

CSOs from Lithuania interested in cooperation with Donor countries' organizations

Context

The Active Citizens Fund (ACF) Operator¹ in Lithuania, facilitating the search for potential partners hosted a matchmaking event 23rd October 2019 in Vilnius, Lithuania. The matchmaking event aimed to offer opportunities for Lithuanian and Donor countries' (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) CSOs to come together, share experience, discuss initial ideas for collaboration with the aim to eventually shape them into concrete joint project proposals to be submitted under the ACF regular open calls. The participants had an opportunity to discuss possibilities to organize bilateral cooperation initiatives under the Fund for Bilateral Relations, such as partner search visits, matchmaking events, individual short-term internships and know-how exchanges, thematic meetings or seminars.

The main target group for this event were CSOs in Lithuania and Donor countries interested in carrying on mutual projects within any of following thematic areas: 1) social inclusion and vulnerable groups, 2) civic participation (including digital activism focus), 3) civic education.

Prior the event AFC Operator received 37 applications from Lithuanian organizations to participate in matchmaking event, 32 were selected. This document contains the descriptions of all organizations, who applied for participation in matchmaking event.

Applicants for Bilateral cooperation initiatives from Donor countries are encouraged to contact these organizations or they might contact other organizations not necessarily included in this document. The list of organizations is indicative.

