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

What are the organisation's main activities?

NGO IVAIGO focuses on addressing societal challenges such as social inclusion, environmental sustainability, discrimination, and mental and physical health care through innovative projects and non-formal education. The organization harnesses the power of art, music, and sports to enhance creativity and critical thinking, while promoting youth participation in international events and the Erasmus+ program.
IVAIGO supports lifelong learning and skill development, particularly for minorities and disadvantaged groups, through activities like Lithuanian language courses, sports programs, creative workshops, and digital training. By fostering inclusive environments, the organization champions equality, equity, and accessibility. Its efforts contribute to sustainable personal and professional growth, empowering individuals and communities.

What are the organisation's activities in the field of this application?

Choose suitable topics for your proposal from the listed below:

SOCIAL INCLUSION

IVAIGO is committed to fostering social inclusion and creating environments where equity, equality, and diversity thrive. It supports individuals with fewer opportunities, including people with disabilities, migrants, refugees, and those from rural or disadvantaged backgrounds, through creative thinking, visual arts, reading activities, and AI training.

As an active Erasmus+ participant, IVAIGO promotes inclusion through projects such as:

- **‘Creativity for Social Inclusion’ (2021-2-CZ01-KA220-YOU-000050810):** Encouraging inclusion for individuals with disabilities through creativity.
- **‘Inclusion through Creativity’ (2023-1-EE01-KA210-SCH-000151315):** Supporting war refugee pupils through arts and sports.
- **‘The Fun Factor’ (2023-1-LT01-KA220-SCH-000151145):** Enhancing SEN education with gamification.
- **‘Playing Together for a Better Tomorrow’ (2023-1-TR01-KA210-YOU-000150793):** Promoting inclusion for war refugees via sports.

MEDIA LITERACY / DIGITAL SKILLS

IVAIGO emphasizes the importance of digital competence by organizing workshops for students, teachers, and educators to enhance media literacy and digital skills. These focus on digital pedagogy, assistive technologies, and innovative approaches like digital storytelling, gamification, AI, and robotics.

Key projects include:

- **‘Tool4Youth’ (2021-2-PT02-KA220-YOU-000048125):** Raising awareness of fake news and improving media literacy.
- **‘Artificial Intelligence Qualifications’ (2023-3-LT02-KA153-YOU-000173079):** Improving youth workers’ AI and VR competencies.
- **‘Digital Futures’ (2023-3-CY02-KA210-YOU-000172933):** Enhancing digital literacy for young Europeans.
- **‘Digitalization Makes Sense’ (2023-2-LV01-KA210-ADU-000169885):** Supporting small adult education providers.
- **‘Positive Digital Parenting’ (2023-2-LT01-KA210-ADU-000173746):** Teaching safe digital practices to parents and educators.

Through these projects, IVAIGO equips individuals with the skills needed to succeed in an evolving digital world.

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.

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.

- **‘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.

What profiles and age groups of learners are concerned by the organisation’s work?

Pupils and Teachers

IVAIGO collaborates with students and teachers across various educational settings, focusing on promoting social inclusion and supporting those with learning difficulties or other challenges. The organization works closely with schools, including Vilnius International School, where the director has extensive experience as an inclusion coordinator for students with special educational needs (SEN). IVAIGO offers tailored programs to enhance the learning experience and foster inclusivity for students with diverse needs. Teachers benefit from IVAIGO’s resources and training opportunities, equipping them with tools to create inclusive and supportive learning environments.

Youth

IVAIGO actively engages with young people, empowering them with personal and professional development opportunities. The organization provides local and international activities that promote cross-cultural understanding, social inclusion, and skill-building. IVAIGO prioritizes outreach to youth facing social and economic challenges, including migrants, refugees, and those experiencing discrimination. By addressing these barriers, IVAIGO helps young individuals gain confidence, broaden their horizons, and navigate complex societal challenges.

Adults

IVAIGO extends its efforts to adults of all ages, emphasizing the importance of lifelong learning. The organization designs programs to address the needs of adults, particularly those from rural or marginalized communities, offering avenues to acquire new skills and improve their social inclusion. By tackling challenges such as limited access to education and discriminatory practices, IVAIGO ensures equal opportunities for adults, fostering personal growth and social equity irrespective of age or background.

How many years of experience does the organisation have working in the field of this application?

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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.

Vaida Tufan

- Educator, teacher, youth worker, and educational materials expert.
- Experience in international projects spanning education, sport, health, entrepreneurship, and media literacy.
- Teacher of mathematics and English with expertise in digital storytelling and non-formal education.
- Works as an inclusion coordinator at Vilnius International School.

Gorkem Tufan

- PE teacher, basketball coach, and Duke of Edinburgh certified trainer.
- Organizes sports activities, summer camps, and sports lessons.
- Expertise in project coordination, event management, and youth motivation.
- Organizes local and international meetings and seminars.
- Understanding of challenges faced by minority groups and living abroad.
- Expert in digital skills, digital content, and AI.
- Organizes local and international meetings and seminars focused on AI.
- Designs and delivers training sessions and workshops.
- Specializes in AI fundamentals, data analysis, and automation.
- Guides participants in acquiring essential digital and AI skills.

Fikret Müge Alptekin

- Environmental engineer and circular economy expert.
- Focus on high value-added products from biomass wastes for circular economy.
- Supports integration of circular economy principles, especially in food waste reduction.
- Advocates for sustainable living and responsible food choices.
- Raises awareness and encourages eco-friendly behaviors.

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