A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
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B. PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	National Public Body
Is the partner organisation a public body?	Yes
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes

C. ACCREDITATION	
Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?	**European Solidarity Corps Quality Label** 2020-1-IT03-ESC52-018794
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Brief presentation of the organization

The national network of educational institutions for pedagogical research and innovation in Europe, "Polo Europeo della Conoscenza" [European Pole of Knowledge or **Europole**] – lead by Istituto Comprensivo di Bosco Chiesanuova – is a public body, no-profit network of over 4000 educational institutions at the national level: schools of every order and degree, universities, adult education organizations, VET schools and centres, municipalities, NGOs and CSOs, cultural and sport associations. Europole is active in every field of education at the formal and non-formal level: from early childhood education sectors to adult education and seniors' active citizenship in a Lifelong Learning perspective.

The main **aims** of the network are to:

- advocate prosocial values and inclusion, overcoming physical, social and cultural disabling barriers;
- pursue pedagogical research and educational innovation for all age groups;
- promote the European dimension of education, inclusion, peace and cooperation through workshops, conferences, partnerships and projects.

The network is strongly committed against all forms of social exclusion, in the fight against xenophobia and racism and in defense of human rights, with the aim of facilitating the overcoming of stereotypes of any kind between different cultures and religions. The Network is part of the founder committee of the permanent forum for nonviolent education.

The main **fields of activity** of the network are:

- Innovative educational strategies: robotics, STEAM teaching, ethical use of generative

Artificial Intelligence for inclusion
- Advocacy of children's rights and bullying prevention, prosocial values, mental and emotional health, etc.
- Inclusion of children and people with disability
- Prevention of school dropout
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Vocational training, capacity building, job inclusion
- Youth work and youth participation
- Active citizenship and Prosocial values
- Active aging and social support to the caregivers
- Cultural heritage and art
- Ecological awareness, environmental protection and green competences

Europole has its internal **research center on neuro-psycho-pedagogy Janusz Korczak** to contribute to combating educational poverty, to help the process of social equity in all age groups, and to commit to upholding the rights of children to a harmonious growth respecting their pace and individuality.

The **Public Agency for digital safety in education** (**PADSE**) has been created to address the different issues connected to education, ethics and digital world. The agency bring on researches and training on: dangers of the web and digital ethics (dark web, deep fake, echo-chambers, protection of personal data, etc.), neurodevelopmental issues connected with technology (from cyberbullying to Hikikomori syndrome) and all the dynamics related to the impact of the digital world into the learning and social processes (from the use of generative Artificial Intelligence to the disinformation).

The network coordinates 10 **action research groups** composed of teachers, educators, practitioners, and psycgo-pedagogists running field trials on several topics: Nonviolent education, Giftedness and High Cognitive Potential, STEM and robotics, Cultural differences, Formative evaluation, Neurodivergence, Service-Learning, Art and Cinema in education.

Europole organize and delivers 70 **free training courses** a year (synchronous and asynchronous) on various topics for teachers, educators, school directors, practitioners in education, young people and adult learners, through European and international training courses and collaborations, reaching about 180.000 participants at national level.
Europole organizes **every year an International conference** with hundreds of participants.

Europole includes and collaborates with other national and regional networks in different fields of education: early childhood, robotics, ecological awareness, cultural and natural heritage, peace and nonviolence promotion. Furthermore, it coordinates five **Transnational networks of educational institutions**:
- Nobody less (www.nobodyless.org) a worldwide community network based on prosocial values (empathy, solidarity, sharing, respect for the environment, equal opportunities, etc.);
- Schools Plastic freE Movement (https://schoolplasticfreemovement.org) that promotes inclusion of students with migrant background, disabilities and giftedness through small-group of research for the substitution of plastic in the daily life.
- Robotics Versus Bullying (www.roboticavsbullismo.net) a network of teachers from 9 European countries to prevent bullying through educational robotics;
- Let's care (community.letscareproject.eu) a European network of schools committed to take care of learners and their needs while respecting their personal characteristics
- Pearl (www.pearl-project.org) for the validation of a pedagogy based on educating emotions from 0 to 6 years

Main activities and expertise

With nearly 30 years of experience, the Europole network specializes in European projects focused on innovative best practices and research (https://www.europole.org/sommario-progetti-della-rete/). Our expertise spans diverse fields, including early childhood and special needs education, social inclusion for migrants and underrepresented groups, active citizenship, and lifelong learning. Europole's strength lies in its extensive national network of specialists who bring years of experience in European research and innovation. Europole's collaborators include specialised teachers, university professors, researchers and policy makers, alongside psychologists and technical experts. This multidisciplinary expertise allows Europole to drive impact across various sectors, including school and adult education, social change, civic participation, and health promotion.

