Leadership Engagement Advocacy

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
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Full legal name (Latin characters)	LEADERSHIP ENGAGEMENT ADVOCACY
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B. PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	ASSOCIATION SANS BUT LUCRATIF
Is the partner organisation a public body?	NO
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES

C. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
Please briefly present the partner organisation	LEA - Leadership Engagement Advocacy is a non-profit organization based in Brussels, dedicated to promoting inclusive leadership, empowering communities, and advocating for social justice and human rights through international cooperation projects. LEA was founded to address the growing need for a strategic hub in Europe that fosters leadership, collaboration, and advocacy to create meaningful change at local, national, and international levels. LEA works with a wide range of stakeholders, including NGOs, grassroots organizations, educational institutions, local authorities, and individual leaders who are passionate about driving positive change. LEA secures funding through grants from European programs such as Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, and other international funding opportunities. We also collaborate with partner organizations to co-fund specific projects. We are united by a shared mission: to empower individuals and organizations, advocate for equality, and create sustainable solutions for the world's most pressing challenges. Each team

	member contributes their unique skills and perspective to transform ideas into impactful actions. Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do. Whether organizing international events, mentoring emerging leaders, or building partnerships across borders, our team works tirelessly to create inclusive and meaningful opportunities for growth and change. LEA's headquarters and main offices are located in Brussels, at the heart of the European institutions, providing us with a strategic position to engage with policymakers, networks, and international stakeholders. Additionally, LEA will operate from a second office in Rome, hosted within the dynamic headquarters of IDEA EUROPA, fostering strong collaboration and synergies with one of Europe's leading organizations in project development and implementation. Our goals a. transforming local initiatives into global movements, ensuring that visionary organizations can reach people, access EU resources, build international partnerships, and scale their impact. b. connecting nonprofit organizations, social entrepreneurs, and community leaders worldwide with European institutions, funding opportunities, and strategic networks in Brussels, to promote and spread EU values and Human Rights. c. raising awareness and influencing policies on critical issues such as gender equality, climate action, digital inclusion, and social justice. d. strengthening leadership in the nonprofit sector by equipping organizations with the skills, resources, and networks needed to thrive. e. empowering marginalized people by facilitating access to European funding, knowledge-sharing platforms, and collaboration opportunities. f. advocating for global causes by amplifying the voices of grassroots initiatives and shaping policies that drive social innovation. g. supporting social leaders and organizations to collaborate beyond borders, sharing knowledge and resources to tackle global challenges.
What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?	Founded by a team of experts and activists, LEA aims to serve as a bridge between institutions, organizations, and citizens to build a more equitable and inclusive society. The activities we promote are: a. Equipping individuals with the tools they need to lead effectively and inclusively. b. Raising awareness and influencing policies on critical issues such as gender equality, climate action, digital inclusion, and social justice. c. Bringing together global leaders, experts, and change-makers to exchange ideas, share best practices, and foster collaborative solutions to today's most pressing challenges. d. Collaborating with institutions, NGOs, and networks across Europe and beyond to foster cross-border cooperation and exchange of best practices. e. Assisting organizations in identifying and securing funding opportunities by providing strategic guidance to access financial resources that fuel impactful initiatives. f. Organizing training and workshops to educate organizations on leadership, engagement, and advocacy principles and best practices, on funding opportunities and Project Cycle Management. g. Consulting to help organizations implement methodologies in their operational processes.

	h. Conducting studies and research on social development, inclusion and equality to different contexts in EU and abroad. i. Building partnerships and networks of professionals and organizations to facilitate knowledge sharing, experience exchange, and resource collaboration. j. Producing and distributing informative materials, such as articles, guides, and case studies, to spread awareness to promote inclusion and equality, and on the main social issues. k. Organizing events, conferences, and seminars to promote the exchange of experiences and innovations. l. Organizing international mobilities for youth, adults, and trainers, in EU countries and abroad.
What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?	Legal Representative – Eloisa Casadei She earned a PhD in Archaeology in 2018 from Sapienza University of Rome. Her work has focused on the development of projects related to the enhancement of Cultural Heritage, international cooperation, and sustainable development in Italy and the Middle East. For over ten years, she has collaborated with Italian and foreign universities, as well as with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, providing technical support to government bodies in Jordan and Iraq. For the past five years, she has been involved in writing, implementing, and reporting on European projects on behalf of public and private entities, as well as non-profit organizations. In 2022, she obtained the ISPI Certificate in Cultural Diplomacy and International Cooperation. A passionate traveler and lover of cultures, she speaks English, Spanish, and Arabic. **Mariangela Tadeo** Graduated in Languages and currently a Spanish teacher at a high school in Bologna, Mariangela Tadeo has been actively involved in volunteering for years, particularly in inclusion pathways for LGBT+ individuals and vulnerable groups. At LEA, she brings her educational and social experience, building bridges between schools, human rights, and active citizenship. **Laura Strati** A former Olympic athlete and now a project manager, Laura Strati holds a degree in Political Science and specializes in managing complex projects, especially in European and social contexts. Her background in sports instilled values such as determination, collaboration, and resilience, which she now applies to LEA's initiatives. **Riccardo Casadei** With a degree in International Economics, Riccardo Casadei currently works in Mexico for SACE, supporting the internationalization of Italian companies. At LEA, he offers an economic and global perspective on development processes, with a focus on synergies between cooperation, finance, and social impact. **Marina Tomei** Musician and lecturer at the University of Music in Mexico City, Marina Tomei blends music pedagogy with a strong social vision. At LEA, she promotes cultural and artistic activities as tools for dialogue, social cohesion, and empowerment, with particular attention to expressive languages as educational instruments. **Valentina Usellini** An archaeologist and university researcher, Valentina Usellini works at the intersection of cultural heritage, civic participation, and academic research. At LEA, she contributes a historical-anthropological perspective, emphasizing cultural roots as a key to inclusion and community regeneration.

	Atlantide Di Tommaso A professional journalist, Atlantide Di Tommaso specializes in social communication, storytelling, and narrative strategies for change. At LEA, he manages project communication, media relations, and the development of a consistent, inclusive, and impact-driven public narrative.
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