PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

Erasmus+ | European Solidarity Corps | International partnerships

A. ORGANISATION

Legal name (national language)	ASSOCIAZIONE NAQAH ETS
Legal name (Latin characters)	ASSOCIAZIONE NAQAH ETS
Organisation ID (OID)	E10334313
Acronym	NAQAH
National ID / tax code	97374490825
Legal form	Non-profit association; Third Sector Entity (ETS)
Date of establishment	15 March 2023
Department	Not applicable
Legal address	Via Agrigento 178, 90035 Marineo (PA), Italy
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B. PROFILE

Status	Private
Type	Non-profit / non-governmental organisation (NFP-NGO)
Activity level	Local, regional, national and European; international partnerships
Primary fields	Youth, adult education, non-formal learning, active citizenship, sustainability, social inclusion, wellbeing, culture, creativity, volunteering and European cooperation
Public body?	No
Non-profit?	Yes

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E. REGISTRATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

Italian Third Sector Register (RUNTS)	Registration no. 106719, section “Other Third Sector Entities”; Regional Decree no. 901/2023, Sicily
CeSVoP Palermo	Accredited with the Volunteer Service Centre in 2026; specific reference not provided
Erasmus+ Organisation ID	E10334313
Erasmus+ accreditation / ESC Quality Label	No specific KA120 accreditation or ESC Quality Label evidenced in the documents supplied

F. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

i. Please briefly present the partner organisation

Identity, history and social context

Associazione Naqah ETS is a non-profit, rural and intergenerational organisation founded on 15 March 2023 in Marineo, a small municipality in the province of Palermo, Sicily. It brings together people of different ages, backgrounds and skills who choose to work collectively to create educational, cultural and social opportunities and contribute to the life of their communities.

Naqah is rooted in the Alto Belice Corleonese, an inland area of small towns, farmland, forests and strong community relationships. The territory has significant environmental and cultural assets, yet its inhabitants also face uneven access to services, limited public transport, youth outmigration and fewer opportunities for training, experimentation, social interaction and international mobility. Naqah seeks to respond to these barriers while building on local knowledge, relationships and resources.

The organisation is young but brings together people with previously acquired associative and professional experience. Those backgrounds inform the organisation, while its projects and achievements are clearly attributed to work conducted since its own establishment in 2023. From 2024 onwards, Naqah has developed EU-funded projects, community-led initiatives and continuous staff and volunteer training. The opening of Casa Naqah in October 2025 provided a permanent place for education, meetings, planning and volunteering.

Mission and fields of work

Naqah’s mission is to strengthen opportunities for participation, lifelong learning and collective action in rural communities, connecting generations and enabling people to make decisions, develop initiatives and act together. The association aims to ensure that living in an inland area does not mean having to forgo educational, cultural, social or European opportunities, and that staying, returning or building new connections with the territory can be meaningful choices.

Youth participation and active citizenship. Young people are involved in identifying needs, shaping priorities, co-designing activities and assuming real responsibilities in delivery and evaluation. Naqah promotes democratic dialogue between young people, community organisations and public institutions.

Non-formal and lifelong education. The association creates practical, participatory learning opportunities for young people and adults, including peer learning, workshops, facilitated dialogue and experiential activities. It recognises participants’ previous knowledge and promotes exchange between generations.

Environmental and social sustainability. Activities address responsible consumption, waste reduction, reuse, sustainable food systems, agriculture, the care of shared spaces and the relationship between environmental wellbeing and social inclusion.

Culture, creativity, wellbeing and rights. Photography, graphic design, visual storytelling, artistic activities and public events provide accessible ways to address environmental and social issues, body image, mental wellbeing, gender equality, diversity and human rights.

European cooperation and mobility. Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps help connect rural communities with international peers, create intercultural learning opportunities, strengthen practical competences and bring acquired knowledge back into local activities.

Learning approach and target groups

Non-formal education is Naqah’s principal methodology. Activities use experiential learning, workshops, small-group work, peer education, facilitated discussion, World Café, focus groups, outdoor activities and reflection. The

organisation complements these formats with questionnaires and local consultations to base project ideas on real needs rather than predetermined solutions.