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1. social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Alytaus women crisis center</i>
City, country	Alytus, Lithuania
Organization website	-
Organization established (year)	2001
Scope of organization activities	Regional
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>Our organization works with people, who are victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. We give them lawyer, psychological and social counseling. We are the founders of the Lithuanian Association for the Advancement of Women's Rights. We are also currently involved in the establishment of the National Association against Trafficking in Human Beings.</p> <p>We have received support from the Dutch Foundation for Development Activities. Have just finished participation in the project "Promotion of Women's Social and Economic Empowerment: Transfer of Experience from Alytus District to Ozurgeti". We were partners in many national projects, which aim to help victims of violence to come back to work, to get back assuredness, believe in self, to learn new profession, acquire psychological and financial skills.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	<p>Our institution specializes in dealing with people who have experienced domestic violence. After Lithuania became a member of the EU, the number of work against human trafficking decreased significantly due to the expansion of the country's borders. Currently, our institution is becoming a founding member of the National Association Against Trafficking in Human Beings and we can say that we are returning to this activity. We are very interested in the international inter-institutional cooperation experience, because in Lithuania all colleagues have similar experiences, and we all face similar problems, but we do not find a solution on the national level. Teamwork in assisting victims in both violence and trafficking is relevant. I think we could exchange experiences of exploitation of people in labor relations. The experience of helping the victim is also very relevant. What problems are encountered in the partner country. We are very interested in the experience of empowering victims and helping them return to normal life and society in the partner country.</p>
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Center Against Human Trafficking and Exploitation</i>
City, country	Kaunas, Lithuania
Organization website	anti-trafficking.lt
Organization established (year)	2001
Scope of organization activities	Local, Regional, National, International
Short description of organization and its activities	We provide psychosocial counselling, legal advice, safe shelter to the victims of Human Trafficking, prostitution, sexual violence. We work in the whole country with the flexible support network reaching remote areas also providing trainings to police, prosecutors, social workers, other NGO. We give much attention to awareness raising through press, TV, Radio - the goal is to change deep rooted stereotypes in the society regarding women in prostitution, the "willingness" of the victims to be exploited or vulnerable children being "bad". On the international level we work closely with our colleagues in the UK, Belgium, Poland, Ukraine to promote joint activities and solidarity actions.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	To find partners that share common goals and to expand our knowledge in the field; to develop a joint project that could enable us to fulfill our dream to do more and better in the field of Human Rights protection, to strengthen our capacities.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Center for Equality Advancement</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	gap.lt
Organization established (year)	2003
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	We are a project based organization established to challenge gender stereotypes, combat discrimination. We organize informational campaigns, advocacy, provide training courses and seminars, publish articles, manuals and other publications, carry out research, provide expertise on the themes of gender equality, diversity and human rights. During past years we cooperated with partners in Ukraine, Austria, Portugal, Italy, Slovenia, Germany, Bulgaria, Georgia, Norway, Iceland, Sweden etc. Recently our international projects focused on themes like domestic violence and it's prevention, encouraging boys to choose care professions and men to engage more in parenting. We also advocate legislative improvements on national level, speak up about relevant issues related to gender based discrimination.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	Our organisation is planning to prepare a project partnership with Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein. We already have several ideas for a project but no partners that could enrich the project so far.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Fabijoniškių bendruomenės asociacija (Association of Fabijoniskes neighborhood)</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	fabijoniskiubendruomene.lt
Organization established (year)	2010
Scope of organization activities	Local
Short description of organization and its activities	Our organization works on strengthening community empowerment. We pay special attention to the integration of children with intellectual disabilities into society and seek their education in general education institutions.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	Our organization hopes to meet potential partners with whom to develop joint projects in the integration and inclusive education of children with intellectual disabilities and in areas where we can to reduce the social exclusion of families with disabled children.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Jaunimo Linija (Youth line)</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	jaunimolinija.lt/en/about-us/
Organization established (year)	1991
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>Jaunimo linija (Youth Line) is one of the largest NGOs providing free emotional support by telephone and internet in Lithuania. The hotline has been offering support for the last 28 years and currently has 350 volunteers in 4 branches.</p> <p>Since 1991, Jaunimo linija volunteers have answered over 1 million phone calls for help. Anyone who is in emotional distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide can contact the hotline 24/7, 365 days per year. Jaunimo linija volunteers are here to hear everyone via free telephone line, email or online.</p> <p>In addition to the daily operation of emotional support line, Jaunimo linija works in the field of educating society (young people, parents, teachers, etc.) on emotional health topics. We provide trainings, lectures, participate in public events, create content in media and social media.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	We would like to participate in the event because we believe in the synergy effect of multiple minds. We think that we could meet people and organizations in this event with whom we could potentially come up with powerful social project. Our expectation is to understand if we could cooperate with some other organization in the area of our field of operation.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Lions Quest Lithuania</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	lions-quest.lt
Organization established (year)	2009
Scope of organization activities	National, International
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>LIONS QUEST LITHUANIA is a non-profit organization that aims to help adults to educate the younger generation, strengthen children's mental health, prevent crises substance abuse and strengthen social and emotional competences. This aim is achieved through implementing international evidence-based social and emotional learning programs LIONS QUEST in Lithuania.</p> <p>LIONS QUEST programs (Skill for Growing, Skills for Adolescence and Skills for Action) are being implemented in over 150 countries, materials translated into more than 45 languages. LIONS QUEST LITHUANIA is responsible for the implementation and adaptation of the social and emotional learning program to conform to cultural norms and the local education structure.</p> <p>Other implemented programs: Violence and sexual abuse prevention program I KNOW; Parent meeting guide +5.</p> <p>Recent projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a safe environment at school II (Funded by National Education agency); • I am responsible for mental health (Funded by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania); • Alcohol use prevention for students (Funded by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania); • Development of skills for life in preschool education (Funded by Nordplus Horizontal).
