

## IDENTIFICATION OF THE PARTNER ORGANIZATION

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PIC number:	912148425
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Profile	
Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association/social enterprise
Is your organisation a public body?	No
Is your organisation a non-profit?	Yes
Accreditation	
Accreditation Type	EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPSE QUALITY LABEL
Accreditation Reference	2021-1-LV02-ESC50-003763
Accreditation for	Sending and hosting volunteers, valid till 31.12.2027.

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*Background and Experience*

*Please briefly present your organisation*

Alternate Reality is a non-profit / non-governmental youth organization founded in Salaspils region, Latvia in 2013 by group of enthusiasts and organizers of culture and social projects decided to unite *to contribute to the social and personal development of local public, especially children and youth with fewer opportunities.*

#### OUR VALUES:

Inclusion • Solidarity • Creativity • Self-development • Cooperation • Diversity • Equality • Adaptability • Professionalism • Open-mindedness • Ecology • Health • Trust

#### MAIN WORKING TOPICS

• Social inclusion • Human rights • Youth participation • Active citizenship • Non-discrimination • combating xenophobia • Gender equality • Multiculturalism • Youth empowerment • Sustainable environment

#### METHODS AND TOOLS

Non-formal education • Volunteering • Peer learning • Open discussions • Mentoring and coaching • Digital radio • Intercultural learning • Creative learning methods • Sport and culture activities • Opinion sharing • Street art • Culture events

Mission: to develop our city youth community, to grow young person as strong personalities with good social and entrepreneurship skills and active civic position, ready for improving their own lives and a life of a society.

We aim to support the active involvement of young people in various areas of public life; to promote personal development and democratic citizenship, volunteering and youth mobility; sport and healthy lifestyle; to support the development of the abilities and potential of young people from different social and ethnic groups, and young people with disabilities through different methods, such as sport, music, theatre, dance, painting, public events organizing. In order to realize our objectives, we cooperate with families, local authorities, orphanages, social associations and city administrations, high schools and universities and we develop projects with them. Besides, we also support the active involvement of them to promote personal development and democratic citizenship, volunteering and youth mobility; sport and healthy lifestyle; to support the development of the abilities and potential of young people from different social and ethnic groups, and young people with disabilities. To realize that, Alternate Reality conducts both international and domestic projects.

Alternate Reality realizes domestic and international cultural and social projects for youth and children, such as culture festivals and events for children, involving youngsters as volunteers in each phase of organization.

Alternate Reality is a sender and a host organization for youngsters to help them to improve their competences; become aware of socially relevant topics/thematic areas, discover new cultures, habits and life-styles, strengthen values like solidarity, democracy, friendship and so on

We coordinated and hosted more than five Erasmus+ projects in Latvia, Ukraine and Cyprus, and sent our youngsters more than to 12 Erasmus+ projects to different European countries.

Alternate Reality aims at:

- Increasing civil society's role in youth policy development and in implementation in the European countries and EU neighbour countries;
- Contributing to personal development of youngsters and children, especially with fewer opportunities;
- Raising awareness on respect, empathy and tolerance between children and youngsters;
- Promoting intercultural dialogue as a tool for solving common issues and conflicts;
- Focusing on issues related to human rights and acceptance of personal limitations;
- Emphasizing social cohesion and its role in developing multicultural communities.

In 2021 Kulturas biedriba Alternativa Realitate got award from Latvian National Agency for contribution in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corpse programmes 2014-2020 in nomination " Human rights".

*What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application?*

We are relatively young non-governmental organization, but we are very interesting in participation in Erasmus + programme such as Youth Exchanges, Training courses and Youth participation projects, as well as Volunteering projects in the frame of European Solidarity Corpse.

Regular projects and organization's daily activities since 2013:

- Regular educational projects for children and young people, contributing to personal self-development and selfawareness of new skills using non-formal education methods
- cultural projects, involving volunteers: events for children from vulnerable groups, annual multicultural festivals, sports games – with the aim of promoting active civil position, solidarity, to raise self-esteem, learn to work in a team and acquire new communicative skills
- Since 2015 every year we organize summer training integrating camps for children and adolescents aimed at social inclusion, personal self-development, development of new communicative skills and self-esteem, , "green" behavior and active social position. Camps are implemented in Latvia and Cyprus.
- Fighting xenophobia and discrimination against people by national, ethnic or religious belongings, after social status – discussion clubs since 2019 organized by the youngsters themselves.
- Projects with a view to promoting social inclusion and active civic position
- Environmental projects related to European Green Course, such as green Saturdays, cleaning local places together with volunteers
- Integration projects, especially for boys and young people from social exclusion risk groups, such as sport activities, especially outdoor activities - hikes, excursions in local level
- Preventing violence in youth environment, TSK Individual Mentoring Program and Organization of Inclusive Activities for Youth in NEET Situation
- Help women and children who are victims of violence, the fight against domestic violence – discussion clubs organized by young people by inviting experts and self-defence trainings, cooperation with certified psychologists

Based on our experiences; we can say that as a coordinator and host, we have been actively involved in all stages of youth exchanges and training courses: planning, defining roles and responsibilities of project partners, meetings, preparation, logistics, communication between all partners involved, arranging project timetables, as well as promotion of projects and dissemination of their results through our Internet pages and by organizing informative sessions for the local youth for better visibility.

