

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
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Full legal name (National Language)	Διαμόρφωσις – Οργανισμός Καινοτομίας για τη Βιώσιμη Ανάπτυξη
Full legal name (Latin characters)	Diamorfosis – Innovation Organization for Sustainable Development
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B. PROFILE	
Type of Organization	NGO
Is the partner organization a public body?	NO
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	YES
D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
Please briefly present the partner organization.	<p>Diamorfosis is a newly formed NGO aiming to promote environmental and social innovation among young people and adults in Western Macedonia, Greece, and Europe, in general.</p> <p>Based in the town of Kastoria, Western Macedonia, Greece, Diamorfosis is an intermediary organization, which is actively involved in European Erasmus+ projects utilising a wide partnership network throughout Europe.</p> <p>Although it is a newly established organization, Diamorfosis has experience in the management of various European Erasmus + Programs as its staff is characterized</p>

	<p>by many years of active participation in a large number of corresponding programs, a professional background linked to education sectors and constant incentives to enhance the added value of European educational programs in a professional and active way.</p> <p>Our team strongly believes in the importance of international mobility as a means of acquiring new competences and investing in personal and professional development. Consequently, every effort is made for the preparation of project activities which would fully satisfy the professional and educational needs of all potential participants.</p> <p>Taking the above into consideration, our ultimate goals are to highlight and utilize social innovation to meet similar needs at a local and regional level, to undertake sustainable development activities, to provide social services of general interest as well as services to vulnerable social groups and, generally, to promote all the basic components that make up the framework of principles and pursuits of the Social and Solidarity Economy.</p>
<p>What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application?</p>	<p>More particularly, Diamorfosis is an Innovation Organization for Sustainable Development which implements activities with an aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promote environmental sustainability, - contribute to social and economic equality, - promote gender equality, - protect and develop common goods, - promote generational and cultural reconciliation, emphasizing the particularities of local communities. <p>The main thematic areas of our action (innovative methods, state-of-the-art tools, multiple programs, training courses, workshops and activities) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environment, Environmental Education/Education for Sustainable Development - Information Technology (IT) Education, STEM and STEAM education - Formal, informal and non-formal education - Special Education and Training - Inclusion - Vocational Education and Training - Social Innovation - Arts (as a tool for expression, sustainability, therapy, social integration, communication, science and teaching). <p>More specifically, we are interested in topics which are related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The undertaking of actions for the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN (Agenda 2030). • The protection and restoration of the natural environment and biodiversity. • The development of skills and the transfer of know-how, especially in matters of the environment, IT literacy, pedagogy (general education, vocational education, special education, higher education) and social innovation. • The design and dissemination of open, innovative digital products and services and/or any form of technology that promotes peer-to-peer and community-based production. • The production of energy from renewable sources on a small scale and the development of technology that reduces energy consumption.

- The reduction of waste production at the local level, with the participation of citizens, through the reutilization and recycling of waste or through the redesign of production- and distribution systems.
- The promotion and implementation of alternative, thematic and sustainable tourism practices.
- The production, processing, promotion or preservation of the economic or cultural heritage of each place.
- The production and promotion of independent cultural creation.
- The mitigating and adapting to the climate crisis
- The harnessing of citizen science for the well-being of human societies

To facilitate the fulfillment of our targets:

- We organize inspiring, practice-driven, dynamic and innovative Structured Teacher Training Courses for school education staff, in accordance with Erasmus + KA1 program. Each course is being individually organized according to the participants' professional and project needs.
- We have a wide database of accredited trainers at our disposal. Thus, our programs are implemented by highly qualified experts who have a long experience in the creation and participation of pioneer projects. Connecting local educators with their European colleagues facilitates the achievement of the goals of European Commission's educational programs and we are committed to the fulfilment of the needs of our participants, in this respect.
- We organize professional visits for European professionals and teachers to observe the Greek educational system and leading practices of their project topics, by establishing appropriate partnerships. Thanks to our wide network of schools, associations, universities, public and private entity partners, Diamorfosis provides most appropriate and productive professional activities for the educational staff according to the objectives of their project.
- We can place VET students from all over Europe in a wide range of Greek partner companies and institutions which cover various professional sectors. Also, we undertake all administrative procedures, and provide language and educational consultancy to students during their internship so that to facilitate them in the completion of their professional experience in the most efficient way.
- We establish international partnerships and undertake all logistic, organizational and communication needs between schools, organizations and agencies, under Erasmus+ KA2 program thus enabling them to participate either as coordinators or participant members in international partnerships, take active part in their projects and make processes most efficient. As an agency actively involved in European Erasmus + projects, we prepare and organize projects, managing at the same time any bureaucratic issues and certifications
- We are an Erasmus+ projects dissemination centre in our local area to encourage citizens, teachers and young people participate in European Programs. We hold informative activities about Erasmus+ programs to inform them about relevant opportunities abroad, the announcing of active positions and calls for possible participants. We also provide guidance concerning application processes. To this end, we organize workshops and escort abroad groups of youth or teachers to facilitate their program procedures and their participation.
- We promote several educational and informative events on various topics such

	<p>as: European Project Management, Environmental Sustainability, Multiculturalism, Immigration, Entrepreneurship, Social and Economic Equality, Gender Equality, etc. We also cover various other themes that promote Transversal Skills, Human Rights and European Active Citizenship in our area Western Macedonia, Greece.</p>
<p>What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?</p>	<p>As an organization, we always try to give our best in everything we do. Our expertise in international projects, our professional friendly staff, our strong network of partners, our multilingual team, our reliable service, and our honest and straightforward communication, can guarantee the best terms of cooperation.</p> <p>Scientific background and previous experience of key staff involved in Diamorfosis team:</p> <p><u>Theodoros Mardiris</u> Biologist, President of the management committee. He holds a PhD in Ecosystems Management and a Master's degree in Education Sciences. Former Regional Director of Elementary and Secondary Education of Western Macedonia and Sustainability Education Coordinator, he was the Director of Environmental Education Center of Kastoria for 22 years. He has participated in a large number of research and development projects and published more than forty Journal and Conference papers (either in Greek or English). He has organized more than 120 seminars and workshops, participated in scientific and organizational committees of many Greek and International Conferences and has extensive experience in Environmental and Social Innovation projects.</p> <p>e-mail: thmardiris@diamorfosis.eu, thmardiris@gmail.com Tel: +306944842897</p> <p><u>Vassiliki Malea</u> Is Secretary of the Management Committee of the NGO. A kindergarten teacher, she holds a Master's Degree in Cognitive Development, and a second Bachelor's Degree in Pedagogy. She has extensive experience in eTwinning and Erasmus+ projects, as well as in information technology education, arts and collaboration actions.</p> <p>e-mail: vmalea@diamorfosis.eu Tel: +306932489615</p> <p><u>Elena Zygouri</u> Is the Treasurer of the Management Committee of the NGO. Teacher- Educator, holds a PhD and a Master's degree in Pedagogy. She served as Regional Director of Primary and Secondary Education of Western Macedonia (2010-2013), as a School Counselor (2003-2010 and 2013-2017) and as Teacher Educational Coordinator (2017 – 2021). She participated in many Comenius and Erasmus+ Programs related to School Education and student and staff mobility.</p> <p>e-mail: ezygouri@diamorfosis.eu Tel: +306974328752</p>

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