

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
PIC	887590159
Full legal name (National Language)	Súkromná základná škola slobodného demokratického vzdelávania, Galaktická 9, Košice
Full legal name (Latin characters)	Súkromná základná škola slobodného demokratického vzdelávania, Galaktická 9, Košice
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B. PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	elementary school (ISCED1+ISCED2, age 6-15)
Is the partner organisation a public body?	no, we are not established or run by any public institutions, in details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● we are legal primary school recognized by Slovak government, ● we are funded as any other school recognized by government, ● we are established by non-profit NGO, ● our school economy is non-profit.
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	yes
C. ACCREDITATION	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	No
Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants?	2023: Erasmus+ (applicant); Project No. 2023-1-SK01-KA122-SCH-000148721;

	Role of democratic schools in Visegrad context; Súkromná základná škola, Jarmočná 96, Ždaňa - now renamed to Súkromná základná škola slobodného demokratického vzdelávania, Galaktická 9, Košice 2022: Erasmus+ (participant); Active Democratic Learning: Youth participation and emotional wellbeing; Summer School of Suvemäe, Kopli 102a, Tallinn, Estonia
D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
Please briefly present the partner organisation.	Our free Democratic School is an elementary school with over 800 students, of whom 700 are homeschooled. Supervised by the independent university University of Constantine the Philosopher: www.pf.ukf.sk , we conduct longitudinal research on democratic education. Without a rigid curriculum or constant external stimulation, we provide a space for a well-established model of free education and play, validated by a century of experience at Summerhill (founded in 1921, UK) and aligned with the latest findings in pedagogy, psychology, and neurology. We guide children through the world with a focus on freedom, inclusion, intrinsic motivation, and ample time outdoors. We demonstrate that education can be done differently – more freely, more joyfully – and that democracy is a value to be cherished and protected from an early age. Additionally, we offer various hybrid educational models to cater to diverse learners, with a particular focus on supporting children with disadvantages (150 students). We actively support families who homeschool their children through a variety of online and in-person services.
What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?	Our school, supervised by the university and ministry of education, conducts research on free democratic education across different learning models (full-time, hybrid, homeschooling). We promote more freedom in education, respectful communication (especially with children), and the benefits of diversity (including age, abilities, and interests) and outdoor activities. We actively participate in projects that build our school community, encourage reading, explore STEM fields, and foster student entrepreneurship, cultivate citizen activism, develop environmental awareness and expand outdoor activities for pupils. We organize staff and student mobilities among free democratic schools and organisations, currently one donated by Erasmus+ short-term mobility.
What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?	Free democratic and self-directed education and its processes, psychology of children, communication and conflict-solving, special education and inclusion, citizenship activism, IT in education and smart solutions in education. Through the year we usually administer 5-10 smaller grants in the local community and budget less than 3000 euros and 1 larger with international partners. The largest grant administered by our legal representative was around 200 000 euros (Juraj Mazák, in another organisation).
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