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Basic information about Cosmos YA

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Type of organisation

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 Experiences

Please briefly present the organisation

Cosmos Youth Association was established on April 26, 2022 in İzmir by a group of active youth workers who observe the problems of the society and aim to find solutions. It is a non-governmental organization that aims to provide social benefit by providing a space where young people can discover themselves, create a safe social environment, and develop themselves by having fun and learning. It is based on the fact that the young people around the world create a philosophy of life together, regardless of nationality, race, language, religion, religious belief, class, gender and political thought, by giving importance to respecting each other's differences within the framework of human rights.

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It is to carry out necessary humanitarian aid activities in order to take all steps to ensure that the fundamental rights and freedoms of all young people are not violated, and to cooperate with local, national and international individuals and institutions working in related fields in line with these purposes. Enabling young people to take effective decisions in solving social problems and to play an active role in decision-making mechanisms, to protect, strengthen and develop human rights at national and international level. To build the relations between the environment and socio-economic development well, to evaluate the economic and social structure and the interaction of the environment in a holistic way and to strengthen all young people on sustainability, inclusive and sustainable growth, climate change and environmental issues in line with the United Nations Development Goals. It is established in order to support social harmony with the philosophy of the individual in its environment and to support individuals, institutions and organizations working in related fields in line with these purposes and to establish collaborations in this direction when necessary. Humanity, non-discrimination, impartiality, independence, equality, accountability and transparency are the basic principles adopted in these works. Our vision is to create a society where everyone has a chance to express themselves and be accepted. Also Cosmos Youth Association has four departments (National, International, Social Media, and the Project team), we carry out our work with a total of 39 youth workers.

Our main targets are listed below, such as;

- *Social Cohesion and Harmonization*
- *Intercultural Dialogue*
- *Social Gender*
- *Inclusion*
- *Volunteering*
- *Sustainable Environment, Sustainable Future*
- *Humane aid*
- *Research, Capacity Development, Coordination and Advocacy*

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In addition, Cosmos Youth Association has signed a 1-year agreement with İzmir Bornova Municipality and can use İzmir Altındağ Atatürk Cultural Center Non-Governmental Organizations Campus and its facilities for 1 year free of charge as of June 1, 2022. And also our Association's Service Capacity is as follows;

- 3 meeting rooms for 15 people (Barcoveision, blackboard, teleconference)
- 1 multi-purpose hall for 50 people (Barcoveision, blackboard, teleconference)
- 1 Conference and Theater Hall for 180+120 people (Barcoveision)
- Foyer Area (Picture and Photograph Exhibition / Cocktail Area)
- Open and shared working areas and social spaces in 6 areas
- Operational Secretariat Support *Library *Computers
- High speed internet wifi connection- - *Office services (access to photocopy and printer services) - *Library - -*Hobby and Skills Courses - Children's Play Activity Center- *Gym *7/24 security - *Parking lot

What are the activities and experience of the partner organisation in youth work?

Please provide information on your organisation's / group's regular youth work activities at local level.

Cosmos Youth Association was established in April 2022 and has started non-profit activities for young people since the first day of its establishment.

Social Harmony Project: In the month it was founded, it participated as a stakeholder in the "Social Harmony" project carried out by the İzmir branch of the Turkish Red Crescent, and at the same time, the founding members of the Cosmos Youth Association acted as the coordinator in this project. In the social harmony project, 15 Turkish and 15 foreign nationals living in Turkey participated in a three-month project and carried out activities to increase social cohesion with each other in this project. The project outputs were shared with the relevant institutions.

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Online English Speaking Clubs: Cosmos Youth Association actively carries out its online English speaking club every week, which it carries out within its activities to increase youth rights and youth participation. Young people selected for this speaking club are often chosen from among socioeconomically disadvantaged youth.

International Webinars: Cosmos Youth Association organizes international webinars that are held regularly every month as part of the efforts to increase the internationalization activities of local youth. The coordinator of these webinars is the Cosmos Youth Association and the speakers are selected from experts in their fields from different parts of the world. Participation in these webinars is completely free and its sole purpose is to expand the world of ideas of young people and increase their dialogue with different cultures. In addition to these activities, Cosmos Youth Association has acquired many partners from home and abroad, while constantly carrying out new activities with its project team.

