

Partner organisation

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Profile

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Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes
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Background and experience

Please briefly present the partner organization.

"Development center Pangeya Ultima" is the Ukrainian non-governmental, non-profit organization (est. 2012) composed of youth, youth workers and third sector experts. Main mission states: Fostering the intercultural dialogue, creation of opportunities for personal development and emancipation of people and facilitation of sustainable development of communities.

Programmes of the NGO encompass a range of topics the most active of which are the promotion of active citizenship, self-development of people and community development, media and communication, arts and culture, entrepreneurship stimulation, environmental protection and tourism development, etc.

The activities of the NGO are often based on non-formal education and utilization of international mobility programmes. With this the organization pursues its fundamental mission – facilitation of the intercultural dialogue. This is enshrined in the name concept of the organization. The NGO provides intercultural learning and encourages participation in the international context among its target groups, particularly promotes European awareness. The NGO acts a lot on the local level and state levels, has a considerable profile of international activities. Locally the NGO operates as a center of mobility, non-formal education and self-development, its participants uncover their individual potential and help exploit the potential of own communities for the sake of sustainable development and democratic transformation in society.

The NGO promotes active cooperation and has forged numerous and strong partnerships with other CSOs, educational establishments, international organizations, public bodies and businesses.

History overview:

From the beginning our center was organizing events of non-formal, evening education like language clubs, personal growth sessions, seminars, youth events etc. for the general audience from the local community in Vinnytsia (Ukraine). Beyond this we're involved in organizing of international workcamping - we've organized camps in Ukraine and sent many our participants to the camps in the EU and Ukraine (cooperating with the SCI network). Thanks to this work-camping activity we've gained a lot of partners and ties on the periphery of our Vinnytsia region and Ukrainian countryside, in small rural communities (local green-tourism proprietors, youth activists and artists).

While also cooperating with our local partner NGO in Vinnytsia we started to work with the "Youth in Action" programme in 2013. We hosted clubs and non-formal youth events of EVS volunteers since then and got involved in other activities in frames of such projects. Our youth work potential developed dramatically and we started to organize the youth exchanges like the "12 values expedition" in 2014 aimed at peace-building issues in the turbulent for Ukraine time (with the financial assistance from the Council of Europe).

Our activities also span on music - we organized a city-wide contest of acoustic guitar playing, also we've been organizing role game sessions that were visited by many young people. Our exceptional interest lies in the development of the theater instrument in the work with youth and with the local community. Since 2016 "Movers & Shakers" English speaking theater acts on the basis of the organization giving performances in public places.

From 2014 we started to develop the "YouthInsight" project concept (cooperating with other NGOs) which hosts youth projects aimed at developing of independent and youth media. This project is based inside the "Intercultural Youth Studio" platform that was founded jointly with the NGO "Nashe Podillia" with an aim of developing intercultural dialogue, media literacy and provide chances for self-expression of youth. The ultimate vision of the "Intercultural Youth Studio" is the establishment of the community media with youngsters at helm of utilizing media instruments for local participation and impact.

Another extremely successful project is aimed at the sustainable development of small, rural communities through boosting their incoming tourism attractiveness - the "Image Mapping" project (www.imagemapping.org). It was acknowledged by the Ministry of youth and sports in Ukraine as the best youth initiative from Vinnytska oblast in 2015 and gained financial support from the Embassy of Finland and hence we're developing a whole-country "Image Mapping" network. In 2017 the leg of the project happened outside of Ukraine - in Innovator's Valley, (Antaliepte, Lithuania).

Moreover we're doing Youth Exchanges and TCs within the E+ programme. One of the best examples is the "Understanding each other" YE that brought youth from 7 countries in Ukraine to speak on the matters concerning peace. In 2016-2017 the organization cooperated with the European Youth Foundation to carry out the "TOSOCO school of a young activists" project taking place in several huge Ukrainian cities. Its goal was to provide necessary competences for young Ukrainians to stir democratic transformations locally in their communities. In the same period the organization collaborated with the Peace Corps volunteer of the USA who worked over the capacity building of the organization.

