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### **General Information**

#### **Profile**

<i>Type of Organization</i>	Non-government
<i>Is the partner organization a public body?</i>	No
<i>Is the partner organization a non-profit?</i>	Yes

## Background and Experience

Please briefly present the partner organization.

The Talasa Association is a young organisation recently founded with the purpose and the commitment to develop courses by and for young people and workers from the European Union and neighbourhood countries, focused on building bridges and understanding, based on non-formal education techniques.

The main aims of the association are:

1. Develop educational exchanges between young nationals and workers, from the European Union and neighbourhood countries.
2. Promote intercultural dialogue between participants in the various actions.
3. Support the youth debate within the context of the European project and the Sustainable Development Goals.
4. Create a space to raise awareness among young people and workers within the framework of democratic values
5. Carry out projects with local, regional, national and international organisations to promote the skills and competences of young people and workers through non-formal education.
6. Stimulate the creation of youth networks for future meetings.
7. Encourage non-formal learning through telematic and face-to-face means.
8. Foster access to non-formal education for young people and workers in Europe and neighbourhood countries.
9. Promote voluntary work and youth employment.
10. Serve as a connection between public youth policies and young people in Spain, the European Union and European Neighbourhood Policy countries.

In summary, to use the tools provided by the institutions to make real changes and actions that will positively impact on young people and workers, promoting education and social engagement.

The objectives pursued by the organisation are mainly three:

1. Encourage learning, network building and the development of shared identities among young people and workers in the EU and neighbourhood countries.
2. Develop, through non-formal education, educational exchanges, training and voluntary work among young people and workers in the European Union and neighbourhood countries.
3. Bridging the gap between the opportunities offered by public youth policies and their implementation by young people and workers at regional, national, European and European Neighbourhood level.

**Vision:**

The vision of the Talasa Association is based on promoting the participation and engagement of young people and workers. Strengthening the construction of pillars for the society of the future founded on democracy, equality and tolerance. The use of new participation and educational techniques, such as non-formal approaches, provide the tools for the construction of a compromised and inclusive society.

**Our mission is based on:**

- Giving young people and workers the tools to be able to develop and participate in a common project.
- Building networks of exchange, dialogue and knowledge, based on experience and good practices, at national, European and international level.
- Encourage tools through non-formal education techniques, which allow the development of transversal competences in society.
- Educate within the democratic values and the construction of various shared and common identities

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

The Talasa Association is still a young organization recently created, but with a great motivation for the development of projects. The Talasa Association has received approval for a Youth Exchange under the Erasmus+ Programme, as well as works managing the local TGN News Project in Madrid, and has participated as a sending organisation for multiple international courses. It is also currently awaiting confirmation for a workshop focusing on hate speech to be held in the Youth Centres of the Community of Madrid.

Also, members that conform the Talasa Association have previous experience in different fields:

**International courses**

The members of Talasa Association have participated in a number of international projects, both from the Erasmus+ programme and from other international organisations and groups. With regard to the Erasmus+ programme, their experience dates back to 2015, participating in Training Courses, Youth Exchanges, Erasmus University Exchanges, Erasmus+ internships and European Voluntary Corps. Through these multiple experiences they have been able to gather and develop knowledge, create networks with different EU associations and learn how to write and carry out an Erasmus+ project in their different fields.

They have also participated in international courses aimed not only at the EU, but also at the Mediterranean area through the Anna Lindh Foundation and the British Council. Similarly, they have participated in international projects in Latin America, in Iquitos, the Peruvian Amazon. As well as, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, where they have enrolled in courses about cooperation, human rights and peace building processes.

Furthermore, they have participated in the elaboration of formal international conferences and seminars in the academic field, both in Spain and in other countries such as Turkey.

### **Environment and ecology**

Our Association raises awareness about climatology problematic and the environment. The founders know about Sustainable Development Goals in different ways: they have enrolled in courses about the topic and they have participated in projects with young people. In addition, they know about good practices and are participants in many different workshops and seminars. They take into account the need to change consumer habits to be more environmentally responsible.

### **Mediterranean relations**

The founders of Talasa Association met through the study of the relations between the European Union and the countries of the Mediterranean. Therefore, they share a large number of common interests related to the field, and their experience not only academic but also professional is particularly focused on this geographical area.

