

Partner Identification Form for Erasmus+ Projects

Partner Organisation

Organization OID	E10093847
Legal Name	Nkey srl
Country	Italy
Region	Tuscany
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Website	https://www.nkey.it/

Profile

Is the organisation a public body?	No
Is the organisation a non-profit?	No
Type of Organisation	School/Institute/Educational centre – Adult education
Main sector of activity	Training centre for ITC, graphics and web design, foreign languages

Background and Experience

NKey was born as a qualified and expert company in the IT sector and in the research and development of integrated systems and services for business innovation. It is based in Santa Croce sull'Arno, Tuscany, halfway between Pisa and Florence. Services and products include application development and management, information, analysis, simplification, aggregation, security certification, research and adoption of new information and telecommunications technologies. Its passion for continuous research and development, soon led NKey to broaden its range of action in the field of VET dedicated first to companies and their employers and consequently to common people, both young, students and adults. Thanks to the acquired expertise and training vocation, Nkey started to cooperate with public bodies, training and employment agencies, municipalities, and schools.

Today Nkey is a recognized training centre for IT, graphics and web design, and foreign languages. Nkey organises computer courses including the final exam for the European computer driving licence (ECDL-ICDL) and language courses for young people and adults, both internally and collaborating with public bodies, municipalities and vocational training and job placement schools.

The continuous contact with young people and the passion for innovation and training made NKey enter the Erasmus + world: since 2010 NKey has participated in numerous EU projects both as a reliable partner and as leader. NKey is a flexible structure with a vast network of local and international collaborations capable of

providing support, assistance and know-how in both the technological and Erasmus+ projects design fields.

NKey organises monthly training courses in:

- European computer driving licence, Health sector, European quality driving licence EQDL, V.B.net programmer Computer, literacy courses.
- Customised courses for businesses
- Graphic and visual communication
- Foreign languages (English, French, Chinese)
- L2 Italian language for migrants.

We offer support for students from all schools and universities in any subject thanks to our cooperation with a wide range of experts and teachers.

Nkey has a particular interest in sustaining all those young people who have abandoned school thanks to the cooperation with public and private employment agencies and training schools.

In the last 3 years we have carried out:

17 courses of L2 (300 participants);

21 courses addressed to young people who have dropped out from school;

Courses addressed to workers and unemployed people (236 participants).

NKey cooperates with local employers' associations, training organisations, schools and consortia. Nkey's experience with students, young people, companies and local institutions has worked as a solid base for the participation and coordination of Erasmus+ projects. Furthermore, their knowledge of IT and technology has allowed them to coordinate and promote projects such as "VIRAL for Local Communities", which intended to provide anyone working in the adult education sector (training and language schools, public bodies and public administrations, first reception centres, cultural associations and libraries) with a useful tool to help integration and mutual knowledge thanks to the use of VR technology.

Nkey is also working as leader of "MY LIFE in EUROPE", an European project with the objective of using the therapeutic value of autobiography, in a new and captivating technological tool to stimulate the memory of patients with deficits, promote social inclusion, intercultural and intergenerational exchange and mitigate the sense of loneliness and abandonment; extending and developing the skills of educators and other staff who support adult learners by providing innovative technological tools that can support lifelong learning and training; raising awareness on European identity and helping the psycho-physical well-being of its citizens, especially the most vulnerable ones.

One of the last European projects where participating in is "arITsan - New Educational Approaches for IT and Entrepreneurial Literacy of Senior Artisan", of which the main goal is facilitating a bigger participation of senior artisans with strong handicraft skills but illiterate in entrepreneurship and ICT and with a high level of Euroscepticism, in educational activities aiming to improve all lacking competences they need in order to promote and pass their arts and crafts to the next generation and keep, in this way, the EU's "united in diversity" heritage. Being based in one of Italy's main tannery and leather-working regions, it has been an opportunity for Nkey to solidify their relationships with local companies and shed light on local artistic heritage.

Nkey is also part of Skillman.eu, an international network that operates in the field of advanced production, focusing on professional and educational training. Launched in 2014, the platform is now consolidated internationally and spans across 93 countries, including over 630 members to date. Funded by the Erasmus programme, it is currently the main multilateral network of the EU thanks to its ability to combine a strong knowledge of skills and training practices with a systemic and sectoral information system; as part of the network, we use its channels to disseminate the results of European projects we lead or participate in.

Nkey was on the official LLP study Visit Organizer for catalogue 2013 nr. 156 title: "Cooperation between the worlds of education and work."

The company has participated in two CEDEFOP study visits including one in Poland "Voluntary service as a pathway to competences and mobility" establishing content and useful contacts to collaborate in this project.

In 2013 NKEY's staff acquired expertise in the management of international projects and established a significant network of international relations and sensitised the local network of public and private institutions with the study visit nr. 156, the Grundtvig Workshop "BECOMING PROTAGONIST OF TANNERY LIFE".

Furthermore, in 2014, Nkey collaborated in the workshop Grundtvig "ABC CAMP: Adult Basic Competencies Camp for teaching and staff within adult literacy field", on topics related training VET and the world Labour about the opportunities offered by the LLP Erasmus Plus Project.

In 2015 Nkey supported Differenza Donna ONG in Rome in the management of KA1 project "Improving organisation, methodology and techniques around Europe in the Anti-Violence Adult Education Centres".

Our Staff is composed of 20 people (8 employees and 12 collaborators). Key Persons selected in projects-Innovation managers:

- **Carla Sabatini:** computer science graduate from Pisa University. She worked as a consultant on university research projects from 1998 to 2001. In 2001 she started working in the development team of IT consulting, bringing innovation and university research to the world of work and trade. Recently she has devoted her studies to and specialised in the technological needs of SMEs, focusing on local companies to introduce different types of information systems, as valuable management support. She's also the director of field services for training at Nkey, regularly coordinates and manages a team of teachers to organise training courses in collaboration with schools and accredited training agencies in Tuscany. She is named Capacity Building Ambassadors in a group of high visibility selected stakeholders involved in CB4LLP activities accomplished within CB4LLP Thematic Commissions. She creates a multiplier effect and assures additional exploitation activities. In 2019 Carla Sabatini was accredited as "innovation manager" in a public register established by the Chambers of Commerce and the Ministry of Economic Development.

- **Emanuele Nannetti:** Coordinator of the IT maintenance of intranet infrastructure of our educational centre and of all customers in subscription.

- **Lisa Biagini:** degree in computer science from Pisa University, researcher and senior IT-system expert

- **Silvia Fergosti:** teacher, social media manager and communication consultant, professionally skilled in graphic art; she is a web designer who's been working with specialised ICT companies in Tuscany since 1996. She has participated in various

projects in the past 15 years thanks to her skills in the use of vector graphics and image processing programs.

- **Maurizio Sani:** senior IT-system administrator and IT Senior Teacher . He is experienced in hosting webApp productions.

Additional key persons involved in the project:

- **Gianmarco Rossi:** IT technician and ICT teacher in VET and adult education centre.

- **Elisa Amato:** computer science graduated and Web Application developer

- **Camilla Meschi:** anthropology graduate, she handles FTS' communication and social media management in regards to European projects. She is American-Italian and supports the team with her bilingual skills.

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