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EU Programme	Year	Project Identification	Applicant/Beneficiary Name
Erasmus+	2018	2018-2-PL01-KA105-051529 „Never stop learning!“	Fundacja „Instytut Europejski Pro Futuro Europae” (our former name)
Erasmus+	2018	2018-1-PL01-KA105-050260 “Tell me your story”	Fundacja „Instytut Europejski Pro Futuro Europae” (our former name)
Erasmus+	2018	2018-1-PL01-KA105-050052 “Languages of Cultures”	Fundacja „Instytut Europejski Pro Futuro Europae” (our former name)
Erasmus+	2019	2019-3-PL01-KA105-077724 Language and cooking – ABC of Europe	Fundacja „Instytut Europejski Pro Futuro Europae” (our former name)
Erasmus+	2019	2019-2-PL01-KA105-066227 Reality of EQU(al?)ITY	Fundacja „Instytut Europejski Pro Futuro Europae” (our former name)
Erasmus+	2019	2019-2-BG01-KA205-062722	LEANTICK
Erasmus+	2020	2020-1-PL01-KA105-080705 Mythical Europe	Fundacja „Instytut Europejski Pro Futuro Europae” (our former name)
Erasmus+	2020	2020-2-PL01-KA105-082955 News and Views	Fundacja Instytut Europejski
Erasmus+	2021	2020-1-PL01-KA105-081102 Democracy without borders	Fundacja Instytut Europejski
PNWM	2021	Memory and totalitarianism	Fundacja Instytut Europejski
PNWM	2022	Memory and postmemory	Fundacja Instytut Europejski
POL UKR	2022	From zero to the entrepreneur hero!	Fundacja Instytut Europejski
Erasmus+	2022	2022-1-PL01-KA152-YOU-000070718 Until you laugh	Fundacja Instytut Europejski
Erasmus+	2022	2021-1-PL01-KA152-YOU-000010974 For the love of film	Fundacja Instytut Europejski

Among these projects, the following are the most relevant for this application:

2023-1-PL01-KA151-YOU-000141392 (accreditation in the field of youth for KA1 projects)

Organization presentation

The European Institute Foundation, which was known up to 2020 as the European Institute “Pro Futuro Europae” is an initiative created by people interested in European and international affairs and supporting the development of Poland within the European Union. We are active in the youth sector for 20 years. The initiative to establish the European Institute in 2004 was a follow up of its key staff involvement in the Polish National Youth Council, an umbrella organization of major youth and student NGOs from Poland in 2003-2005. Educational programmes are of great importance to the Institute. They rely on non-formal education activities, since one of the Institute's intentions is to enhance civic engagement of young people in Poland, in Europe and beyond. The Institute is established under Polish law on NGOs as a Foundation, and registered in the Polish Court Registry KRS no: 0000239605. It has its headquarter in Warsaw and also branches in Kraków and Katowice, where also our staff lives and works. During the years of existence the Foundation realized over a few dozen projects, co-funded mainly from the EU financial mechanisms, as well as Visegrad Fund and others. Nearly a thousand people, especially the young have benefited from the trainings organised by us. We have been assessed by the Erasmus+ National Agency as an experienced applicant. We have developed a know how and a vast network of reliable partners.

The Foundation has a network of international contacts and partnerships developed over many years of activity. The most important partners come from Italy, Bulgaria, Greece, Germany, Romania, Spain, Portugal, Lithuania and Cyprus. We also have partners in the Czech Republic, Turkey, Croatia, and - outside the EU - in Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Russia, and Israel. This is a huge potential for future projects in the field of international cooperation and the opportunity to share experiences, as well as to promote the Polish and European point of view abroad.

In Poland, the European Institute has established very good relations with organizations activating citizens in social and entrepreneurial areas. These are, for example, the Academic Business Incubators or the Association of Regional Initiatives in Tarnów, but also smaller entities such as the Artistic Institute for the Development of Children and Youth. We also cooperate with local governments: previously, together with the city of Imielin in the Śląskie Voivodship, we implemented a project under the Obywatel.IT program, which aims to raise the digital competences of adult people (over 25 years of age) residing in the Śląskie and Opolskie voivodships. Our partner in the implementation of projects in Silesia was also the Craft Chamber and Small and Medium Enterprise in Katowice. Together with the Municipality of the City of Krakow in 2022, we organized a 10-month grassroots project to activate the local community under the name “Being Active”.

