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## "Supporting volunteers in youth organisations" (SVYO)

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## Azione Cattolica Italiana, ACI (Italy) PROJECT PARTNER

- Italian Catholic Action (ACI) is the oldest and largest Italian lay association. The organisation includes children, young people and adults of all ages.
- ACI was founded by young people at the end of the 19th century (Mario Fani and Giovanni Acquaderni) and the future blessed Armida Barelli founded the female youth of AC (GF).
- ACI operates in parishes and in the life environments of young people and beyond (schools, workplaces ...) in the field of formation and apostolate.
- The specific branch for young people aged 14 to 30 is the Youth Sector
- The youth sector has around 55,000 members in 200 diocesis, between Giovani and Giovanissimi with specific formative paths
- —•—Msac and Mlac are part of Youth Sector and they are the specific attention for students of hig school and for worker.



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- This project activity for the ACI is very important because it allows to build and strengthen the collaboration between the associations of different European countries.
- The project is also a great opportunity to make Catholic action and our activities in new countries known
- This project for the ACI is an opportunity for growth and discussion for the managers



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- ACI is investing heavily in projects at all levels (local, national, international) for volunteers, young people, members, employees ...
- The research that we will carry out together will be very important to design the new proposals of the Association and new collaborations