian Network for Rural Development and are currently in the process of joining the Croatian Network of Volunteering Centres.</p> <p>We are equal partners in a program called “Platform 044” and actively work on solving problems such as unemployment, poverty and discrimination in our region. We are on the Board of the Croatian Local Partnership for Employment in the Sisak-Moslavina County and actively contribute in the Committee for Employment and Strategy implementation for Human Resources Development in our county.</p> <p>IKS were the organizers and driving force behind “Banfest”, a multicultural festival gathering more than 5000 people of different ethnic background, regional entrepreneurs, cultural associations, minority representatives, Croatia’s president and several dignitaries including the then appointed EU Ambassador for Croatia Mr. Paul Vandoren.</p> <p>We started the first Community Centre in Croatia to promote active citizenship, which became a model for similar projects around the country but also regionally with partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It has become extremely successful as a multifunctional space for civic initiatives. The basic goal was to increase the number of services to socially marginalized demographics and develop partnerships among community’s key stakeholders. We continue to provide all Community Centre services for over 800 people a year.</p> <p>Croatian Employment Services public employment</p>
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	<p>measures - through various short term projects we have employed and trained over 22 people from different demographics, such as: minorities, women over the age of 50, single mothers, disabled, long-term unemployed, people with low-level education and unemployed youth.</p> <p>Probation work - for five years now, association IKS has been working with the Ministry of justice to provide an environment for convicted small crime offenders to serve their sentences through community work and contribution to society.</p> <p>Over the years we have implemented countless projects specifically devised to promote volunteering as a means to social and economic development. We were involved in developing local and regional volunteering policies and volunteering legislation as consultants on a state level. We partner with public, for-profit and nonprofit sectors implementing much needed volunteering programs in our county. We developed a new web portal www.volonteri.hr to connect volunteers with organizers, the only such portal with a 'matching' function for volunteering in Croatia. It is a nationwide portal with plans for it to become international within 2 years. The portal has greatly contributed to raising awareness on the values of volunteering and citizen engagement in developing communities, more importantly it has increased the number of unemployed volunteering to increase their competencies for employment.</p> <p>We acquired our accreditation for European voluntary service projects in 2011. We have implemented 8 EVS projects through ERASMUS+ programme as a host organization, constantly furthering our development of youth programmes to fuse community needs with youth work and education. We partner with other volunteer centres in organizing summer work camps through SCI (Service civil international) and participate every year in providing several youth exchanges in Europe for youth with fewer opportunities.</p>
Description of the project	
Action, Measure in the framework of „Europe for Citizens” Programme	2.3. Civil Society Projects - Priority: Debate on the future of EU

<p>Timetable of the project</p>	<p>Project duration: 1. August 2016. - 31. July 2017.</p> <p>Preparatory activities:</p> <p>1.1 August 2016. - September 2016. Project planning with partner organizations</p> <p>1.2 October 2016. - January 2017. Opinion gathering polls</p> <p>1.3 February 2017. - March 2017. Selection of youth participants</p> <p>Activity/Event 2.1: April 2017. Workshop with participants</p> <p>Activity/Event 2.2: May 2017. Debate on EU agenda, policies and programs for youth</p> <p>Activity/Event 2.3: May 2017. Forum 1 volunteering = active citizenship</p> <p>Activity/Event 2.4: June 2017. Forum 2 EU identity - traces of the future in the present</p> <p>Activity/Event 3.1: August 2016. - July 2017. Video documentary of project activities and findings</p> <p>Activity/Event 3.2: July 2017. Document on conclusions and recommendations for the European Commission - partner workshop</p>
<p>Short description of the project, including its aims</p>	<p>Project title: Youth EU "2020 vision"</p> <p>The project aims to present the current youth perspective of EU and their vision of the future of "their" Europe.</p> <p>We will use innovative methodology to ensure activities are fun, easy and effective.</p> <p>Participants should be people who have travelled, lived, studied or volunteered in other EU or candidate countries, have participated in activities funded by EU programs designed for youth, or have a desire to do so.</p> <p>The first set of activities will gather data on the current situation, identifying the needs of young citizens on a local level in all partner communities. Analysis of this data will enable us to more effectively select participants for the next set of activities as well as tailor activity specifics to achieve better outputs.</p>

	<p>The second set of activities actively engage citizens in intensive workshops, debates and forums.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The workshop objective is to identify conditions necessary for preventing economic migration of youth from countries with high unemployment, rising poverty and radical climate threatening human rights and EU legacy. ✓ The debate will provide a tool to present the opportunities and deficiencies of the current European Union youth policies and programs in relation to each countries specific situation. ✓ The first forum will be based on the notion of volunteering as an underutilized tool for active citizenship for community development. ✓ The second forum will be based on youth perception of EU identity in the present and future. <p>The third set of activities focus on producing specific results for creating change. It will present the actual flow of activities, target group characteristics and aspirations and more importantly the findings which we will use to create a document of conclusions and recommendations for the EU. The video documentary is particularly important as a youth friendly effective tool to disseminate valuable experiences and results and promote more active citizenship engagement to create the Europe they want to see in the future.</p>
<p>Role of the partner organisation in the project</p>	<p>Partners will play an active role in the planning and implementation of all project activities as well as disseminating results and multiplying best practice methodology in the active engagement of youth.</p> <p>Partners will also impact on sustainability, actively through continuing partnerships in new international projects.</p>
<p>Comments from the applicant</p>	<p>The project tackles issues of equality in relation to effective use of existing EU programs for youth considering country specifics, promotion of the notion of transnationality, new methods for increasing youth intercultural dialogue opportunities and volunteering as a tool for economic and social development.</p> <p>We envisioned implementing the project with specific partners with similar issues such as highest unemployment rates in the EU and candidate countries especially among youth population (e.g.</p>

	<p>Spain, Italy, Greece, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania).</p> <p>Preferably, partners should have experience in implementing Erasmus+ projects, especially EVS.</p>
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