Key expertise

The Foundation has received several grants from EU programs in the field of education and youth: "Youth", "Youth for Europe", "Erasmus", "Erasmus +". The International Visegrad Fund was also our donor. Among the implemented projects it is worth mentioning projects focusing on the participation of young people in public life, including local government and regional: for example the "Youth Participation in Local and Regional Life" project and the activation of young citizens up to 35 years of age: "Architects of change", "Skills Academy" entrepreneurial ", " IT skills for youth participation ", " Video and social media for youth participation ". Other international projects are also important achievements in the Foundation's portfolio: "Education in peace through sport", "Let's meet again" (with Israel), "Open yourself to dialogue" (with Ukraine), "Green culture", "3 x Yes! ", " Ecopower ", " Languages of cultures ", "Tell me your story", "Language and cooking", "Mythical Europe", Democracy without borders, Memory and totalitarianism, Memory and postmemory, From

zero to the entrepreneur hero!, Until you laugh, For the love of film. All of the above-mentioned projects involved dozens of participants, including from European Union countries and Eastern Partnership countries. We are also partner in Erasmus+ KA2 project on education for entrepreneurship. Moreover, our Foundation realized projects from the Polish Ukrainian Youth Exchanges programme. We estimate that during the Foundation's existence over a thousand people were recipients of our activities, and this number is certainly higher when it comes to indirect beneficiaries. We have the necessary competences in the preparation of a grant and conducting projects financed from public funds, as well as reporting and accounting in accordance with standards.

The Foundation is also the successful applicant and coordinator of a large scale KA2 project in the field of youth: INTEGRA (FosterING migranTs intEGRAtion with crowdfunding).

Expertise in youth participation

The European Institute Foundation has played a significant role in promoting youth participation in civic and democratic life. Established in 2005 as a continuation of the Polish Youth Council, the first organization representing youth associations in Poland after the country's accession to the European Union, the Foundation was founded by former leaders of the Council. Since its inception, it has implemented numerous projects aimed at increasing youth civic engagement and participation in democratic life. Notable among these initiatives are the youth exchange programs "Democracy Without Borders" (2021) and "The Power in Youth" (2019), which provided young people with the tools and knowledge to actively engage in social and political issues. Additionally, the Foundation has been awarded accreditation in the Erasmus+ Youth sector, enabling it to continuously develop and support initiatives that empower young people to take an active role in shaping their communities and futures.

At the local government level, the European Institute Foundation has successfully implemented three major projects in collaboration with the Kraków City Office, including "Aktywni na Plus" (2022, 2024) and "Aktywni w Krakowie" (2023). Recognizing the Foundation's good practices in civic participation at the local and municipal levels, it has been invited as a partner in the National Scientific Conference "Participation in Local Government", scheduled for 10–11 March 2025. This year's edition will focus on cross-sectoral cooperation, particularly exploring how non-governmental organizations contribute to the implementation of public tasks.

The European Institute Foundation is also the coordinator of the CERV project "Born in 1989 – Democracy Tales for Young Europeans," an initiative designed to increase young people's understanding of democratic transitions in the former communist bloc. The project focuses on individuals born after 1989, the first generation without a direct memory of the democratic revolutions, making it more challenging for them to fully grasp the significance of these transformations. The goal of the project is to commemorate the events of 1989 from the perspective of youth then and now, raise awareness of different countries' democratic transitions, and help current generations connect with the past. The project consortium consists of organizations from six countries (Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Estonia, and Germany), each contributing expertise in democratic transition research, history education, youth mobilization, exhibit curation, and EU integration.