**We have been a Partners as a Sending organization more than 10 Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corpse projects during 2017-2020**

Based on our experiences; we can say that as a sender organization, we have been actively involved in all stages of youth exchanges and training courses: Communication with the Partners during the all stages of project, Promotion of the project, Selection of suitable participants according to the partner profile, Planning and implementation of the preparation activities (before the departure), Preparation of the participants and their travel plan and tasks, Management of administrative procedures and all technical and organizational aspects, Management of the flows of participants, Management of the relationship with foreign partners and with participants, Planning and implementation of monitoring and evaluation activities,- Planning and implementation of the follow up activities, and Disseminating the results and work towards better visibility.

## What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Alternate Reality team consist of youth workers and event organizers/coordinators in Riga, Latvia. All our members and volunteer focusing on a subject in their university education and making volunteering works like working in summer camp for children from social risks groups, organizing culture and social projects. Our team have also experience in the youth sector and the field of youth exchanges and trainings about different subjects including human rights, tolerance, discrimination, xenophobia, digital tools, dance, music, technology, art, theatre etc. Under the establishment of Alternate Reality, we have gained experience and developed a good sight over the youth work through the projects that we have taken part in as a coordinator or sender organization for activities domestic or abroad under different youth initiatives. Alternate Reality is a roof for many people, who have common wills like personal and social development, volunteer work, helping to people with fewer opportunities, developing personal creative skills, involving people in active social life, fighting against discrimination, unhealthy lifestyle and obesity, EU Citizenship, Entrepreneurship, unemployment and so on. Our aim is to reach as many people as possible, to create a chain reaction about such topics. Besides, many member of Alternate Reality is dealing with a part of art like street art,, music, theater, fireshow, live sculpture etc.

Besides, during the years we have created vast networks of young people through which we can easily reach out and disseminate the results of the projects. Thus the message we want to spread can be easily seen and we are always in touch with young people, who could be involved in various activities. That's why Alternate Reality is very successful to find proper members for the projects and increase the quality of the projects as a partner organization.

Our team consists of two highly motivated and active founding members /Irina Kurpniece and Sergey Dumbadze/, an accountant and fourteen young volunteers, most of them are involved in activities more than 3 years. The volunteers assist in the development of the youth voluntary activities and youth exchanges under the

ERASMUS+ programme.

- Irina Kurpniece (Founder and Chairman) – organizer and coordinator of many culture and social projects in Latvia., especially aimed on youth from disadvantaged families or with fewer opportunities. She is involved in the NGO sector by participating in national youth projects and international Erasmus+ projects since 2017 as an excellent coordinator, youth worker and project manager.. She is the Chairman of Culture Association Alternate Reality and he is working on writing and coordinating of the projects, collecting partners and working groups, responsible for organizing all processes during the project and dissemination of the project. irina jas participated in many on-line seminars and trainings organized by Salto and latvian National Agency with the aim to improve the youth work level of organization and to establish a new connections in Erasmus+ network all over Europe.

- Sergey Dumbadze – He is involved in the NGO sector by participating in more than 5 national youth projects and international Erasmus+ projects since 2017. He has been to various national and international trainings, seminars and conferences related to human rights, entrepreneurship, psychology, employment and employability, youth empowerment, events of contact making and creating partnerships. His work is and find, appoint, motivate, delegate and coordinate the work of the volunteers.

- Natalija Savina - youth worker with great potential, social media specialist. participated in several trainings and Erasmus+ projects, she is responsible for dissemination activities and publicity in the projects.

### Previous projects

<b>EU Programme</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Coordinating organization</b>
Erasmus+	2017	2017-2-LV02-KA105-001721	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
Erasmus+	2018	2018-1-LV02-KA105-002048	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
ESC	2019	2019-1-LV02-ESC31-002476	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
Erasmus+	2019	2019-1-LV02-KA105-002464	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
ESC	2019	2019-2-LV02-ESC11-002630	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
Erasmus+	2019	2019-3-LV02-KA105-002774	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
Erasmus+	2019	2019-3-LV02-KA105-002801	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
ESC	2020	2020-1-LV02-ESC21-002950	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
ESC	2020	2020-1-LV02-ESC11-002962	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
ESC	2020	2020-1-LV02-ESC31-002785	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
Erasmus+	2020	2020-3-LV02-KA105-003519	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
ESC	2020	2020-3-LV02-ESC11-003466	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"
ESC	2021	2021-1-LV02-ESC30-SOL-000036330	Kulturas biedriba "Alternativa realitate"