Europole has participated as partner and WP leader in different **Horizon projects:**

- **LET'S CARE** (HEU – nr. 101059425): Work Package leader for policy recommendations and advocacy. Dissemination, Exploitation and Communication; task leader for the creation of the transnational piloting community of schools; task leader for the development of the international Network of Stakeholders; contributor to the development of the educational resources and training digital hub.
  Research project on the determinants affecting student security as a root cause of underachievement, disengagement, and school dropout addressing in particular the students at risk.
- **PeRsOnalized nutriTion for hEalthy livINg - PROTEIN** (H2020 – nr. 817732): task leader on boosting optimal health and well-being in young populations and vulnerable groups (16.000 persons reached); co-leader in the communication Work Package; Contributor to the development of educational videogames to promote healthy diet;
  The project created an ICT-based system for providing personalized nutrition and promote healthier life-style for students, people with disabilities and seniors
- **Managing Affective-learning THrough Intelligent atoms and Smart InteractionS - MATHISIS** (H2020 – nr. 687772): Task leader for the implementation of the pilot research with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities
  The project produced strategical educational tools to enhance the level of academic success for children with autism, multiple and profound learning disabilities using robots (Nao), tablets and PCs.
- **ProsocialLearn** (H2020 – nr. 644204): responsible for the pilot research in Italy
  the project produced videogames to develop prosocial skills in children

Core expertise developed through the implementation of multi-sectoral European and National research initiatives:

- **Reaching marginalised and vulnerable populations:** Europole brings experience from highly successful European projects in co-developing initiatives with youth and adults with disabilities, marginalized minorities and socio-economic exclusion. This provides a solid baseline for designing non-discriminatory, intersectional lifelong learning citizenship models.
- **Intergenerational and cross-demographic digital engagement**: Europole has established transferable models for cross-generational digital education. By designing projects that pair youth cohorts with older demographics, Europole has successfully built shared resilience against the spread of online disinformation, verifying how multi-generational configurations reinforce community critical thinking.
- **Inclusion of vulnerable and neurodivergent groups**: Through a sustained portfolio of social inclusion initiatives, Europole has generated specific expertise in adjusting digital training models to meet the requirements of marginalized populations, ethnocultural minorities, and adult learners with cognitive or physical disabilities. This ensures that digital literacy toolkits are built with intersectional equity from inception.
- **Digital safety, information integrity, algorithmic awareness**: Europole maintains dedicated

inner bodies, including a specialized department for digital safety and artificial intelligence. Through extensive field interventions, the organization has developed robust methodologies to train educators and families on the mechanics of the digital public sphere.

- **Policy Recommendations frameworks**: Operating inside high-level European consortia, Europole has solid experience serving as a Lead Partner for Work Packages dedicated to translating empirical field data into institutional policy recommendations and regional advocacy frameworks.

Strategic contribution to DEMOCRACY-09 expected outcomes

Europole provides a robust, empirical framework to address the call's objective of enhancing lifelong civic learning within adult education, VET, and community settings.

- **Targeted adult & VET engagement**: Europole offers proven expertise in equipping citizens with critical tools to navigate digital public spaces. This directly supports the call's mandate to enhance media literacy, combat disinformation, and promote democratic resilience among adult learners and marginalized cohorts.
- **Methodological innovation**: Through its dedicated Methodological Innovation research group, Europole specialises in Service-Learning. This approach operationalises the call's requirement to connect formal citizenship education with concrete civil action, blending academic curricula with active community volunteering and social responsibility.
- **Social cohesion and conflict resolution**: Europole's Nonviolent Education research group maintains open-access digital repositories and educational frameworks. These tools train adult educators to foster social cohesion, manage community-level polarization, and stimulate peaceful democratic dialogue.

