



GENERAL INFORMATION

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Organisation ID	E10046077
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Legal name of the organisation	Mundus Bulgaria
Legal name of the organisation in Latin characters (if applicable)	Association Mundus Bulgaria
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PROFILE

Type of organization	Non-governmental organisation/association/social enterprise
The main sector of activity	Non-formal education, Sport, Sustainability and Digital citizenship
Is the partner organization a public body?	No
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes
Is your organisation: a public body at regional/national level; an association of regions; a European Grouping of Territorial cooperation; or a profit-making body active in Corporate Social Responsibility?	No

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation type	Accreditation reference
Erasmus accreditation in Youth, <i>valid until 31/12/2025</i>	2022-1-BG01-KA150-YOU-000105244

BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Introduction

Mundus Bulgaria is a Bulgarian NGO dedicated to promoting civic and European values through education, sport, and social inclusion. The organisation focuses on fostering integration, active citizenship, and non-formal education to drive positive societal change. It combines regular local activities like trainings and workshops for educators and learners while its international work is focused on organisation and system-level innovation.

Objectives

- Mundus Bulgaria aims to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among citizens and youth. It actively promotes the 11 Youth Goals through its permanent and project related activities.
- Develops and carries out training courses for upskilling youth workers and professionals in the fields of digital citizenship, sustainability and sports management.
- Promotes "Education Through Sport" (ETS) which is a methodology for social transformation and inclusion of vulnerable groups (refugees, migrants, and youth experiencing economic, social, and geographical barriers).
- Encourages entrepreneurship and youth-led participation activities for promoting active and democratic citizens among youth and youth workers.
- Promotes strong connections to local stakeholders through a network of educational institutions, sport establishments and community centres, and other local NGOs that support Mundus's mission and values.

Target Groups

- Young people and youth workers (18-30);
- Adult educators and adult learners (30-55+);
- Sport coaches, PE teachers, trainers and educators, also school staff
- Social enterprises, NGOs, sport clubs and organisations, educational institutions at local and international levels;
- EU citizens and actors engaged in cultural exchange and social integration efforts;
- Vulnerable groups

Activities

- Non-formal educational programmes for lifelong learning and active participation in a democratic society. International projects aligned with Erasmus+ horizontal priorities for digital citizenship, sustainable development, social inclusion and diversity.
- Trainings for soft and hard skills of local and European youth workers
- Sport events and training courses in partnership with local sports clubs and organisations
- Research and development of educational resources and digital platforms
- EuroDesk Info point, Erasmus Days every year.

Permanent and Ongoing Activities

Mundus Bulgaria consistently delivers non-formal educational activities, often integrating the Education Through Sport (ETS) methodology. It engages in cross-sectoral projects developing capacity for resilience in youth, civic and democratic capacity, non-formal education capacity. The organisation also provides continuous training and internship opportunities in partnership with higher education institutions and vocational schools. Digitalisation plays a central role in ensuring the accessibility of its educational materials and enhancing project dissemination.

Partnerships

Mundus Bulgaria collaborates with a network of sports clubs, vocational schools, and NGOs at the local level. Nationally, it works with various educational and social institutions, while at the European level, it engages in cross-border projects to foster integration and cultural exchange.

Some of our local and national associated partners are:

- Association "Academy of Success"
- Foreground foundation
- Association for Bulgarian Sport Development
- Club FUTURE (Stara Zagora) working with volunteers in natural disasters
- Slavia Sofia Basketball Club
- Eduspace and Social Innovators - community hubs for trainings, workshops and collaboration
- AEG "Geo Milev"- Burgas (high-school)
- PGHTBT "Mariya Kyuri"- Razgrad (high-school)
- Association PFE (Professional Forum for Education)
- SSA Bulgaria
- Bora Sailing - water sports community

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PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE APPLICATION

Mundus Bulgaria's strength lies in the in-depth knowledge and experience that each team member brings to the organisation and its projects. Led by Denitsa Andonova, who has over 10 years of expertise in managing international educational projects, the organisation excels in both project design and implementation, particularly in the fields of education, training, and social entrepreneurship. Katerina lotova contributes her specialised knowledge in environmental sustainability and project evaluation, playing a key role in advancing local impact in environmental transitions and developing educational resources that promote sustainability through Education Through Sport (ETS). Dominika Swinin enhances the organisation's digital initiatives with her background in communication sciences and gamification, driving digital transitions while also crafting engaging, non-formal learning methods. Together, their collective experience not only ensures the successful execution of international projects but also paves the way for nurturing the next generation of youth workers, empowering them with the tools to foster inclusion, sustainability, and innovation on both a local and European scale.

Denitsa Andonova - is the President of Mundus Bulgaria. She has two Master degrees in Sociology and Intercultural communication, obtained in the University of Strasbourg, France. Since years, she holds successful experience as a project manager and international coordinator in the field of education and training. She developed a body of academic work examining the design of educational programs and their use of non-formal learning methods and work with groups, which was recognised by CoE experts. As the EU project manager in a couple of European NGOs, Ms Andonova has managed and implemented successfully several complex strategic projects and has provided training activities for youth workers, educators, trainers, teaching and school staff. Since 2017 she manages Mundus Bulgaria, working primarily in the field of education, training, environmental topics and social entrepreneurship, etc. Ms Andonova disposes of extensive successful expertise in project design, as well as is a qualified experts within the Education Through Sport Community, using such methodology within the field of non formal education so to support community development. With her over 15 years of international expertise in the field of non formal education and ETS, she is highly qualified to bring changes within the communities and target groups she works with.

Katerina lotova - is a project manager and a trainer at Mundus Bulgaria. She has an MSc in Environment and Sustainable Development, obtained from the University College of London. With experience in collecting primary and secondary data, research analysis and international field work abroad, she has various skills supporting the functions of Mundus. She is experienced in networking and recruiting participants for activities like expert focus groups, trainings for professionals as well as expanding Mundus's local network of partners. She is responsible for the development of educational resources dedicated to the ETS methodology, organization of training programmes, conducting NFE activities, project evaluation, dissemination etc. She has experience in project design and consortium building for promotion of sustainability and youth participation.

Dominika Swinin - Ms. Dominika Swinin works as a project manager at Mundus Bulgaria, leveraging her expertise in Communication Sciences. With a rich background in third-sector activities as a volunteer, teaching assistant, and finally, project manager, she has honed her skills in crafting educational materials, adept project coordination, and effective dissemination strategies. Notably, Ms. Swinin also contributes as a dedicated trainer and programme designer in the field of Youth, having designed and implemented multiple training courses. Her main fields of expertise are non-formal learning methods, gamification and game-based learning, environmental action, event management and volunteering work.

Maria Anastasova - is a project manager at Mundus Bulgaria. She has a Bachelors degree in International Relations obtained at the University of Complutense in Madrid. She collaborates closely with educational institutions, teachers, and students to create innovative, modern learning programs. Maria's expertise focuses on developing projects that aim to enhance students' practical skills and civic education, empowering them to become active European citizens. Maria coordinates the international mobility of around 150 users yearly and manages international projects to facilitate the transition of high school students to the labour market.

