



Partner Information

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Knowledge Building in Action – www.KBinAction.com
One Plan 4 One Planet Solving the SDGs – www.OnePlan4OnePlanet.org

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Background & Experience

Type of Organization	Vocational Training Centre, International Affairs, Erasmus+ Mobility Receiving Partner
Is the partner organization a public body?	No
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	No
Please briefly present your organization	<p>Global Skills Network in an active participant in Erasmus+ and other European projects. We began our operations in 2003 to serve as a receiving organization for lifelong learning mobility of staff and students. Since that time, we have hosted groups from 26 EU member countries, 2 EEA countries and 2 candidate country. In 2014, we transformed our operations to become hosts specifically for Erasmus+ as Global Skills Network. Since that time, we have continued serving as a competent partner for KA1 student and staff mobility programming in a wide range of fields, with a focus on training, entrepreneurship and VETPRO. In 2016, we began to collaborate in consortia designed to address societal problems in cognate areas under sponsorship of the European Commission, European Social Funds, ENI CBC Mediterranean, EEA/Norway Grants and other multi-lateral funding agencies. In 2017, we expanded our services to offer structured courses in a variety of subject matters, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Entrepreneurship</u> (<i>Mindset and EntreComp Training for Entrepreneurs; Entrepreneurship for Women</i>) – www.EntreCompEd.eu and www.EYEIncubator.com • Teacher Training for 21st Century Skills (<i>ICTs for Technology Literacy, Knowledge Deepening and Knowledge Creation; Knowledge Economy Skills for Success in School, Work and Life; Teaching by Topics Through Project-Based Learning; The 4Cs of Future Education – Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication and Creativity</i>)



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- Subject-Specific Customized Coursework: Marketing 101 for Young Professionals; Green Construction; Recycling; Molecular Gastronomy; SMART Agricultural Practices, etc.)

We have served as competent consortia administrators to bring together diverse stakeholders facing common challenges in cognate regions to dialogue and seek solutions. These include creating applicant consortia to the following projects:

- EYENEET, bringing together 11 partners from eight countries in the Mediterranean region to combat youth unemployment, underemployment and mitigate conditions in which NEET (young people not in education, employment or training) barely survive
- Reversing Emigration Trends Through Entrepreneurship brought together ten partners in six countries vulnerable to population loss through emigration
- Community-Building for Women Entrepreneurship brought together seven partners to redesign WEGate, create a community of practice around entrepreneurship, and support a series of resource nodes that will transform into regional hubs for coalescing local stakeholders
- One Plan 4 One Planet creates a collaborative platform that identifies problem-solvers working on solutions to the Global Goals – the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and trains them to become entrepreneurial through EntreComp

VETPRO Experience for Staff/Faculty Mobility: Our multilingual staff have devised, monitored and certified training programming for staff, teachers, faculty and administrators in terms of professional development and relationship-building during mobility to Barcelona, where we are headquartered, as well as exposure to best practice and innovation so that participants could return to their country of origin with expertise on conducting their in-country programming.

INTERNSHIPS, WORK EXPERIENCE and VOLUNTEERISM: We have devised, monitored and certified internships, volunteerism and work experience for young people, ages 14-32 in a range of industries, fields and sectors in an effort to facilitate the acquisition of skills, exposure to the cultures and languages of Spain and improved learning outcomes so that these beneficiaries could return to their country of origin and apply their new knowledge to the workforce. Our strong network of host companies in the private, public and nonprofit sectors have assured valuable and relevant placements for our students.

<p>What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application?</p>	<p>Global Skills Network has expanded its operations from general mobility and training to include programming directed toward youth, volunteerism and entrepreneurship. Our current focus on participating in transnational collaborative projects addressing areas where entrepreneurship can contribute toward economic development, combat youth unemployment and underemployment, and supporting the acceleration of the United Nations Sustainable Development Global Goals, as well as a recognition of the value of non-formal learning.</p> <p>Our staff are certified as Erasmus+ dialogue facilitators, and we support a range of virtual interactions, including creating Communities of Practice for teachers and for practitioners at public bodies and private enterprises.</p>
<p>What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?</p>	<p>Our successful history has been forged by women entrepreneurs, founding directors of our maiden enterprise, MS Barcelona. We have managed to augment our capacity by hiring part-time assistance in those areas where additional competences are needed.</p> <p>Global Skills Network has a history of serving as consortium administrators and competent project managers.</p>



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Name of staff member	Summary of relevant skills and experience, including where relevant a list of recent publications related to the domain of the project.
Sandra Lund-Diaz, M.Ed.	<p>Sandra is the Co-founder and Director of Strategic Partnerships of Global Skills Network. With a Master’s degree in Education, Adult Learning/Post-Secondary Education and Ph.D. studies in Instructional System Design and Technology, her academic training positions her as an expert in coursework design for training and learning programming. With a Bachelor’s degree in Organizational Management and 17+ years in European project management, Sandra has extensive experience to lend in efficient project management of transnational mobility programming that includes work experience and internships for students and VETPRO training for educators and practitioners in a wide variety of subject matters. She also serves as Programming Coordinator for the various extensions of Global Skills Network programmes, including EntreComp Entrepreneurship Education & Training (www.EntreCompEd.eu), EYE – the E-Incubator for Young Entrepreneurs (www.EYEIncubator.com) and consortium administration coordinator for applications to various European projects that support entrepreneurship training, economic development, workforce preparedness, and social innovation. She is also author of the www.OnePlan4OnePlanet.org initiative to promote EntreComp entrepreneurship education for a practical application to the UN Global Goals. Sandra was an early supporter of the development of the European CareerCon Career Development Network.</p> <p>Sandra maintains active membership in the following professional associations: Association of Teacher Education in Europe (Co-Chair, Global Education Research and Development Community for eight years), World Federation of Associations for Teacher Education, International Technology and Engineering Educators Association, International Academy of Technology Education and Development, Association for Education Communications and Technology. She also represents Global Skills Network at the international level, and participates in EU Commission-sponsored training projects to improve the organization’s ability to serve as a competent and reliable receiving partner for Erasmus+ projects. A native-English speaker, Sandra specialises in working to assure content correctness and the fulfillment of learning outcomes.</p>



