



PARTENER IDENTIFICATION FORM

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Profile

Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation
Is the partner organization a public body?	No
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes

Accreditation

Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?

<i>Accreditation Type</i>	<i>Accreditation Reference</i>
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Background and Experience

Please briefly 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)

Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata (V.P.V.) is an NGO, based in Marasesti, Romania, founded in 2012 on the initiative of some specialists in the field of education, art, history, social assistance. The mission of VPV is to promote volunteering and civic consciousness by developing activities which respond to the local need of the community to become aware of the value of volunteering as a tool for active citizenship and human solidarity.

Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata performs the following duties:

- develops activities based on non-formal education aiming to enhance social functioning, integration and cooperation among young people;
- provides counsel, therapy and specialized assistance in order to prevent social marginalization.

VPV was created with the purpose of having a tool to better access the needs of young people living in the local community and to provide a concrete contribution to meeting their demands in terms of participation, active citizenship, the feeling of belonging to a common Europe, tolerance and antiracism. An important goal of our organisation is to bring young people closer to European issues, to bring a European dimension to a region which is far away from decision-making centers and peripheral in terms of geographical and economic position.

A large part of the activities that we carry out are focused around supporting the disadvantaged children and their families to have access to education and involving young people, in particular, and community members in volunteering actions.

Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata is also accredited as social services provider (accreditation number: AF no. 005770 / 19.12.2018) and it implements projects which involve elderly care services at home and in residential centers.

The objectives of the Organization are:

- to offer multidisciplinary services for individuals who are in a critical social difficulty;
- to provide support for people in need who are socially excluded;
- to conduct social research and monitor the phenomenon of social exclusion;
- to plan programs of assistance for individuals who are in social crisis;
- to run social integration programs for children who are socially excluded;
- to train professionals in working with underprivileged people;
- to set up and collaborate with day centres and residential care facilities.

Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata is organized as follows:

- President – a kinesiotherapist;
- Vice-president – a doctor, in charge with the safety and protection of participants in each project;
- active volunteers who are part of the implementation team of our projects;
- a psychologist who is experienced in working with people in difficulty;
- a social worker who designed and implemented various projects in the social field and who is also qualified in special psycho pedagogy and is working with disabled children;
- a jurist who has knowledge in project management, time management and conflict management;
- teachers from different regional schools.

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

Marasesti is a small town in Vrancea county, situated in the east of Romania; Marasesti is a disadvantaged area, with no economy and most of its inhabitants receive social security benefits or are in extreme poverty. The town is characterized by the absence of recreational facilities and places for youth. The offer of Marasesti town, in terms of music, sports, arts, activities for young people is almost zero and most of the youngsters are facing the absence of positive role models and conscious leaders. All projects of our organisation are targeted at children and young people in the Vrancea region, most of them being youngsters with fewer opportunities – social, geographic, economic difficulties, children with disabilities and roma children. Our projects aim to help youngsters take the first steps towards a better future and personal development, gaining confidence and becoming familiar to the European values.

In 2013, **Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata** started its work in Marasesti town in order to support a sustainable local development. First, the Organization developed and implemented youth projects in the framework of **Youth in Action** programme (Youth Initiatives promoting cultural heritage and environment). Then, in 2014 the Organisation started to develop European projects under the **Erasmus+** programme. So far, Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata implemented 3 **Youth Exchange** projects, “Nature Symphony” – promoting healthy lifestyle through outdoor education activities, “Silence the Violence” – which used sports and theatre arts as a mechanism to educate against violence and “Time 2B Offline” – which aimed to prevent Internet addiction among youngsters. As **Sending, Coordinating** and **Hosting** organization, Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata promotes **EVS** among young people and it has already implemented 9 EVS projects hosting 52 volunteers in total, working with different target groups (disadvantaged children, youngsters, disabled children/youngsters, and elderly). Starting from 2018, VPV began to implement Solidarity Projects and Volunteering Projects in the framework of the new programme **European Solidarity Corps** 1 Solidarity project and 2 who it’s currently running ESC Volunteering projects as Host 3rganization, which involve 22 European volunteers in total.

Asociatia Voluntariat pentru Viata carries out its work in partnership with local and regional schools and local social centers, offering the chance to their target groups to participate in the projects.

Our Organization also initiated an ongoing collaboration with the School Center for Inclusive Education “Elena Doamna” from Focsani, an institution which schools more than 300 students with special educational needs, such as varying impairments (hearing impaired, autism, Down syndrome and other mental impairments) but also children from families with fewer opportunities who are at risk of marginalization and social exclusion. Our Organization wants to change the view on these children and wants to start working directly with children and young people who are at risk of social marginalization because of their disabilities.

Our Organization also carries out local voluntary activities such as: the voluntary actions “Make a gift for Christmas”, “Make a gift for Easter” for the disadvantaged people, in which we involve many volunteers from our community; fund raising for medical interventions for children with health problems coming from families with fewer opportunities.

We also got involved in the Shoe Box campaign addressed to children coming from families with fewer opportunities from Focsani, Panciu and Marasesti. We also initiated a volunteering campaign among the community young people entitled: “Grandchild for a day” with a view to promoting voluntary activities and to integrate the elders from The Care Home for Elderly “A New Chance” in the local community.

What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?

The key persons involved in this project proposal have a multi-year experience in working with young people, particularly young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. They also attended a Volunteer Management Training and have good knowledge in the management of volunteers. We also have youth leaders who are passionate about their work and are experienced in the field of non-formal education, who can support the young people in their learning process. Due to our

international cooperation, we acquired experience in intercultural learning topics and inclusion topics and good abilities in working in a multicultural team.
 The project team members have knowledge of English, Italian and French and have the necessary expertise in the management of young people.
 They also have the necessary skills in crisis management and they have expertise in coordinating, implementing, managing and reporting of EU funded projects.
 Our team members take care to prepare the participants for their experience abroad and give them all the support they need in every phase of the project before/during/after their stage.

Have you applied for/received a grant from any European Union Programme in the 12 months preceding this application?
 If yes, please fill in the table below.

EU Programme	Year	Project Identification or Contract Number	Applicant/Beneficiary Name
ESC	2019	2019-1-RO01-ESC11-061641	Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata
ESC	2019	2019-2-RO01-ESC11-064038	Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata
ESC	2019	2019-2-RO01-ESC11-064041	Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata
ESC	2020	2020-1-RO01-ESC11-078406	Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata
ESC	2020	2020-2-RO02-ESC11-080599	Asociatia Voluntariat Pentru Viata

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