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## **Description of the organisation**

Centre of Vocational and Continual Education (CKZiU) in Sosnowiec, Kilińskiego 25, was established in June 2013 under the resolution of the City Council of Sosnowiec, integrating 9 technical and vocational schools, together with a school for disabled students and general school for adults. CKZiU focuses on education of youth, tutoring various vocational courses, organising vocational exams and certifications, vocational counselling and cooperation with employers and organisations. In 2016/17 school year, CKZiU is educating 1324 students (41 disabled) in 42 vocations, 21 on technical level. They do not only learn general and vocational subjects but also undergo practical training in local companies - the school has signed cooperation agreements with Promet, Arcellor Mittal, Renault Tandem, Peugeot L'Emir, Janus, PKP PLK and others. The programme of students' vocational training is continually updated, according to the dynamic changes of local job market. CKZiU is a school that cares about the best laboratory equipment and modern school workshops, often sponsored by the companies where students do their practical training. CKZiU received cars and equipment for our workshops from car dealers, multimedia labs, professional language labs and many others.

Teachers working in CKZiU are a diverse group, from young, starting their career to mature specialists. They create a dynamic team complementing each other with innovation, experience, methodology and directions of development. The school has recently introduced an electronic diary that helps us to contact the parents, the contact between other teachers, head teachers and enables the permanent monitoring of student's attendance and results.

### Experience of the organization in previous European projects

To expand its educational offer, since 2006 CKZiU has been coordinating and participating in numerous European projects under Socrates, Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci, Gruntvig POWER and Erasmus+ projects:

- 2006 Road to Europe
- 2008 Invest in your future
- 2008 Work without barriers
- 2009 bilateral partnership Films Illustrate our Culture
- 2009 Work+Education=Job (European Social Fund)
- 2010 Knowledge and skills a guarantee of better job
- 2010 bilateral partnership "Actions Speak Louder than Words"
- 2010 bilateral partnership "Make my Town Green"
- 2011 multilateral project "The 21st Century Hazards"
- 2011 Modern school a start for career
- 2012 First step to professional career
- 2012 Vocation skills guarantee a job in my region
- 2013 Good job good future
- 2014 Vocational training = a chance for better start
- 2015 Career starts at school
- 2016 Education through Experience
- 2016 YEES Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Support
- 2016 Professional development in European dimension
- 2017 Career starts at school vol. 2
- 2017 European dimenson of teaching
- 2017 Youth activity for development and creative learning (EVS Youth Programme)
- 2018 Good practice provides the best learning

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

Apart from vocational subjects, CKZiU educates youth in literature, history, civics, subjects connected with culture and tradition. Moreover, our teachers organize various extra-curricular activities and workshops during which students can develop their talents and interests in these fields (theatre workshop, literature contests, public books reading, poetical and literature events for foster homes and pensioners' homes, and the like)

## Contributions that can be provided to the project

CKZiU is an experienced institution in implementation of projects under the "Long Life Learning Programs" and POKL. Summing up the experience developed in the period between 2006 and 2014, CKZiU realized the following projects: 11 two-year mobility projects, one LDV project partnership, a study visit and pilot project VETPRO-Com. CKZiU continued the good practice with 3 projects of vocational training for students, 1 project for teachers' development and 1 in strategic partnership. In 2017 CKZiU has already applied for a project for vocational training for students, a project for vocational development of teachers and accreditation in European Voluntary Service.

CKZiU' experience, related to the implementation of EU projects, allowed it to implement support for the institution itself, students and staff for obtaining measurable results in the acquisition of new linguistic, social and cultural skills. In addition, thanks to the experience in EU projects, CKZiU ensured the development of the school and its position on the local education market.

CKZiU takes up a challenge imposed by national and European labour market - to prepare students for professional and social life - this is its mission. School management focuses on continuous development and improvement of teaching staff, in order to meet the requirements of the education market - provides, coaching, individual counselling; analyses the difficulties associated with use of new procedures and rules in the current work.

# Reasons of involvement in the project

The idea of the project addresses problems that we, as a school, face in the context of educating youth. Their level of literacy is decreasing, mainly due to the excessive use of modern media. We believe that the combination of modern IT device as a tool and culture and tradition as topic is a successful way to evoke interest in reading among young people.

# **Contact Person's Experience and Expertise**

Ewa Bartosińska – vice head teacher, supervises the projects' realisation, expenses and financial clearance, writes projects and coordinates them for CKZiU One of the projects she wrote and implemented receives a Star Project award. She has a diploma in economy and postgraduate studies in European finds management.

Tasks:

- manager of the project
- monitoring realization of the project activities
- monitoring deadlines

Experience:

- postgraduate studies in European funds management
- implementation of LdV and POKL projects
- implementation of Comenius projects
- participation in mobilites of educational staff projects
- management skills
- knowledge of English
- know-how of Mobility Tool, ECAS, Online FRSE, eForm and Europass systems.

Agnieszka Godlewska – English language teacher. She is responsible for contacts with partner institutions in international projects, writes projects and coordinates them for CKZiU.

#### Tasks:

- contacting partner institutions
- preparing databases of project participants
- preparing conferences, working meetings, international meetings
- coordinating the promotion of the project (website, media, etc.)
- compiling documentation for National Agency
- participating in project meetings and preparatory visits
- translating documents

#### Experience:

- author and coordinator of Comenius Erasmus+ and Power projects
- implementation of Comenius and Grundtvig projects
- participation in professional development Comenius, LdV and Erasmus+ courses
- participation in study visits, project meetings, youth exchanges, vocational training mobilities,
- know-how of Mobility Tool, ECAS, Online FRSE, eForm and Europass systems
- excellent knowledge of English.