Europole is uniquely structured to ensure the project achieves the long-term impacts required by the European Commission:

- **Outcome 1: Scalable pilot implementation:** Utilizing its structural network of educational entities, Europole can deploy, test, and validate newly co-created citizenship curricula across highly diverse socio-economic regions, delivering reliable data for European scaling.
- **Outcome 2: Mass-scale educator training:** With 181,000 educators already actively participating in its training hours, Europole provides an immediate, ready-to-use infrastructure to train adult educators, VET staff, and community leaders in active citizenship methodologies.
- **Outcome 3: High-impact dissemination and civic tech platforms:** Project toolkits, open-access curricula, and policy recommendations can be hosted on Europole's existing high-traffic digital platforms, ensuring exceptional European-wide visibility, sustainability, and policy impact.

Project teams and staff

Name and function	Role/tasks/professional profile and expertise
Stefano Cobello (Coordinator)	Coordinator of Europole. PhD in sociology of inclusive learning environment for learners with disabilities. Expert in dissemination and communication, development of communities, development of policy recommendations. He has long experience of coordinating networks of schools in European projects, web master and expert in intercultural education, trainer of trainers. He is a PhD in sociological Models of Educational Inclusion of Disable Students, he has a BA in philology - Russian and English. He is lecturer of Italian language and History of art in the East Oriental Siberian Russian Academy – Ulan–Ude(Buriatia) and permanent teacher since 1994 for the VET Catering and

	Hotellery School Luigi Carnacina – Valeggio sul Mincio. He has been responsible for Youth for Europe programme in Veneto Region, for a European social information office and for a Small and medium enterprises foundation. https://orcid.org/0000-0002-6221-8203
Elena Milli (external collaborator / researcher)	She is a family and relational psychotherapist and a project manager. She cooperates as project manager and expert in Horizon, CERV and Erasmus+ projects. She works with socio-educational inclusion, robotics and special needs education, giftedness, immigrants and refugee students, bullying prevention and STEM education, healthy nutrition, advocacy and policy recommendations... She has worked with children and teenagers with special educational needs and social and behavioural issues, from abusing or disadvantaged contexts and immigrants. She coordinated an educational assistance service for teenagers at risk attending secondary school, where she structured psychological, educational and social interventions based on the individual needs of the students, working with teachers and parents, in cooperation with the social services. She is an expert in educational and prosocial robotics. She is an experienced trainer at the national and international level. https://orcid.org/0000-0002-9576-3005
Renato Girelli (advisor)	Worked as a Policy Officer at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education and Culture from 2000 to 2022. Oversaw university cooperation initiatives in Mediterranean countries. Defined programmatic guidelines for Tempus and Tacis funds supporting researcher and teacher exchanges. Organized and managed the creation of the Tempus actions coordination contact office in Kosovo. Contributed to the development of multiple Erasmus program components Helped define and implement Jean Monnet activities Designed educational initiatives for teaching about the European Union in schools. Served as coordinator for equity and inclusion policies in education during his final three years, with particular focus on school and vocational training sectors
Alberto Oliverio (volunteer researcher)	He works in the field of the biological basis of behaviour and is Distinguished Professor of psychobiology at the Sapienza, University of Rome. He has worked in numerous international research institutes including the Karolinska in Stockholm, the Brain Research Institute at UCLA in Los Angeles, the Jackson Laboratory in Maine, and the Center for Neurobiology of Learning and Memory at the University of California at Irvine. From 1976 to 2002 he directed the Institute of Psychobiology and Psychopharmacology of the National Research Council and from 2007 to 2009 the Daniel Bovet Centre for Neurobiology at the Sapienza, University of Rome. He is on the editorial board of several scientific journals and has organised and participated in numerous congresses in the field of neuroscience and behavioural biology and, more generally, on the relationship between science and society. He is the author of over 400 scientific publications, professional, educational and popular essays in the field of neuropsychology.

