

PARTNER ORGANISATION	
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PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	NO
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES
BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
Please briefly present the organisation	The Samsun Exchange Students Network Association (ESN Samsun) was established in 2009 and is one of the founding members of ESN Turkey. Since its inception, ESN Samsun has organized various events in the field of international relations at Ondokuz Mayıs University, aiming to support international students and facilitate their integration process. In 2024, it gained official association status and has taken significant steps in developing and implementing youth projects. The association actively participates both as a leader and as a partner in Erasmus+ projects and other youth initiatives on national and international levels. The Samsun Exchange Students Network Association undertakes various initiatives to improve the quality of life for young people in Samsun and its surrounding areas, especially providing guidance to high school and university students facing social and geographical challenges. Nationally, the association supports young people by offering guidance on the Erasmus+ program and contributing to their personal development. Additionally, the association develops projects to address important international issues related to youth, such as unemployment, ecology, discrimination, and mental health. The Samsun Exchange Students Network Association plays an active role at local, national, and international levels with the mission of empowering young people and providing them with a better future. It continues to support both international students and local youth, assisting them in social, academic, and professional development.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?	The members of the Samsun Exchange Students Network Association (ESN Samsun) bring together a diverse skill set that is essential for supporting entrepreneurial initiatives. With strong expertise in event management, facilitating discussions and meetings, team leadership, and working with youth, we are well-prepared to assist young people in their entrepreneurial journeys. Our experience includes the development of numerous projects aimed at enhancing the communication and interpersonal skills of university students, while also providing them with comprehensive educational support. We are committed to breaking cultural and social stereotypes through the organization of international cultural events, which have been praised for fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. By utilizing our extensive communication and presentation skills, honed through participation in Erasmus+ projects and international cultural events, we effectively promote the importance of entrepreneurship and innovation to diverse audiences.
What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?	The leadership of our organization, including the President and Board members, consists of experienced youth workers with a robust background in Erasmus+ projects. Our core team comprises skilled youth workers with strong English language proficiency and exceptional communication abilities. Our President, Burak İlbey is a Law graduate and currently a master's student in Gender Studies. He spent one year in Oradea, Romania, as part of the Erasmus+ exchange programme. During this time, he explored European legal systems and focused on the intersection of law and gender. He participated in seminars on human rights and gender equality, connecting with professionals across Europe who share similar goals. This experience provided Burak with a global perspective, making him a committed advocate for gender equality in the legal field. Hasan Taş, vice president, he is graduated from Ondokuz Mayıs University, Department of Materials Science and Engineering. In 2019, he participated in the Erasmus student mobility program in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Oviedo University, Spain. Currently, he is working as an R&D Laboratory Engineer while also pursuing his master's degree in Metallurgy and Materials Science at Ondokuz Mayıs University. Thanks to his strong background with ESN and international students, he takes an active role in the management of projects. Engin Acar, activity manager, as a Marine Engineer with a Master's in Nanotechnology, his journey would be nothing but ordinary. Thanks to his Erasmus experience, which began in 2011, his worldview has changed for the better, and the Erasmus community has felt like home no matter where he is in Europe. After two unforgettable years in Poland, he returned home and became an active member of ESN Samsun, driven to give back and help create the same life-changing experiences for others. Roughly 13 years later, he is still here. As the saying goes "Once Erasmus, always Erasmus"—I could not agree more. Zeynep Buse Akşahin, a graduate of Teaching and a current master's student in Education, has participated in two different Erasmus+ exchanges in Poland and the Czech Republic. One of these exchanges was an internship with the Czech Youth Association in the Czech Republic. During this internship, she gained experience in writing and managing KA1 and KA2 projects and participated in various initiatives related to mental health and

	educational issues. These experiences have broadened her intercultural insights and understanding of critical issues. Yunus Emre Gürbüz, project coordinator, he is studying in the Department of Architecture and he did erasmus twice during his studies. One of them was in Seville for 6 months and the other one was in Romania for 2 weeks within the scope of the BIP project. During this period, he communicated with many European people and improved his language skills. At the same time, he made many multicultural friends and tried to keep the connections he had made alive. Thus, he became a very active individual who communicates easily with foreign people and is very socially active. Mehmet Batuhan Topal, communication manager, is a senior undergraduate student in Computer Engineering. He spent one semester in Krakow, Poland, as part of the Erasmus+ exchange program. During this time, he engaged with environments promoting international cooperation, equality, diversity, and the solidarity of sociocultural structures. Through these experiences, he connected with individuals and organizations that align with his vision of contributing to society. Mehmet focused on using technology and software to raise awareness of issues such as social equality, data protection, and equitable access to resources. Enes İnan, project writer, studying Pedagogy of Music at Ondokuz Mayıs University. He studied in the field of the same profession that and currently studying at University of Ljubljana as an Erasmus+ Learning Mobility student for one semester which is approximately 5 months. During this period, he had chance to communicate with the people who are from different countries, improved his language skills, anticipated some social activities which are related music pedagogy and volunteered concerts. He has still contact with his friends who met with in Slovenia during his Erasmus and thanks to one of them he is still improving Italian language skills. Currently, he is doing 3rd grade of bachelor.
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