



Partner Identification Form 2022

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Profile

Type of Organisation	Youth association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes

Accreditation

Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?

Accreditation type	Accreditation Reference
ESC Quality Label Supporting and Hosting	2019-1-IT03-ESC52-016981 (31/12/2027)

Background and Experience

Please briefly present the partner organisation.

PiGreco is a learning center based in Faenza (Italy) funded in 2017 to provide students (in particular with learning difficulties) with educational and motivational support during their studies.

Our mission

It comes from the Feuerstein center in Rimini and it goes: ***"If I can't learn the way you teach, could you please teach the way I learn?"***

Person centered approach

Every student is a whole world, and we believe that it is our job to provide them with a personalized and holistic approach, in order to offer the support the school teachers (often dealing with too many pupils in each class) cannot provide.

A place of cooperation

PiGreco center is a place where youngsters with and without specific learning disorders can meet and cooperate in their learning process and improve their studying skills. The work environment itself is aimed at promoting interaction and cooperation, not only in the student-teacher relationship but also between students.

Our target groups

Our main target group is composed by high school students, aged 14-19 (for the one to one study support activities), middle school students, aged 11-14 (for the after-school activities) and kids aged 6-11 years old.

However, we also work with retired people interested in learning new digital tools, or with asylum seekers in need of non formal activities to integrate in the community.

Furthermore, we work with adult education, for instance teaching a foreign language to professionals.

Differences are a value

The center's goal is to be a place of cooperation, meeting and cultural development with a deep ethical foundation. Hence PiGreco represents an intercultural meeting point managed respecting differences as a value.

Where

PiGreco works in 2 offices in Faenza (Piazza Martiri della Libertà n. 39, Via Cavour n. 37) and in Brisighella (Via Matteotti n. 5).

Who

Nowadays, PiGreco counts about 400 students (including after-school students), about 25 tutors/educators, about 600 hours per month of study support.

Our values

Fun: our motto is "Learning is fun"

Passion: our staff is not only passionate about their subjects, but also about teaching and sharing knowledge.

Competence: Work hard play hard, and always keep updating competences and skills.

Active listening: There is no other way of teaching!

Environment: We want to work in harmony with other people and living beings sharing the planet with us.

Networking

PiGreco cooperates closely with a large number of stakeholders, local and international, non profit and businesses.

Non profit: For instance, we cooperate closely with S.E.M.I. (youth mobility); A mani libere (supporting kids with autism); Cooperativa Zerocento and Amici Mondo Indiviso (2 organisations hosting asylum seekers); ANSI (National Association of Italian Schools); Progetto Policoro (supporting youth entering the work environment); CEFAL (vocational training centre); Istituto Oriani (technical high school); Cooperativa LibrAzione (managing the youth information centre and developing projects to tackle early school leaving) etc.

Businesses: Since 2019 PiGreco is part of BNI (Business Network International), meeting weekly with more than 40 business representatives to share good practices and support each other generating synergies, especially during the pandemic.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation?

PiGreco works since 2017 in the field of education, including non formal education, cooperative learning, Feuerstein method etc. with the aim of boosting inner motivation in students with or without learning disorders.

Our main activities

- **Study support**, aimed at anyone who consider themselves a student, regardless of age. Students are offered individual lessons or group lessons, focused on the subjects or topics that have proven troublesome for them or which they wish to strengthen.

In addition to primary and secondary school students, the center also caters to those preparing for university courses, adults wanting to learn a foreign language or wishing to resume studying, as well as those preparing for an entry test for a given profession or looking to sharpen their IT skills.

There is not a single and unified *modus operandi*, but each and every case is specifically examined and the most appropriate method is selected together with the team of operators.

- The center offers **educational and metacognitive after-school** services for teenagers of middle school (11-14 years old), and primary school (6-10 years old) who are assisted by educational experts and volunteers.

- Since 2018 PiGreco cooperates with stakeholder organizations that are hosting **asylum seekers and migrants** in Faenza (e.g. Coop. Zerocento and AMI), by organizing courses to teach Italian language and culture through non formal education activities (art activities, study visits, building workshops etc.)

International volunteering. PiGreco was the first association in Faenza (Ravenna) to receive EVS volunteers. In our long term volunteering projects we support the volunteers in getting to know the center and its philosophy, we train them so they are able to support the tutors in the afterschool, work with social media and blogging, develop their own personal projects.

- We started in 2017/2018 with the first 2 EVS volunteers in Faenza (project: "Growing by Learning"). This project was coordinated by Association Agrado (located in Vinci).

- In 2018/2019 we hosted 2 more international volunteers (project: "Learning by Teaching"). This project was coordinated by SE.M.I. association (Faenza).
- In 2019/2020 we are hosting 2 ESC volunteers (project: "Everybody is learning"). This project is being coordinated by SE.M.I. association (Faenza).
- In 2020/2021 we are supporting and hosting our own project: Learning is Fun.
- In 2022/2023 we are hosting the project "Learning together" coordinated by the LEAD organization SE.M.I.

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

PiGreco staff members are united by the ability and passion for sharing their competences.

Laura Emiliani, with a **masters' degree in Industrial Chemistry**, she is specialised in private teaching and **supporting youngsters with cognitive difficulties**. She is a certified Feuerstein operator and studied inclusion techniques for young people with autism. She speaks Italian, English and basic Swahili.

Francesca Morigi, **high school teacher** passionate about **math and chemistry** and keen on sharing her passion with others. She is a **certified Erickson Specific Learning Disabilities tutor**. She holds a masters' degree in Industrial chemistry. She speaks Italian and English

Elisa Emiliani, **manages the European projects in the association**. She participated in various Erasmus+ training courses, as mentor for volunteers and Training of Facilitators. She works in the Faenza youth information centre and has experience of Erasmus+ KA2 and Interreg Europe projects. She manages the **website and communication channels** for PiGreco. She speaks Italian, English, and Spanish.

Ina Sasnauskaite, with a degree in marketing and a creative mind, covers both administrative and coordination tasks. She **has worked since 2018 as a mentor for international volunteers** and she manages Project Policoro activities, implementing **CV workshops in secondary schools, to facilitate the link between school and the world of work**.

Danai Nakou, with a degree in Italian literature, works as **project manager** with the programs European Solidarity Corps (international volunteering and local solidarity) and Erasmus+ (youth exchanges, training courses, youth participation). She coordinates the **communication and dissemination** activities of PiGreco volunteers and manages the asylum seekers courses. She speaks Greek, English, and Italian.

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