

Partner organization



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Profile

Type of organization

Non-profit / Non-Governmental Organization

Is the partner organization a public body?

No

Is the partner organization a non-profit?

Yes

Background and experience

Please briefly present the partner organization.

Georgian Youth Development Association (GYDA) is a non-governmental, non-profit youth organisation based in Tbilisi, Georgia. Our mission is to promote active citizenship, European integration and gender equality among young people. We motivate young people to develop their interpersonal and social competences as individuals and as responsible citizens. Non-formal education is our main tool for doing this.

GYDA is located in Gldani district of Tbilisi, which historically has one of the largest communities of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Abkhazia and Samachablo (South Ossetia). This shaped our work from the very beginning. For more than ten years we have supported young people with IDP background in their integration into society, by opening access to local and European projects and to free English language courses. Today the same experience guides our work with refugees, migrants and displaced young people, both in Georgia and together with our partners in Ukraine, Poland, Moldova, Türkiye and other countries.

Our goals are to promote equality and tolerance towards other people's values and behaviour, to support the integration of IDPs, refugees and migrants in local communities and to help young people develop interpersonal and social competences through non-formal education. We involve young people in European educational programmes and in this way support Georgia's European integration. We build intercultural understanding and cooperation between young people from different backgrounds and cultures. We increase the participation of young people with fewer opportunities and look for ways for them to make a real impact in their local community. We also draw attention to environmental problems and promote a responsible attitude towards nature.

GYDA is run by a team of more than ten active members and volunteers, with two part-time employees. GYDA has been a partner in 50+ granted Youth Exchanges (KA152), we host Youth Exchanges and Training Courses in Georgia every year and we are a partner in two Capacity Building in the field of Youth projects and one KA220-YOU Cooperation Partnership. In 2026 GYDA became coordinator of its own Capacity Building project, "Generation of Resilient Allies" (EU GRA), granted by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

In 2026 we implemented 13 mobility projects in Georgia and at least 40% of participants in our local projects were young people with fewer opportunities. We have sent more than 500 young people abroad on Erasmus+ mobilities, around 30% of them with fewer opportunities. We reach young people through our network of partner NGOs, our memorandum with Grigol Robakidze University and our social media channels, which reach around 10,000 people.

What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application?

Inclusion of displaced young people and young people with fewer opportunities is the centre of our international work. GYDA is a partner in the Capacity Building in the field of Youth project "Stronger Together: Strengthening Youth Workers and Organisations for Displaced Youth Integration and Resilience" (SYWOR, 101185795), coordinated by Young Agents of Change from Ukraine together with partners from Poland, Moldova and Türkiye. This 36 month project supports youth organisations working on the integration and resilience of forcibly displaced young people. GYDA is also the author of the Georgian chapter on inclusion in a Capacity Building handbook prepared with our partners from Ukraine, Poland, Türkiye and Moldova. We are a partner in a second Capacity Building project, "Psychological Aid and Creative Technique" (PACT, 101186111), led by Accademia di Belle Arti di Napoli, which brings psychological first aid and creative techniques into youth work. In 2026 GYDA joined the KA220-YOU Cooperation

Partnership 2026-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000461932 led by Muş Alparslan University in Türkiye.

In 2026 GYDA moved from partner to coordinator. Our own Capacity Building project "Generation of Resilient Allies" (EU GRA, 101329208) was granted by EACEA and the grant agreement was signed in October 2026.

GYDA regularly hosts international Training Courses for youth workers in Georgia. In September 2026 we hosted the Training Course "Inclusion in Practice" (2026-1-PL01-KA153-YOU-000393777) in Ureki, prepared together with Fundacja Instytut Partnerstwa Strategicznego (SPI Warsaw) and approved by the Polish National Agency. It brought together 34 youth workers to strengthen their competences in supporting displaced young people and others with fewer opportunities. In October 2026 we hosted the Training Course "Youth Empower Green" in Ureki, funded by the Dutch National Agency, for 30 youth workers from 10 countries. It focused on environmental protection. Participants created and tested educational games and gamification methods which will be used in a follow-up eco Youth Exchange in Georgia. As a host we take care of venues, full board accommodation, airport pick-ups and drop-offs, local transport and the local programme.

Youth Exchanges are where most of our young people start. GYDA has been a partner in 50+ granted Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges and we host groups in Georgia every year. GYDA has run many sport projects in Georgia, including the Youth Exchange "Beyond the Game". We try to give young people a pathway and not just a single event. Luka joined "Beyond the Game" as a newcomer, later took part in a psychological first aid training at Grigol Robakidze University, became a GYDA member and is now part of the organising team of our next Youth Exchange.