From 2014 the organization is an active Sending organization for EVS volunteers and from 2016 is active within the Weltvaerz program of the German government. In 2018 the organization started to accept international interns for their practical credit mobility and the first partnership was with the university of Nantes.

In 2016-17 our center became a partner in launching of the "Eco center in Stina" in one of the remote communities of the local region where we build plans to develop NFE programmes for youth, experiential education/tourism and other initiatives in partnership with NGO "Nashe Podillia" (co-founder of the center) and the local community. The eco-center is a wonderful ground for realization of outdoors and rural development initiatives. The Peace Corps volunteer of the USA was engaged in launching the center.

In 2018 the organization was a local partner of the climate change action "Active the energy" and has formed around many more followers concerned with the topic of CC.

In 2018 the organization progressed with realizing the "Image Mapping" project and its action happened on the basis of the Stine community where the Eco-center in Stina operates during an intense work-camp in collaboration with the BauOrden organization from Germany. The brightest moment of the action was the performance of the French rock band BROK in Stina as a leg of their Ukrainian tour.

In 2018 the organization further stimulated the establishment of the Intercultural Youth Studio and promoted amateur media development. New formats of the media production by youngsters were explored like the Photo-Club. The regular festival of amateur media production "Youthinsight" was held in the local cinema hall. In 2018 the organization became more active in youth international mobility and we carried out several youth exchanges within the Polish-Ukrainian Council of youth exchanges, became more active with sending EVS/ESC volunteers.

The 2019 marked the launch of several pretty active projects - all under the framework of the Key Action 2, Capacity Building for youth of the Erasmus Plus projects.

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

Our organization counts a couple of dozens of members, adding that we have scores of followers and visitors from among the local community. The organization is run by the elected Council of organization. The organization has an administrative wing with an executive department headed by the operational manager that facilitates the Council in its work and the programme wing with project workgroups inside. The organization has coordinators and youth workers with good profile and experience in NGO work.

Iaroslav Gerashchenko: the leader of the organization, is an experienced coordinator of the international volunteering programmes and has experience of work with more than 25 EVS volunteers (some of them in the partner organization NGO "Nashe Podillia"), was an official counterpart of the Peace Corps volunteer of the USA 2015-2017, prepared and sent youth to Weltwaerz, SCI workcamps and other mobility projects, coordinated numerous projects under Key Action 1 of the Erasmus Plus programme, Key Action 2 capacity building projects, Pilot activities of the European Youth Foundation and other frameworks. Iaroslav was an EVS volunteer himself based on Innovator's Valley in Lithuania, 2017 and is the Cross-Culture Programme fellow 2018 of the Institut fur Auslandsbeziehungen.

Kristina Kitsula: Kristina Kitsula is the supervisor of the hosted EVS/ESC volunteers, one of the leaders of the amateur theater direction of the organization, pedagogue and the former EVS volunteer in Belgium.

Mary Gerashchenko is an experienced pedagogue, coach and youth facilitator, expert of the dance therapy and amateur theater, founder of the "Movers and Shakers" amateur theater troop, former EVS volunteer based on Innovator's Valley in Lithuania, 2017. Mary is a proficient mentor of EVS volunteers

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

Projects of the organization include:

