

**Asociacija IVAIGO
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Type of organization	Non-governmental organisation/association
Main sector of activity	OTHER Non-formal education through local and international activities

Please briefly present the organisation / the group*

Asociacija IVAIGO is a non-profit organization based in Lithuania, dedicated to supporting individuals of all backgrounds through accessible lifelong learning and non-formal education. IVAIGO's mission is to foster personal growth, skill development, and social inclusion, enabling individuals to contribute positively to their communities.

The organization has a diverse range of objectives, including fostering international partnerships, promoting social inclusion, advancing digital and AI literacy, and championing sustainability. IVAIGO develops and implements projects that address pressing societal challenges such as unemployment, environmental concerns, discrimination, women's empowerment, mental health, and entrepreneurship. The organization places a strong emphasis on creative methodologies, leveraging art, music, and sports to inspire critical thinking and innovation.

IVAIGO actively promotes youth participation in democratic processes, ERASMUS+ programs, and international exchanges, aiming to build leadership, civic engagement, and cultural awareness. It supports active citizenship and ethics in lifelong learning, fostering social and intercultural competencies, media literacy, and critical thinking through its projects and activities. The organization also prioritizes sustainable professional and personal skill development in multicultural contexts, particularly for young people, minorities, and marginalized groups.

In response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, IVAIGO has expanded its digital initiatives, offering webinars, online coaching, and training sessions to boost digital competencies and enhance the use of innovative technologies in education and daily work. IVAIGO's focus on health and well-being is evident through its inclusive sports programs, wellness campaigns, and mental health workshops. Additionally, it advocates for environmental sustainability by training youth in green skills and organizing environmental awareness campaigns.

With a comprehensive approach to education, inclusion, and innovation, IVAIGO remains committed to empowering individuals and fostering a collaborative network of partners to address global challenges effectively.

What are the activities and experience of the partner organisation in youth work? Please provide information on your organisation's / group's regular youth work activities at local level.*

SOCIAL INCLUSION

IVAIGO is deeply committed to fostering social inclusion, striving to create environments where equity, equality, and diversity thrive. The organization focuses on supporting individuals with fewer opportunities, such as people with disabilities, migrants, refugees, and those living in rural or socio-economically disadvantaged areas. IVAIGO conducts creative thinking, visual arts, reading activities, and AI training, targeting marginalized communities and enabling them to gain essential skills and confidence.

Additionally, IVAIGO offers Lithuanian language courses to refugees and migrants, facilitating their integration into society and providing opportunities for social and cultural adaptation. The organization actively participates in Erasmus+ projects to promote inclusion:

- **‘Creativity for Social Inclusion’ (2021-2-CZ01-KA220-YOU-000050810):** Using creativity as a tool to encourage the social inclusion of individuals with disabilities.
- **‘Inclusion through Creativity’ (2023-1-EE01-KA210-SCH-000151315):** Supporting war refugee pupils through arts, music, and sports activities.
- **‘The Fun Factor: Gamification for Inclusive Education’ (2023-1-LT01-KA220-SCH-000151145):** Enhancing special education by integrating gamification techniques for students with special educational needs (SEN).
- **‘Playing Together for a Better Tomorrow’ (2023-1-TR01-KA210-YOU-000150793):** Promoting the social inclusion of war refugees through sports.

IVAIGO's director, Vaida Tufan, also works as an inclusion coordinator at the Vilnius International School, giving the organization direct access to students with SEN and the ability to implement tailored inclusion activities. These efforts reflect IVAIGO's dedication to creating inclusive communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

MEDIA LITERACY / DIGITAL SKILLS

Recognizing the growing importance of digital competence, IVAIGO organizes workshops for students, teachers, and educators to develop media literacy and digital skills. These workshops focus on digital pedagogy, the use of assistive technologies, and innovative approaches like digital storytelling. IVAIGO encourages the use of digital tools for educational purposes, promoting e-platforms, coding, robotics, AI, and gamification to enhance learning outcomes.

Notable projects in this area include:

- **‘Tool4Youth’ (2021-2-PT02-KA220-YOU-000048125):** Raising awareness of fake news and improving media literacy among young people.
- **‘EDUMOM’ (2023-1-SE01-KA210-ADU-000129859):** Empowering women on parental leave by enhancing their digital and employability skills.
- **‘Artificial Intelligence Qualifications’ Improvement and Utilization’ (2023-3-LT02-KA153-YOU-000173079):** Introducing AI, VR, and gamification techniques to improve youth workers’ digital competencies.
- **‘Digital Futures’ (2023-3-CY02-KA210-YOU-000172933):** Building online career skills and digital literacy for young Europeans.
- **‘Digitalization Makes Sense’ (2023-2-LV01-KA210-ADU-000169885):** Enhancing the capacity of small adult education providers through digital tools and solutions.
- **‘Positive Digital Parenting’ (2023-2-LT01-KA210-ADU-000173746):** Supporting parents and educators in teaching safe and responsible digital practices.
- **‘Unboxed Democratic Youth’ (2023-3-FR02-KA210-YOU-000172814):** Encouraging youth participation in democracy through filmmaking and storytelling.

