

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

KARVINA SUSTAINABLY Z. S.

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION

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B. PROFILE

Type of Organisation	Youth Public Association (Non-Governmental)
Is the partner organisation a public body?	YES
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES

D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Please briefly
present the
partner
organisation.

Karvina Sustainably was founded in 2021 by a group of active students and youthworkers dwelling in the Karvina district. This group is eager to follow the Sustainable Development Goals agenda 2030 by the UN and become an important voice in development of former heavy industrial area. The main activity is to work regularly throughout the year and to strive for sustainability in the area of work with children, youth and adults by means of formal and informal education. Apart from Czech citizens, Karvina Sustainably z. s. aims to provide informational and advisory services to youth, as well as the general public on the problematic of sustainability and protection of our planet, as well as non-formal education, leisure activities for children, youth and adults. Moreover, Karvina Sustainably actively contributes to the environmental and animal protection, fighting racism and xenophobia.

As stated above, Karvina Sustainably aims to lead the way towards meeting the goals of the

sustainable development agenda, namely mainly in socio-economic and environmental development. Primarily, the non-governmental organisation focuses on the **sustainable development goal 16** which deals with creation of an inclusive society.

One of the priorities of Karvina Sustainably z. s. is the participation, preparation and implementation of projects within the European educational programme ERASMUS +, namely international Erasmus + projects. Karvina Sustainably organizes informal educational TC and youth exchanges, as well as volunteering via European Solidarity Corps. Besides this, Karvina Sustainably organises additional youth projects, such as youth parliament, structured dialogues, suburban camps, active citizenship, digital competences, environmental projects, projects promoting inclusion of disadvantaged young people, leisure-type activities for the most vulnerable groups in society (table tennis lessons, chess tournaments, music lessons and playing musical instruments, language learning, English, Russian, French, Spanish. In fact, aforementioned activities serve as a manner of integrating the most vulnerable groups into society properly. Furthermore, Karvina Sustainably offers IT courses for unemployed and elderly people, as well as Czech language courses for foreigners coming from ethnic minorities. Additionally, Karvina Sustainably is raising awareness of foreign cultures and thereby, aims to improve cultural awareness and to diminish discrimination in the Karvina district. Lastly, Karvina Sustainably also looks into problematic of human rights violations and international development.

In 2025 the organisation opened a community Re-Use centre at Olbrachtova 845/2, 734 01 Karviná – Ráj. The centre promotes sustainability by preventing waste and supporting households in difficult situations through the sale of donated functional items at symbolic prices. It accepts functional things that owners no longer use and offers them to the public. The centre's mission is to reduce waste generation and return items to circulation, thereby helping both people and the environment. By establishing the Re-Use centre, Karvina Sustainably demonstrates its commitment to circular-economy principles, environmental education and social inclusion.

<p>What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application?</p>	<p>Since our establishment in 2021, we took part as a partner in the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Europe for Citizens: Counter Euroscepticism with your vote- K310- Erasmus +, discussing the salience of political participation ✓ Green Three Seas: K210 – Erasmus +, developing green skills of youth necessary for the green transition ✓ Czech-Polish Fake news Academy- Ministry of Polish Internal Affairs, raising the awareness about the spread of fake news and “news literacy” in light of Russian propaganda. ✓ Social eco entrepreneurship- V4- developing skills of youth in the sphere of ecological entrepreneurship ✓ Do For You- V4- developing skills of youth for their future employment ✓ Green Three Seas Initiative- discussing and designing the future of Three Seas Initiative in the sphere of non-profit sector ✓ Is my vote useful? – KA154-YOU, supporting first time voters in European elections ✓ Playing together for Unity – KA152-SPO, integration of Ukrainian refugees through sport <p>Here are our approved projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reduce your environmental footprint – K120 – Erasmus + - raising the awareness regarding lowering individual environmental footprint in our daily life ✓ You(th) and Water – K120 – Erasmus+ - raising awareness of climate change, the value of water and our interrelationship with it. ✓ Children of Sustainability - ESC – Solidarity project - project educated young students on ecological awareness through interactive workshops, promoting sustainability, permaculture, and environmental stewardship. ✓ Growing Green Children – ESC – Solidarity project - project created an eco-garden to teach children about permaculture, sustainability, and environmental responsibility through hands-on activities. ✓ Human Right Festival – Small grants US Embassy – Promoting and human rights. Festival offers activities focused on human rights issues. For example academic lectures, human rights film screenings, a human rights run, and an exhibition of human rights-themed artwork.
<p>Core team of the organization</p>	<p><u>President of Karvina Sustainably, legal person- Alexadra Witkova- (karvina.sustainably@gmail.com)</u></p> <p>Alexandra has a long-term experience with youth coaching, she graduated in the field of non-profit management at Ostrava University and currently she is studying her master’s degree (MSc) in Entrepreneurship management at Silesian University. She has been a youth worker for 5 years and thereby, she possesses required soft skills and key competences, including project management, teamwork and leadership. Moreover, she has immense international experience- she completed the cultural care programme in the United States, an internship in French journal in Hungary, an internship at Russian academic journal in Germany, European solidarity corps in Turkey or job shadowing in Australia. Moreover, in 2022, she conducted her independent research in Jordan.</p>

Contact Person – Zuzana Hudcova

Zuzana graduated from a postgraduate programme in International Law at Newcastle University. Currently she studies International Development and Environmental studies at Palacky University. In 2022, she became a Junior Water and Sanitation Specialist at UNICEF, joining the mission in Amman, focusing on environmental issues. And in 2023, she serves as the Climate and WASH Officer at UNICEF Zambia. She also participated in rich international experience, besides her studies abroad, she was an intern at the Czech Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, she worked multiple times in France, undertook her ESC in Turkey or spent a year abroad focusing on the European Union studies in the Netherlands. In 2016 she had a chance to become the official translator (French to Czech) in the Swiss Youth Parliament Summit, and during her secondary school studies she volunteered in a local active group called the Youth Parliament in Ostrava. In this group she developed her sense for teamwork, leadership and project management amongst others.

Contact Person – Pavel Kopczyk

Pavel graduated from undergraduate programme in Security systems and technology management at Bata University and is currently a student of Business studies at Silesian University. In 2023, he became a student ambassador at the National Chung Cheng University in Taiwan. As a trainer he specialises in securing buildings and businesses with mechanical and electronic equipment, safety on the internet, risk analysis, artificial intelligence, renewable energy sources, investing. Likewise, he worked as animator for integration centre for foreigners and as a trainer of table tennis. He is interested in playing football, chess and talking in foreign languages mainly English, Spanish, Russian. Pavel has also gained various international experience, he undertook his internship in Russian scientific journal, and spent a semester abroad in Portugal and Spain. He developed intercultural awareness, teamwork skills, project management and leadership. Moreover, Pavel has numerous experience of working with children and other vulnerable groups.

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