Bilateral cooperation expectations	We are interested to create new long term partnerships in areas of social and emotional competencies, social inclusion, psychoactive substance use prevention, domestic violence and sexual abuse prevention.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Lithuanian Disability Forum</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	Inf.lt/?lang=lt
Organization established (year)	2001
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	Lithuanian Disability Forum is the largest Lithuanian organization representing the interests of various disability groups. We unite 15 organizations. Our aim is for persons with disabilities is guaranteed by high-quality and purposeful assistive services within the community, which provide the possibility to live independently. One of the key goals of LDF is the implementation of UN Convention on the Rights for Persons with Disabilities in Lithuanian.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	Our interest is to find organizations in same or similar field and exchange experience (good or bad) link to shadow/alternative reports.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Lithuanian multiple sclerosis union</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	liss.lt
Organization established (year)	2000
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>The Lithuanian Multiple sclerosis union (LISS) is a non-governmental umbrella organization uniting an 11 number of multiple sclerosis societies and organizations offering assistance to people with MS. From 2000 member of European MS Platform, from 2004 -EMS Federation, from 2007-European Patient Forum, from 2012-Eurocarers.</p> <p>LISS is a transparent and independent organization representing interests of MS patients. The Association's mission is to make all possible efforts to improve the quality of life of MS patients and their families. Our aim is to ensure that both patients and their families have access to effective treatment and the best possible informative, social, psychological and mental support.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	To find partners to promote the visibility and raise awareness of disability rights (internally and externally).
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Lithuanian Samaritans Association Kaunas District</i>
City, country	Kaunas, Lithuania
Organization website	kaunosamarieciai.lt
Organization established (year)	1992
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	Association, who takes care of disabled people, takes care of people having big problems, helping homeless people, unemployed people, first aid teaching, various projects, helping for families who are in bad conditions.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	We want to create a project or some projects about reduction of social exclusion; about inclusion of disabled children and vulnerable groups in social life, we need partners to implement our ideas.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>M. Ciuzelis Charity Foundation</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	sidabrinelinija.lt
Organization established (year)	2014
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>There are more than 500 000 old age people living in Lithuania. Our society is aging at the fastest pace in the whole European Union and it is estimated by 2030 every third resident in the country will be older than 60 years old. All that has been followed by diminishing human and social relationship, loneliness, isolation and even bad health and poverty.</p> <p>Based on the data from Statistics Lithuania, almost half of the population over 65 years old live alone, hardly 5% of them still work, up to 20% live in poverty. According to the most recent data from Global Age Watch, Lithuania ranks only 63 out of 96 countries based elderly people living conditions.</p> <p>One of the main focus areas of the Foundation is to improve the quality of life for the elderly people. We aim Lithuania to become an age friendly country where old age people are an integral and important part of the society, where everyone fosters appropriate respect for seniors and seeks old age people to live a dignified, purposeful, active and healthy life.</p> <p>We run a free of charge befriending and support line Sidabrine linija (the Silver Line) providing information, friendship and advise to the lonely and isolated old age people.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	Learn, share, build, raise.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>National LGBT* Rights Organization, LGL</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	lgl.lt
Organization established (year)	2000
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	The national LGBT* rights association LGL is the only nongovernmental organization in Lithuania exclusively representing the interests of the local LGBT* community. LGL takes part in international cooperation within the framework of international umbrella organizations such as: ILGA (International Gay and Lesbian Association, IGLYO (the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Youth and Student Organization), EPOA (The European Pride Organizers Association), Fundamental Rights Agency Civic Society and Fundamental Rights Platform (FRA, fra.europa.eu), TGEU (The European Transgender Network), ANSO (Association of Nordic and Pol-Balt LGBTQ Student Organizations) and international volunteering network Volunteurope.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	LGL looks forward to discuss possible partnerships which would enable sharing of good practices and development of joint activities and/or project proposals.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>NGO Mental Health Perspectives (VšĮ Psichikos sveikatos perspektyvos)</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	perspektyvos.org
Organization established (year)	2000
Scope of organization activities	Local, Regional, National, International
Short description of organization and its activities	Mental Health Perspectives (formerly known as Global Initiative on Psychiatry) is a non-governmental organization established in the year 2000 and working in the field of mental health and human rights. Our mission is to contribute to the well-being of society and especially its most vulnerable groups, through consolidation of their fundamental right to accessible, evidence-based and person-centered services, whilst also prioritizing mental health at the political level. Mental Health Perspectives has successfully implemented more than 60 national and international projects. Organization regularly and actively carries out research, human rights monitoring, advocacy, awareness raising and other activities, aiming for positive changes within the mental health system both in Lithuania and other post-soviet countries.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	Our organization is seeking networking opportunities and new partnerships, with a view to apply for joint projects in the field of human rights and mental health.
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Organization name	<i>Non-profit football club ATAKA (VšĮ futbolo mokykla "Ataka")</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	fmataka.lt
Organization established (year)	2016
Scope of organization activities	Local, Regional
