

PARTNER INFO

PARTNER ORGANISATION

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Profile

Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association
Main activities	Offering training on sustainability and inclusive environment
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes

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Background and Experience

(information for cooperation partnerships, below you can find summarised version for small-scale projects)

Please briefly present your organisation/group.

Ecological Future Education (EFE) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to offering non-formal training for both youth and adults, fostering personal and professional growth.

The **aim** is to help introduce new learning and thinking methods which would promote environmental awareness as an interesting adventure where everyone participates, thus making the world a better place.

The **objective** is to inform youth about environmental issues, and daily habit awareness, to improve young people's skills and competencies in relation to green thinking and to raise social responsibility.

The **mission** of all the things we do is to create a community with a daring and caring attitude with a strong responsibility to lead to change. It is important to teach to love and safeguard the world, to think green and to protect the environment.

EFE provides open lectures and resources to simplify understanding of sustainable development challenges and to present environmental consciousness as an engaging journey, involving everyone, with the goal of building a cohesive, inclusive, and sustainable local community.

Specifically, EFE's members firmly believe in the interconnection among mental wellbeing, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability in order to create holistic mutually reinforcing interventions for the whole society, for people, planet, and prosperity.

EFE excels in imparting knowledge about sustainability, interconnected societal issues, and environmental habits to all age groups. It's essential for us to nurture an appreciation for our ecosystem, prioritise green thinking, and defend our surroundings. We offer easy access to contemporary educational resources, techniques, and approaches, through innovative and participatory learning and training methods and approaches by the utilisation of outdoor spaces, games, and nature.

EFE champions environmental education and consistently works to inform the public while advocating for sustainable policies. Our endeavours align with the Sustainable Development Goals, European Youth Strategy, emphasising active citizenship and social responsibility.

Overall, our work includes:

Training Activities:

EFE provides a rich variety of training activities that cover a broad spectrum of sustainability topics. Workshops and courses are offered in areas such as zero-waste lifestyle, recycling, green home and office practices, and the circular economy as a business model.

Workshops:

To create a broader understanding of environmental issues, EFE organises an extensive range of hands-on workshops. These include object upcycling, sewing reusable produce bags, making beeswax wraps, and more.

Nature Activities:

Young individuals and school pupils are invited to participate in immersive nature activities organized by EFE. These activities include painting with natural materials, orienteering, nature bingo, hiking, and forest exploration. Such experiences are designed to foster tolerance and understanding of the nature surrounding us, enhancing pupils' connection to the environment.

Innovative Approaches:

EFE adopts an engaging approach by presenting these essential topics in diverse and innovative ways. The organisation seeks to empower participants to change their daily habits through dialogue, explanation, and creative teaching methods.

Community Engagement:

EFE actively heightens awareness about environmental concerns and their impact. A primary objective is to educate young people about environmental challenges and to enhance their skills and competencies related to green thinking, ultimately fostering a sense of social responsibility.

Educational Materials and Collaboration:

EFE excels in creating educational resources such as training curricula, teaching and learning toolkits, training materials, e-learning modules, and user-friendly methods. By cooperating with local government, EFE implements lifelong learning training projects co-funded by the city council, aimed at professional development for teachers.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in youth work? Please provide information on your organisation's / group's regular youth work activities.

EFE offers various interesting seminars in Latvian and English languages, both for young people and adults on how to make our everyday life greener and environmentally friendly.

EFE organises a wide range of workshops - zero waste lifestyle, habit awareness, upcycling, sewing reusable produce bags, making beeswax wrap, green home, green office and also about the circular economy as a business model, and others.

For young people and school pupils, EFE organises nature activities, like painting with nature, orientation, nature bingo, hiking, forest exploring, etc. These groups encourage pupils' tolerance and understanding regarding nature around us. EFE approach is to talk, explain and introduce difficult topics in a positive way.

Also, EFE is working with responsible citizens, raising awareness of environmental concerns and how they affect us. The objective is to inform youth about environmental issues, plastic waste and recycling, to improve young people's skills and competencies in relation to green thinking and to raise social responsibility.

Some of our main regular local activities for youth which take place at least once monthly are:

1. Game nights: space where young people come together and learn new things in a non-formal environment using a game-based learning approach.

2. Story events: space where youth can share their stories and listen to others. Each month is dedicated to a different theme and we invite EFE members and experts to host engaging and inspiring evenings.

3. Ecology Lab: space where youth actively participate in experiments and projects related to the environment, by engaging in hands-on activities, participants gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of nature's delicate balances.

4. Green Hub: space where youth find a blend of workshop and community-driven projects. By fostering connections between local eco-enthusiasts, students and young people, and experts in the field, it promotes a culture of shared learning and active contribution towards a more sustainable future.

5. Sustainability Café: space where youth exchange ideas about green living, attend workshops on sustainable practices, and collaborate on community initiatives, to inspire to make eco-friendly choices in their daily lives, advocating for a more sustainable future.

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EFE's team consists of youth workers and volunteers who work together to share our knowledge and skills, create sustainable solutions and foster a sense of social responsibility. We believe in education that inspires people to think green, lead and act in the direction of sustainable development.

