



PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
PIC	915164834
Organisational ID	E10151291
Full legal name (National Language)	NVO NAUCNO - ISTRAZIVACKO UDRUZENJE ZA UMJETNOST, KULTURNO-OBRAZOVNE PROGRAME I TEHNOLOGIJU EPEKA
Full legal name (Latin characters)	NVO NAUCNO - ISTRAZIVACKO UDRUZENJE ZA UMJETNOST, KULTURNO-OBRAZOVNE PROGRAME I TEHNOLOGIJU EPEKA
Acronym	EPEKA Montenegro
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B. PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	<u>No</u>
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	<u>Yes</u>
C. ACCREDITATION	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	No
Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants?	Yes (list below)
D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
Please briefly present the partner organisation.	<p>EPEKA Montenegro is situated in one of the most rural and devastated areas of Montenegro – Berane a town close to the border with Kosovo and Serbia.</p> <p>The area in which the organization was established is facing many difficulties; especially in the field of youth.</p> <p>Young people are at high risk of poverty, they have very limited access to non-formal education as well as limited employment opportunities. Results are a high rate of emigration and nationalism. With the implementation of our projects, we're aiming to empower the local youth with new knowledge, skills, and experience that could later-on benefit especially in the field of active citizenship and intercultural dialogue.</p> <p>With the collaboration of experience of our sister organization EPEKA Slovenia, we educate young people with fewer opportunities in order to activate and empower them with non-formal education methods. Through volunteering programs, we promote active citizenship</p>

	<p>among our members, who often become nonmotivated when realizing that their opportunities inside their local environment are limited.</p> <p>We established good connections with local and national NGOs as well as with NGOs on the international level. Our programs have a great influence on the self-confidence, creativity, and proactivity of our members.</p> <p>Through our work, we're focused on inclusion. We include minority members in our youth-work, connect them with young members of the majority population, and perform activities that promote anti-discrimination and tolerance among the society.</p> <p>Nationalism, ethnic problems, and religion are points of tension like in most ex-Yugoslavian countries still. Nevertheless, in Montenegro, there was no Yugoslavian war but many of its inhabitants still participated in it as they were part of the Yugoslav Army. Montenegro is with 1 million inhabitants very interesting as a country because there is hardly a majority ethnic group in it. Montenegrin, Serbs, Albanians, Roma, Muslims are all in similar percentages of the population.</p> <p>With the situation of Kosovo and ethnical division in the region between Serbs and Kosovars, the consortium decided that an organization from Montenegro would be suitable as the coordinator with full support from the Epeka network as a whole.</p>
<p>What are the activities and experiences of the organization in youth work? Please provide information on your organisation's / group's regular youth work activities.</p>	<p>EPEKA Montenegro has a lot of experience in youth work, through different projects where we are coordinators or partners in the projects. As it is written in our Statute, we are dedicated to different areas of activism, and we really make a good approach to the various disciplines. In the whole projects that we named, we did a lot of activities related to the youth work, including healthy lifestyles, ecological perspectives, education, science, volunteerism, art, freedom of media and etc. Regularly, we organize online or face-to-face group meetings with our partners, members of the project, or volunteers and together make plans for future work. We also have regular workshops in the classrooms or in nature (it depends) with youth, where we make different activities which are really important for the future development of every society.</p>
<p>Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application and on the competences and previous experience that they will bring to the project.</p>	<p>DR. ZORAN DABETIĆ</p> <p>Project manager of EPEKA Montenegro, where he has been actively involved in the coordination and implementation of NGO-based projects focused on youth work, social inclusion, democracy, human rights, intercultural dialogue, and European values. Publicly available project and organisational documents identify him as a key representative of EPEKA Montenegro and as a coordinator or contributor in several international and local initiatives implemented through the organisation.</p> <p>He has academic training in political science, international relations, and diplomacy, and has contributed to project activities related to civic participation, anti-corruption, social empowerment, education, and community development. Within EPEKA Montenegro, he has supported and coordinated activities such as youth exchanges, workshops, local awareness-raising events, partnership meetings, and community-based projects in Berane and beyond. His experience includes cooperation with international partners, participation in conferences and meetings, and work on projects addressing EU values, democracy, human rights, and inclusion.</p>

As part of the NGO sector, he brings to the project strong competencies in **project coordination, partnership cooperation, local outreach, organisational management, and the implementation of non-formal educational activities**. His long-term engagement in EPEKA Montenegro ensures continuity, local knowledge, and reliable coordination support for project implementation, especially in activities involving young people, vulnerable groups, and cross-sector collaboration.

NERMINA SIMONČIĆ

Administrative work, managing reports, and taking care of finances, an expert in the dissemination of the projects; webpage and social media editor, planning, and execution of the activities of EPEKA Association. Active participation in international projects (conferences, training, etc.), where she gained valuable knowledge and experience in youth-work, knowledge in mentoring, and methodologies of non-formal education. In-depth knowledge of EU structures and mechanisms, great communication skills. With her organizational skills and administrative knowledge, she supported the Association with its bureaucratic challenges during the establishment of the Association.

MATEJ TISAJ

MA in Management of Cultural Diversity from Tilburg University with 10 years of experience in Erasmus+ and European Social Fund programs, specialized in education and employment of vulnerable groups. Leader and implementor of numerous projects under EPEKA, including Roma restaurant “Romani Kafenava”.

BELMA MURATOVIĆ

Graduate psychologist and counselor in psychotherapy. She is currently under supervision for systemic family psychotherapy.

Has certificates:

- Teaching assistant - working with children with special educational needs;
- Psychological first aid according to the Johns Hopkins model;
- Loss and mourning - how to make grief a medicine;
- Active and critical thinking;
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European Union granted projects\EU programmes

Program or initiative	Year of the project	Reference number	Beneficiary Organisation	Title of the Project
Erasmus +	2023-2026	101131572 ERASMUS – YOUTH – 2023 - CB	EPEKA Montenegro	DigitalVsCorrupt
Erasmus+	2026-2027	101252921	WIPSEE	TRUTH4YOUTH
Erasmus+	2023-2026	101131572	EPEKA MNE	With Digitalisation Versus Corruption
Erasmus+	2021 – 2023	101052046-S- DYJ-ERASMUS- YOUTH-2021-CB	Res Polis	Sharing Design Your Job
Regional Development Fund	2020 – 2022	C1811-20-000019	EPEKA Slovenia	Economic and social empowerment of Roma and Egyptian Women in Berane – ESORE
Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-FR02- KA105-017215	Association Euro- Méditerranéenne Des Exchanges, Volontariats, Evénements (Euro- Med Eve)	Future Erasmus cooperation
Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-BE04- KA105-002661	Association Euro- Méditerranéenne Des Echanges, Volontariats, Evénements Belgium	International Cooperation Evolution+
Erasmus+	2019	608659-EPP-1- 2019-1-ME- EPPKA2-CBY- WB	EPEKA MNE	Understanding and Resisting Nationalist Extremism – The Western Balkans and the Question of Kosovo
Erasmus+	2018	602533-EPP-1- 2018-1-ME- EPPKA2-CBY- WB	EPEKA MNE	Fighting corruption – Expanding the Union
Europe for citizens	2018	601619 – CITIZ-1- 12018-1-IT-CITIZ- CIV	Romano pijats societa cooperativa sociale onlus	Dreams