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>Non-profit children football club ATAKA operates in Vilnius city and Vilnius district. ATAKA's goal is children's social integration and illegal substance abuse prevention through sports, using best practices from Scandinavia and Iceland. More than 550 children are involved in training activities. 10% of them are socially vulnerable children from poor families, foster homes who train and take part in summer camps for free or at heavy discount. They also get sportswear for free or at discount. ATAKA advocates politicians at regional and national level for using social integration through sports in Lithuania, to make sports available and accessible in every local community.</p> <p>ATAKA has partners in Iceland and Sweden. Experience exchange trips were made to and from Iceland and Sweden. In autumn 2018, ATAKA in cooperation with the Nordic Council of Ministers organized press conference in Lithuanian Parliament about Icelandic substance abuse program through sports.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	We are looking for a partner in Norway. We hope this event will help us to find one and start partnership on social inclusion through sports.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Paramos vaikams centras (Children Support Centre)</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	pvc.lt
Organization established (year)	1998
Scope of organization activities	Local, Regional, National, International
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>Children Support Centre is a non-governmental organization. Our mission is to ensure the psychological well-being of children by providing effective, professional, and comprehensive assistance to children and families. Children Support Centre implements 4 programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Big Brothers Big Sisters" (positive role model adult volunteer support child in need in long-term relationship); - "Second Step" (IQ trainings in schools); - "Childhood without Abuse" (counseling for children and families, prevention and intervention projects and social campaigns, Safety trainings for children, trainings for professionals); - "Positive Parenting" (trainings for parents, consultations for parents, "Parents line", trainings for professionals). <p>International cooperation: youth exchange projects (Norway, Germany, Wales and others), projects preventing children' abuse (Poland, Latvia, Israel and others) and others.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	We expect to find international partner and by sharing good experience to expand our services by helping children to have safe childhood in our country. We are looking for more programs or methods or tools how to ensure prevention and intervention for children who suffer from abuse, bullying, damaging relationships in their families.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>PO Klaipeda Social and Psychological Services Centre</i>
City, country	Klaipeda, Lithuania
Organization website	moteriai.lt
Organization established (year)	2003
Scope of organization activities	Local, Regional, National, International
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>PO Klaipeda Social and Psychological Service Center (KSPSC) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization. The main goal is to provide a complex help (social, psychological and legal support) for victims of violence (violence in a close relationship, trafficking in human beings, and sexual exploitation for prostitution purposes). The purpose of the Center is to seek to empower victims to become able to take control of their circumstances and achieve their own goals, thereby being able to work towards helping themselves and others to maximize the quality of their lives now and in the future. Organizations' objectives and regular activities are implemented throughout three main programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first program objective - to provide a complex psychosocial help and support for persons, who suffered from violence in a close relationship. Cooperation with local, national and international partners - the organization is one of the members of Lithuanian Women's Rights Association (LMTJA), Lithuanian Women's Lobby (LWL) and European Women's Lobby (EWL). - The second program objective - to provide a complex psychosocial help and support for sexually exploited for prostitution purposes and trafficked persons. Cooperation with local, national and international partners from Europe and non-Europe countries - the organization is one of the members of Coalition against prostitution (CAP). - The third program, Women's Help line, objective to provide an emotional support for people through toll-free number, and inspiration, training and support of volunteers. The support works all around Lithuania. Cooperation with national partners - the Women's Help line is one of the members of Lithuania's emotional support service's association (LEPTA).
Bilateral cooperation expectations	To share experiences, to strengthen activities in the field of interest and provided support for vulnerable groups.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Support foundation RIGRA</i>
City, country	Kaunas, Lithuania
Organization website	facebook.com/ParamosfondasRigra/
Organization established (year)	2011
Scope of organization activities	Regional
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>Support foundation „RIGRA“ is a non-governmental organization. The organization focuses on HIV/AIDS and directly related issues since 2012 m. The main objectives of the fund's activities is to reduce HIV spreading among injecting drug users (IDUs) through Harm reduction programme, to involve PLHIV into health care system, to reduce stigma, to empower IDUs and PLHIV communities and to educate the public.</p> <p>The foundation contributes with international organizations Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA), Eurasian Network of People Who Use Drugs (ENPUD) and their members' organizations, that unites IDUs and PLHIV, provide comprehensive support and implement advocacy activities.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	To get the knowledge and to find partners to contribute in project processing corresponding HIV issues, social inclusion and vulnerable groups.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Vilnius social club</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	vilniussocialclub.lt
Organization established (year)	2013
Scope of organization activities	Local
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>Vilnius Social Club is a non-governmental organization that aims to diminish social exclusion and strengthen connections between people by using social and educational support. We work with children and young people aged from 6 to 25 who face social exclusion or behavioral, emotional, psychological difficulties in personal life/educational system. Our social work programmes:</p> <p>1) Football programme - sport is used for social work purposes and positive change in life of each kid/youngster.</p> <p>2) Social streetwork programme - the long-term programme that aims at establishing a trustful relationship with kids and teenagers in the streets and provide them with comprehensive social and educational help.</p> <p>3) Teenager's club - day care centre for young people in early adolescence.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	To meet other organizations which have experience in the same areas (social work with vulnerable kids and young people).
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>VšĮ SOPA</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	sopa.lt
Organization established (year)	2006
Scope of organization activities	Local
Short description of organization and its activities	Public Establishment SOPA is a NGO working in Vilnius since 2006. The core activity of the organization is to create employment chances for those who face difficulties in finding a job on the labor market. Our services include vocational counselling, guidance, development soft skills, prospecting job offers, analyzing job contents, networking with employers, matching people's profile with the job opportunities, monitoring professional integration and providing individual support in the working places. We also pro-actively work with employers and business community, providing them counseling and training about various diversity groups.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	To learn more about the program and to find partners for common project
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

