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Description of the organisation

The Peace Institute is a private non-profit research institution founded in 1991 by individuals who believe in peaceful conflict resolution, equality and respect for human rights standards. The Institute uses scientific research and advocacy activities aimed at creating and preserving open society capable of critical thought. Its work is based on the principles of equality, responsibility, solidarity, human rights and the rule of law.

The Institute develops interdisciplinary research, educational and awareness-raising activities in the areas of social science, humanities, anthropology and law, in five thematic fields: human rights and minorities, politics, media, gender and cultural policies. It acts as an ally of vulnerable groups and acts against discrimination in partnership with them. It is a visible research and civil society stakeholder in Slovenia, the region and on the international level and a leading resource in the fields of its operation. It acts in partnership with other similar stakeholders (institutes, universities, non-governmental organisations) as well as with residents on the local, regional and international level.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects (past 5 years)

EU Programme	Year	Project Identification or Contract Number
European Commission, Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development, Raising public awareness of development issues and promoting development education in the European Union	2015- 2018	DCI-NSAED/2014/352-248 Social and solidarity economy as development approach for sustainability in EYD 2015 and beyond
EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS	2016- 2018	JUST/2014/RRAC/AG/HATE/6743 eMORE, Monitoring and Reporting online hate speech in Europe
EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS	2016- 2021	PL/2015/AMIF/SA.1 National Integration Evaluation mechanism. Measuring and Improving Integration of Beneficiaries of International Protection
EUROPEAN COMMISSION IPA	2015- 2018	IPA/2015/370-681 ReForMedia – Citizens, CSOs and Institutions Reforming Media in Macedonia
EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS	2016- 2018	JUST/2015/JACC/AG/PROC/8627 Inside police custody: Application of EU procedural rights
EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL JUSTICE	2016- 2018	JUST/2015/JACC/AG/PROC 8630 Strengthening procedural rights in criminal proceedings:

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS	2019- 2021	847363 TWSE - Trial Waiver Systems in Europe
EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS	2020- 2021	847370 ARVID - Advancing access to rights under Victims' Directive for Persons with Disabilities
EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS	2020- 2021	875242 BEHAVE 'SEE Beyond Hate: Learning and Acting to Counter Hate Speech Online in South East Europe
EUROPEAN COMMISSION IPA	2020- 2023	IPA/2019/414-111 RESILIENCE – Civil society action to reaffirm media freedom and counter disinfomration and hateful propaganda in the Western Balkans and Turkey.
EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS	2020- 2023	881669- ACTION DAD
NORFACE	2020- 2023	POPBACK: Populist Backlash, Democratic Backsliding, and the Crisis of the Rule of Law in the European Union'
EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS	2021- 2023	Early Care and the Role of Men - ECaRoM

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

The Peace Institute has implemented several projects focusing specifically on education: e.g. STAMINA – Formation of Non-Violent Behaviour in School and Leisure Time Among Young Adults from Violent Families; Effects of Discrimination on Societal, Political and Social Inclusion of Young People in Slovenia: An Analysis on the Basis of Gender, Sexual Orientation and Ethnicity; GemTrEx – Professionalizing Gender Trainers & Experts in Adult Education; as well as just recently implementing workshops (for secondary school students) on hate speech and migration (in this project we managed to include also 4 asylum seekers who arrived to Slovenia in the last six months), etc. The Peace Institute therefore has valuable and extensive experience with working in partnership with schools, for example within the following projects: E-Engagement Against Violence; PeerThink – Promotion of Intersectional Approach in Education Against Peer Violence; ACT - Responding to Hate Speech. The target groups are either pupils and students or teachers and other school staff, meanwhile the workshops in schools are led by the Pl's staff (currently on hate speech, connected to different topics, also migrations and the so-called refugee crisis).

Contributions that can be provided to the project

The Peace Institute can provide expertise in relation to migration studies and gender, social (in)equalities and discrimination of minority groups. The institute has extensive expertise in conducting research with marginalized groups, including migrant women, it has developed educational programs from the fields of social equality and human rights in schools. The PI staff collaborates closely with universities and provide expertise as educators and lecturers.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

The staff involved in this project proposal has extensive expertise in the activities that are envisioned:

Mojca Pajnik, PhD in Communications, is senior research advisor and scientific council member at the Peace Institute in Ljubljana and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Media and Communications,

University of Ljubljana. Her main research interests include media and communications, migration, populism, gender (in)equality, and citizenship. She has lead numerous research projects, has conducted lectures and workshops and has published extensively on these topics. She is head of the researcher programme of the PI "Equality and Human Rights in Times of Global Governance" (financed by the Slovenian Research Agency 2020-2023) https://www.mirovni-institut.si/en/equality/

Veronika Bajt holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Bristol, UK, and works as a researcher and project coordinator at the Peace Institute. She has worked as senior researcher on numerous international projects on migration, asylum, integration, education, racism, nationalism, national identity construction, citizenship and violence, has published on these issues, worked in schools and trainings, organized events.

Mojca Frelih obtained her masters in sociological science at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana. Currently she is a doctoral student at the Faculty of Social Work at University of Ljubljana. Since 2003 she had been involved in several research projects at the PI - conducted over 340 interviews with various target groups, involved in focus groups, lead several workshops, organized several events. She is a trained field worker with background in community-based conflict resolution.

Franja Arlič holds an MA in economics and works as a managing Director in research organization. At the Peace Institute where she has been working since 2004, she is responsible for the overall management of finance and human resources. She has extensive experience in managing and administering projects funded by the European Commission, Slovenian Research Agency and various private foundations. She is specialised for project coordination, compliance with financial guidelines, monitoring of implementation of activities and expenditure, and compliance of budget expenditure with projects activities according to tasks as foreseen in the budgets.