Partner Identification Form

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| **Partner Organisation** |

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| Full Legal Name | Civil Life Association |
| OID | E10207189 |

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| **Profile** |

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

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| **Background and Experiences** |

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| The Civil Life Association is a youth organization that was established in 2013 at Bursa in Turkey. Association’s volunteers consist of young people between the ages of 16-29. All of its decision-making mechanisms are led by Young People. It operates at the local and national levels. Its activities are both at the National and International levels. There are 21 local councils in various cities and three thousand volunteers.  Our Association’s main principles are being inclusive, non-political, transparency, innovation, being a pioneer, nondependent and advocacy for youth problems. Inclusivity is one of our most important principles as a result of our ability to host a diverse environment that includes many disadvantaged youth. The other most important principle is being non-political. It is a cornerstone due to the reason that makes CLA able to just concentrate on the public good with an evidence-based approach. With its diverse and inclusive background, CLA presents an opportunity for many people throughout Turkey to engage in Civil Society.  Our mission in CLA is to develop the youth’s leadership capacity and skill set. Secondly, increase the awareness of social responsibility and civil society. Thirdly, being an advocate for youth problems and increasing youth participation.  CLA is the first Youth Association in Turkey that is granted UN ECOSOC Consultative Status. CLA is the representative of the Let's Do It movement and EYCA in Turkey. CLA is also one of the founding members of the International Youth Health Organization. Last but not least is also a full member of the YEU and UN Global Compact. |

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| **What are the activities and experience of the organization in youth work? Please provide information on your organization’s / group’s regular youth work activities** |

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| CLA’s main working groups are:   1. Youth Health 2. Environment and Sustainability 3. Democratic Participation 4. Culture and Creativity 5. Disadvantaged Youth and Social Inclusion 6. Employment and Entrepreneurship   These working groups are in compliance with Turkey’s “National Youth and Sport Policy” which is in accordance with “European Youth Goals''. We mainly carry out our activities through Non-formal Education methods, however our activities are not limited to NFE. NFE is one of our most transforming and innovative fields of work. There are mainly 9 different NFE modules based on our main working fields. Our most successful modules are Core Education Program and Ecological Literacy Training Module. CEP is an introductory module about Civil Society that encourage young people to participate in civil society. Our second most successful module is ELTM which presents a multi- discipline approach and introduces many models on environmental, ecological problems and the Climate Crisis.  Local councils have complete independence for their activities within the limit of our working groups. With that flexibility, we are able to provide many different activities in a very different range. Our Local councils also have strong ties with their municipalities and our national office are for Ministries.  Within that scope, some of our good case practices are:   1. Realize Let’s Do It Movement(World Cleanup Day) for the last six years. 2. CEP with more than three thousand participants 3. Hosting the “Youth Conference for European Alcohol Policy” in 2014, 200 participants from 54 countries 4. Hosting the “Clean World Conference” in 2016, approximately 200 participants from 77 countries 5. Our module on Prevention of Tobacco Consumption Amongst Youth is in partnership with the Ministry of Health in Turkey |



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| **Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application and on the competences and previous experience that they will bring to the project.** |

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| Our teams consist of young leaders who are students at various universities in Turkey. They have developed many skill sets within the Association. With these two points, our young leaders have both an intellectual foundation and active communication skills. With our strong established tradition and loyal Alumni, we are always able to provide a clear transition of experience and know-how.  We have two different departments for Erasmus + programs. The International Relations Department is primarily responsible for establishing active communication, implementation of the projects and representing the association at the international level. The other department is Project Coordinatorship and its subordinate Project Hunters which are mainly responsible for developing and writing projects. Lastly, we have teams at each local committee for developing projects too. You can find the key people who will possibly be responsible for the project:  Ülkü İlayda Mercimekci has been a member of the executive board of the Civil Life Association since 2021. She has taken charge in various positions in the association and continues her duty as a member of the Board of Directors and International Relations Coordinator. She is responsible for developing the international network, establishing partnerships and ensuring representation in the international platform of the association.  Hakan Ekinci: Hakan has been an active member of the Civil Society for several years. He worked as an EU Project Specialist in a public body. As a social worker, Hakan has the experience of working with disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. As his comprehensive experiences in the coordination of youth exchange and strategic partnership projects, he also has comprehensive knowledge in NFE as a Trainer for peer education. He is the current President of CLA.  Beyzanur Koyuncu: She is an international relations student at Social Science University of Ankara. She is the Director of Projects in CLA. She has been involved in various National and International youth projects. She received training on writing EU Erasmus + projects in 2021. So far, she wrote and coordinated many projects in different areas. She had been in various positions as Project Assistant and Assessor for a couple of different Associations. She has participated in almost 12 different Erasmus + Youth Projects as a youth worker. She has generally worked on women rights, youth empowerment and sustainability. |

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| **Has the partner organization participated in the EU granted project preceding this application?** |

Yes



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| **Give information about – EU programme, YEAR, project ID number, applicant/beneficiary name.** |

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|  | EU Programme (e.g. Erasmus+ Youth in Action, Health Programme, Erasmus+ Civil Society  Cooperation etc.) | Year | Project Identification or Contract Number | Applicant/Beneficiary name |
| 1 | LET'S SAY STOP TO ISLAMOPHOBIA! | 2022-2024 | 2021-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000028820 | Yeni Dünya Vakfı |
| 2 | Social Entrepreneurship in NGOs | 2022 | 2021-2-SI02-KA153-YOU-000038633 | Civil Life Association |
| 3 | Youth(4)Health | 2020 | 2020-3-SI02-KA205-  015765 | YHO |
| 4 | Sustainable Future with Erasmus+ | 2019 | 2019-1-TR01-KA105-072433 | Center for Intercultural Dialogue Association |
| 5 | RE-thinking LEADership | 2019 | 2017-2-SI02-KA105-  014255 | Inštitut za mladinsko  participacijo |
| 6 | What drives youth crazy? | 2018 | 2018-2-SI02-KA105-  014682 | No excuse |
| 7 | Brave New YOU | 2018 | 2018-1-PT02- KA105-005005 | YEU |
| 8 | RE-thinking LEADership | 2018 | 2017-2-SI02-KA105-  014255 | imztr,movit |
| 9 | Stand up Against Bullying NOW | 2017 | 2016-1-TR01- KA201-034827 | YEU |

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