



FDCBPCS

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Description of the organisation

FDCBPCS is an NGO developing, implementing and managing European projects and providing consultations in the spheres of culture, art, tourism, Internet-based activities and education, VET, e-learning and school education development, as well as regional development. FDCBPCS team also provides school administrations, SMEs, NGOs and local authorities with EU project development/implementation and regional development services and trainings. FDCBPCS has a network of school partners throughout the country, developed and maintained under a number of successful projects. FDCBPCS is an experienced organization with a broad scope of collaborators and partners within the country and abroad, which will be made available for the benefit of the project.

The Foundation for Development of the Cultural and Business Potential of Civil Society is pursuing the following aims:

- to support the educational, cultural and economic development of the civil society in Bulgaria and abroad;
- to stimulate intercultural exchange of experience, skills and ideas;
- to create opportunities for modern and effective professional training in different areas of key importance for the development of the cultural and business potential of civil society;
- to popularize the new technologies in the field of education and practice, through "life-long learning", formal and in-formal learning, "on-the-job" training, "hands-on" experiences and so on;
- to bring together artists from the different sectors of modern art and to create conditions for demonstration and popularization of the work of young artists:
- to support innovative ideas and new forms of expression;
- to organize conferences, seminar and work-shops on issues concerning the development of the cultural and business potential of civil society.

In order to achieve its aims the Foundation conducts the following activities:

- conducts researches and analyses in accordance with the needs of the members and partners of the
- recruits experts, specialists, partners and volunteers for supporting the activities of the Foundation;
- recruits new members, popularizes and broadens the activities of the Foundation;
- elaborates databases with organizations, artists, projects, events and others, connected with the traditional and modern art, tourism and professional training;
- organizes and conducts trainings in traditional and modern art, tourism and culture;
- elaborates and issues informational and promotional materials in order to support, develop and popularize its activity;
- implements different research programs, projects and initiatives;
- conducts expert and consultancy activities;
- participates in the development and implementation of partner organizations' projects;
- establishes contacts with similar organizations within the country and abroad:
- conducts all types of supportive legal activities for the purpose of achieving the aims of the Foundation.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

FDCBPCS has already years of experience in the sphere of projects development and implementation mainly in the culture and vocational education and training sectors. Since 2006 we have implemented a number of different initiatives - under national and EU programmes. Among the finalized projects of FDCBPCS are: - a project under the national OP HRD "Innovative approaches for identifying and responding to vocational education and training needs of disadvantaged youth" implemented in partnership with Institute equalita from Germany, as well as number of local associates from Cologne - IN VIA, TAS, the JobACT initiative promoters and others - http://www.cubufoundation.com/Inovative%20approaches%20project/Pages/bg/resum_eng.html





- a Lifelong Learning Program, Grundtvig Learning Partnership project "Fostering cultural heritage for bridging intergenerational dialogue - FOCAL" in partnership with eMUNDUS (Lithuania) and Edumotiva (Greece) http://www.focalproject.eu/
- as well as the "Strengthen Creative Cooperation" project, supported under the EuropeAid program and involving partner organizations from Bulgaria, Slovenia, Austria, Germany and Denmark, together with partnering groups from the South - http://www.strengthen-creative-cooperation.eu/
- a Lifelong Learning Program, Grundtvig Learning Partnership project "Cultural and peer-learning approaches to integrate socio-economically disadvantaged youth and young adults with an immigrant background, together with partners Austria, Germany, Denmark, Slovakia and Slovenia http://peerlearning09.blogspot.com/

Currently FDCBPCS is implementing an Erasmus+ KA2 project: "V.I.S.I.ON: Visual Impairment Social Inclusion ON", supported by the BG NA Human Resource Development Agency: www.vision-erasmusplus.eu. Additionally FDCBPCS is involved in a number of local development initiatives.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

One of the biggest projects FDCBPCS is "Strengthen Creative Cooperation" project, supported under the EuropeAid program and involving partner organizations from Bulgaria, Slovenia, Austria, Germany and Denmark, together with partnering groups from the South - http://www.strengthen-creative-cooperation.eu/. This project promotes physical activity as a way of expressing opinions, sharing solutions and demonstrating success stories. The project encourages active performing arts and physical expressions as tools for cultural and peer learning. This initiative is a good example for European youths how a mixture of sports and artistic activities can benefit personal development and overcoming of problematic situations.

Additionally FDCBPCS is involved in a number of local development initiatives and is the main training providing organization for a number of partner municipalities and local action groups, supported under the Program for rural development 2007-2013. One of the main lines of action is sports and recreation for youths and therefore the development and support of such projects.

FDCBPCS is also a promoter of the kids olympics idea, which involve sports activities and competitions involving children in outdoor grassroot activities - this is a major idea, which we are developing with local partner regions in the country and would probably also internationalize

Contributions that can be provided to the project

We intend to develop and follow closely a strong dissemination and visibility program within the project, extrapolating it within our country and the countries of partner organizations, with which we work under other different initiatives, related to the subject of the project. The media in our country will be regularly informed about all project activities and results. The participating schools will be involved in all project activities and will be a part of events organized under this and other projects. National decision makers will be kept informed on all project outcomes. On-line communication will be established with all stakeholders and constant consultations will take place. We intend to publish all project information and documents on our company website as well as encourage our school partners and other interested organizations and stakeholders to also publish details on the project online. We will make all necessary efforts to provide translations of entire or summarized project results in Bulgarian in order to enable thorough understanding across as many users as possible.





Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Miglena, doctor in economics, is an experienced project coordinator with a number of successful pilot, TOI and valorisation projects. Miglena has studied carefully and implemented successfully the entire scope of project life, including project development, implementation, reporting and organizing everybody's work as a target oriented team. Miglena is very experienced in developing and implementing valorization initiatives and her strengths in dissemination and exploitation will be quite valuable under the current project. Her educational background and current experience as university teacher and pedagogical materials developer will also be invaluable for the successful project implementation. Miglena is the leading expert in the "Goerudio" project, supported under the Lifelong learning programme, KA4 Multilateral projects.

Miglena is also a lecturer at the University for National and World Economy, which is invaluable, considering the educational direction of the projects the organization is involved in.

Miglena was a part of the offence line in the basketball team of Slavia (1994-1995).