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PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	NO
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES
BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
Please briefly present the organisation	As of 2025, our NGO continues its mission to empower youth and foster positive societal change. Over the past years, we have engaged in numerous impactful projects both locally and internationally. Notably, in 2019, we conducted a KA1 Training Course focused on combating youth unemployment, followed by two KA1 Youth Exchanges in 2020 addressing Antisemitism and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Our ecological focus centers on combating food waste, highlighted through our European Solidarity Corps project aimed at reducing food waste among young people. Combating Antisemitism has remained a core priority, with continued local initiatives and the successful completion of the KA2 Youth Against Antisemitism project in 2021. That same year, we launched the KA2 Lifeboat project, which was successfully concluded. In 2022, we executed two youth exchanges: Let's Tackle It Together and Fair Game. Throughout 2023, we remained active with the project There Is No Planet B and participated as partners in multiple other initiatives. Currently, we are working on the KA2 project ActiveYou, while having also completed a KA2 project focusing on LGBT+ topics. In 2024, we implemented a two-phase Visegrad Fund project in Přerov and Krakow centered on youth involvement in politics. Over the last three years, we have maintained the number of participants sent to diverse educational projects at around 300 annually, reflecting our sustained commitment to youth engagement and development. This steady involvement has enabled us to build a strong network of youth leaders and foster collaborative efforts with various organizations across Europe.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?	The Czech Youth Association z.s. has a rich history of engagement in activities related to tolerance promotion and combating radicalization, both within the Czech Republic and in international contexts. Our experiences in these critical areas are as follows: Educational Workshops and Awareness Campaigns: We have organized numerous educational workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns aimed at promoting tolerance, inclusivity, and diversity. These events have targeted young people, schools, and local communities, helping to raise awareness about the importance of tolerance and the consequences of radicalization. Participation in International Projects: Our organization has actively participated in various international projects and partnerships that focus on tolerance and countering radicalization. This involvement has allowed us to exchange best practices, collaborate with experts, and gain valuable insights into effective strategies for combating radicalization. Additionally, we have taken part in numerous projects specifically aimed at addressing issues such as antisemitism, racism, xenophobia, and sexism, further emphasizing our commitment to combating discrimination in all its forms. Local and International Initiatives Against Antisemitism: Antisemitism is a critical issue for our organization, and we have undertaken both local and international initiatives to address this pressing concern. Locally, we organized projects aimed at raising awareness about antisemitism and promoting tolerance within our community. Internationally, we have actively participated in projects dedicated to combatting antisemitism and promoting intercultural understanding. Tolerance in Sports: We recognize the importance of promoting tolerance in all aspects of society, including sports. To this end, we organized an international project focused on tolerance in sports. Through this initiative, we aimed to foster an inclusive sporting environment that transcends cultural, racial, and ethnic boundaries, ensuring that sports serve as a vehicle for unity and understanding. Our dedication to fostering tolerance, inclusivity, and diversity is underscored by our active involvement in initiatives that combat various forms of discrimination, including antisemitism, racism, xenophobia, and sexism. We believe that education, awareness, and international collaboration are essential tools in the fight against radicalization and intolerance, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to these critical causes.
What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?	The leadership of the organization, including the President and board members, comprises experienced youth workers with an extensive track record in managing Erasmus+ projects, and prior experience with Comenius projects as well. Our core team consists of proficient youth workers with a strong command of the English language and exceptional communication skills. These team members have also served as facilitators in various national and international projects, demonstrating their capacity to provide valuable support in navigating challenges that may arise. Our President brings a wealth of experience in project writing and project management, with a remarkable six-year tenure that includes serving as a project manager for KA2 projects. This experience underscores our commitment to effective project planning and execution, ensuring the achievement of project goals and objectives. Jan Odstrcil, a dedicated student specializing in multimedia, possesses a profound interest in a wide array of topics that are of paramount importance in today's global landscape. His areas of focus encompass critical issues such as fake news, the dissemination of Russian propaganda, and the prevailing extremist tensions within society. Jan's active involvement in numerous KA1 projects, each centered on diverse themes, underscores his versatility and keen willingness to engage with multifaceted challenges. His participation in these projects has afforded him invaluable firsthand experience in tackling various issues, honing his skills in research, analysis, and cross-cultural collaboration. Jan's dedication and contributions within the KA1 projects have consistently demonstrated his commitment to fostering positive change on both local and

	international scales. Furthermore, Jan played an integral role in a KA2 project focused on youth work, where he made substantial contributions to the design and development of final project outputs. His multifaceted skill set, which encompasses multimedia expertise, lends itself to the creation of engaging and impactful materials. Through his work in the KA2 project, Jan showcased his ability to transform ideas into tangible and effective resources, amplifying the project's reach and impact. Katerina Smolkova has been a vital participant in our organization's youth exchange programs, with a strong focus on ecology and media. Her involvement has been multi-faceted, reflecting her dedication to environmental sustainability, media literacy, and civic engagement. Katerina actively participated in several youth exchanges centered on ecology and media. These experiences allowed her to gain cross-cultural insights and broaden her understanding of these critical issues. Her engagement has not only enriched her own perspective but has also contributed significantly to raising awareness about environmental concerns and media literacy on an international level. One of her notable contributions was as a facilitator in the "Voting Never Hurts" project held in Prerov. In this role, Katerina played a key part in fostering meaningful discussions and civic education, empowering young participants to become informed and engaged citizens. She took on the essential responsibility of a project writer within our organization. Her skills in crafting project proposals have been instrumental in securing funding for our youth exchange initiatives, strengthening our ability to create impactful programs. She has been as well actively involved in the participant selection process for our youth exchange programs. Her meticulous approach and commitment to inclusivity ensure that the right individuals are chosen for these exchanges, promoting diverse and enriching experiences for all participants.
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