Organization name	<i>Women's Issues Information Center</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	facebook.com/Moteru.informacijos.centras/
Organization established (year)	1996
Scope of organization activities	International
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>WIIC mission is to educate Lithuanian society on gender equality, to influence gender equality policies and to promote its development in Lithuania. Goals of the Women`s Issues Information Centre: seek equal rights and opportunities for women and men in Lithuania; improve women`s position in social and private lives; develop gender equality environment.</p> <p>Main programs of WIIC activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combating Violence against women; - Reconciliation of family and work responsibilities; - Public education; - Promotion of women in business. <p>WIIC daily state of mind and action is to combat gender stereotypes and promote equal opportunities from women and men. We transmit our messages to the wide group of Social network users, observe all manifestations of inequality at public sphere and involve various groups and organizations in creative and innovative happening to benefit women and girls.</p> <p>WIIC initiates major national and international public campaigns. Center cooperates with police, social workers and other stakeholder institutions in Lithuania and abroad. WIIC also provides free legal aid to woman. We work with victims of violence on every day basis.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	To learn more about the program and to find partners for common project
Area of interest for mutual projects	Social inclusion and vulnerable groups

2. civic participation (including digital activism focus)

Organization name	<i>Association of Klaipeda city local communities (KBA)</i>
City, country	Klaipeda, Lithuania
Organization website	facebook.com/Klaipedosbendruomeniuasociacija/
Organization established (year)	2018
Scope of organization activities	Local, Regional
Short description of organization and its activities	KBA aims to facilitate formation of local communities at all districts of Klaipeda and build up strengths of organizations, to increase involvement of local population in process of decision making on all aspects important to citizens. Our long term and measurable goals include increase of percentage of local residents who feel they can effectively influence decisions in their city (currently level of involvement is very low in our city - only about 5% of Klaipeda residents take part in community activities or voluntary activities of any kind). So far, KBA unites 7 local communities of Klaipeda city, representing about 12000 of city residents. KBA is an active member of LVBOS (Lithuanian Union of local communities).
Bilateral cooperation expectations	Looking for contacts with similar organizations, co-operation, partnership and possibility to learn. The focus points of co-operation desired: 1. Local community strength building. 2. Self-governance on community level - as a first step of collective democracy process in the society. 3. Local wealth building as a long term programme of co-operation between community, local government and local business stakeholders. 4. Implementation of CONSUL project, or similar - as a tool for citizen involvement and participation for open, more democratic and more transparent government.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic participation (including digital activism focus)

