



IDENTIFICATION FORM

A. ORGANISATION	
PIC	915164834
Organisational ID	E10151291
Full legal name (National Language)	NVO NAUČNO - ISTRAŽIVAČKO UDRUŽENJE ZA UMJETNOST, KULTURNO-OBRAZOVNE PROGRAME I TEHNOLOGIJU EPEKA
Full legal name (English characters)	NGO SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATION FOR ART, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TECHNOLOGY - EPEKA
Acronym	EPEKA Montenegro
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B. PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	<u>No</u>
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	<u>Yes</u>
C. ACCREDITATION	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	No
Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants?	Yes (list below)
D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
Please briefly present the organisation.	<p>Scientific and Research Association for Art, Cultural and Educational Programs and Technology EPEKA is a non-governmental organization (NGO) focused on promoting regional cooperation, security, youth empowerment, and peacebuilding through art, culture, education, and technology. EPEKA's mission is to foster cross-border collaborations that encourage social cohesion, conflict resolution, and the development of sustainable solutions to regional challenges.</p> <p>The organization facilitates scientific research and innovative programs aimed at strengthening cultural exchange, educational development, and technological advancement in the region. By engaging youth in its initiatives, EPEKA empowers the next generation to actively contribute to shaping a peaceful and secure future. Through various educational projects and artistic endeavors, the NGO promotes mutual understanding, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence across different communities, while addressing contemporary issues of security and regional stability.</p> <p>EPEKA works with diverse local and international partners to create a unified approach to regional development, focusing on enhancing cooperation between countries and fostering a culture of peace, innovation, and sustainability.</p>

	<p>EPEKA plays a pivotal role in strengthening regional cooperation by facilitating dialogue between governments, civil society, and international organizations. Through its initiatives, the organization works to bridge gaps between different cultures, fostering a shared vision of peace and mutual respect across borders. By focusing on youth development, EPEKA ensures that young people are equipped with the knowledge and skills to actively participate in societal progress, contribute to peacebuilding efforts, and address regional security challenges.</p> <p>The NGO also leverages technology to promote educational innovation, empowering communities to solve local issues with digital tools and sustainable practices. Through its various programs, EPEKA not only aims to build a more connected, educated, and peaceful society but also to create a lasting impact on the broader European integration process, contributing to the stability and prosperity of the region.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Lidija Radivojević, Youth worker Youth worker, volunteer in Association. Teacher by profession, included in several activities on the local level as the organizer of the concerts, workshops, lessons, presentations, etc. She supports and disseminates EU values during her work in the local community.</p> <p>Nermina Simončić, Head of Administrative unit Administrative work, managing reports, and taking care of finances, an expert in the dissemination of the projects; webpage and social media editor, planning, and execution of the activities of EPEKA Association. Active participation in international projects (conferences, training, etc.), where she gained valuable knowledge and experience in youth-work, knowledge in mentoring, and methodologies of non-formal education. In-depth knowledge of EU structures and mechanisms, great communication skills. With her organizational skills and administrative knowledge, she supported the Association with its bureaucratic challenges during the establishment of the Association.</p> <p>Belma Muratović, Program Coordinator Psychologist and systemic family psychotherapist under supervision, with a strong foundation in psychological practice and a deep commitment to personal and professional development. She working with families, children, youth and vulnerable populations. She collaborates on research projects for UNICEF, MONSTAT (Statistical Office) and Damar Agency. She works for the NGO "We grow together" as a psychologist, focusing on the support and treatment of children with special needs. She also writes and realizes national and European projects, participates in seminars, exchanges and conferences, where she shares her knowledge and experience. She holds workshops for young and vulnerable populations, deals with digital marketing, managing social networks and managing websites. She stands out for her excellent communication, organizational and team skills, dedicated to creating positive changes in the community.</p> <p>Her comprehensive training and diverse qualifications reflect her dedication to advancing the field of psychotherapy and supporting individuals through complex emotional and psychological challenges.</p>

Zoran Dabetić, Pogram Coordinator

Holds a Ph.D. in Political Science, alongside a Master's degree in the same field, showcasing a strong academic foundation in political theory and practice. Currently serving as the Program Coordinator for a prominent organization. He also takes on key roles as a coordinator and assistant for multiple high-impact projects based in Montenegro. With extensive experience in project management, he has contributed to the successful execution of both national and international initiatives. As an active and engaged participant in numerous conferences and forums, Dabetić has addressed critical issues related to EU values, human rights, democracy, diplomacy, NATO, and security, making significant contributions to the global discourse on these vital topics.

Suzana Ćorac, Executive Director

Professor at the High Medical School, where she specializes in healthcare education and training the next generation of medical professionals. With a strong academic background and years of experience in the medical field, she is committed to advancing the quality of healthcare education and fostering excellence in her students.

In addition to her academic work, Suzana is an active civil society leader, advocating for social justice, healthcare reforms, and community development. She is involved in various initiatives aimed at improving public health, supporting vulnerable groups, and promoting civic engagement. Through her work, she strives to bridge the gap between education, healthcare, and active citizenship, contributing to both local and broader societal progress.

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European Union granted projects\EU programmes

Program or initiative	Year of the project	Reference number	Beneficiary Organisation	Title of the Project
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Erasmus +	2023-2026	101131572 ERASMUS – YOUTH – 2023 - CB	EPEKA Montenegro	DigitalVsCorrupt
Montenegrin Initiative for NGO	2024	-	EPEKA Montenegro	Diplomacy in the 21st Century: Enhancing Bilateral and Multilateral Relations for European Integration
Municipality of Berane	2024	-	EPEKA Montenegro	From Stabilization to Integration: The Role of NATO in Securing Regional Peace and European Accession
Municipality of Podgorica	2023	-	EPEKA Montenegro	Regional Cooperation for Peacebuilding: Strengthening Stability in the Western Balkans
EPEKA Slovenia	2023	-	EPEKA Montenegro	Cross-Border Cooperation and Regional Integration: A Path to Long-Term Peace in the Balkans
EPEKA Berlin	2023	-	EPEKA Montenegro	Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding: Developing Regional Security Mechanisms in the Western Balkans
Ministry of Education, Montenegro	2022	-	EPEKA Montenegro	Diplomacy for Peace: Enhancing Regional Cooperation in Addressing Shared Security Challenges
Erasmus+	2021 – 2023	101052046-S- DYJ-ERASMUS- YOUTH-2021-CB	Res Polis	Sharing Design Your Job
Regional Development Fund	2020 – 2022	C1811-20-000019	EPEKA Slovenia	Economic and social empowerment of
				Roma and Egyptian Women in Berane – ESORE
Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-FR02- KA105-017215	Association Euro- Méditerranéenne Des Echanges, Volontariats, Evénements (Euro- Med Eve)	Future Erasmus cooperation
Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-BE04- KA105-002661	Association Euro- Méditerranéenne Des Echanges, Volontariats, Evénements Belgium	International Cooperation Evolution+

Erasmus+	2019	608659-EPP-1-2019-1-ME-EPPKA2-CBY-WB	EPEKA MNE	Understanding and Resisting Nationalist Extremism – The Western Balkans and the Question of Kosovo
Erasmus+	2018	602533-EPP-1-2018-1-ME-EPPKA2-CBY-WB	EPEKA MNE	Fighting corruption – Expanding the Union
Europe for citizens	2018	601619 – CITIZ-1-12018-1-IT-CITIZ-CIV	Romano pijats societa cooperativa sociale onlus	Dreams