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1. Introduction

The Youth Rights and Citizenship Initiative (YRCI Albania) recognizes that strong partnerships are essential to achieving our mission of empowering youth, strengthening democratic values, and promoting intercultural cooperation across the Euro-Mediterranean region. This Partnership Policy sets out the principles, types, procedures, and ethical framework that govern how YRCI identifies, builds, and manages partnerships.

2. Objectives of the Partnership Policy

- To establish transparent and mutually beneficial collaboration with public, private, and civil society actors.
- To ensure all partnerships align with YRCI's core values: youth empowerment, democratic engagement, intercultural dialogue, inclusion, and sustainability.
- To define clear criteria for partner selection and cooperation mechanisms.
- To promote accountability, equity, and respect within all forms of partnership.

3. Types of Partnerships

YRCI Albania engages in several types of partnerships:

- Strategic Partnerships: Long-term cooperation with organizations sharing common missions and working on joint initiatives or funding proposals (e.g., Erasmus+, CERV, ALF, ESC).
- Project-Based Partnerships: Cooperation limited to specific projects, grants, or activities with clear roles and deliverables.
- Institutional Partnerships: Collaboration with universities, schools, or local authorities to implement educational, policy, or research-based actions.

- Volunteering and Exchange Partnerships: For mobility schemes, exchanges, and youth engagement platforms.

- Community and Local Stakeholder Engagements: Collaboration with grassroots actors, including marginalized groups and informal networks.

4. Selection Criteria

YRCI considers entering partnerships with entities that:

- Share a commitment to youth rights, social inclusion, and intercultural understanding.
- Adhere to ethical standards, non-discrimination, and transparent financial practices.
- Operate with a legal status and proven track record (except in justified cases of grassroots or emerging groups).
- Demonstrate willingness to contribute actively and meaningfully to the partnership goals.

5. Principles of Partnership

YRCI Albania ensures that every partnership is based on the following principles:

- Equality and Mutual Respect
- Shared Vision and Values
- Transparency and Open Communication
- Clear Roles and Responsibilities
- Capacity Strengthening and Knowledge Sharing
- Sustainability and Impact Focus

6. Partnership Procedure

1. Identification – Potential partners are identified through open calls, direct outreach, or referral.

2. Assessment – A preliminary assessment is made to ensure alignment with YRCI values and goals.

3. Agreement – A formal agreement (MoU, contract, or collaboration framework) outlines roles, deliverables, and ethical standards.

4. Monitoring – Periodic evaluation and feedback mechanisms are applied to ensure continuous improvement.

5. Closure/Exit – Partnerships may conclude naturally or be discontinued if core values are compromised or strategic goals are no longer aligned.

7. Conflict of Interest and Ethical Conduct

YRCI Albania maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward corruption, discrimination, hate speech, or abusive behavior in any partnership. Partners must comply with relevant national and EU regulations, as well as ethical guidelines upheld by YRCI.

8. Visibility and Acknowledgement

All partners are duly acknowledged in YRCI's communications and project-related dissemination materials. Visibility is governed by the branding rules of relevant donors and by mutual agreement.

9. Policy Review and Updates

This policy is reviewed annually by YRCI's leadership team and updated as needed to reflect changes in strategy, funding environments, or legal frameworks.

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