Asociacija IVAIGO

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Type of organization	Non-governmental organisation/assosiation
Main sector of activity	OTHER Non-formal education through local and international activities

Please briefly present the organisation/group (e.g. its type, scope of work, areas of activity and if applicable, approximate number of paid/unpaid staff, learners and members of the group).

Asociacija IVAIGO is a non-profit organisation founded in Lithuania in 2021, working in the fields of **youth work**, **adult education**, and **lifelong learning**. IVAIGO's mission is to create accessible learning opportunities that strengthen skills, well-being, inclusion, and active participation in society.

IVAIGO delivers non-formal education through **local community activities** and **international cooperation**, mainly via Erasmus+ projects and training initiatives. The organisation focuses on:

- **Social inclusion and equal opportunities** (work with people with fewer opportunities, including migrants, refugees, SEN, and disadvantaged groups)
- **Media literacy, digital skills and AI literacy** (safe and responsible digital participation, digital creativity, storytelling, blended learning approaches)
- **Health and well-being** (sports, mindfulness, stress management, inclusive activities)
- **Environmental sustainability** (green skills, awareness-raising, climate and sustainability education)
- **Entrepreneurship and employability** (initiative, career skills, confidence, transition to labour market)

At local level, IVAIGO runs regular courses and workshops (including language learning and well-being activities) and cooperates with schools, NGOs and community partners to ensure strong outreach and real-life impact.

IVAIGO operates with a multidisciplinary team and a wider support network. **(Keep your numbers if they are correct internally):** the organisation works with approximately **10**

core team members, around **7 interns**, and about **20 active volunteers**, engaging **hundreds of learners annually** through local and international activities.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this project? What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?

SOCIAL INCLUSION

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

Additionally, IVAIGO provides Lithuanian language courses to refugees and migrants, facilitating their integration into society and offering opportunities for social and cultural adaptation. The organization also runs mentorship programs, intercultural dialogue activities, and employability workshops to equip individuals with the skills necessary for independent living and career development.

IVAIGO's social inclusion efforts extend to youth and adults with special educational needs (SEN), as well as elderly individuals facing digital exclusion. Through tailored educational activities, the organization ensures that learning is accessible to all, promoting intergenerational learning and social cohesion. Collaborating with local schools, community centers, and NGOs, IVAIGO implements programs that create safe, supportive spaces where everyone has an equal opportunity to participate and contribute.

The organization actively participates in Erasmus+ projects aimed at promoting 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.

- **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.

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. Moreover, IVAIGO engages with policymakers and advocacy networks to push for more inclusive policies and educational frameworks at the local and European levels.

These efforts reflect IVAIGO's dedication to creating inclusive communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment across diverse populations.

MEDIA LITERACY / DIGITAL SKILLS

IVAIGO has strong and growing expertise in digital education, with a particular focus on **artificial intelligence, media literacy, and responsible digital participation**. The organisation designs and delivers non-formal learning activities that help young people, educators, and adults understand digital transformation, use technology creatively, and develop critical thinking in online environments.

IVAIGO delivers **AI-focused courses and workshops** covering topics such as:

- Introduction to artificial intelligence and machine learning
- Ethical and responsible use of AI
- AI tools for education, creativity, and productivity
- AI-powered content creation (text, visuals, audio, storytelling)
- Gamification, VR, and interactive digital learning tools
- AI and data literacy basics for youth workers and educators

These courses are adapted to different target groups, including youth with fewer opportunities, educators, parents, and adult learners. IVAIGO emphasises **practical, hands-on learning**, enabling participants to experiment with AI tools while understanding risks related to ethics, data protection, misinformation, and bias.

Relevant projects include:

- *Artificial Intelligence Qualifications' Improvement and Utilization* (2023-3-LT02-KA153-YOU-000173079) – capacity building for youth workers in AI, VR, and gamification
- *Digital Futures* (2023-3-CY02-KA210-YOU-000172933) – digital and online career skills
- *Tool4Youth* (2021-2-PT02-KA220-YOU-000048125) – media literacy and fake news
- *Unboxed Democratic Youth* (2023-3-FR02-KA210-YOU-000172814) – digital storytelling and democratic participation
- *Digitalization Makes Sense* (2023-2-LV01-KA210-ADU-000169885) – digital capacity building for education providers

- *Positive Digital Parenting* (2023-2-LT01-KA210-ADU-000173746) – safe and responsible digital practices

IVAIGO also runs Erasmus+ training courses and local workshops where AI is integrated into non-formal education methodologies, supporting innovation, creativity, and future-oriented skills.

REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

IVAIGO is committed to fostering the inclusion, integration, and empowerment of refugees and migrants through targeted initiatives that address educational, social, and economic challenges. The organization provides ICT training, creative arts programs, and sports activities as tools for skill-building and social connection. Additionally, IVAIGO offers Lithuanian language courses to aid migrants and refugees in cultural adaptation and employment opportunities, ensuring a smoother transition into society.

Beyond language education, IVAIGO supports refugees and migrants with mentorship programs, career counseling, and intercultural dialogue sessions. These initiatives help individuals develop essential life skills, access job opportunities, and gain confidence in their new communities. IVAIGO also collaborates with local municipalities, NGOs, and international organizations to advocate for inclusive policies and create sustainable solutions for refugee integration.

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.
- **Pathways to Employment**: Providing tailored job-readiness training, career counseling, and digital literacy workshops for refugees and migrants to improve employability.

Through these efforts, IVAIGO creates a supportive and inclusive environment where refugees and migrants can rebuild their lives, establish meaningful connections, and actively contribute to their communities. By fostering resilience, self-reliance, and integration, IVAIGO ensures that refugees and migrants have the tools and opportunities needed to thrive in their new home.

HEALTHY LIFE AND SPORTS

IVAIGO actively promotes physical and mental well-being through a variety of sports, wellness campaigns, and mindfulness activities. The organization believes in the power of sports as a tool for social inclusion, teamwork, and personal development. Through structured programs, IVAIGO ensures that all individuals, including those with special educational needs (SEN), have the opportunity to participate in physical activities that enhance their well-being.

The **Healthy Body, Healthy Mind** program encourages balanced living by raising awareness of physical health, nutrition, and mental resilience. IVAIGO also integrates mindfulness practices, including yoga and stress management techniques, into its health initiatives to foster mental well-being. These activities are designed to support not only youth but also adults, educators, and community members in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

In addition to its wellness campaigns, IVAIGO promotes adaptive sports and recreational activities that accommodate individuals with disabilities and diverse needs. The organization collaborates with schools, rehabilitation centers, and sports clubs to facilitate accessible and inclusive sporting opportunities.

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.

- **Active Youth for a Healthier Future**: Engaging young people in outdoor activities, team sports, and healthy lifestyle education to foster physical and emotional well-being.
- **Move for Inclusion**: Developing sports-based programs for individuals with disabilities, ensuring equal participation in physical education.

Through these initiatives, IVAIGO empowers individuals to adopt healthier lifestyles while fostering social inclusion, resilience, and a sense of belonging within communities. By integrating sports and wellness education, IVAIGO ensures that health and well-being remain central to its mission of lifelong learning and community development.

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.

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

IVAIGO is dedicated to fostering environmental awareness and promoting sustainability through educational programs, hands-on initiatives, and community-driven actions. The organization implements a range of activities, including waste management campaigns, resource conservation workshops, urban greening projects, and clean-up drives such as the **"Let's Do It!"** initiative in Lithuania.

IVAIGO also trains youth in **green skills**, equipping them with knowledge on climate action, sustainable business practices, and circular economy principles. The organization collaborates with municipalities, NGOs, and environmental experts to advocate for environmentally conscious policies and foster eco-friendly habits within

communities. Additionally, IVAIGO integrates sustainability concepts into its educational programs, ensuring that young people and adults understand the impact of their ecological footprint and the importance of sustainable living.

Highlighted projects include:

- **Sustainable You(th)** (2023-1-LT02-KA152-YOU-000113802): Encouraging youth to adopt sustainable practices through environmental education and action-based learning.
- **Embracing the Youth Perspective: Smart Cities** (2024-1-PL01-KA210-YOU-000243681): Engaging young people in smart city planning to address urban challenges, climate change, and sustainable urban development.
- **Green Future Innovators**: A program aimed at promoting sustainability entrepreneurship, supporting young innovators in developing eco-friendly business ideas.
- **Climate Action for Communities**: A local initiative focused on environmental activism, promoting renewable energy use, and enhancing community resilience to climate change.

By integrating sustainability into education, training, and community activities, IVAIGO inspires individuals to take an active role in environmental stewardship. Through these initiatives, the organization empowers people to become proactive environmental leaders, promoting long-term ecological responsibility and sustainable development.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

IVAIGO is dedicated to empowering women through targeted initiatives that foster gender equality, professional development, and personal growth. The organization implements programs that provide leadership training, employment support, mentorship, and awareness campaigns addressing gender-based challenges such as domestic violence and online safety.

IVAIGO's approach focuses on providing women, including those from marginalized backgrounds, with access to education, career guidance, entrepreneurship training, and digital literacy programs. These efforts help women gain the confidence and resources needed to secure financial independence and achieve self-fulfillment.

