



## **Hosting Organization description**

United Societies of Balkans (U.S.B.) is a non profit and non governmental organization based in Thessaloniki, Greece working in the field of youth mobility and facilitating youth awareness about social issues. It was founded by the inception of a group of active people in order to address the social issues which affect the Balkan and Eastern European region. It envisions a global and inclusive society, where citizens are equally empowered to contribute in the shaping of a world with less prejudice, discrimination and other forms of injustice.

U.S.B. values are actualized in the society by:

- Promoting the values of non formal learning, volunteering, active citizenship and democracy for the creation of a better future for European youth;
- Furthering human rights, solidarity and respect for diversity;
- Involving with minorities and immigrants;
- Building healthy cooperation bridges between countries of the Balkan area and that of Eastern Europe with the rest of Europe;
- Using New Media and Citizen Journalism to encourage youth expression raise awareness about Human Rights and promote intercultural dialogue;
- Utilizing arts as a tool for the cultivation and expression of youth;
- Locating and multiplying the special cultural attributes of our societies;
- Breaking down prejudices and stereotypes between Balkan countries.

United Societies of Balkans has been a member organization of FERYP(Forum of European Young People), UNITED against Racism, SALTO, Thess Network(coordinator), Anna-Lindh Foundation(co-head of the Greek National Network).

United Societies of Balkans since 2008 has implemented many local and international activities, based on formal and non-formal education, by trying to underline the important role of experiential learning and non-formal education and to include tools and methods of the non-formal education to mainstream education. Under the new frame of “Erasmus plus” it is more obvious the need of society of the recognition of non-formal education and the benefits that are coming through it. USB has implemented more than 40 youth projects about different fields, such as discrimination, human rights, ecology, media, intercultural dialogue etc. It has sent around 2,000 youngsters abroad to youth mobility projects and hosted more than 2,600 in youth projects organized by USB.

More information about the experience of the organization and the projects that has realized in the past can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2nYnBqqhri9V2hNZzAzd2ZtU0E/view?usp=sharing>

## **Location(s) of work-placements**

United Societies of Balkans (U.S.B.)  
Alamanas 9, Agios Pavlos, 55438, Thessaloniki



# National HEI Consortium

Consorzio Nazionale degli Istituti di Istruzione Superiore



## Field(s) of internship

Communication and media  
Project management  
Youth work and non-formal education

## Detailed tasks of trainee

The trainee will be responsible for updating the database of the hosting organisation of other civil society organisations in Europe and reinforce the collaboration and networking.

They will also assist the project manager in monitoring the project implantation and development of New projects.

They will also help in the promotion and communication of the organisation through the social media of the organisation (such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn etc.).

They will assist the coordinator of the volunteers in monitoring the activities of the them and keeping notes of the meetings.

According to the needs and interests of the intern, tasks can be modified and adjusted.

Our youth organisation gives the opportunity to interns to work in a multicultural environment with volunteers from different countries, develop their skills, gain knowledge and develop their personal and professional life.

## Skills&Competences required

- Good knowledge of English(at least B2 level)
- Flexibility and team working spirit
- Basic IT knowledge
- Sensitivity and open minded.

## Learning Outcomes expected

During the realisation of the project, participant will be monitored by the staff members and the mentor, who will give them tasks according to their needs and expectations. They will make sure if the projects goes as agreed with the participant and if it meets their expectations.

Skills expected to be aquired:

- Project management skills and knowledge
- Communication skills
- Reporting skills
- Team working
- Media and IT skills
- Flexibility, intercultural dialogue and open-mind
- Non-formal education knowledge.