By fostering digital and entrepreneurial skills, IVAIGO equips individuals with the competencies needed to succeed in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

IVAIGO is dedicated to supporting refugees and migrants through various initiatives designed to promote inclusion, integration, and empowerment. Activities such as ICT training, creative arts programs, and sports help individuals build skills and connect with their communities. Lithuanian language courses are offered to migrants and refugees to aid in cultural adaptation and employment opportunities.

Highlighted projects include:

- **‘Inclusion through Creativity’ (2023-1-EE01-KA210-SCH-000151315):** Supporting the social inclusion of refugee pupils through creative approaches.
- **‘Breaking Digital Boundaries’ (2023-2-FR01-KA210-ADU-000172870):** Promoting intercultural dialogue and addressing discrimination through digital storytelling and media.
- **‘We Can’ (2022-3-BE04-KA210-YOU-000103446):** Enhancing the self-development skills of migrants and refugees to improve their perception of social inclusion.

Through these efforts, IVAIGO creates a supportive environment where refugees and migrants can rebuild their lives and actively participate in their new communities.

HEALTHY LIFE AND SPORTS

IVAIGO promotes health and well-being by organizing sports tournaments, wellness campaigns, and inclusive activities for youth and adults. Programs like "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind" encourage healthy living and raise awareness about the benefits of a balanced lifestyle. Sports activities are designed to be inclusive, ensuring the participation of students with SEN alongside their peers.

Key projects include:

- **‘Playing Together for a Better Tomorrow’ (2023-1-TR01-KA210-YOU-000150793):** Using sports as a tool to promote the inclusion of war refugees.
- **‘Mindful Living’ (2023-3-LT02-KA152-YOU-000176457):** Introducing yoga, mindfulness, and stress management techniques to improve mental health and well-being.

These initiatives aim to empower individuals to lead healthier, more balanced lives, while fostering social inclusion and community engagement.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

IVAIGO is committed to raising environmental awareness and promoting sustainability. Activities include waste management campaigns, resource-saving workshops, and clean-up drives like the "Let's Do It!" initiative in Lithuania. The organization trains youth in green skills and advocates for environmentally conscious policies.

Highlighted projects include:

- **‘Sustainable You(th)’ (2023-1-LT02-KA152-YOU-000113802):** Encouraging youth to adopt sustainable practices.
- **‘Embracing the Youth Perspective: Smart Cities’ (2024-1-PL01-KA210-YOU-000243681):** Engaging young people in smart city planning to address urban challenges and climate change.

By integrating sustainability into education and community activities, IVAIGO inspires individuals to take an active role in environmental stewardship.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

IVAIGO supports entrepreneurship by offering training, mentorship, and resources to empower young people, especially early school leavers, NEET, and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. These initiatives aim to foster creativity, innovation, and self-reliance among aspiring entrepreneurs.

Key projects include:

- **‘Entrepreneurship vs. Youth Unemployment’ (2022-3-LT02-KA152-YOU-000099160)**: Encouraging young people to transition into the labor market by developing entrepreneurial skills.
- **‘Entrepreneurial EQ’ (2023-3-ES02-KA210-YOU-000176317)**: Integrating emotional intelligence into entrepreneurial training to build resilience and innovative thinking.
- **‘Unleash Potential’ (2023-2-IT01-KA210-ADU-000176685)**: Empowering long-term unemployed individuals to reintegrate into the economy.

These projects provide participants with practical tools and strategies to succeed in their entrepreneurial endeavors.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

IVAIGO empowers women through targeted initiatives that enhance skills, promote gender equality, and address pressing issues like domestic violence. Activities focus on providing support, training, and leadership opportunities to women of all ages and backgrounds.

Highlighted projects include:

- **‘Beyond Silence’ (2023-3-RO01-KA210-YOU-000172946)**: Supporting young women affected by domestic violence through empowerment programs.
- **‘Edumom’ (2023-1-SE01-KA210-ADU-000129859)**: Equipping women on parental leave with new skills to improve employability.
- **‘Empowering Women: Building Leadership and Advocacy Skills’ (2023-3-MT01-KA210-YOU-000173178)**: Promoting leadership and advocacy among young European women.
- **‘Equal Futures’ (2023-3-DK01-KA210-YOU-000174979)**: Strengthening feminist youth activism and advancing women’s rights.
- **‘eSafety Women’ (2024-1-LT02-KA210-YOU-000243179)**: Helping women navigate online spaces safely and combat gender-based violence.

