## **Partner Presentation Form**

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### **Description of the organisation**

Centrum Kształcenia Zawodowego i Ustawicznego (CKZiU) was established on 06 June 2013. It is an educational institution for teenagers and adults which consists of several technical and vocational schools, teaching in various specialties connected with transport, IT, mechanics, cooking, building, graphic design, and many others.

CKZiU employs over 250 teachers and hosts over 1500 students. We are located in Upper Silesia region, highly industrial and historical area. The school is located in a Sosnowiec, which permeates neighboring cities and constitutes an agglomeration of over 2 million citizens.

Our students come from various social backgrounds, from wealthy and well educated families to poor and undereducated ones. Population in our region faces unemployment, emigration for work, structural changes of the industry (from heavy to high-tech). Our region is also an important place for higher education with well-renown universities.

Our school is oriented to enable students to choose either technical education and vocational preparation, or gain thorough basis for further higher education. The school not only puts effort in constant staff training and development, but also we cooperate with various companies and cultural centers to provide workshop, training and skill and interest development to our students. We have put a lot of effort to equip school in modern ICT equipment and aids to keep students up-to-date with current technological requirements of modern world, we have also been constantly developing the workshop base.

In our institution we are conscious that school is not only about education but also psychological and economical support for youth. Teachers and school specialists organize various forms of activities to provide the emotional support for students who do not get it at their homes, organize social help to equalize access to learning aids and activities, etc. One of our main goal is to prevent too early school-leaving and making students aware that thorough education allows better future, not only in Poland, but all over Europe.

#### **Experience of the organization in previous European projects**

All schools that account for CKZiU have been involved in various European projects and cooperations for many years – in programmes Socrates, Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci, Gruntvig, Polis-Latvian Youth Exchange Fund, and others. The following projects are only those realised by CKZiU:

- The first step to professional career development of vocational competences through vocational training abroad (Leonardo da Vinci, 2012-1-PL1-LEO01-27862)
- Good profession safe future development of vocational competences through vocational training abroad (Leonardo da Vinci, 2012-1-PL1-LEO01-27862)
- Creative arrangement of bathroom centers with the use of ceramic wall and floor lining (Leonardo da Vinci, 2013-1-PL1-LEO01-37132)
- Creative interior development in dry building gaining professional European development (Leonardo da Vinci, 2012-1-PL-LEO01-27813)
- Car mechanics on the European job market (Leonardo da Vinci, 2013-1-PL1-LEO01-38371)
- Technicians on the European job market (Leonardo da Vinci, 2012-1-PL1-LEO01-27484)
- Vocational skills on the European job market (Leonardo da Vinci, 2013-1-PL1-LEO01-37160)
- Vocational training analyst technician and environment protection technician on the European job market (Leonardo d aVinci, 2012-1-PL1-LEO01-27184)
- City Logistics and Transport (Leonardo da Vinci, 2012-1-PI1-LEO03-26980)
- How to motivate students to learn exchange of experience between Polish and French teachers (Erasmus+, 2013-2-PL1-ESF03-43075)

- Integration of Social Economy Skills into Vet (Leonardo da Vinci, 2012-1-RO1-LEO04-22739 5)
- Theory & Practise: Sustainable use of water A European Challenge (Gruntvig, 2013-1-DE2-GRU06-16305)
- Professional career starts at school vocational training programme (partner)
- Vocational career starts at school 2014-1-PL01-KA102-001582
- Aprenticeship for CKZiU students as a chance for better start UDA-POKL.09.02.00-24-025/13 (partner)
- Modern school is a kick-off for professional career WND-POKL.09.01.02-24-090/10

For the achievements in the field of vocational training, the head teacher of Centrum Kształcenia Zawodowego i Ustawicznego, Jacek Górski, received Mark of Distinction for Contribution to the Development of the Economyof the Republic of Poland. The reward was presented by the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Economy, Anna Nemś, in the end of 2014/2015 school year.

### Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

CKZiU was coordinating (or was involved as a partner) many EU projects that were connected with vocational training or cooperation between VET students/teachers and companies and employers.

Moreover, we cooperate with companies and employers locally – PKP PLK, Pyrzowice Airport, EcoPass House, Fakro, Guhring, Promet – where our students do their vocational trainings, apprenticeships, receive scholarships and get employment.

The school cooperates also with higher education institutions – Wyższa Szkoła Biznesu in Dąbrowa Górnicza (University of Dąbrowa Górnicza), WS Humanitas (Humanistas University) in Sosnowiec, Wyższa Szkoła Zarządzania Ochroną Pracy (University of Occupational Safety Management) in Katowice, Politechnika Śląska (Technical University) Transport Department, in Katowice

Our teachers take part in many trainings that are connected with the use of IT as teaching aids, interpersonal skills and effective cooperation.

### Contributions that can be provided to the project

The CKZiU team is experienced in carrying out EU projects and we will make every effort to perform effectively and successfully for the partnership.

Agnieszka Godlewska and Ewa Bartosińska have been involved in European cooperation since 2006, they have vast experience in management, organisation and dissemination of projects and their results. Moreover, Ewa Bartosińska as a head teacher has been responsible for organising and carrying out cooperation with various businesses and enterprises connected with VET training.

# Reasons of involvement in the project

We want to take part in the project as we believe that its subject is one of the most fundamental skills in becoming a successful participant in the job market, either as an employer or an employee. Not only vocational skills and qualifications, but also thorough knowledge of self-presentation and modern means of image creating are necessary to become competitive. We are convinced that the subject of e-company is a crucial supplement of modern VET training.

### **Contact Person's Experience and Expertise**

Agnieszka Godlewska - English teacher in CKZiU, she has been writing and realising European projects since 2009 – she has been responsible for searching partners, establishing the terms of partnerships, coordinating and performing project activities, documentation and evaluation. She took part in many conferences disseminating projects in the local community, took part in numerous project meetings.

She has obtained MA in English Language and Culture and Teaching studies in English Language Department of University of Silesia

Ewa Bartosińska – teacher of Entrepreneurship, since September 2013 Vice head teacher for Didactics and Education in CKZiU.

As School Coordinator for International Projects and Cooperation since 2006 she has been responsible for management and finances of European projects in Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius, Gruntvig and Erasmus+ programmes, contacts with partners, dissemination and evaluation, also among local authorities and school legal representatives, took part in many project meetings and controlling visits.

She obtained her MA degree in Economics, University of Economics in Katowice, Department of Trade, Transport and Services.

She has obtained many postgraduate degrees: in Vocational Counseling(Pedagogical University in Kraków), Controlling and Finances of Enterprises (University in Dąbrowa Górnicza), Structural Funds in EU (University in Dąbrowa Górnicza), Management of Educational Institutions (University in Dąbrowa Górnicza).