1. Since 2012 till 2014 Development Centre Pangeya Ultima has been carrying out the activities dedicated to the evening and informal education in such fields as: Personal development, psychology, neuro-linguistic programming, socionics, meditative practices, psychotherapy, linguistic and other clubs of EVS volunteers from the partner NGO, genealogical evenings, touristic evenings, financial trainings, eloquence trainings and other cultural evenings; evenings devoted to the game "Mafia", trainings in circus mastery, movie-evenings. The important aim of the organization has always been the provision of the intercultural education and build-up of intercultural communication. In frames of this the non-formal clubs of foreign languages lead by native speakers are organized (German, French, Spanish) and intercultural clubs by the local activists.
2. English clubs – since the founding the organization pays much attention to the linguistic clubs in different forms: speaking, interactive, creative clubs as well as language-teaching in the open air and other creative forms of clubs. From 2015 the organization initiated the "English Quartet" – a cycle of clubs aimed at delivering interesting and attractive English teaching products. The "Quartet" includes 4 types of clubs: cinema, music, debate and games clubs run by many members of the organization. As well the organization carries out English camps in different spots of Ukraine (English bonfire camps series). The organization conducts and facilitates the carrying out of other linguistic clubs like French, German, Spanish and often led by native speakers.
3. "Zhovta kimnata" ("The yellow room"): the members of the NGO held the youth guitar playing contest in Vinnytsia in 2013. The voting for the participants' videos was in the social networks.
4. In 2014 the centre became the regional partner of the project "12 Values Expedition" of the NGO "Nashe Podillya" with the support of the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. The project united the youth from 5 geographically equidistant Ukrainian regions during the difficult for our country time of the Russian aggression in the East. The aim of the youth exchange was to bring the representatives of different regions together (the methodology included such components as the rafting and living outdoors to bring the youth closer); to explain the basic European values to them; and, as a result, to put the theatrical episodes about the values on stage in the centre of Vinnytsia.
5. In 2014 the organization together with the other local partner founded the "The Intercultural Youth Studio" platform – the association of people and organizations interested in promotion of the community media locally that helps to youth gain skills in media production, actualize topics and stimulate intercultural dialogue. From the onset of the Studio the first project undertaken bears the name "Youtinisigh". Its main goal is to facilitate audio-visual production on various socially important topics, the development of the amateur audio-visual work and training of versatil skills of the youth engaged. In frames of the project the festival on amateur video production is held annually and brings together amateurs, artists and activists.
6. In 2015 the "Development center Pangeya Ultima" launches the "Image Mapping" project which aim is boosting of touristic attractiveness of the Ukrainian rural territory through

uncovering of its authenticity, production of media materials and conduction of measures on enhancing of active citizenship of local inhabitants in small communities. One of the underpinning goals of the Image Mapping is to stimulate intercultural dialogue in rural communities. In frames of the project the volunteers of the European Voluntary Service are involved, international workcamps under the "Service Civil International" network are carried out. In the end of 2015 the project was selected by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Ukraine as the best youth initiative from the Vinnytska oblast to participate in the forum "Reforms and innovations of the youth sector". The project finds financial and other resource support from the Local Cooperation Fund of the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine, Erasmus Plus programme, crowdfunding resources and from local partners in the communities. From 2016 the all-Ukrainian network of the "Image Mapping" project is launched, forums for the representatives of the rural tourism sector are carried out, the web-platform www.imagemapping.org is developed. In 2017 the leg of the "Image Mapping" project for the first time happens outside of Ukraine - in Innovator's Valley, (Antaliepte, Lithuania) and in 2018 the community action is joined by the BauOrden organization from Germany to perform an eco-building camp with a bright intercultural component – rock concert of the BROK band from France.

