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## **STATEMENT OF MOTIVES**

European programs are a source of enrichment for both the participants and the entities that promote them. There are several types of programs at European level depending on the area in which you are interested: Erasmus Plus, Horizon Europe, Creative Europe, Digital Europe and “**Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values**” (CERV), among many others.

Within the various chapters contained in the “Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values” (CERV) program, there is a **chapter 3 “Citizens' commitment and participation”**, financed by the Education and Culture Executive Agency ( hereinafter , EACEA).

This chapter, specifically, has as its main objective to promote the commitment and participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union and exchanges between citizens of different Member States, knowing other European realities.

The projects of the third chapter of the CERV program:

- Focus on remembering, researching and educating about the defining events of recent European history, including the causes and consequences of authoritarian and totalitarian regimes, and raising awareness among European citizens about their history, culture, cultural heritage and common values, thus improving their understanding of the Union, their origins, purpose and diversity;
- promote the participation and contribution of citizens and representative associations in the democratic and civic life of the Union by making known and publicly exchanging their points of view in all areas of action of the Union;
- promote exchanges between citizens of different countries, in particular through **Town twinning** and **Network of Towns**, in order to provide them with practical experience of the richness and diversity of the Union's common heritage and make them aware that they form the basis of a future common.

The realization and participation of these Projects represent a lot of advantages, among which we find:

- It promotes the mobility of the residents of the City Council for the coming years, offering experiences of formal and non-formal education in the countries of the European Union.
- It favors the discovery of points in common with European citizens and the differences that make them unique.
- Exchange of good practices between the participating entities
- It promotes a new form of cooperation between the European peoples.
- in the field of development staff, offers new knowledge and skills
- Helps eliminate any type of prejudice and stigmatization
- It promotes cooperation, solidarity, equality, integration, equality...
- Promotes throughout Europe the image of the requesting city council, in this case, of Moletai

The financing of the project by the Agency Executive (EACEA) offers all requesting and beneficiary entities to have a **zero economic cost**.

## **PART 1. PROJECT PROPOSAL**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

- An initial planning of the project will be carried out, in terms of costs, countries involved, number of participants, possible means of dissemination...
- The theme of the project will be agreed with the Municipality based on its needs and interests, in accordance with the themes established by the call
- Search for partners through various communication networks
- Correspondence between participant/cost in terms of the whole project
- Description of the activities to be carried out in each of the events, according to the form
- Writing the questions requested in the form and sending them through the platform
- Once all the events have been carried out, the results and materials will be compiled for the final project report

### **GRANT ESTIMATE:**

The project budget is expected to amount up to € 138.600,00

## **PREPARATION OF FINAL REPORT:**

With the results and materials compiled from the 5 events, a final report will be written and sent to the EACEA together with all the necessary documents, as stated in the submitted project, to justify the approved grant for the execution of the project.

## **PART 2. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT**

The Youth Association Vrenza offers the possibility of developing and managing project events if approved, based on the following description:

### **ACTIVITIES TO COORDINATE AND DEVELOP:**

- Coordination, planning, implementation and development of activities
- Implementation and monitoring of the following events (or others in accordance with the Mayor's Office and the approval of the European Union):
  - 1.- Conference in Moletai, Lithuania
  - 2.- Conference in Martinique, France
  - 3.- Conference in Santiago de Compostela, Spain
  - 4.- Conference in Valletta, Malta
  - 5.- Conference in Porto, Portugal
- Dissemination and visibility of the results

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE TASKS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY OUR ENTITY:**

- Communication to the EACEA of the date of completion of the project and preparation of the documents for its request. Technical assistance to city council technicians.
- Creation of a project infopack with the dates of the activities, programs, places, conditions of the activities, profiles of the participants, as well as obligations of the partners involved. It will serve as a base document for the signing of an activity agreement.
- Communication with the project partners for the acceptance of the inclusion and participation of the final partnership.
- Holding meetings by videoconference with the people responsible for the project in each partner country to define the practical aspects of the project.
- Creation of a work budget for each of the events to be scheduled, including elements that provide quality to the activities.

## **ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 5 EUROPEAN CONFERENCES:**

Preparation and organization of the activities in each of the countries (Lithuania, Martinique, Spain, Malta, Portugal) in collaboration with the host partners according to the project original approved: closure of the activity programs, places of restoration according to the existing budget, meeting rooms, local transfers and transfers between the airport / stations and the place of accommodation.

Preparation of an infopack for each event for the partners in which they will be informed of the details of the conference to be held: summary of the activities, program, place of accommodation, maintenance, insurance, aspects such as the transfer from their countries as well as the protection and security of the participants.

Collection of lists of participants and presentation of intermediate reports to the EACEA Agency for its supervision and dissemination through official channels.

Evaluation of activities and creation of materials for dissemination through the media (press releases, posts on social networks and photo albums).

Permanent contact with partners to improve the project and achieve its objectives.

## **EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES:**

Evaluations of each of the events will be carried out and arrive at a summary to the Municipality with the conclusions reached by the participants.

## **DISSEMINATION AND VISIBILITY OF THE RESULTS:**

We will collect the papers and conclusions of the interventions of each one of the conferences to publish a dossier. In this way, social, educational, political and cultural actors interested in the topic addressed can be informed.

## **FUTURE PLANS AND MONITORING OF ACTIVITIES:**

Inclusion of the Municipality of Moletai in similar partnerships in the Erasmus Plus (Youth) calls, European Solidarity Corps and CERV in the next calls as a partner.

This is possible since we have a European network of contacts with more than 300 active partners in the 27 countries of the European Union.

## **BUDGET:**

For the preparation of the project for submission to the EACEA with all the necessary data, the cost will be €5,000.00. If the project is approved, this amount will be paid through an invoice with the concept "Support and advice in the preparation of the project " after the end of Event No. 1.

The possibility is offered , based on experience, of coordinating and managing the realization of the 5 events of the project, which will be carried out by the Youth Association Vrenza, free of charge

## EXPERIENCE IN MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN PROGRAMS IN RECENT YEARS

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Erasmus Plus	Foundation for Studies and Analysis	€73,528.00	European projects school of entrepreneurship
Erasmus Plus	Vrenza Youth Association	€38,412.00	Health juvenile : a focus + tic
Europe for Citizens - Town twinning	Municipality of Laracha	€7,500.00	Building bridges for a civic and democratic Europe
Europe for Citizens - Town twinning	Municipality of Padron	€7,500.00	Foster solidarity for a better Europe
Europe for Citizens - Town twinning	Municipality of Santa Comba	€5,000.00	A gender equality fai unha europa mellor
Europe for Citizens - Town twinning	Council of Rodeiro	€7,500.00	Europeanism and Euroscepticism : seen desde the municipalismo
Europe for Citizens - Town twinning	Council of Cabanas	€5,000.00	Contributing to more solidarity Europe
Europe for Citizens - Town twinning	Municipality of Baña	€7,500.00	Intercultural coexistence, strength Europe
Europe for Citizens - Network of Town's	Curtis Council	€138,000.00	desde I'Mmigration to INtegration
Europe for Citizens - Network of Town's	Municipality of A Laracha	€151,200.00	Strengthening a Europe of solidarity in times of migration
Europe for Citizens - Network of Town's	Council of Rois	€151,200.00	European voices challenging euroscepticism
Europe for Citizens - Network of Town's	Municipality of Knezha (Bulgaria)	€138,600.00	Europe of Diversity - Integration and socialization of migrants