

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

APS SENZA CONFINI



PARTNER ORGANISATION

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PROFILE

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)

IS THE PARTNER ORGANISATION A PUBLIC BODY? : NO

IS THE PARTNER ORGANISATION A NON-PROFIT?: YES

BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Senza Confini is a Social Promotion Association founded in 2020 in La Spezia with the mission to inspire and empower young people to take an active role in shaping their communities and society at large. Operating at both local and European levels, the organization focuses on fostering active citizenship among youth, addressing key challenges such as climate change, gender equality, democracy, and social inclusion. Our work is rooted in the belief that young people are the driving force of positive change. Through innovative projects, educational initiatives, and community engagement, Senza Confini supports youth in becoming active participants in their social, cultural, and political environments, while fostering connections across borders to build a stronger, more inclusive Europe.

Our Aims:

- 1.Promote Active Citizenship: Encourage young people to engage in social, cultural, and political life, fostering a sense of responsibility and participation in democratic processes.
- 2.Champion Social Inclusion: Break down barriers of exclusion and create opportunities for marginalized youth, promoting a society where diversity is celebrated and every individual feels valued.
- 3.Support Youth Initiatives: Provide tools and resources for young people to realize their ideas and lead initiatives that address critical issues, from climate action to gender equality.
- 4.Empower Creativity and Self-Expression: Help young people unlock their creative potential and express their ideas through various cultural and artistic forms.
- 5.Build International Connections: Strengthen cooperation with European youth organizations, fostering intercultural exchange and collaboration on shared challenges.
- 6.Advocate for Democratic Values: Promote the ideals of democracy, tolerance, and civil society to empower youth as agents of change.

Our Approach From grassroots projects in La Spezia to European-level collaborations, Senza Confini provides young people with opportunities to learn, grow, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. By addressing issues like climate change, women's rights, democracy, and social inclusion, we aim to create a future where every young person has the chance to thrive. Together, we are building a more active, inclusive, and sustainable society.

WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE OF THE ORGANISATION IN THE AREAS RELEVANT FOR THIS APPLICATION?

Senza Confini APS is a youth-driven association where young people take center stage in designing and implementing impactful initiatives. Our work spans multiple levels, leveraging the diverse skills, knowledge, and passions of our members. Through collaboration with local stakeholders and youth networks, we create opportunities for young people to grow as active citizens and develop valuable expertise in project management and community engagement. Our commitment is to involve young people from our area in every activity, fostering a thriving network of youth workers who gain hands-on experience while working alongside us. Our efforts can be grouped into three main areas:

1. Local Networking and Information Initiatives

At Senza Confini, we actively promote awareness and provide vital information to the citizens of La Spezia and the surrounding areas.

- **Community Outreach:** We organize campaigns on pressing issues, such as combating violence against women, raising awareness about public health measures (e.g., anti-COVID hygiene protocols), and more. These campaigns are tailored to reach vulnerable groups, including the elderly, immigrants, and NEETs.
- **Collaborative Networking:** By involving other local organizations, we build a strong network for exchanging best practices, ensuring a meaningful and sustainable impact.
- **Digital Outreach:** Through our social media platforms, we extend our reach, sharing knowledge and resources with the community and beyond.

2. Event Creation and Sociocultural Projects

We design and implement events and small-scale sociocultural initiatives to address diverse community needs.

- **Cultural and Educational Programs:** From promoting art, theater, and environmental awareness in schools to fostering an appreciation for local culture, we aim to enrich the lives of young people and the broader community.
- **Community Dialogues:** We facilitate meetings between local government representatives and civil society actors to address community issues and strengthen civic engagement.
- **Fundraising and Support Initiatives:** By pooling the skills and resources of our members, we organize fundraisers to support individuals or organizations in need, often securing funding through creative methods such as dinners, bank foundation grants, or municipal contributions.

3. Collaboration in Larger-Scale Projects

Our association also operates on a broader level, partnering with influential organizations in La Spezia to drive substantial change.

Strategic Partnerships: Collaborations with established entities, such as Coop. Mondo Aperto and Coop. Lindbergh, enables us to participate in and contribute to more complex, large-scale projects.