The primary youth target group is people aged 18–30, especially those facing geographical, economic, social, cultural or personal barriers. This includes young people in rural areas, those with discontinuous education or employment pathways and those not in education, employment or training (NEET). Naqah also works with adult learners aged 18 and over, volunteers, educators, youth workers and community members, without a fixed upper age limit. In 2026 its adult-learning group involves around 20 people; its Youth Coordination group brings together about 15 young people.

Values, organisation, infrastructure and networks

Naqah is secular, non-partisan, democratic, anti-fascist, anti-racist, anti-mafia, inclusive and non-discriminatory. Its Ethical Charter promotes human rights, nonviolence, LGBTQIA+ rights, gender justice, bodily autonomy, intersectional awareness, accessibility and respectful collaboration. The organisation seeks to recognise and reduce barriers to participation according to the resources and practical conditions of each activity.

Naqah is governed by a four-person Board and supported by volunteers and collaborators with complementary skills. Casa Naqah, at Corso dei Mille 60 in Marineo, functions as an office, learning space and meeting place for youth and adult groups. It is not an accommodation facility. Volunteers and collaborators are not automatically permanent employees or staff members.

The association is part of Europiamo ETS, Giosef Italy – Giovani Senza Frontiere and Patto per Restare; it is registered with CeSVoP Palermo and has a scientific and cultural cooperation agreement with the Department of Cultures and Societies of the University of Palermo. It collaborates with municipalities, associations, universities, local groups and European partners to design and implement educational initiatives.

ii. What are the activities and experience of the organisation?

Since 2023, Naqah has combined EU-funded activities, recurring local initiatives, non-formal education, volunteer engagement and training. The following examples distinguish projects coordinated by Naqah from activities in which it participates as a partner, and completed activities from those still ongoing or planned.

EU-funded projects coordinated by Naqah

VerdeVisivo – Comunicazione per la Terra | ESC30 Solidarity Project | 2024–2025. Naqah's first European Solidarity Corps project used visual communication to raise environmental awareness among young people and the wider community. Activities included photography and visual storytelling, calligraphy, screen printing, reusable beeswax wraps, upcycling workshops, a photomarathon and the independent fanzine fOOllie. The project strengthened young people's creative skills and their capacity to communicate sustainability issues through accessible formats.

Comunità Sostenibili | Erasmus+ KA154-YOU | 2025–2027. A two-year youth participation project involving young people from Marineo, Bolognetta, Godrano and Cefalà Diana, developed in cooperation with Europiamo ETS and local authorities. It combines consultation, environmental education, mental wellbeing, workshops and dialogue with decision-makers. Informed by the 2024 Voice Action needs survey, it helps young people express priorities, discuss policies and shape responses to local challenges.

Questo Corpo | ESC30 Solidarity Project | 2025–2026. Conceived and implemented with local young people, this project created safer spaces for discussion about body image, self-esteem, eating disorders, stereotypes, relationships and mental wellbeing. It used creative workshops, public discussions, reflection and artistic activities, including initiatives such as "Sesso, corpi e potere", "Non è solo cibo" and the final public event in May 2026. The programme was educational and awareness-raising, not clinical or therapeutic.

Sustainable Visions | Erasmus+ KA152-YOU | April 2026. Naqah coordinated and hosted a nine-day youth exchange in Marineo, bringing together groups from Italy, Spain and Greece with Equipo Mandrágora and Rodakas Research Institute. Activities combined sustainable design, visual communication, intercultural learning, creativity and practical community-based experiences. The exchange strengthened the organisation's capacity to plan, facilitate and host international youth groups in a rural Sicilian setting.

Circolare | Erasmus+ KA155-YOU DiscoverEU Inclusion | 2026–2028. An inclusion-focused mobility project designed to make European travel accessible to young people aged 18–21 from rural communities who face fewer opportunities. It foresees three travel experiences, each involving five young people and two accompanying persons, with preparation, co-design of routes, learning about European citizenship and sustainability, and local follow-up after returning. The first activities began in 2026; the trips are scheduled over the project period.