7. The organization is involved in the youth volunteering mobility, in particular we prepare youth for the participation in the European Voluntary Service/European Solidarity Corps, Weltvaerz, SCI workcamps.
8. In 2016-17 the NGO "Development center Pangeya Ultima" carries out a project under the name the "TOSOCO school of the young activist" with the support from the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe that includes trainings for youth from all over Ukraine held in different cities on topics that are needed to stimulate the youth activism, including topics on competence, solidarity and tolerance. The project has a vast follow-up performed by the participants of the School.
9. The organization develops the direction of the street and amateur theater, utilizes the instrument of theater actions in its youth programmes. From 2016 the "Movers & Shakers" English-speaking theater troop is founded. The troop raises socially important topics through its plays and helps uncover personal potential of the participants.
10. From 2015 the organization starts cooperation with the "Peace Corps in Ukraine" and as a partner of the NGO "Nashe Podillya" involves a volunteer from the USA to work in its programmes and for the improvement of the organizational capability. During the cooperation again in the partnership with the NGO "Nashe Podillya" the organization enters the development of the Eco-center in Stina in one of the villages of the Vinnytska oblast (the Stina village). The eco-center's mission is stimulation of rural development initiatives with direct participation from the local community representatives. Eco-center works for civic society organizations and local community, hosts educational, cultural, infrastructural projects. Still the platform has an enormous potential for realization of NFE, youth, environmental programmes and other initiatives in cooperation with the local community.
11. From 2016 the organization gets actively involved to the opportunities of the "Erasmus Plus" programme, primarily by carrying out the Youth Exchange "Understanding Each Other" in the Ukrainian Carpathians, hosting youth from the next countries: Ukraine, Austria, Armenia, Turkey, Russia, Romania and Georgia that lived together and underwent the programme on peace and environmentally-friendly existence. As well the organization as a partner joins trainings and youth exchanges in Romania, the Netherlands, Armenia.
12. Terra incognita: experiential education and creative tourism for raising of economic perspective of rural youth. The project is realized by four partners from Ukraine, Croatia, Bulgaria and Lithuania in frames of the Capacity Building for youth Key Action 2 framework of the Erasmus Plus programme. The main target audience as well as the realizers of the project are youth from rural area that explores and develops the methodologies of the experiential education and other approaches to stimulate incoming mobility to small communities by people with educational and cultural reasons.
13. The organization actively realizes linguistic activities and hosts non-formal education clubs by native speakers and educators. So far we have helped organize English, German-Austrian, French, Polish, Italian, Dutch, Ukrainian language and cultural clubs.

14. Youth entrepreneurship in hospitality and tourism is realized in partnership with other five organizations from Georgia, Spain, Italy, Armenia and Latvia in frames of the Key Action 2 Capacity building for youth of the Erasmus Plus programme. The mission that lies in the project entails educating and empowering youth competences in entrepreneurship in the field of rural tourism, shows them how to utilize the resources of own communities and connections with other actors from outside of own territory and that are interested in development of tourism.
15. The organization was a local partner of the international climate change campaign “Activate the energy” under the umbrella of “360.org”. We have realized street awareness campaigns and other lobbyism of the climate change issues.
16. You(th) 4 Cul/Fu(ture) pursues the aim to develop innovative educational ways to lowering unemployment rates among youth of the NEET category through cultural and creative entrepreneurship. The project will prepare a structural approach for training and educating youth in how to integrate entrepreneurship in development of creative initiatives and how to stimulate social aspect among the business models. The project is realized within the Key Action 2 capacity Building of youth of the Erasmus Plus programme.

Please describe the background and needs of the participants involved and how these participants have been or will be selected.

The participant(s) will be selected from among the general youth of the Vinnytsia community. Vinnytsia is a large city in central Ukraine. The candidates first will be selected from among the affiliated youth to the Sending Organization as it is a rather active youth center and has many followers of different background. If it's not enough the SO will make a general call in the local community, contact its partners from the civic sector, other state institutions like educational establishments, extracurricular centres. As well the organization has friendly ties with some active youth from educational establishments who can spread the word. If it is necessary the organization will utilize the channels of announcement through local mass-media to organize an enhanced draft or use the platforms of civic informing.

The organization as well works in some projects with Youth with Fewer Opportunities (from rural areas, internally displaced people, etc.) and these people can be engaged as well.

The organization will ensure the gender and cultural aspect in selecting the participants, this will include the stimulation of participation of youth from all the groups, non-exclusion.

The youth considered for participation will likely be the newcomers into the mobility projects, who demonstrate the high level of open-mindedness and motivation to join the intercultural setting of a youth initiative. The Sending Organization inputs much effort into forging follow-ups by the participants of the mobility and non-formal educational initiatives and maintains long-term ties with them. Therefore the selection process will be inclined towards individuals who are interested or curious about what NGOs and other CSOs do in their activities.

Which kind of preparation will be offered to participants (e.g. task-related, intercultural, linguistic, risk-prevention etc.)? Who will provide such preparatory activities?