Organization name	<i>Jaunimo organizacija Savanorių pajėgos</i>
City, country	Elektrenai, Lithuania
Organization website	facebook.com/savanoriupajegos
Organization established (year)	2011
Scope of organization activities	Local
Short description of organization and its activities	We volunteer at orphanages, children's day care centers, grandparents' homes, events. We organize various youth trainings and develop the idea of volunteering.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	I would like to find partners from other countries, to find out about youth employment in other countries, to educate responsible, tolerant youth in joint projects, seminars and to apply innovations in the organization.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic participation (including digital activism focus)

Organization name	<i>Litvak Cemetery Catalogue MACEVA</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	litvak-cemetery.info
Organization established (year)	2011
Scope of organization activities	Local, Regional, International
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>Litvak Cemetery Catalogue Maceva is a non-profit organization, which aims to document and preserve old Jewish cemeteries in Lithuania by creating a comprehensive virtual Jewish cemetery database accessible to everyone across the globe. One can find 200 old Jewish cemeteries in almost every city and town in Lithuania. However, local communities do not properly maintain majority of them. Therefore, we try to involve locals, especially young people, in this work of cleaning and digitizing Jewish cemeteries in order to raise their awareness about important and interesting Jewish cultural heritage, which we all have to try to preserve to future generations. The implementation of the projects of Maceva are based on voluntary work.</p> <p>Since 2015, we organize International Summer Camp in Lithuania together with German organization „Action Reconciliation Service for Peace“. Every year about 15 people from various countries of Europe come to Lithuania to clean and digitize abandoned and forgotten Jewish graves. Participants – volunteers – are both young and older. We find it meaningful to bring different generations together to learn about Lithuanian’s (and Europe’s) Jewish past, cultural heritage of minority group, and one another. The summer camp always takes place in a different town in Lithuania.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	<p>First, we are willing to meet representatives of other organizations that share similar values and goals to inspire and strengthen one another. Sharing knowledge, examples of good practices and experiences as well as obstacles is one of the best ways to broaden your own – organizational – horizon. Second, we want to learn from others, but at the same time, we can share our experience. Third, we are still looking for reliable ways how to engage locals in meaningful civic activities, how to keep them motivated for a long period of time and how to help them feel able to make meaningful changes and responsible for the environment around them. We expect that this event can build important organizational bridges.</p>
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic participation (including digital activism focus)

Organization name	<i>Miesto Laboratorija</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	miestolaboratorija.lt; facebook.com/miestolaboratorija/
Organization established (year)	2016
Scope of organization activities	Local
Short description of organization and its activities	Miesto laboratorija is a green community education center, established in Vilnius, Antakalnis, in 2016. Inspired by the examples of the eco-friendly culture in Amsterdam, Copenhagen and Berlin, we want to spread it in our community as well. We are aiming to educate locals about the sustainable lifestyle, which takes into consideration the responsible use of the environment and energetic resources and modern gardening in the city. Miesto laboratorija is an NGO acting as a social enterprise. Community cafe is the main source of income and the warranty of the financial sustainability of the project.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	We are looking for partners for possible exchange of experience and cooperation in the field of civic participation and sustainable living.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic participation (including digital activism focus)

Organization name	<i>Žinau, ką renku, Europos namai (Learn before You Vote, European House)</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	zinakarenku.lt; eurohouse.lt
Organization established (year)	2014 formed the informal network Žinau, ką renku, coordinating organization Europos namai established in 1999
Scope of organization activities	Local, Regional, National
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>Learn before You Vote is an informal network consisting of 300 young people across Lithuania. The objective is to foster the interest of young people in local, national and European politics, raise their awareness of the elections and encourage their active and informed participation that consequently increases the accountability of politicians to them.</p> <p>During the latest local elections in February-March 2019, there were 84 debates organized by young people in 57 municipalities with candidates to the mayor's posts. In total there were over 12 000 participants in the events, 260 000 persons watched the debates online on social media. The network volunteers developed, maintained and updated the online public platform www.zinakarenku.lt for direct communications between the citizens and politicians that provided a possibility for any person to pose publicly their questions. There were 1 400 questions posed to the politicians on the platform that had 20 000 unique visitors.</p> <p>Also, the young volunteers have conducted around 60 interactive educational activities to raise civic awareness of young people on the upcoming elections and the importance of youth participation, both with regard to voting as well as informed and well-grounded decision.</p> <p>Launched in 2014 the initiative has evolved to a social movement, not only engaging young people in political life, but also making them the flagships in their local communities.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	We have been actively searching for partnership opportunities abroad in order to share our experience as a unique grassroots network in Eastern part of Europe and also to enhance our activities. There are limited tools and opportunities in Lithuania for further development of our activities due to rather unique type (informal network) of our organization and the activity (political watchdogging). Therefore we are looking for partners to exchange good practices and together enhance our activities by improving the quality, sustainability and scope.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic participation (including digital activism focus)

