



**Hello partners. We are “The Bridge” association ready to cooperate with you.
We speak Polish, English and Russian.
We are experience actor as a partner and as a project coordinator.**

Partner Organization Details

ORIGINAL NGO NAME	Stowarzyszenie na Rzecz Edukacji "Pomost"
NGO NAME IN ENGLISH	“The Bridge” association for education
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SHORT SUMMARY ABOUT OUR NGO:

WHO WE ARE?

The Association was appointed in 2014, under the Social Employment Act. It includes support for people at risk of poverty and social exclusion, which, through social and professional activation, are moving closer to the labour market.

Services provided by the Association for the support of socially excluded persons:

- running the Centre for Social Inclusion for people at risk of exclusion since 2015,
- running a social cooperative since 2018,
- running the Homini Day Care House for seniors since 2017,
- running the Senior Club since 2019,
- running employment agencies since 2015,
- running a training institution since 2005,
- running a volunteer centre from 2019

WHY WE SHOULD BE YOUR PARTNER?

“The Bridge” has experience in the implementation of projects dedicated to people at risk of social exclusion.

The Association operates social and professional reintegration services for people in a particularly vulnerable social group.

In particular, the Social Integration Centre, where projects are being carried out to restore people at risk of being excluded into society, are carried out.

It is a good practice to direct CIS participants to practices in the House of Help and to provide assistance and care services in the place of residence of dependent persons.

The association has also evolved into a Social Enterprise, involving those excluded from training in care services, cleaning services and then providing these services in the local environment.

The Association is also a Training institution and Employment agency.

Migrants from Ukraine, Belarus, India, and Russia are also among those at risk of social exclusion. Therefore, supporting migrants and integrating them is within the competence of the association.

Background and Experience

Please briefly present the organization.

The association works by developing projects dedicated to groups of people requiring support. Projects are usually implemented in local or international partnerships.

Recently, a project entitled "Countering exclusion" (2019) has been carried out, while the Centre is currently implementing a project entitled "Centre for Social Inclusion as a prospect of change" (2020-2021).

In addition, "The Bridge" expands its activities to people who are affected by isolation and may have difficulties in accessing social inclusion. Activation and support activities are dedicated to the elderly and consist of running four Senior Clubs (2020-2021), running "Homini" daily residence home for the elderly. In addition to social activation, people aged 50+ were also subject to professional activation and dedicated to the "Grandchildren in Good Hands" project (2018-2019). The leader also supports young people in civic development and independence through the implementation of the project "The Lubusz Youth strong", which is dedicated to people up to the age of 29 (2019-2021). In previous years, homeless people who provided standardized assistance in the process of becoming independent and recovering from homelessness (2016) have also been particularly supportive. "The Bridge" also has extensive experience in international cooperation with European countries, which started as early as 2006, for example with France, Romania, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, Lithuania, Latvia, Cyprus, Israel, Russia, Turkey, France and Belarus.

As an example, you can point to the following projects:

- "Education by forest" in the frame of Erasmus Plus, in partnership with France, Romania and Italy (2018-2020),
- project "Good practices Homini in Świebodzin" adapting the method of working with seniors in cooperation with Germany (2019 - 2020) ,
- project "Selem Alejkum" in partnership with the English organization Splendor Ltd in Southampton in the area of shaping the attitude of respect for religious and cultural diversity in young people,

- project "Koziołki" dedicated cooperation between Polish and Belarusian youth in the framework of the exchange of educational experience,
- project "Cycling through stories" for communities from Poland and Lithuania, merging the common experiences of the two nations (2013)
- project "Globetrotter" for young people from Poland, Russia and Belarus improving the quality of entrepreneurship and creativity of young People of Europe and raising awareness of cultural wealth (2012)
- project "Traditional village of the future" for adults with very low education, promoting intercultural dialogue and professional activism, cooperation with Lithuania, Latvia, Cyprus, Romania, Turkey, France (2012 - 2014)
- project "Communication by art" with the English organization Splendor Ltd in Southampton in the area of shaping active attitudes in young people through contact with art and combating language barriers (2006 - 2007),

What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application? (what are the target groups? Which methods are used? Etc.)