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<p>Montse González Fernández</p>	<p>Montse is the Co-founder and Director of Global Skills Network, S.L. She serves as Programme Coordinator to process programming needs from partner solicitations in terms of training and work placements. She is the contact person for the organization with the sending organisation at the definition phase of the project and immediately before the arrival of the group, asking for all necessary information/documents and defining the services to be provided, and during the course of the participants' stay serves as the Beneficiary Welfare Officer, available 24/7 to help with any emergencies that might arise. She is responsible for signing Memorandum of Understanding, Erasmus+ Contracts with the host companies and the sending partners, and learning agreements with sending organisations, processing certification and documentation of completion, especially Europasses, and maintaining a liaison with host companies serving to supervise participants in work experience projects and processing mid-term and final evaluations in conjunction with training program objectives and supervisor's comments. Montse is responsible for closing all projects with a comprehensive final report to the sending organization. Montse is a native-Spanish and native-Catalan speaker, and is fluent in Portuguese and Gallego.</p>
<p>Manuela Kleinmann</p> <p>Raichin Rachev</p> <p>Asesoria Gimor</p>	<p>Ela is responsible for translations and interpretation from Spanish or Catalan required to implement specific programming that require that services be provided in English or German. She has earned a Diplom-Übersetzerin (German University Title in Translation/Interpretation) A native German speaker, Ela also speaks English, Spanish and French.</p> <p>Raichin is the President of Future 21 Century Foundation, a social enterprise organisation whose mission is to provide solutions and maintain activities for bridging the Digital Divide. F21CF supports digital training through the iPortal, a platform that provides virtual classrooms, videoconferencing and other e-learning and distance learning mechanisms for both synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning. They are the host of the regional Cisco Academy. Raichin is speaks Bulgarian, English, Russian and German.</p> <p>Asesoria is responsible for fiscal controls of programming, including accounting, compliance issues, taxes and other financial activity required of an enterprise in Spain</p>

ABOUT BARCELONA: Barcelona is an excellent destination for people of ages to enjoy. Situated on the Mediterranean Sea, Barcelona as a cosmopolitan city is full of museums, theatres and cinemas, extensive nightlife, and a wide range of sport activities. The diverse range of commerce and industry present in this region of Spain make Barcelona an excellent place for work, study, rest, play and inter-cultural exchange.

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia, an area that is bustling with first-rate tourism and has a long tradition of international commerce. In fact, this area of Spain was the number one tourist destination for several years. Being a port city directly on the Mediterranean mitigates against extreme weather, especially in the winter months. We enjoy weather unparalleled in the rest of the European continent – it rarely snows in the city.

Talk about innovation! Catalonia is attracting more R&D investments than any other area in Spain, is the Mediterranean / Southern Europe's hotbed for innovation, and is recognized as home to technology and global industries. Barcelona is home to the Mobile World Congress and the Smart Cities Expo. Shp2B accelerates and invests in startups that have a social impact. Barcelona Institute for the Habitat supports economic, social and urban planning. Barcelona Tech City/Pier 01 in Palau de Mar, Accenture's analytics center, European Institute of Innovation and Technology InnoLife consortium, Ajec and the Catalunya Apps Association of digital companies and professionals are all headquartered in Barcelona.

Why come to Barcelona for Erasmus+ ?

- Mediterranean / Southern Europe's Hotbed for Innovation
- Cosmopolitan city with excellent public transportation
- Host for extensive cultural, entertainment and sports events
- Recognized as home to technology and global industries
- Best beaches in Spain!



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There are several mature entrepreneurial ecosystems and innovation centers in our region and others in close proximity, such as the public/private partnership Barcelona Net Activa business incubator and entrepreneurship ecosystem, with several smaller ecosystems and co-working spaces focused on specialized groups such as women, disabled, specific sectors of technology, etc., as well as those in nearby provinces like Valencia, Castellon and Aragon, and across the Iberian peninsula including Portugal and Andorra.

With a population of about 5.5 million located throughout the city and suburbs, Barcelona is stretched out on a plain on the northern corner of Spain's Mediterranean coast, referred to as the Costa Dorada. The city is a blend of modern and medieval, progress and traditionalism, and typically Mediterranean in cuisine and culture. It is the most cosmopolitan and economically

active city in Spain and on the Mediterranean Sea. The expansion of the city, which really started with the demolition of the walls that surrounded Old Town in the mid-1800s, was just the beginning of urban renewal projects that would transform Barcelona. The Universal Exhibition of 1888, the International Exhibition of 1929 and the Olympic Games of 1992 all created new districts and structures, new communications networks and better services in a metropolitan area that has become one of the most progressive and commercially sophisticated in Europe - the epitome of cosmopolitan living!