Our local work builds active citizenship in the community. Together with the charity theatre "Merrily Masks" we organised several charity events in Tbilisi and raised more than 1,000 GEL for stage decoration and costumes for the young actors. Georgian Public Broadcaster (First Channel) prepared a short reportage about the theatre. We collected money for new wheelchairs for two young people with disabilities. Our clean up action "Let's keep our city clean" involved more than 20 members and volunteers who cleaned around 5,000 square metres around Tbilisi. In Bakuriani GYDA organised a meeting of students and the local community with Mr. Andrius Kalindra, then Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to Georgia, who gave an interactive lecture on the role of the EU in the South Caucasus and on conflict resolution through peace and dialogue.

GYDA has a memorandum of cooperation with Grigol Robakidze University, one of the largest private universities in Tbilisi, and was the second organisation after DRONI to

cooperate with the university. This gives us access to university premises for workshops, trainings and other non-formal activities.

What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Key persons from GYDA are Raul Labadze, Mariam Doghadze, Tatia Mutchauri, Likuna Darchia and Lasha Berekashvili.

Raul Labadze is President and legal representative of GYDA. He is a graduate of the College of Europe, where he obtained a master's degree in European Interdisciplinary Studies with a major in European Neighbourhood Policy (full ENP scholarship). He is a Young European Ambassador in Georgia and has a thorough understanding of the Eastern Partnership and Erasmus+. Raul has been active in youth work since 2013, starting with projects under Youth in Action. Today he writes and manages Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges, Training Courses and Capacity Building projects with partners across Europe and its neighbourhood. He coordinates GYDA's Capacity Building project "Generation of Resilient Allies". He is also youth worker, a trainer and facilitated many international mobilities. At the College of Europe in Natolin he organised a carnival day with art and face painting workshops, dance classes and sports activities for refugee children from Fundacja dla Wolności (Foundation for Freedom).

Mariam Doghadze is Project Manager at GYDA and a trainer in non-formal education. She has successfully organised many Training Courses and facilitated the Training Course "Youth Empower Green" (October 2026) for 30 youth workers from 10 countries, where participants developed gamification methods on environmental topics. She also acts as group leader of Georgian groups in Youth Exchanges and is the main contact person for partners.

Tatia Mutchauri studied environmental science at Tbilisi State University. She has been actively involved in youth work since 2020 and has taken part in many mobility projects at national and international level. She is a qualified facilitator and youth worker with expertise in peacebuilding and inclusion. Her background in environmental science is an asset for GYDA's green projects.

Lasha Berekashvili is a student at Tbilisi State University and an active member of GYDA. He is a passionate advocate of a healthy lifestyle and sport, with significant experience in organising fitness workshops and workouts. He has played a key role in shaping GYDA's sport and healthy lifestyle initiatives.

Likuna Darchia is the content creator of GYDA and a graduate of the Faculty of Media at Grigol Robakidze University. She fully manages GYDA's Instagram, Facebook and TikTok and all our digital media, so partners can count on professional visibility of their project in Georgia. She also runs a radio programme about youth work, which gives our projects and their results a voice beyond social media. Likuna has organised events for the EVZ Foundation and other organisations, so she brings real experience in event management as well as communication. She is a great asset for the visibility and dissemination of every project we take part in.

Together the team has managed the full Erasmus+ project cycle many times. This includes partner search and application writing, planning and start up procedures, selection and preparation of participants before departure, administrative, financial and logistical management, travel and flows of participants, communication with partners and participants, facilitation, monitoring and evaluation, Youthpass and follow-up and dissemination activities.

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Has the organisation participated in a European Union granted project in the 3 years preceding this application?

EU Programme	Year	Project Identification	Applicant/BEN Name
Capacity Building in the field of youth - Erasmus+	2024	101185795 - Stronger Together: Strengthening Youth Workers and Organisations for Displaced Youth Integration and Resilience (SYWOR)	Young Agents of Change
Capacity Building in the field of youth - Erasmus+	2024	101186111 - Psychological Aid and Creative Technique (PACT)	ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI DI NAPOLI
Capacity Building in the field of youth - Erasmus+	2026	101329208 - Generation of Resilient Allies (EU GRA)	Georgian Youth Development Association
Erasmus+ KA220-YOU	2026	2026-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000461932	Muş Alparslan University
Erasmus+ KA153-YOU (Mobility of youth workers)	2026	2026-1-PL01-KA153-YOU-000393777 - Inclusion in Practice	Fundacja Instytut Partnerstwa Strategicznego