- **Urban Revitalization Efforts:** Recently, we've focused on revitalizing working-class neighborhoods, starting with the Favaro district. As part of the Capitani Coraggiosi project, we've partnered with ARCI Favaro, ARCI Provinciale La Spezia, and ACAM Ambiente to reimagine and uplift the area's social and cultural landscape.

At Senza Confini, we believe that empowering young people and fostering collaboration are the keys to building stronger, more inclusive communities. Our work continues to inspire and create meaningful change, both locally and regionally, as we strive to make La Spezia and Europe more connected, vibrant, and equitable.

TEAM SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

President and Legal Representative

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Niccolò Ichestre holds a Political Science and International Studies degree from the University of Genoa. He chairs the association "Senza Confini APS," founded in 2020 to promote social inclusion and local development. He has gained experience as a European Project Manager, managing Erasmus+, AMIF, and CERV projects. He has held internships in Bucharest and Brussels, honing his skills in multicultural settings. He is known for empathy, confidence, and problem-solving orientation. His curiosity and desire for continuous improvement make him an effective leader and promoter of community development.

Second Contact Person and Head Project Manager

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Costantino Landi is a project manager at SenzaConfini NGO and a dedicated changemaker who believes in the transformative power of education, culture, and human connection. With over seven years of experience in Youth in Action and Erasmus+, he has contributed to 20+ international projects promoting youth empowerment and intercultural dialogue. As a trainer and facilitator, he integrates non-formal education, social planning, and psychosynthesis to foster skills and self-awareness. His journey includes a year at Rondine Cittadella della Pace, immersed in dialogue, peacebuilding, and youth engagement. Costantino has designed and led projects on social entrepreneurship, psychosynthesis, sustainability, creative arts, and gender equality, collaborating with NGOs, institutions, and grassroots actors. Active in CERV, Erasmus+, ESC, and Creative Europe, he sees projects as ecosystems where individuals become co-creators of meaningful, purpose-driven learning and shared growth.

Artistic and Communication Manager

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Edoardo Marcuzzi is a young filmmaker who supports the association “Senza Confini APS” in social media management and the digital part of events. His experience in the audiovisual and communication field makes him a valuable collaborator in the online promotion of the association's activities and projects. In addition, Edoardo contributes to the creation of visual and video content to raise awareness and engage the public in the social and cultural initiatives promoted by “Senza Confini APS.” His creative approach and digital expertise amplify the impact of the association's actions.

EU Project Manager

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Marco Maricchiolo is an EU Project Manager with a strong passion for the development and management of EU-funded projects. With a strong background in international cooperation, he has acquired skills in activity planning, performance monitoring, and risk management. Marco holds a Master's degree in Europlanning, which gave him an in-depth understanding of European project management. Currently, he works for Senza Confini APS, where he is involved in the management and implementation of EU-funded projects, such as Erasmus+ and other European programs. He is motivated to contribute to the success of innovative projects that have a positive impact on European communities, working with multidisciplinary teams to develop initiatives that promote education, solidarity and innovation.

EU Project Manager

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Maria Michela Giallaurito is a professional with solid experience in international affairs and project management. She has worked as an EU Project Manager in Bucharest, managing key European projects such as Erasmus+, CERV and AMIF, coordinating activities with international partners and ensuring the achievement of project objectives. Michela also served as Faculty Advisor during UN conferences in New York, guiding young delegates in diplomatic simulations. Her experience also includes a specialization in leadership, with a Master's degree in Leadership for International Relations.

Web Developer

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Vincenzo Pennacchio is a Full-Stack Developer with over five years of international experience across Italy, Romania, Australia, and Spain. He has worked as a Software Developer at Tre Emme Engineering, embedded in Accenture-led teams delivering enterprise web applications for major clients including TIM and Generali. Vincenzo also gained international freelance experience in Perth, Australia, working with established brands such as CBH Group and The Good Guys. He currently works in Valencia through the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme, integrating AI-powered computer vision systems into real retail environments for clients including Mercadona. His core expertise spans Vue.js, React, PHP, and full-stack web development. Vincenzo holds a Diploma in IT and Telecommunications and has developed a strong track record of adapting quickly across industries, cultures, and technology stacks.