Volunteering projects:

The volunteer will undergo the PDM. The volunteer will be provided with info-kits, other materials on the Erasmus Plus programme, etc. Formal moments will be solved with the involvement of the EVS coordinator: visa, travelling, insurances, etc.

The volunteer will be prepared in subjects relating to the intercultural awareness, open-mindedness, conflict resolution, empowerment, time-management, knowledge of the

Erasmus Plus programme, personal financial management and problem solving. The volunteer will meet with former EVS volunteers from the Vinnytsia community.

Short-term activities:

The groups of participants will jointly be prepared by group leaders or other representatives of the organization. Practical questions will be solved by the organization, common itineraries will be designed. The participants will be briefed on intercultural awareness, will be equipped with other project-specific information (info-packs, information about the hosting side, etc.). Whenever needed for youth under 16 years old the parents or the wards will be asked permission for participation of such young people.

The participants will be guided into follow-up ideas and explained how they could use the attitudes and knowledge gained on after the project finishes.

How will you help us with the dissemination of the results after the activity when the participants return to their country?

Our organization is actively involved into the youth audiovisual activities in our community and first the dissemination activities will be addressed at the local followers, visitors of our youth events, youth and general public of Vinnytsia. Vinnytsia is a large city in central Ukraine. As the instrument in public relations activities we implement on-line channels: website, web-blog, social media groups (facebook, google plus, twitter), newsletter. The project will be covered in all of these channels and depending on the media materials coming from the participant's placement (its regularity and content will matter). As well our organization has solid ties with local journalists who time after time pick up subjects from our activities as media articles in their respective sources.

All of the participants of the educational activities will be compelled to organize disseminating and exploitation seminars and meetings with youth and other affiliated to them people. As well the participants are requested to write reports on their experiences and use personal blogs.

What is the expected impact of this project on your organization?

Our organization plans to further develop the activities under the topic of the project. We plan to elaborate the concrete activities together with the local partner and other partners from Europe. This will help us achieve our statutory mission. As well this project will help us uncover followers, participants and what is probable/desirable - future coordinators or other responsible individuals to carry out initiatives. This will stimulate the capacity building process for our organization. The project will help us come to a new level of youth mobility activities and train the skills of our current coordinators and thus become more effective and professional.

How will this project impact on your local/regional/national community? How do you plan to maximise this impact?

We plan to make the project maximum visible in our community which in turn will promote the ideas of the hosting organizations and the principles of the Erasmus Plus programme. As well the participant(s) of the project him/herself (themselves) will act as multipliers in future and will be solidifying the effects of the topic, of the youth mobility under the Erasmus Plus programme and generally for the civic sector promotion (as they will be cooperating with 2 active CSOs from Ukraine and the organization-partner).

Which activities will you carry out in order to assess whether, and to what extent, the project has reached its objectives and results?

Depending on the activities planned the project's performance can be measured by quality or quantity characteristics. The inner marker of success is receiving positive feedbacks from the volunteers/participants during the feedback sessions and routine monitoring questioning. These are planned to take place each 2-3 weeks remotely. The quantity measures in the project are numerous. First and foremost these are the quantity of people visiting the dissemination events or events on the youth mobility promotion. As well as on-line markers like reactions to entries on the project in social media, views of the web-site, etc.

Projects of the organization:

Programme or initiative	Year	Reference number	Beneficiary Organisation	Title of the Project
European Youth Foundation Pilot Activity	2016 2017	8971.1.PA.2016	NGO "Development center Pangeya Ultima"	The TOSOCO (Tolerance, Solidarity, Competence) School of a young activist
Local Cooperation Fund of the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine	2016 2017	AGREEMENT #1604281 from 10/05/2016	NGO "Development center Pangeya Ultima"	Image Mapping
Key Action 2 Capacity Building of the Erasmus Plus programme	2018 2019	602172-EPP-1-2018-1-UA-EPPKA2-CBY-EP-PE	NGO "Development center Pangeya Ultima"	Terra incognita: experiential education and creative tourism to raise economic prospect of youth in rural area