Radici Digitali | Erasmus+ KA122-ADU | 2026–2027. Naqah's first funded project in the adult education sector is an investment in the staff and volunteers who develop learning opportunities for adults. Planned training mobilities and job shadowing in Spain, hosted by IAGO!, address group facilitation, digital storytelling, media literacy, responsible use of artificial intelligence, learning outcomes and evaluation. The aim is to strengthen existing adult-learning activities in the Alto Belice Corleonese rather than present planned courses as already implemented.

Partnerships in European projects and learning mobility

CIC Lab – Collective Intelligence for Communication | 2025. Naqah participated as a partner in an Erasmus+ training course coordinated by Equipo Mandrágora in Obón, Spain. The programme explored collective intelligence, nonviolent communication, emotional awareness, group roles and inclusive facilitation.

E-LIS-LAB | Erasmus+ KA154-YOU | 2026–2027. Naqah is a partner in a project coordinated by YouthMed APS (Lecce), alongside the Fondazione Istituto dei Sordi di Torino. The project promotes participation and accessibility through Italian Sign Language (LIS), bilingual LIS/Italian activities, social theatre, mentoring and dialogue with policymakers. The project started in October 2026; planned national meetings and other activities take place during 2027.

Senses of Nature | Erasmus+ training course | planned for 5–13 November 2026. Naqah is a partner in a course coordinated by Equipo Mandrágora in Obón, Spain, aimed at making outdoor and nature-based education more inclusive for participants facing sensory and emotional barriers. As of October 2026, this mobility is forthcoming, not completed.

Adult learners' mobility in Greece | August 2026. A group of 19 adult learners took part in a mobility experience between Athens and Argos, focusing on green skills, outdoor learning and experiential non-formal education. Naqah contributed as an informal partner, not as the applicant or formal beneficiary of the funding agreement.

Youth Coordination Group – participation beyond consultation

Naqah's Youth Coordination Group is an ongoing space through which approximately 15 young people aged 18–30 contribute to the life and direction of the organisation. Rather than simply commenting on decisions already taken, members identify needs, propose priorities, co-design activities, help make operational choices, take responsibility for implementation and contribute to evaluation. Its working arrangements are being developed collectively, within the responsibilities of the association's formal governing bodies.

The group uses non-formal education, peer learning, facilitation and collaborative planning. Young people have helped develop and deliver initiatives such as VerdeVisivo, Questo Corpo, SalvaGente and SYNKRO, and contribute to future local and European project ideas. The approach draws on the principles of the Council of Europe's updated 2025 European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life, as inspiration rather than a certification.

SalvaGente – annual youth-led festival

SalvaGente is one of Naqah's flagship local initiatives: a recurring, youth-led festival that connects environmental sustainability, culture, artistic expression and active citizenship. The first edition took place on 29 June 2024 in the Bosco della Ficuzza area; the 2025 and 2026 editions were held in the gardens of Marineo's Beccadelli Castle, with the third edition on 17–18 July 2026.

The festival combines public discussions, workshops, creative installations, music, swap markets, activities linked to reuse and responsible consumption, and contributions from local organisations. It is also a public platform for young people to share the results of community and European projects. For Naqah, SalvaGente is sustained experience in volunteer coordination, event logistics, local partnerships, communication and the translation of complex environmental and social themes into accessible encounters.

SYNKRO – annual listening and co-design process

SYNKRO was launched in 2025 as a recurring participatory process in which young people, volunteers and collaborators identify priorities and develop new ideas together. Its first edition took place on 22–23 November 2025; the second was held on 27 September 2026 with around 20 participants. Through facilitated dialogue, group work, shared reflection and collaborative planning, SYNKRO helps shape Naqah's annual programme and supports the Youth Coordination Group. It is an ongoing mechanism for youth participation, not simply a one-off event.

Adult education, creative learning and community wellbeing

Adult education has been part of Naqah's work since 2023, before the approval of Radici Digitali. The association organises accessible workshops and community learning experiences for adults on environmental sustainability, creativity, culture, wellbeing, citizenship and digital skills. Activities have included sustainable packaging and beeswax wraps; screen printing, calligraphy and textile upcycling; microgreens, permaculture, herbs and self-production; Caviardage, creative writing and storytelling; and public sessions on responsible consumption, natural resources, communication and mental wellbeing.

