

The Project Partners

Diocesan Caritas Association for the Archdiocese of Cologne (DICV) - Coordination

The Diocesan Caritas Association for the Archdiocese of Cologne (DICV) is responsible for the coordination and project management of the partnership in Erasmus+.

The association was founded on 27 February 1916 as a regional umbrella organisation. Today, the DICV Cologne has around 300 member organisations in cities and municipalities in the Rhineland and neighbouring districts, including 43 local Caritas associations and other Catholic associations. Caritas in the Archdiocese of Cologne is responsible for around 1,800 facilities and services - including hospitals, care services, family centres, social facilities and advice centres - with around 55,000 employees.

The DICV Cologne is responsible in particular for the political representation of its members and for the professional training of Caritas employees in the member organisations. It employs around 140 specialists. Every year, around 9000 people take part in the various training and further education programmes of the DICV Cologne. These training programmes are audited and certified in accordance with the quality system of the German Caritas Association and are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Caritas in the Archdiocese of Cologne is committed to helping needy and socially disadvantaged people - including in the areas of child and youth support, family support, help for the elderly, health and care, help for the homeless and offenders, social hotspots, social counselling and poverty issues, migration and help for foreigners as well as in the area of education and training for disadvantaged groups of people.

Further details on the work of DICV Cologne can be found at www.caritasnet.de

Asociația „Caritas - Asistență Socială” Filiala Organizației Caritas Alba Iulia

Caritas Alba Iulia in Romania is a non-governmental organisation of public utility founded by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Alba Iulia. In its beginnings, the organisation was mainly concerned with organising charitable aid coming from abroad. Then came a period of organisational consolidation, during which the structures were reorganised and regional centres were set up to help those in need. In the meantime, the main interest was to identify the concrete problems of the local communities and to find ways to co-operate with governmental and non-governmental institutions at local, regional and national level. Caritas Alba Iulia is an important pioneer in the development of professional social services in Romania and one of the most important providers in the Transylvania region.

Currently, Caritas Alba Iulia is present with its complex social programmes in five counties of Transylvania: Alba, Harghita, Hunedoara, Covasna and Mures counties. In 2004, Caritas Alba Iulia was granted the status of a non-profit organisation under Romanian law. The services provided by Caritas were accredited by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in 2005.

Further details on the work of Caritas Alba Iulia can be found at <https://caritas-ab.ro/ro/>

Fondazione diocesana Caritas Trieste onlus

Founded in 2010, the Caritas Trieste Foundation operates in the province of Trieste and focuses on combating poverty and social inclusion by offering studies, training, projects and services. It has a strong volunteer base, as the organisation currently employs around 120 staff and 450 volunteers.

The Foundation currently runs 6 counselling services, 37 welcome services, 7 basic needs services, 5 specialist services and 4 residential facilities. 27 projects are financed by European, national, regional or private funds, including education and counselling for socially disadvantaged people, professionals and volunteers.

Caritas Trieste has set up a communication service to publicise its projects and fundraising activities to a wide audience via its website, social media and newspapers. Caritas Trieste also organises or participates in collections of food, hygiene products and medicines for people in need.

Further details on the work of Caritas Trieste can be found at <https://caritastrieste.org/>

Caritas der Erzdiözese Wien – Hilfe in Not

In 2021, Caritas Vienna used over 361 million euros for social purposes. Caritas was also active in numerous locations in Austria and abroad in 2022. It is only as strong as the number of people who support its work. A total of 14,851 people volunteered in a wide variety of Caritas projects in the Archdiocese of Vienna and in the parishes. 73,199 people supported the work with a donation. In addition, Caritas fulfils numerous tasks in cooperation with the public sector - above all caring for the elderly and people in need of care, supporting people with disabilities or helping people in social emergencies.

Experience in fundraising ranges from the development and design to the realisation of online and offline campaigns. Furthermore, the area of responsibility includes the development and expansion of networks and co-operations around the campaigns as well as the strategic further development of standing orders and sponsorships.

Further details on the work of Caritas Vienna can be found at <https://www.caritas-wien.at/>