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|  **PARTNER ORGANISATION** |
| **OID** | E10371718 |
| **Full legal name**  | Değişim Öğrencileri Ağı Samsun Derneği (Exchange Students Network Samsun Association) |
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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. The association develops projects to address important international issues related to youth.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.Hasan Taş, 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.Vice 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.Zeynep Buse Akşahin, graduated master of education, has participated in three different Erasmus+ exchanges. Study abroad in Poland, internship with NGO in Czech Republic and ESC volunteering in Estonia. During her internship in Czechia, 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. |
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| **PARTNER** | **2025-1-EE01-KA152-YOU-000300335** |
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