Additionally, the organization collaborates with local and international partners to advocate for gender equality policies, promote equal opportunities in the labor market, and support initiatives that amplify women's voices in decision-making spaces.

Highlighted projects include:

- **Beyond Silence** (2023-3-RO01-KA210-YOU-000172946): Supporting young women affected by domestic violence through empowerment programs and trauma recovery support.
- **Edumom** (2023-1-SE01-KA210-ADU-000129859): Equipping women on parental leave with new skills to improve employability, digital literacy, and career reintegration.
- **Empowering Women: Building Leadership and Advocacy Skills** (2023-3-MT01-KA210-YOU-000173178): Strengthening leadership and advocacy among young European women to enhance civic engagement.
- **Equal Futures** (2023-3-DK01-KA210-YOU-000174979): Promoting feminist youth activism and advancing women's rights through education and advocacy efforts.
- **eSafety Women** (2024-1-LT02-KA210-YOU-000243179): Providing training to help women navigate online spaces safely, combat cyber harassment, and protect against gender-based digital violence.
- **Women in Business and Innovation**: Supporting female entrepreneurs in developing business ideas, accessing funding opportunities, and networking with professionals.
- **HER Future: STEM and Digital Careers for Women**: Encouraging young women to pursue careers in STEM and digital industries by providing mentorship and skill-building workshops.

Through these initiatives, IVAIGO fosters confidence, independence, and opportunities for women to thrive both personally and professionally. The organization remains committed to advancing gender equality, breaking down societal barriers, and ensuring that all women have access to the resources they need to succeed.

SKILLS AND EXPERTISE OF KEY PERSONS

IVAIGO is led by a diverse team of professionals with extensive experience in education, digital innovation, sustainability, and youth empowerment. Each team member brings unique expertise that contributes to the success of the organization's projects.

Vaida Tufan – Director and Project Coordinator

- Educator, teacher, youth worker, and educational materials expert.
- Over a decade of experience in international projects spanning education, sports, health, entrepreneurship, and media literacy.
- Mathematics and English teacher with expertise in digital storytelling and non-formal education methodologies.
- Experienced in organizing successful **seminars and workshops** for students, teachers, and professionals.

- Works as an **inclusion coordinator** at Vilnius International School, ensuring support for students with **special educational needs (SEN).**

Gorkem Tufan – Co-founder and Sports Coordinator

- **PE teacher, basketball coach, and Duke of Edinburgh certified trainer.**
- Specialist in organizing **sports activities, summer camps, and team-building sessions.**
- Expertise in **project coordination, event management, and youth motivation.**
- Designs and delivers **training sessions and workshops on digital skills and AI.**
- Strong understanding of **challenges faced by minority groups and individuals living abroad.**
- **Expert in digital content creation, AI fundamentals, data analysis, and automation.**
- Organizes **local and international meetings and seminars focused on AI and digital transformation.**

Fikret Müge Alptekin – Environmental Expert and Project Coordinator

- **Environmental engineer and circular economy expert.**
- Specialist in **high value-added products from biomass waste** and circular economy integration.
- Strong advocate for **sustainable living and responsible food choices.**
- Leads **awareness campaigns** and educational initiatives on eco-friendly behaviors and waste reduction.
- Provides expertise in **environmental sustainability and green economy solutions.**

Ugnė Kučinskaitė – Projects Coordinator

- **Expert in Erasmus+ and EU-funded project management.**
- Background in **Public Relations and Communication,** specializing in fostering international collaboration.
- Strong skills in **event organization, stakeholder engagement, and cross-cultural learning.**
- Leads training programs that enhance **soft skills, media literacy, and social inclusion.**

Ona Babarskaitė – Courses Coordinator and Project Assistant

- Background in **healthcare and educational program development.**
- Manages and delivers **specialized courses for youth and adults.**

- Ensures high-quality **course design and implementation.**

Greta Aliulytė – Social Media Manager and Marketing Specialist

- Expert in **Sales, Marketing, and Digital Storytelling.**
- Specializes in **video production, online engagement, and brand visibility.**
- Ensures IVAIGO's **public presence and strategic communication.**

Nida Vitkevičiūtė – Text Editor and Communications Specialist

- **Background in Public Communication** with expertise in writing and editing.
- Ensures **IVAIGO's messaging is clear, engaging, and impactful.**
- Specializes in content creation, proofreading, and strategic communication.

This diverse and highly skilled team ensures that IVAIGO delivers innovative, high-quality, and inclusive projects, supporting learners, educators, and communities in Lithuania and across Europe.

Would you like to make any comments or add any information to the summary of your organisation'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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