Target Group

The target audience of the Cosmos Youth Association consists of individuals and communities who have been affected or have a high risk of being affected as a result of human rights violations in Turkey and in the world, in order to contribute to global, social, cultural, and economic development, including vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. Humanitarian aid and social assistance will be carried out in humanitarian crises that will occur as a result of the violation of fundamental rights and freedoms, especially among young people, women, children, orphans, the disabled, the elderly, street children, asylum seekers, refugees, displaced persons, immigrants, people in need of temporary protection and other victims. It will contribute to peer solidarity by carrying out social, cultural, sportive and artistic activities within the scope of the universal value of solidarity with all young people in Turkey.

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In all our collaborations, especially within the scope of the Erasmus Plus program, we aim to reach more young people in the disadvantaged group and ensure their participation, in line with the same goal as Erasmus+, and to make them benefit from the opportunities of Erasmus+. Our projects are based on permanent needs analysis and for this purpose we work with young people, volunteers, students and active citizens. The philosophy of the Cosmos Youth Association is to develop young people, to meet their needs and to provide them with the necessary competencies. In this direction, we motivate every young person, give importance to their ideas and try to create more impact on the society by supporting them in their development.

Has the organization participated in European Union granted project ?

EU PROGRAMME	YEAR	PROJECT TITLE	COUNTRY	COORDINATOR
TRAINING COURSE	2022	PDA (Creative Therapies in Youth Work)	CROATIA	KREAKTIVA
YOUTH EXCHANGE	2023	Cultural Experience	SLOVENIA	GORADGONA
TRAINING COURSE	2023	Digital Youth Work	BULGARIA	INSPIRATION
APV	2023	Storytelling in Museum (APV)	ITALY	AGORA
TRAINING COURSE	2023	Projects integrating Sustainable Methods	CROATIA	CARPE DIEM
TRAINING COURSE	2023	Accompanied Youngsters	SPAIN	PROYECTO NAGUAL
YOUTH EXCHANGE	2023	You(TH)INK: Youth Evolve	LATVIA	MIHI LATVIA
YOUTH EXCHANGE	2023	Storytelling in Museum	ITALY	AGORA
TRAINING COURSE	2023	A Mental Health Toolkit for Youth Workers	DENMARK	PATH OF NATURA





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

Legal Representative: Furkan HERGÜL

Furkan Hergül is the founder and general manager of the "Cosmos Youth" association. He is an active youth worker and has been working in NGOs such as AIESEC, Kızılay, LÖSEV, UNFPA, etc. since 2016. He made his observations in the field of civil society and established the "Kozmos Youth Association" in this context. Cosmos Youth Association was established by taking the strengths of these institutions as an example. He has traveled to more than 25 countries and participated in and became a trainer on 25+ EU projects. He also learned multiple languages. Thanks to his harmonious personality, which likes to know different cultures and meet new people, forms the basis of our association with the idea of looking at life equally from different perspectives that he gained in these countries. He is closely involved in EU funding programs and has previously participated in many Erasmus Plus projects as well as AIESEC projects. He is a born speaker, entrepreneur, leader with great leadership skills, and a motivating and innovative person. With these skills, he ensures the coordination between the teams in our association.

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Erasmus Plus ve ESC Manager: Burak KÖKSAL

Burak Köksal is one of the founding members of the Cosmos Youth Association. Burak is a member of the "Cosmos International" team that deals with international networks and works on Erasmus Plus and ESC projects. Burak is currently pursuing his Master's degree on Global Policies at the University of Milan. His interest in EU projects during his International Relations education started with Erasmus student mobility in 2018 and increased exponentially over time. He also joined the ESC project in 2021 and shares these personal experiences with other young people in our association. It has strengthened its equipment with the certificates it has received from international organizations such as University of Southampton, Samsung and Coventry University. He traveled to more than 10 countries, met different cultures and learned different languages. As a result of his good knowledge of English, Italian and Spanish, Burak; With his moderate, talkative and smiling demeanor, he strengthens the bond between the administrative part of our association and the volunteering part. In addition, with the return of education and experience, it acts as a bridge between foreign and Turkish youth, so to speak, and supports social cohesion activities, which is one of the main purposes of our association. Burak, one of the founders of Cosmos Youth, has been a source of pride for our association by motivating its members and volunteers with his enthusiasm and good energy.

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