	Publications: http://www.oliverio.it/ao/Biblio.pdf
Anna Oliverio Ferraris (volunteer researcher)	Psychologist, psychotherapist and lecturer in Developmental Psychology at the Sapienza University of Rome. She is the author of essays, numerous scientific articles and textbooks addressing the themes of normal and pathological development, education, family, school, training, communication in different contexts, the relationship with TV and new media, and identity dynamics in contemporary society. He is the editor of the journal 'Psicologia Contemporanea' (Contemporary Psychology), and has collaborated regularly for years with the following journals: 'Vita Scolastica' (School life), 'La scuola dell'infanzia' (Pre-school), 'Vita dell'infanzia' (Life of the early childhood), 'Prometeo'. Publications: http://www.oliverio.eu/anna/curriculum_anna.htm
Alessandro Gubitosi (technician)	Highly proficient Senior Fullstack Developer with extensive expertise in architecting decentralized systems, IoT infrastructures, and complex web applications. His technical profile is characterized by a robust command of diverse programming paradigms and infrastructure management.

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EDIGIT - Education and DIgital literacy to Grow Inclusive Talents 2024-1-ES01-KA220-SCH-000249704 Erasmus +	31/12/2024 – 30/12/2027	BEN	400,000 €	https://edigit-project.eu/

LET'S CARE: Building Safe and Caring Schools to Foster Educational Inclusion and School Achievement – 101059425 - Horizon Europe	01/10/2022 - 30/09/2026	BEN	2,999,610 €	http:// www.letscareproject.eu/
E-engAGEd – InterGenerational Digital Engagement – 101081537 – Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme	01/01/2023 – 31/12/2024	BEN	205,635 €	Www.engaged.altervista.org
No Barriers to Employment – 2022-1-SE01-KA220-ADU-000089826 - Erasmus+	01/09/2022 – 31/08/2024	BEN	120,000 €	Www.nobarriers.altervista.org
Art For Autism - Artistic methods and tools for empowering youth with autism spectrum disorders 2023-1-RO01- KA220-YOU-000151909 Erasmus +	01/10/2023 - 30/09/2025	BEN	250,000 €	https:// www.artforautism.eu
Power of creativity: strengthening the supporting role the adult educators working with disabled – 2021-1-LT01-KA220-ADU-000035122 – Erasmus+	28/02/2022 - 27/12/2023	BEN	151,860 €	www.disable.altervista.org
reMIND: Reinforcing Carers Capacity to Deal with Dementia – 2021-1-ES01-KA220-ADU-000027081 – Erasmus+	01/11/2021 – 31/10/2023	BEN	229,327 €	www.remind-carers.eu/
Didattica Digitale della Matematica per Studenti Ciechi – DDMATH – 2020-1-IT02-KA226-SCH-095573 Erasmus+	01/05/2021 – 30/04/2023	BEN	279,481 €	www.ddmath.eu
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SPEM - 21506-EPP-1-2020-1-IT-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN – Erasmus+ EPPKA3 – Support for Policy Reform	- 30/06/2024			ement.org
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ThreeD-Print - 2020-1-UK01-KA204-078911 - Erasmus+	01/09/2020 – 30/08/2022	BEN	194,800 €	https://3dprint-training.com/
Support Roma Children Integration via Multiliteracies and Multimodality for Language Learning in Early Primary Education – 2020-1-RO01-KA201-080342 - Erasums+	01/09/2020 - 31/05/2022	BEN	166,156 €	Www.romaproject.eu/
Vanishing professions as a way of diversification and increasing professional qualifications on labour market – VILMA – 2020-1-TR01-KA204-093931 – Erasmus+	31/12/2020 - 30/09/2023	BEN	247,873 €	https://www.vilma-project.org
Robotics Versus Bullying – RoBy - 612872-EPP-1-2019-1-IT-EPPKA3-PI-FORWARD - Erasmus+ EPPKA3 – Support for Policy Reform	01/01/2020 - 30/06/2023	COO	359,745 €	www.roboticavsbullismo.net
Rights – Cittadinanza attiva e ruolo dell'anziano nella società 2019-1-IT02-KA204-063346 Erasmus+	01/09/2019 - 30/08/2022	COO	336,085 €	Www.rights-project.eu
SWIS-YO Straight way to integrity and self-development of youth with fewer possibilities 608741-EPP-1-2019-1-AL-	01/11/2019 - 31/09/2020	BEN	70,000€	

EPPKA2-CBY-WB Capacity Building in the field of youth				
PeRsOnalized nutriTion for hEalthy livINg (PROTEIN) 817732 Horizon 2020	27/09/2019 - 30/11/2022	BEN	6,999,472 €	https://protein-h2020.eu/