Experienced in creating training curricula, development of informative handbooks, teaching and learning toolkits, training materials, e-learning modules, game based-learning, and adapting easy-to-read methods. EFE promotes paperless approaches, online outputs and electronic documents. Creates social media campaigns, infographics, posters and educational videos. We offer non-formal in-person, online and blended learning activities, and organise practical workshops and masterclasses. Activities are being led based on hands-on and learning by doing principles, and actively involving participants in the training process.

Location: since 2017 our main centre is located in a small city in a rural area of North-Eastern Latvia in Gulbene, and in 2024 we opened our second training space in the capital of Latvia in Riga. Additionally we also offer on-site training throughout Latvia.

Target groups: social risk groups, young people with destructive problems and young people, primarily focus on participants from rural areas. EFE provides training for trainers and youth workers.

Youth profile:

- School pupils 14-19 y.o., local school pupils
- Students 18-25 y.o. students and volunteers
- Young adults 25-29+ y.o. young entrepreneurs, youth workers and volunteers

Adult profile:

- Facilitators, youth workers, trainers and teachers
- Adult learners and local community

No. of learners per year: online courses - 300 participants, in-person activities and workshops - 500 participants.

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.

Megija Kalēja - Chairperson of the Board, a degree in higher pedagogical education. Works with socially excluded risk groups, people with a low level of education, young people with destructive problems, adults and youth education. Work as a trainer, researcher and project manager providing support services for educational institutions. Develops and implements EU projects to improve and provide easier access to education and support for adults and youth. Experienced in KA1 and KA2 projects. She has experience in project management, adapted education, adult and youth education, evaluations, networking and event management. Organises youth exchanges and mobilities for youth workers. Involved in numerous national and international projects in the field of social inclusion and environmental education.

Expertise - creative teaching and training approaches, education tools and content development, research, and social media activities.

Elizabete Veignere - Youth mentor and educator with a background in health sciences and neurology. Currently completing her medical residency, she contributes by designing youth mentoring processes that promote emotional resilience, mental wellbeing, and life skills. Elizabete has worked in youth education since 2020, focusing on helping young people manage stress, set goals, and explore life pathways in a supportive environment. She facilitates workshops and dialogue sessions on identity, purpose, and self-leadership – often through storytelling, journaling, and guided reflection. She is also involved in translating complex wellbeing-related topics into practical resources for young people and youth workers. Elizabete contributes to research activities, supporting evidence-based development of mentoring tools and monitoring of personal development outcomes.

Expertise - youth wellbeing, emotional resilience, mentoring practice, youth-friendly communication, reflective tools, and evidence-based education.

Matīss Kalejs - IT specialist, studied Computer Sciences, experience in software development, with interest in automation, UX design and newest technologies. Involved in numerous international projects for young people with a focus on youth involvement. Experienced in project management, youth education, networking and event management. He has a deep understanding of the management concepts and design of security. Works with young people with destructive problems and youth engagement. He works as a software developer for e-courses, online training tool development and research and data analysis.

Expertise - cyber security and internet safety, research, data collection and analysis.

Linda Sirmā - EU project manager, master of Humanities in Philology. Works with youth and adult empowerment. She works as a professional translator (LV, ENG) and project manager. Experienced in project management, youth education, evaluations, networking and event management. She has been involved in numerous international projects in the field of social inclusion and environmental education. Interested in promoting sustainable habits and green actions among young people and adults so that they can include these ideas in their everyday lives.

Expertise - translation, proofreading, content editing, research, education tool development.

Evelīna Elva Sirma - Youth project manager, studies in Environmental Science. Works with young people engagement as youth worker and project manager. Experienced in project management,

social media management, content making and project dissemination. She organises and leads local events such as game night, eco-labs, green hubs, thematic events, hikes and clean ups, etc. Promotes sustainable education principles, SDG goals implementation in daily activities, outdoor education and civic participation.

Expertise - youth engagement, content development, evaluation, dissemination and local event implementation.

Summary description for Small-scale projects

What are the organisation's main activities? (1000)

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What are the organisation's activities in the field of this application? (1000)

EFE provides a rich variety of training activities, hands-on workshops and courses for young people and youth workers which focus on positive climate communication and cover a broad spectrum of sustainability topics.

EFE implements outdoor education and game-based learning methods to build an immersive training experience.

Monthly local activities for youth:

1. Game nights: space where youth come together and learn new things in a non-formal environment using a game-based learning approach.
2. Story events: space where youth can share their stories and listen to others.
3. Ecology Lab: space where youth actively participate in experiments and projects related to the environment and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of nature's delicate balances.
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What profiles and age groups of learners are concerned by the organisation's work? (1000)

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EFE is a youth-oriented organisation, we collaborate with local schools and involve pupils in community building activities. Students and young adults are our main target group, this also involves most of EFE members. Monthly local activities are attended and designed for participants 16–29+. We regularly organise/offer youth exchange project opportunities.

Youth workers: EFE offers training to youth workers, trainers, educators, and others active in youth work. We regularly organise/offer mobility project opportunities for youth workers.