Organization name	<i>Association Parents for Education</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	tevaisvietimui.lt
Organization established (year)	2019
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	Our mission is to join and empower parents' communities all over the country; cooperate with education institutions and authorities in order to improve educational system; participate in all levels of cooperation improving legislation of education, healthcare and other fields of interest.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	Our young organization is looking for new partners. We are interested in finding partners for further cooperation and projects in the field of parents' empowerment and school communities' education, civic education in inclusive education possibilities.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic education

Organization name	<i>National Network of Educational NGOs</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	svietimotinklas.lt/en/
Organization established (year)	2016 (under association agreement)
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	National Education NGO Network was established after signing the association agreement by non-governmental organizations working in the field of education. The Network is an umbrella bringing together 15 organizations working in the area of education ranging from non-formal children and adult education to general and higher education. Our aim is to empower member organizations to become stronger civil society actors by offering training, advisory services and opportunities for networking and cooperation. We seek to perform as advisers in making higher efficiency and better quality education policy in Lithuania, as well as enhancing cooperation between state and independent institutions. The public body "Europos namai" coordinates the network.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	We would like to find out and share experiences and practices of civic education in general and media literacy in particular in formal and non-formal education as well as to meet kin organizations from partner countries.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic education

Organization name	<i>NGO Vaikų linija (Child line)</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	vaikulinija.lt
Organization established (year)	1997
Scope of organization activities	National, International
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>NGO "Child Line" (CL) functions as helpline for children and adolescent (up to 18 years old). The volunteers of CL are providing free and anonymous emotional support and assistance to the children and teenagers by phone and on-line. Currently CL has 350 volunteers. CL is known in Lithuania: based on audience research in average 75 % of children have heard about CL (Spinter tyrimai, 2018).</p> <p>CL is one of the most active non-governmental organizations in Lithuania, which is working towards prevention of bullying (PB) and protection of children rights. CL initiates bullying preventive projects, collaborates with government organizations, and is a member of different networks that are working in the field of children right protection.: "Child Helpline international", "European Antibullying Network", associates with INSAFE international network, national NGO coalition "For the rights of the child", etc. Since 2004, CL has initiated awareness raising campaign - "WITHOUT BULLYING". Every year more than 1200 educational institutions from all over Lithuania, more than 50 partners, sponsors and supporters actively participate in campaign.</p> <p>CL collaborates with governmental and municipal institutions and advise them about the organization of preventive activities in schools. In addition, CL is sharing good practices with educational organizations.</p> <p>In collaboration with Sweden International center against bullying "Friends", CL has adapted PB programme for schools "Friends" (Programme). This year CL has started to implement that Programme in 20 Lithuanian schools.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	"Child line" is looking for partnership to cooperate and exchange knowledge and good practice in emotional support, protection of children rights, bullying and other forms of discrimination prevention fields.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic education

Organization name	<i>Parliamentary Forum for Democracy</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	parliamentary-forum.org
Organization established (year)	2011
Scope of organization activities	International
Short description of organization and its activities	It is an organization of members and former members of parliament which exists to strengthen democracy in the member states of the Community of Democracies and to promote democratic development in other states. It pursues these goals by sharing best practices of successful democracies, identifying challenges to democracy in nascent democracies, and expressing solidarity with fellow members of parliament and democracy advocates in non-democracies.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	To find partners for joint project proposals to be submitted under the ACF regular open calls.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic education

