

# partner identification form

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### **Brief description**

Associazione Culturale Link is a cultural organization created in 2003 by both experienced youth leaders and young people. Link was created with the aim of having a tool to better access the needs of young people living in our local community and territory so to give a concrete contribution to satisfy their requests in terms of participation, active citizenship, feeling of belonging to a common Europe, tolerance and antiracism. In a more specific way our aim is to get young people closer to European issues, to bring a European dimension in a region far away from decision-making centers and peripheral in terms of geographical and economic position.

We provide help and training to young people -inside and outside the organization - who wants to implement new projects fostering their participation through the organization of international youth exchanges, intercultural learning activities, information campaigns and workshops about various topics.

Democracy, active participation, inclusion, valorization of voluntary commitment and differences are the principles that regulate the life of the association and its projects and activities.

### **Activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application**

Link works for the promotion of European programs, youth mobility and the principles of non-formal education, with particular attention to NEETs. Over the years it has carried out projects for young people, operating as a hosting and sending organization in youth exchange projects, training courses for youth workers, volunteer and strategic partnership projects. He has collaborated with European and local organizations (associations, local authorities, schools).

At the local level Link has carried out campaigns and information days with teachers and students and has stimulated the creation of informal groups and youth associations; it has collaborated with local authorities to encourage the participation of young people in European projects and stimulate the activity of youth policies. Since its establishment, the association has collaborated with local schools in the implementation of the educational projects on intercultural learning, human rights, reading and local history using non-formal education methodologies.

Since 2019 he has been managing the "Agorateca" Community Library, created thanks to a specific measure of the Puglia Region. Agorateca operate in one of the city's peripheral and degraded neighborhoods, activating active citizenships and support for the weaker groups (children, young people and senior citizens).

In the Agorateca, the association organizes workshops with students and professionals, the community web radio is also located, which produces information mainly on europe and european programs ([www.agorateca.it/agoradio](http://www.agorateca.it/agoradio)).

The Agorateca has a community vegetable garden and a garden, the subject of a recovery process.

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

Link has 11 fix employees who do have different experiences in European Project Management, social work with youth, work with youth from disadvantaged background, management of different types of groups (youth, adults, children, small and big groups) from different social backgrounds (students, unemployed, disadvantaged backgrounds, minorities, etc).

We have also experience in European projects linked with the cultural heritage through different topics: art, photography, theater, gastronomy, etc.

The staff involved in this project will contribute to it with the experience on this kind of projects and by sharing the results of it.