### **Migration and Inclusion**

The members of Talasa Association have also worked on projects focused on the inclusion of migrants at risk of social exclusion through various voluntary work. For example, in the case of the Athana Social Association, where recreational and free time activities were carried out, as well as food assistance and trips with migrant populations from the Lavapiés neighbourhood in Madrid. Also all the members of the Association are highly interested and related with immigration topics.

### **Volunteering**

Our team has participated in several volunteers inside European Solidarity Corps Program and others as in Latinoamerica. They know the procedures to enroll in volunteerings. The topics of the volunteerings they have participated in are from gender equality, social inclusion till minors in disadvantaged contexts.

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

***María Arroyo Ces***

Graduate in Semitic and Islamic Studies in 2017, Master's in Documentation, Libraries and Archives in 2018 and Master's in Euro-Mediterranean Relations in 2020.

Specialised in the field of migration, minors, identity, the Mediterranean area and Arab countries. During her university trajectory she has been very active and has been linked to the participation of activities, conferences, courses and seminars on her studies.

She has worked on informal education projects, European volunteering and volunteering with immigrants and people at risk of social exclusion.

She chairs the Talasa Youth Association. She has participated in the Erasmus programme in different mobility projects and has the qualification of Erasmus programme youth project mentor within the European Union

Since 2018 she has been an activist with Amnesty International.

***Paula Lobato González***

Graduate in both Sociology and Political Science and Administration, Certificate in Political Studies from SciencesPo Rennes and Master in the European Union and the Mediterranean. She is currently studying for a PhD in Human Sciences at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

Her areas of interest are democratic and European Union values, European Neighbourhood Policy, gender equality, youth engagement and identity construction.

She has been a children's monitor from 2011 to 2016, where she has developed non-formal education techniques for children. She has also worked as a volunteer in the coordination of the international congress WOCMES and currently continues her work through an NGO in Turkey to promote foreign language learning among children at risk of social exclusion.

She is the vice-president and secretary of the Talasa Youth Association, and has experience in project coordination. She has 5 years of experience as a participant in projects of the Erasmus+ programme, both Training Courses, Youth Exchanges, and the Erasmus+ internship programme. She has also participated in a project of the Anna Lindh Foundation and the British Council in Morocco.

***Marina Sánchez Cuesta***

Graduate in Modern Languages and Master in the European Union and the Mediterranean. Her main interests are migration studies, gender equality, interculturality, international cooperation, non formal education and translation.

She has experience as educator and children's monitor since 2013, introducing the gender perspective and the education in values in the NGO "Junior Yedra", of which she is president since 2017. She has participated in Humanitarian Aid Projects in Lesbos (Greece) providing social assistance in the European frontier. She is also part of the NGO "Suyay" since 2017, developing international programs in Iquitos, the Peruvian Amazon. She is a member of the Talasa Youth Association and currently occupies the post of treasurer.

***Carla Yela Martín***

Graduated in Experimental Sciences. Her main areas of interest are environmental issues, climate change and sustainability, youth engagement and non-formal education.

She has experience as a monitor since 2013 in a non-profit association named Asociación Trasluz , where she works education in values through non-formal education technics.

She has participated in the International Volunteering Program of the Public Universities of the Community of Madrid as English teacher in rural areas of Indonesia, Erasmus+ program and she has also been part of two team projects of the European Solidarity Corps about environment impact in Greece and non-formal education in Romania. Since 2020 she has been part of the Asociación Juvenil Talasa and works on the creation and coordination of the different projects.

***Samantha Hita García***

Graduated in the English Studies degree. Her interests are languages, culture, youth, environment and sustainability.

She has experience participating in Erasmus+ projects in Europe and Turkey, where she has learnt about youth employability, vision of future, inclusion and disabilities; later, she took online courses on Erasmus+ Management and on Facilitator for Volunteering Projects. Also, she has volunteered through the European Solidarity Corps in an environmental project in Greece, and in an educational project in Romania. All these experiences have contributed to her enthusiasm to join Asociación Juvenil Talasa and create projects and opportunities that support the European values.

The association also has many volunteers in different parts of Spain who are specialised in various fields and have very varied interests, with a desire to participate in various exchanges, and the aim of promoting their role and commitment within today's society. The selection of participants will always be done very carefully, promoting the active participation of those with the greatest interest, the ability to propose new perspectives and the possibility of applying them later in everyday life.

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We are a recent association, but highly motivated and with members specialised in the field, very responsible, hard-working and willing to promote the established our objectives and aims to make a real change.