Examples include "Fast Fashion Rehab", "Picnic di permacultura", "Crescere Creativamente", "YOUR MIND", "Parliamone: corpo, cibo e social" and public activities linked to Questo Corpo. The goal is to develop confidence, practical skills and relationships among people who might otherwise have few local opportunities for learning. The association is working to make its adult learning offer more structured, repeatable, accessible and better documented.

Volunteering, care for public spaces and local culture

Volunteers participate in planning, communications, event management, facilitation, hospitality, logistics and the care of shared spaces. Naqah promotes flexible and freely chosen volunteering, with appropriate induction, guidance and respect for the organisation's Ethical Charter. Local action also includes cultural collaborations, such as In Vicoli DiVersi, and activities with municipalities and community groups.

INNESTO, selected in 2026 within the Semi di Bene initiative promoted by CeSVoP with support from UniCredit, is being developed with Arci Terra Franca. Its activities are scheduled for 2027 and will combine youth volunteering, learning and participatory care of public green spaces in Marineo. This is a forthcoming local project, not an already completed intervention.

Continuous training and organisational learning, 2024–2026

Naqah invests in the continuous professional and personal development of its team. Participants attend Training and Cooperation Activities (TCA), Erasmus+ training courses, national seminars, Project Management Meetings (PMM) and internal learning activities. The organisation aims to apply new approaches directly to local workshops, youth work and European project management.

2024. Eurodesk Italy's project design workshops on youth exchanges, participation and ESC solidarity projects; the Italian Youth Agency's Focus Lab on youth participation and civic engagement; Cult Funding (Cult Keys); an ESC30 Project Management Meeting in Rome; and a national quality seminar on European Solidarity Corps project design and implementation in Turin.

2025. "Jed-AI" in Athens (media literacy, disinformation and ethical AI); "Support System in KA1 Youth Projects"; "Greener Erasmus+" (GreenComp and sustainable project design); national ESC project management seminars; internal non-formal education training; "CIC Lab" in Spain; "Dissemination, Exploitation and Follow-up"; "CONNEXA – Building Bridges Across Erasmus+ Sectors" in Palermo; and the "4B – Breaking Barriers, Building Bonds" Tool Fair and final conference, addressing inclusion, gender and LGBTQIA+ rights.

2026 (through October). National seminars on TCA monitoring and evaluation; "Youth@Work – AI and the Future of Youth Employability" in Florence; "How to Build an Inclusive Youth Mobility Project" in Pesaro; an ESC LAB in Rome; a national course for ESC coaches in Cagliari; "R.E.T.E. – Managing a Social Enterprise/NGO" in Wałbrzych, Poland; ESC impact assessment training in Rome; the adult-learning experience in Greece; and the INDIRE seminar on KA122-ADU project management in Florence.

Across these experiences, the group has developed stronger competence in non-formal education, group facilitation, inclusion, project planning and implementation, financial administration, sustainable project design, communication, dissemination and impact evaluation. Participation in training is described as an organisational learning activity, not as evidence that all members hold identical professional qualifications.

Networks, partnerships and Erasmus+ hosting

Naqah works with local authorities and non-profit organisations, including Europiamo ETS, Giosef Italy, CeSVoP Palermo, Patto per Restare, the Department of Cultures and Societies at the University of Palermo, Arci Terra Franca, HRYO, Eirene – Idee in Rete, Equipo Mandrágora and Rodakas Research Institute. Partnerships vary in scope and may support a European project, public event, workshop or community process.

Building on Sustainable Visions, the association offers to co-design and host Erasmus+ learning experiences in Sicily, including youth exchanges, training, study visits, job shadowing and adult-learning activities, with attention to the practical accessibility of activities and to the realities of the hosting territory. Casa Naqah is a meeting and learning venue; accommodation, when needed, must be organised separately with local providers.

iii. What skills and expertise do the key persons involved bring?