Organization name	<i>Psychological Support Center for Peers</i>
City, country	Druskininkai, Lithuania
Organization website	-
Organization established (year)	1996
Scope of organization activities	Local
Short description of organization and its activities	Our organization aims at integrating our youth in the social, economic and cultural reality of today in a forever dynamic society. We started in 1996 with numerous local projects for youth, especially projects organized in rural schools. Our mission is to create a promising future for the young generation as the needs and characteristics of the society they will live in and craft are continuously changing. This can be translated into a vision in which we promote and put into practice the rights and liberties of humans, especially the freedom of thought, of expression, of speech, of movement and the right to work. We have carried out projects with various partners. We organized seminars with municipal organizations. Inter-organizational development of youth activities in various fields.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	Meet with representatives of organizations who have experience in various projects with local government. Specifically discuss co-operation. Plan the project activities. Specific funding issues.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic education

Organization name	<i>Socialinis sufleris</i>
City, country	Vilnius/Kaunas, Lithuania
Organization website	socialinis-sufleris.lt
Organization established (year)	2011
Scope of organization activities	National
Short description of organization and its activities	Our organization has two main programmes: Social Prompter and Social Breeze. Social Prompter helps young people develop their own ideas for better community life and implement them. Social Breeze helps teachers of civic education have regular update about NGO sector and navigate young people towards volunteering.
Bilateral cooperation expectations	We would like to get to know with foreign practices on teaching civic subjects, recruiting people for volunteering. In addition, we would like to implement a project together.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic education

Organization name	<i>Youth Career Centre</i>
City, country	Kaunas, Lithuania
Organization website	karjeroscentras.eu
Organization established (year)	1999
Scope of organization activities	National, International
Short description of organization and its activities	<p>JKC's specific fields of expertise are career education and guidance; effective communication and life skills; global citizenship; language learning and teaching, ICT in education, human rights education. Since 2001 JKC also actively works with teachers and educational support staff (psychologists, social pedagogues, etc.) in order to equip them with knowledge and skills and provide them resources necessary for expanding lifelong learning and guidance opportunities in their schools. As the accredited in-service teacher training institution, it constantly implements projects for development of teaching/learning tools and resources and delivering in-service trainings, which could contribute to the successful guidance and skills development in educational system. JKC has implemented a significant number of projects funded by various EU programmes. It has been a part of several international consortiums developing e-learning courses, audiovisual and ICT tools for improving guidance services and making educational services more attractive for its users.</p> <p>JKC is also a part of several global education projects, in which aspects of environmental problems and climate change are touched. In the frame of these projects, JKC has developed curriculum and educational tools and materials for introducing these global problems into the school curriculum and educating students how they as responsible citizens can contribute to coping with them.</p>
Bilateral cooperation expectations	Finding new possibilities for new project ideas.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic education

Organization name	<i>Zalia varna</i>
City, country	Vilnius, Lithuania
Organization website	zaliavarna.com
Organization established (year)	1999
Scope of organization activities	Regional, International
Short description of organization and its activities	Independent organization "Zalia varna" work with children and youth theatre and education programs. Aurelija Ceredaite - is the creator of education programs, participates in international workshops and theatre festivals. First performance (about special needs children) in 1999 was based on Mira Rothenberg book "The children with emerald eyes" - play director and actor. Her book "Tinginė ragana" /"La strega pigrona" translated in Italian in 2007 (Books & company). Aurelija Ceredaite was president UNIMA Lithuania in 2004 - 2009. As one of puppet festival's organizers' she works with international groups. Board of Lithuania psychodrama association in 2003 - 2008. Participation in First art world congress in Budapest in 2002. 2008 - 2009 create and work with program "Person's ill with epilepsy theatre - the way of integration into society. (Use the history play, shadow theatre, puppets, theatre exercises, music therapy). British council stipendium in 2011 Grundvig program "Learn by puppets" in Spain 2014
Bilateral cooperation expectations	To develop creative of personality through the puppets and theatre. To give and exchange my 40 year experience in creative work.
Area of interest for mutual projects	Civic education