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Partner Identification Form

Erasmus+ Programme · Youth (KA1 / KA2)

Romanian Institute for Youth Development (IRDT) · Timișoara, Romania · www.irdt.ro · Updated October 2026

1. Organisation details

Full legal name	Institutul Român pentru Dezvoltarea Tinerilor
Full legal name (English)	Romanian Institute for Youth Development
Acronym	IRDT
PIC	937243295
OID	E10038852
Type of organisation	Non-governmental organisation / association (non-profit, private law)
Public body	No
Non-profit	Yes
Year of establishment	2014
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2. Legal representative and contact person

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Languages	Romanian, English

3. Profile of the organisation

The Romanian Institute for Youth Development (IRDT) is a youth NGO founded in 2014 in Timișoara, western Romania. We work with young people and with the people who work with them through non-formal education: learning by doing, teamwork, debate, community projects and structured reflection.

Our aim is the personal, academic and professional development of young people, including those with fewer opportunities.

IRDT works on two levels. Locally, we run workshops, training sessions and community projects for young people and youth organisations in Timișoara and Timiș County, and we support the development of local youth organisations (project writing, project management, organisational management). At European level, since 2016 we have coordinated Erasmus+ youth exchanges and training courses as beneficiary organisation, and we have taken part as sending partner in mobilities organised by partner organisations.

IRDT is a member of the Timiș County Youth Foundation (FITT), the umbrella organisation of youth NGOs in western Romania, which owns the Youth House in Timișoara (Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres, 2016), and of the Consultative Council on Youth Issues of Timișoara City Hall.

Areas of intervention (Institutional Development Strategy 2024–2027)

- **Skills and career orientation** — communication, teamwork, critical thinking and digital skills developed through practical activities; employability of young people.
- **Entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship** — supporting young people to explore business ideas and solutions to community needs; sustainable, green and digital entrepreneurship.
- **Participation and active citizenship** — helping young people understand public decision-making and get involved in their community; advocacy, volunteering, European citizenship.
- **Inclusion and access to opportunities** — facilitating the participation of young people facing social, economic or geographic obstacles; countering hate speech.
- **Training of youth workers** — developing the methods and competences of people who work with young people; strengthening youth organisations.

4. Experience in Erasmus+ (as beneficiary organisation)

Between 2016 and 2022 IRDT coordinated 13 Erasmus+ KA1 youth projects (11 youth exchanges and 2 training courses), all hosted in Timișoara or Timiș County, with more than 550 participants in total (young people, group leaders and youth workers) from partner organisations in 11 European countries: Spain, Portugal, Italy, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Greece, Turkey, Hungary, Croatia, Germany and North Macedonia.

Project (official title)	Type / year	Grant agreement no.	Focus
Open Your Mind	Youth exchange · 2016	—	Entrepreneurial skills in the field of sustainable development; 42 participants
Making Growth Sustainable: Social Entrepreneurship / Green Entrepreneurship	2 youth exchanges · 2016	—	Social and green entrepreneurship as sustainable ways of doing business; 84 participants
Learning to Speak Your Mind	2 youth exchanges · 2017	2016-1-RO01-KA105-024322	Public speaking, argumentation and effective communication; 84 participants. Best international project in Timiș County, 2017
Youth and Digital Entrepreneurship	Youth exchange · 2018	2017-1-RO01-KA105-037018	Entrepreneurial skills in the ICT / digital field; 42 participants
Make Your Voice Heard	Youth exchange · 2018	2018-2-RO01-KA105-049785	Volunteering as active citizenship, solidarity and civic involvement; 42 participants
Take Action!	Youth exchange · 2019	2018-2-RO01-KA105-049785	Public participation and civic competences; 30

			participants from 5 countries
Participation is Power	Training course · 2019	2018-1-RO01-KA105-048946	Capacity of youth workers to support active citizenship, structured dialogue and public policy making; 24 youth workers
Social entrepreneurship for sustainable growth	Youth exchange · 2019	2018-1-RO01-KA105-048972	Social entrepreneurship competences; 42 participants
Get involved	Youth exchange · 2019	2018-2-RO01-KA105-049785	European citizenship and involvement in the civic life of the community; 42 participants
Enhancing Youth Employability	Youth exchange · 2019	2018-2-RO01-KA105-049785	Skills that increase the employability of young people; 42 participants
Advocacy to Go	Youth exchange · 2021	2019-3-RO01-KA105-078090	Capacity of young people and partner organisations to advocate for youth rights
Inclusion+	Youth exchange · 2021	2020-2-RO01-KA105-080894	Social inclusion and countering hate speech; 29 participants from 5 countries
Social Entrepreneurship is the Future	Training course · 2022	2019-3-RO01-KA105-077902	Social entrepreneurship as a method of contributing to the local community; 25 youth workers from 5 countries

Several activities (Make Your Voice Heard, Take Action!, Get involved, Enhancing Youth Employability) were implemented under the same grant agreement. Each project ended with a three-level evaluation (reaction, learning, transfer), a Youthpass certificate for every participant and a final report accepted by the National Agency (ANPCDEFP).

As sending partner, IRDT has also taken part in mobilities organised by partner organisations in Aveiro (Portugal) and Turin (Italy).

5. Local activities and other funding

Alongside the European mobilities, IRDT runs activities at home: training in project writing and project management for youth and student organisations in Timișoara (with ANOSR and the student leagues of the West University and the Polytechnic University); entrepreneurship courses for young people with the INCUBOXX business incubator; the “Shine your light” hackathon (November 2019, 200+ participants, for the Timișoara 2021 European Capital of Culture programme); and “Digital Storytelling in Action!”, working with young people from the city’s neighbourhoods. These were funded by Timiș County Council, Timișoara City Hall, the Ministry of Youth and Sport and the Timiș County Directorate for Sport and Youth.

6. What IRDT can bring to a partnership

- **Coordinator or partner in KA1 / KA2** — we write and coordinate youth exchanges and training courses, or join an existing consortium with prepared participants, a group leader and reporting experience.
- **Hosting organisation in Timișoara** — logistics for mobilities in Timișoara and Timiș County: working spaces (including the Youth House), accommodation, local team, study visits to partner institutions.
- **Direct access to young people** — young people from Timișoara and Timiș County, including young people with fewer opportunities and NEETs, through our local network of schools, universities and youth organisations.

- **Youth-worker training** — non-formal education, participation, social entrepreneurship, project writing.
- **Management and reporting** — internal procedures for operational and financial management of grants; three-level evaluation; Youthpass; dissemination through the website, social media and local media.

7. Key staff

Robert Ciocotoiu — President, trainer and youth worker

Over 15 years of experience in working with young people. Started as a volunteer in the National Organisation of Romanian Scouts (ONCR); coordinated the projects department of the West University of Timișoara Students' Organisation (OSUT); project manager and youth worker at the Timiș County Youth Foundation (FITT); former vice-president of the National Alliance of Student Organisations in Romania (ANOSR); manager of INCUBOXX, the largest ICT business incubator in Romania, based in Timișoara. Expertise: project writing and management, organisational management, sustainability and entrepreneurship.

Project team

For each project, the team is completed with youth workers, trainers and a financial officer from IRDT's members, volunteers and partner network. [to be completed before sending: names and roles of the staff confirmed for the application in question]

8. Checklist for partners

- Mandate / partner declaration signed by the legal representative — available on request.
- Organisation registered in the Erasmus+ Organisation Registration System (OID above).
- Quality standards: participants selected for the project theme, pre-departure preparation, group leaders present, insurance and travel documents checked, Youthpass issued.
- Contact for partnership proposals: office@irdt.ro, +40 769 060 480.