Naqah combines formal governance roles with a wider pool of volunteers and project collaborators. Responsibilities are assigned according to each activity; participation in the association does not imply permanent employment.

Vincenzo Salerno – President and legal representative. Coordinates the association, project development, partnerships and institutional relationships. Professional experience includes graphic and web design, visual communication and the planning and organisation of cultural and social initiatives. He contributes directly to Erasmus+ and ESC project design and management.

Antonio Cangialosi – Vice-President. Agricultural entrepreneur with experience in agricultural production and the promotion of rural resources. Contributes to environmental activities, sustainable food, local knowledge and partnerships with agricultural actors.

Carmelo Butticè – Secretary. Lawyer with legal and administrative skills. Supports institutional documentation, compliance, governance and the legal aspects of organisational activity.

Giuseppe Li Castri – Treasurer. Experience in fiscal, accounting and financial administration. Contributes to financial monitoring, planning, accountability and operational organisation.

Salvatore Greco – Projects and partnerships contact person. Graduate in Gastronomic Sciences from the University of Parma, with skills in sustainable food systems, local agricultural resources, project development and facilitation. Supports local and European initiatives and communication with partners.

Giorgia Bivona – Communication, facilitation and wellbeing. Collaborates on educational and creative activities, communication, group facilitation and initiatives addressing psychological and social wellbeing. Contributes to community-focused participation and awareness activities.

Other volunteers and collaborators bring complementary experience in education, youth work, culture, psychology, administration, event organisation, sustainability and inclusion. The combination of practical, professional and lived experience is an important asset of the organisation.

iv. Has the organisation participated in an EU-funded project in the past three years?

Yes. Since 2024, Associazione Naqah ETS has coordinated and received funding for projects under the European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+, including solidarity projects (ESC30-SOL), youth participation activities (KA154-YOU), youth exchanges (KA152-YOU), DiscoverEU Inclusion (KA155-YOU) and adult education staff mobility (KA122-ADU). It has also contributed as a partner to European training and participation projects coordinated by other organisations. The following list separates its direct funding agreements from partnership roles and informal learning mobility.

v. List of EU-funded projects

Projects coordinated by Associazione Naqah ETS

Start year	Action	Agreement / project number	Project title	Applicant
2024	ESC30-SOL	2024-1-IT03-ESC30-SOL-000203526	VerdeVisivo – Comunicazione per la Terra	Naqah ETS
2025	KA154-YOU	2024-3-IT03-KA154-YOU-000269392	Comunità Sostenibili	Naqah ETS
2025	ESC30-SOL	2025-1-IT03-ESC30-SOL-000346172	Questo Corpo	Naqah ETS
2025	KA152-YOU	2025-1-IT03-KA152-YOU-000298188	Sustainable Visions	Naqah ETS
2026	KA122-ADU	2026-1-IT02-KA122-ADU-000429187	Radici Digitali	Naqah ETS
2026	KA155-YOU	2026-1-IT03-KA155-YOU-000392882	Circolare	Naqah ETS

Projects in which Naqah participates as a partner

Year	Action	Project title	Coordinating organisation	Status
2025	Erasmus+ training course	CIC Lab – Collective Intelligence for Communication	Equipo Mandrágora, Spain	Completed
2026	KA154-YOU	E-LIS-LAB	YouthMed APS, Italy	Ongoing
2026	Erasmus+ training course	Senses of Nature	Equipo Mandrágora, Spain	Planned: 5–13 Nov 2026

The agreement numbers for projects led by other organisations should be inserted once the lead applicants confirm them. The August 2026 adult learners' mobility in Greece is described in Section F(ii) as an informal partnership experience and is not counted as a Naqah funding agreement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Website: www.naqah.it | Projects: www.naqah.it/it/progetti | Youth Coordination: www.naqah.it/it/coordinamento-giovanile | Adult learning: www.naqah.it/it/percorsi-per-adulti

This general-purpose PIF is based on the organisation's materials and public information available as of 28 October 2026. Activity dates and partnership roles are distinguished where projects are ongoing or planned. For a specific application, the text can be adapted to the action, thematic priorities and required length.