No. of learners per year: online courses – 300 participants, in-person activities and workshops – 600 participants.

How many years of experience does the organisation have working in the field of this application?

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Would you like to make any comments or add any information to the summary of your organisation's past participation? (3000)

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Location: since 2017 our main centre is located in a rural area in Gulbene, and in 2024 we opened our second training space in Riga.

In Gulbene, our focus is on community building activities, this includes work with young people, adults, and seniors. In Riga our focus is based on youth engagement and participation, including youth worker training. All our members originally come from different rural areas of Latvia but they come to Riga for study opportunities, so we saw a need to create a space in the capital.

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Participation in a European Union granted project:

EU PROGRAMME	Year	Project id or contact number	Applicant/beneficiary name
CERV Youth4GreenPolicy	2025	101254165	Europäische Multidisziplinäre Organisation Für Training Und Internationale Beratung
CERV TRUTH4YOUTH	2025	101252921	Maison de l'Europe des Landes WIPSEE
Erasmus+ Living Labs and Game-Based Learning to Checkmate Climate Misinformation	2025	2024-2-LV02-KA220-YOU- 000266268	Ecological Future Education
Erasmus+ Green Quest - The Simulation Game	2024	2024-1-LV02-KA210-YOU- 000243276	Ecological Future Education
Erasmus+ Youth Wellbeing Recovering Kit	2024	2024-1-PL01-KA220-YOU- 000243430	Zdrowy Kształt Magdalena Kotowicz-Kilian Ewelina Mazurkiewicz Spółka Cywilna
Erasmus+ Consumo Justo	2024	2024-1-FR02-KA220-YOU- 000248910	Maison de l'Europe des Landes WIPSEE
Erasmus+ Echoes of Environment and Digitalisation	2024	2024-1-LV02-KA152-YOU- 000210191	Ecological Future Education
Erasmus+ Don't let the Muggles get you down!	2024	2024-1-LV02-KA152-YOU- 000204416	Ecological Future Education
Erasmus+ Transformative Mindset for Sustainable Development	2024	2024-1-LV02-KA153-YOU- 000216966	Ecological Future Education
Erasmus+ SDGs Intelligence	2024	2023-3-LV02-KA210-YOU- 000183294	Ecological Future Education
Erasmus+ Gamification for Environmental Sustainability	2024	2023-3-LV02-KA153-YOU- 000182669	Ecological Future Education
Erasmus+ Nurturing Earth and Wellbeing	2024	2023-3-LV02-KA152-YOU- 000182668	Ecological Future Education
Erasmus-YOUTH-2023-CB Mind the CAP - Climate Action Plan	2024	101131574	EUROBOX ETS

Erasmus+ Interaktywne gry dla ekologicznego stylu życia	2023	2023-1-PL01-KA210-YOU-000160368	STOWARZYSZENIE KRE - AKTYWNI
Erasmus+ Youth Energy Labs: Promotion of Renewable Energy and Circular Economy	2023	2023-1-ES02-KA220-YOU-000153971	Área de Empleo e Inclusión Social de Fundación Santa María la Real
Erasmus+ Seniori u zelenoj akciji	2023	2023-1-HR01-KA220-ADU-000156656	Narodno učilište ustanova za obrazovanje i kulturu
Erasmus+ Outdoor Education for Wellbeing, Environment and Inclusion	2023	2023-1-LV02-KA153-YOU-000148138	Ecological Future Education
Erasmus+ Stress? No, thanks	2023	2023-1-ES02-KA153-YOU-000145776	Gantalcalá La Rioja
Erasmus+ MediArt	2023	2023-1-PT02-KA153-YOU-000140081	ASSOCIACAO SOCIAL RECREATIVA JUVENTUDE VILA FONCHE
Nordplus Up-FEEL: Reducing the effects of climate change on young adults' mental wellbeing	2023	NPAD-2023/10004	Art-inn
Erasmus+ The Great Book of Gamification	2023	2022-3-PL01-KA153-YOU-000099603	Fundacja Instytut Aktywizacji i Rozwoju Społecznego
Erasmus+ Adapt New Climate: Youth Empowerment	2022	2022-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000089853	Birleşmiş Siviller Derneği
Erasmus+ EDU2030: Youth in Transition	2021	2021-1-IT03-KA220-YOU-000029128	"Io, Noi" Associazione di Volontariato per la solidarietà e l'integrazione sociale
Erasmus+ Beekeepers Empowerment through Erasmus+	2021	2021-1-IT03-KA153-YOU-000021254	Api Romane APS
Erasmus+ Improving Adult Educators Skills for Online Facilitation	2021	2021-1-ES01-KA210-ADU-000034023	ASOCIACION DE INNOVACION FORMACIONY EMPLEO PARA EL DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE
Erasmus+ The green path	2021	2021-1-ES02-KA152- YOU-000011340	Asociación K'MON
Erasmus+ Promoting and Tracking Environmental Sustainability in VET	2021	2021-1-PL01-KA220-VET-000028039	Stowarzyszenie Centrum Wspierania Edukacji I Przedsiębiorczosci