Key Staff

Piotr Uhma, President

Lawyer. Doctorate of Laws, Chair of Public International Law, Law School of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland. Holder of the Postgraduate Diploma of Company Law in the Law School of Warsaw University. 2004 Masters of Law, Graduated from the Law School of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland. Completed a special course in Law of Public Administration and Corporate Law, with the final paper on „Contracting out procedure as an example of privatisation of state”. Currently nominated a Senior Good Governance Advisor in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mission to Skopje. From 2012-2014 Senior Human Rights Officer in the OSCE, Mission in Kosovo. Previously Director, Legal and Corporate Communications Office of the Polish Electric Power Grid company, PSE Operator S.A. (2008-2010). Consultant and Officer at the OSCE (2004-2008). Worked on legal and policy issues for the German Development Agency (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit - GTZ GmbH) and UNICEF. Advised the Ministry of Home Affairs of Kenya and the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of Kosovo. General Rapporteur at the UNDP Training Seminar on National Youth Policy in Central and Eastern African Countries, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in September 2003. Guest speaker at the Youth Employment Summit (YES) 2nd sitting in Veracruz, Mexico, 2004. Delegate to the YES Summit in Alexandria, Egypt in 2002. Speaker and participant at many international conferences (including in Prague, Sydney, Jakarta, Strasbourg, Vienna, Amman, Nairobi, Denver, Seoul, etc.). Vice-President of the International Council on National Youth Policy (ICNYP) in Vienna, Austria.

Sabina Klimek, President of the Supervisory Board

Doctor of Economics. Vice President of the Polish-American Chamber of Commerce North-East with headquarters in New York, owner of New York company Klimek Consulting LLC, former consul, commercial counsellor, head of the Trade and Investment Promotion Department of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in New York. Earlier, a journalist from the foreign editorial office of Polsat News, a reporter from Panorama on TVP2, as well as a negotiator of international trade agreements cooperating with Middle Eastern companies as well as a trainer and trainer - she specializes in training in negotiation, marketing, sales techniques and business communication.

A graduate of doctoral studies at the Socio-Economic College at the Warsaw School of Economics, the University of Economics in Katowice, the Mikkeli University of Technology in Finland and the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Co-founder and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of The European Institute Foundation, member of the Business Forum and Food Forum at the European Commission, expert on NORMAPME standardization organization at the European Commission. Author of many scientific publications in the field of entrepreneurship, including the book 'Entrepreneurship without secrets'. Recognized by Dziennik Zachodni as the Leader of the Year 2014 of the Bieruń-Lędziński powiat from which it comes. She is passionate about traveling, she is also a great animal lover, actively supporting dog and cat shelters.

Zofia Dźwigala, Project Specialist

European Studies graduate from the University of Warsaw, currently pursuing Project Management at the Warsaw School of Economics. Coordinator of the KA2 C-Sustain Project at the European Institute Foundation and active participant in Erasmus+ training courses.

She specializes in securing EU funding for research and development projects as well as innovation initiatives, from funding sources such as Horizon Europe, the Cohesion Fund, the

European Regional Development Fund, and others. Passionate about international mobility and cooperation, with a keen interest in fostering European integration.

Natalie Gryvnyak, External Relations Specialist

Natalie Gryvnyak is a seasoned journalist and media producer in Ukraine with over 16 years of experience. She has contributed to top international media outlets such as The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, and others. Natalie is a founder of InFeatures Story Production, which creates Ukraine- and Eastern Europe-related multimedia content for international audiences. She has led numerous content creation efforts, multimedia projects, media training, and documentaries. She has spent substantive time as a professional network organizer throughout Ukraine and Eastern Europe. Under Natalie’s leadership, InFeatures has researched feature stories, prepared news analyses, and provided consulting related to new media, disinformation, and storytelling across Eastern Europe.

Natalie is a member of the international community of digital specialists, the Digital Communication Network, and The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ). Natalie holds a master’s degree in journalism from the Kyiv National University – Mohyla Academy and another graduate degree in business administration, management, and leadership from the International Christian University in Vienna/Kyiv. She is a communication specialist on Ukrainian and Eastern Europe affairs.

Other people involved in the preparation of this project and its implementation

For the list of names of our up to date staff and collaborators as well as their short bio please consult our website: <https://instytuteuropejski.pl/en/zespol-fundacji/> They are all students or recent university graduates and have been active in our Foundation for several years. The President of the Foundation Piotr Uhma will be responsible for technical and legal issues related to this project.

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