These initiatives foster confidence, independence, and opportunities for women to thrive both personally and professionally.

Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application and on the competences and previous experience that they will bring to the project.*

Vaida Tufan

Vaida Tufan serves as the Director and Project Coordinator at IVAIGO, bringing extensive experience and expertise in education and youth work. She is a versatile educator, teacher, and youth worker with a deep understanding of developing educational materials. Her professional portfolio includes involvement in a wide range of international projects across diverse fields, such as education, sports, health, entrepreneurship, and media literacy.

Vaida's teaching experience spans mathematics and English, complemented by her specialization in digital storytelling and non-formal education methods. She has successfully organized numerous seminars and workshops for students and teachers, fostering innovative teaching techniques and promoting inclusion. In her role as an inclusion coordinator at Vilnius International School, she works directly with students with special educational needs (SEN), applying her expertise to create inclusive environments. Vaida's ability to coordinate complex projects and her hands-on experience in educational program delivery make her an invaluable asset to this initiative.

Gorkem Tufan

As the Co-founder of IVAIGO, Gorkem Tufan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in sports education, digital skills, and AI applications. A certified PE teacher, basketball coach, and Duke of Edinburgh trainer, Gorkem excels at organizing sports activities, summer camps, and sports lessons that inspire youth participation and promote healthy lifestyles.

Gorkem has a strong background in project coordination and event management, with a particular focus on youth motivation and engagement. He has organized numerous local and international meetings and seminars, addressing challenges faced by minority groups and individuals living abroad. His expertise in digital skills, AI fundamentals, and data analysis allows him to design and deliver cutting-edge training sessions and workshops. Gorkem's ability to integrate AI and digital tools into youth work, coupled with his skills in automation, ensures participants acquire essential competencies for the future workforce. His experience in creating interactive and impactful learning environments is a key contribution to the project.

Fikret Müge Alptekin

Fikret Müge Alptekin is an environmental engineer with specialized expertise in circular economy principles, particularly in food waste reduction. Her work focuses on developing high value-added products from biomass wastes to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices.

As an advocate for sustainable living, Müge actively raises awareness about environmental challenges and encourages responsible food choices and waste management behaviors. Her experience in integrating circular economy strategies into projects enhances IVAIGO's environmental initiatives. Müge's ability to bridge technical knowledge with practical applications makes her a key contributor to the project's sustainability goals. Her advocacy for

eco-friendly behaviors and her dedication to fostering environmentally conscious communities align perfectly with the project's objectives.

Together, this team of experienced professionals combines a diverse set of skills and expertise in education, digital transformation, sports, environmental sustainability, and youth work. Their collective knowledge and practical experience ensure the successful implementation and impact of the project.

Would you like to make any comments or add any information to the summary of your organization's past participation?

IVAIGO is a non-profit organization established in 2021 in Lithuania, driven by a mission to provide accessible lifelong learning and non-formal education for all individuals, regardless of their origin or background. Guided by its mission, IVAIGO aims to develop people's potential through mentoring, education, and creating awareness in the areas of culture, employment, health, and sustainability. The organization's vision is to enable individuals to grow personally and contribute positively to their communities.

Despite being a relatively young organization, IVAIGO has established a strong track record in implementing Erasmus+ projects. These initiatives have allowed participants to develop key competencies, explore socially relevant topics, discover new cultures, and strengthen fundamental values such as solidarity, democracy, tolerance, and inclusion. IVAIGO prioritizes fostering social inclusion, empowering youth, advancing digital literacy, and championing sustainability through its projects and activities.

The organization is led by a team of experienced professionals, including educators, psychologists, sports trainers, and non-formal education experts, with expertise in areas such as inclusion, digital skills, mental well-being, entrepreneurship, and environmental sustainability. Its management team has been actively involved in running Erasmus+ projects, taking on roles such as participants, group leaders, facilitators, coordinators, and youth workers. Through these roles, IVAIGO's staff have gained valuable insights and practical experience in international cooperation, project management, and the dissemination of results.

IVAIGO also collaborates with professional officials such as decision-makers, pedagogues, trainers, psychotherapists, and psychologists, which enhances its ability to create impactful and sustainable projects. The organization's extensive network of young people and partnerships with schools, local governments, and NGOs ensures that the results of its initiatives are widely disseminated and utilized for maximum impact. IVAIGO's close collaboration with partners and stakeholders on a local, regional, and international level solidifies its position as a reliable and

sustainable organization, actively contributing to youth policy and innovative educational practices.

With a clear strategy and commitment to advancing lifelong learning, inclusion, and sustainability, IVAIGO continues to make a meaningful impact through its projects. Its proactive engagement in areas such as mental health, entrepreneurship, and environmental awareness, combined with its expertise in coordination, promotion, and dissemination, makes IVAIGO a valuable partner in creating and implementing successful youth initiatives.

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