The Association pursues the following statutory objectives in its activities:

1. Promoting and supporting social initiatives in the fields of education, sport, culture and tourism.
2. Action for the comprehensive development of the local community.
3. Assistance to people with disabilities and the unemployed.
4. Supporting education in particular for children, young people and women.
5. Countering social exclusion in all forms.
6. Building interpersonal bonds.
7. Development of civic awareness.
8. Support for measures to promote lifelong learning.
9. Support for actions to improve qualifications, professional skills and educational level.
10. Cooperation with NGOs and institutions operating in Poland and abroad.
11. Supporting NGOs – the so-called third sector.
12. Action to build civil society.
13. Action for the participation of young people in public life.
14. Supporting youth volunteering.
- 15 Action to level up educational opportunities in general.
16. Combating unemployment.
17. Rural development measures.
18. Provision of services: employment placement, personal advice or career guidance.
19. Providing social services.

Please describe how this project meets the needs and objectives of your organization
We can cooperate in the projects which meet the goals of our organization.
Which kind of preparation will be offered to participants?
Our organization can work like the lead partner to prepare the application for the project. We can divide tasks and collect information from participants with using common google drive and mailing lists. All the participants will prepare information about their skills, motivation to run the project and key workers. We also propose to start video conference to discuss the project goals and activities. We can look after Erasmus + goals and rules.
Are there any dissemination activities that your organization carries out following participation in a project?
We are experienced in the dissemination processes, especially in the following methods: organizing conferences, preparing brochures, dedicated web sides, Facebook sides, posters, leaflets, using local media (TV, radio, newspaper) .

Has the organization participated in a European Union granted project in the 3 years preceding this application?	YES
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<u>EU Programme</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Project Identification or Contract Number</u>	<u>Applicant/Beneficiary Name</u>
Erasmus+ KA2	2018	2018-1-PL01-KA204-050861	The Bridge Association

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EXTRA INFORMATION / TEAM MEMBERS:

What are the capacity and experiences of people from your organization involve in this application

We employed 36 workers.

Project coordinator –Malgorzata Jazdzewska

Higher education, 30 years of work experience, postgraduate studies in management, doctoral studies in sociology – the topic of doctoral thesis related to social exclusion, experience with the implementation of transnational projects, Euro-NGO specialist, a graduate of the School of Leaders, knowledge of English language.

Chairman: Jan Kostyszak

Association's Chairman, higher pedagogical education, Master of Philosophy, post-graduate studies in management of educational institutions and post-graduate studies in Polish philology; qualified teacher - 25 years of work experience in educational establishments; currently from 2016 consultant teacher at the Teacher Training Center in Zielona Góra. Specialist for European funds of the Euro-NGO program. Participation in the PAFF and Batory Foundation - Euro-NGO project 2004-2006. A graduate of the PAFF Leaders' School. Coordinator and implementer of international educational projects FRSE: Sokrates-Comenius, Youth in Action and youth projects under public activities of the Lubuskie Voivodeship and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Coordinator of 2 international ESF POKL educational projects for schoolchildren. He also coordinated FRSE Grundtvig Long Life Learning projects for adults. He also coordinated the project "Socio-occupational activation of unemployed youth at risk of social exclusion based on the Swedish and German model" in partnership with 4 organizations from Sweden and the GSM company from Germany. In 2004-2020 during the implementation of projects he cooperated with partners from EU countries, and also to Russia, Turkey, Israel, Belarus and Ukraine. He conducts training in the implementation and working methodology of educational projects. Knowledge of English language and Russian.

Project manager: Alicja Makarska

Tertiary education, 35 years of work experience, experience in management, public procurement, and experience working with people at risk of social exclusion.

Project manager: Pawel Mrozek

A certified coach, career advisor, journalist, practitioner, coordinator of EU projects based on the European Social Fund. Master's degree (political science). He began to gain professional experience, among others at the "Alma-Art" Academic Office of Culture and Art as a publishing specialist. He worked at Polish TV S.A. as a journalist, publisher of news. He cooperated with the Regional TV as the head of the editorial office of information and journalism. He was the editor-in-chief of Polish Radio Zachód S.A.

He has experience in cooperation with public administration - he was the head of the press office at the Marshal's Office of the Lubuskie Voivodship. During training, he shares his knowledge and practical skills in a workshop. Valued for the creativity and ease of establishing contacts with participants of the workshops he runs. He carried out media training for local government officials and entrepreneurs operating. He also conducts training in building good customer relations, public speaking, image, savoir-vivre and diplomatic protocol, with particular emphasis on its application in local government and business. He is a qualified professional advisor. For two years he has participated in the implementation of EU projects specializing in the professional and social activation of excluded people.