


ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM for YMCA BITOLA

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
OID	E10072957 (PIC: 945909275)
Full legal name (National Language)	Младинска Асоцијација ИМКА Битола
Full legal name (Latin characters)	Youth Association YMCA Bitola
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B. PROFILE	
Type of Organization	Youth association (NGO)
Is the partner organization a public body?	No
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes
C. ACCREDITATION	
Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	<p>Yes, NA Certified for ESC: 2021-1-MK01-ESC50-094612 (previous one: 2016-1-MK01-KA110-035135)</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<p>Newcomer organization <input type="checkbox"/> Yes x No Less experienced organization <input type="checkbox"/> Yes x No</p> <p>Would you like to make any comments or add any information to the summary of your organization's past participation? (max 3000 characters)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>We have participated in various trainings and youth exchanges that deal with non-formal education with outdoor possibilities. Sometimes the topics were more entrepreneurial, sometimes more towards personal development, but the focus was the outdoor approach.</p> </div>	

Has the organization received any EU grants in the past 3 years?	Programme	Year	Grant agreement	Beneficiary
	ReLOaD2	2023	BIH 10/00120547-LVGA_IMKA_2023-01	Youth Association YMCA Bitola
	Erasmus+	2022	MK01-KA152-YOU-000067228	Youth Association YMCA Bitola
	Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-NO02-KA105-001632	Kfuk-kfum global
	Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-CZ01-KA105-077618	Inspire, z. S.
	Erasmus+	2019	2019-3-NL02-KA105-002736	Ymca nederland
	Erasmus+	2019	2019-3-NL02-KA105-002687	Stichting de olde vechte
	Erasmus+	2019	2019-2-NO02-KA105-001514	Kfuk-kfum global
	Erasmus+	2019	2019-1-IT03-KA105-016006	Vagamondo
	Erasmus+	2019	2019-1-DK01-KA105-060110	KFUM og KFUK i Danmark
D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE				
Please briefly present the partner organization.	<p>YMCA Bitola is a non-profit, nongovernmental, nonreligious and an inclusive youth association which aims to provide opportunities for local youth and to actively work with them in our community. YMCA Macedonia is a part of the YMCA family spread throughout 119 countries worldwide reaching over 58 million people. YMCA Bitola was established in May 2002. The main goal of the Association is to provide activities and opportunities in the field of non-formal education, promoting healthy lifestyles, arts and culture, and civil society that develop positive values and attitudes among young people.</p> <p>VISION: We believe that youth need space to explore their ideas. We want our young people to develop their inherent potential so they can meet the ever-changing needs of the world, and their communities, and shape their own futures. We will work to provide these opportunities.</p> <p>MISSION: Empowering youth to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body.</p> <p>MOTTO: Empowering youth!</p> <p>VALUES we support: Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Creativity, Enthusiasm.</p> <p>We welcome all people with a focus on youth.</p>			
What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application?	<p>We focus on activities of public interest: non-formal education, culture and art, healthy lifestyle, civil society and children's rights. We accomplish our activities through: trainings, seminars, workshops, camps, festivals, international study visits and other activities. We work on both local and international levels.</p> <p>CAMPS</p> <p>The camp program we organized in the past was based on a combination of non-formal education and outdoor experience. For a longer period, this was and still is a trend in more developed countries. From the very beginning we joined in the development of the Balkan Nymfeo YMCA camp that was a platform for training of Balkan YMCA's camp leaders. Since then, our group leaders took part in more camps and other related events (such as learning, outdoor activities, entertainment and socializing) organized by YMCA Bitola or by some of our partner organizations.</p> <p>In recent years we have also been active in the working group for camps of YMCA Europe and thus we have cooperated with many organizations that are camp providers. The camps we have organized in the past were all multicultural, English-language leadership camps for high school students. For many years these camps have taught young people about the core values of leadership, social inclusion, civil engagement, and democratic processes while providing them with the personal and professional life skills (based on personal development) that will make them effective and responsible citizens.</p> <p>TRAINING</p> <p>Each year our volunteers participate in trainings, youth exchanges, festivals and summer camps organized by YMCA Bitola or our partner organizations. Through different kinds of training at YMCA Bitola or in our country and abroad, we enable our youth to gain the necessary knowledge and skills,</p>			

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	<p>to grow as persons and to discover new horizons. YMCA Bitola is implementing camp leadership programs and as part of that we are organizing separate events and trainings for the youngsters (communication, project development and management etc.). Because of that, we are interested to learn more about youth work, to educate more facilitators and youth workers that can transfer their knowledge to the next generation of educators. In the past, we have organized two Training Courses in the frame of the Youth in Action program.</p> <p>ESC YMCA Bitola is an accredited organization for volunteering projects funded by the European Commission. We also cooperate with plenty of partner organizations from around Europe. In our organization, the volunteers mainly are involved in ESC promotion, activities connected with multimedia, environment, youth work, activities on intercultural learning, etc.</p> <p>LOCAL INITIATIVE In recent years we are supporting the initiative “BitolaOnBike” which aims at raising public awareness in Bitola for using bicycles as an urban transport. We are helping to raise awareness about cycling as urban transport, ecological transport and a healthy lifestyle activity. This youth exchange relates to these topics.</p>
<p>What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?</p>	<p>The key members in YMCA - Bitola who are regularly employed are:</p> <p><u>Viktor Iliev</u>, president and legal representative. Viktor is experienced in project management, and development and also has a coordinating background. He has a bachelor's degree in Economics from the Faculty in Prilep and many years of professional experience in project management, project development and evaluation mostly through the YMCA Bitola, as well as other youth-related umbrella NGO networks locally and internationally. Viktor has experience as a facilitator and trainer, but also outdoors camp-related experience as a manager, but also as a facilitator. He mostly covered topics related to youth development, managing non-formal educational approaches, volunteering, urban transport and ecology. He is experienced in working in an international environment and in establishing intercultural contacts.</p> <p><u>Jovche Krsteski</u>, project coordinator. Jovche is dedicated to making an impact through the programs we develop in YMCA Bitola in the local community. He is graduated from psychology in the University in Skopje, and his passion and involvement are in personal development and mental health. He has experience in project management and program development in projects that include non-formal education for young people (international, national and local) mainly via leadership camps, exchanges and trainings, as well as Gestalt psychotherapy courses. In addition, as education and a non-formal approach in it has become an increasing public concern in N.Macedonia, during the previous decade he has been part of the first full American-style outdoor camp that was held in Krusevo and initiated by the YMCA Bitola and the Peace Corps in the North Macedonia. His efforts were useful and he intended to build up the program of the camp to reflect theories in educational and developmental psychology.</p> <p><u>Natasha Darkov</u>, project manager. Although she has finished Technical Faculty of in Bitola, she has always wanted to work in non-governmental and non-profit youth-related organizations. Her tasks are from recruitment to program implementation and administration of the program for digital education. She also helps with the process of writing projects. She has also participated in lots of projects that include volunteerism, vulnerable groups and communication skills and management.</p> <p>Besides these regular employees, we have local volunteers who are engaged with the youth council of our city Bitola. Since we are supporting the initiative “BitolaOnBike” and we help in organizing their events, we also have contact with many local bike enthusiasts and activists for safe urban and ecological transport.</p>



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