

Partner organisation

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Profile

Type of organization	NGO
Is the partner organization a public body?	No
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes

Accreditation

Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?

Accreditation type	Accreditation reference
(ERAPLUS-EVS-CHARTER)	2015-1-TR01-KA110-025060

Background and experience

Please briefly present the partner organization.

Egitim Programlari ve Evrensel ve Kulturel Aktiviteler Dernegi was established in 2012 for the purpose of creating and developing cultural and educational programs for the disadvantaged young people and women. We are a non-governmental and non-profit organisation. We have 35 members. We are active on the field of contemporary art, ICT, non-formal education, ecology, entrepreneurship, local handicrafts, youth programs and volunteering, especially in EU Youth in Action and Erasmus + programs. We provide non-formal education abroad and in our town with multi-cultural atmosphere for the young people that we are working with. We send them to European countries to learn in international group of young people such as youth exchanges, training courses for youth and youth volunteering. At the same time we host European young people here in Sinop for youth exchanges about environment, crisis management, leadership skills, volunteering for the disabled people and orator skills. We are also the accredited sending and hosting organization for the European Voluntary Service. Within EVS we host young volunteers in our town in the rehabilitation center for the mentally and physically disabled people. We also provide traineeship in Sinop for the university students whose major is SEN. We also organize student exchange programs with different countries from all around the world. We also work for the disadvantaged women. Our EU Grundtvig project "WOW-Working on Women" with our European partners. Within this project, we provided cooking, handicrafts, computer, woman and child care and English courses for the women who are lower educated and unemployed. We still continue English classes for the disadvantaged women. We raise awareness on the animal rights. For this reason, we provide volunteering activities for our youth to work in the animal shelter in our town to cook for them and play with the animals that are living in the cages. We also provide sales with our young people for fund raising to buy dog and cat food and medical equipment. We provide young volunteers for Sinopale – the International Sinop Biennial - to assist the artists and curators for their performances.

What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application?

We have been working on the youth field with the non-formal education tools since we were established. Within the framework of Youth in Action and the Erasmus+ Programs we have offered so many opportunities for the youth to learn in multi-cultural atmosphere with their European peers. Our organisation EPEKA, also focuses on teens for their personal, social and educational development. We work on the topics such as environment, outdoor sports, camping, beach cleaning, etc and we deliver them English courses to get engaged with their peers from the other countries. Therefore we organise student exchanges with the students from other countries. We pay mutual visits to each other. During the student exchange, they participate in the classes of their peers, have knowledge of the educational system of the country and also the culture of the country. So far we have had student exchanges with the students from Romania, Lithuania, Chile and the USA. We have also been participating in a lot of youth exchanges under the Youth in Action and Erasmus+ on all kinds of topics for the teens.

We also host and send volunteers in the EVS program. We promote the diversity. So our partners are from different parts of Europe and neighbouring countries as well.

We have been in a project for developing communication and orator skills as a training staff. We would like to send participants to provide these important skills in a European level and establish good relations for our future partnerships.

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What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Irem Ebru Kuru, the president of our NGO, has had an experience in the youth field since 2007. She is in the pool of trainers in the Turkish NA and she is also a SALTO trainer. She is the founder member of the International Youth Worker Trainers Guild located in Berlin. She is also the EVS coordinator of Sahipsiz Hayvanlari Koruma ve Yasatma Dernegi, which is an animal welfare organization. Oktay Kuru, the vice president and the project coordinator of our organisation. has also quite a lot experience in the youth work in international level. He has been the youth leader for so many European and international exchanges. He has had exchanges overseas countries as well. He is the EVS coordinator of our association.

How you will help us with the dissemination of the results after the activity when the participants return to their country?

We can disseminate the results through our web page and Facebook page with the reachable tools and descriptions. We can also publish the tools in SALTO-Toolbox for Trainings for everyone who would like to use. Also the participants can introduce the project in the social media and in their schools and share their experiences.

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