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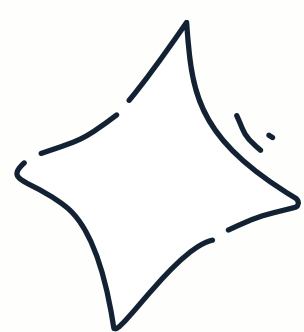
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Type of Organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association
Is the partner organisation a public body ?	NO
Is the partner organisation a non-profit	YES



Background and Experiences Please briefly present the organisation

Cosmos Youth Association is a non-governmental organization founded on April 26, 2022, in İzmir, Turkey, by a group of active youth workers. The organization aims to empower young people by creating inclusive, safe, and dynamic environments where they can learn, express themselves, and take an active role in society. Cosmos promotes values such as human rights, sustainability, intercultural dialogue, and active citizenship, embracing diversity regardless of nationality, language, religion, gender, or political view.

Between 2022 and 2024, Cosmos Youth Association has actively participated in 22 international projects, including KA154, KA152, KA153, and KA151 actions under the Erasmus+ programme. The organization also coordinated the "Voice Up Youth" project on youth participation, funded by the Council of Europe, and successfully hosted 5 Erasmus+ youth projects in İzmir.

The association operates with four departments (National, International, Social Media, and Project Team) and a team of 39 youth workers. It focuses on themes such as social cohesion, gender equality, volunteering, sustainable development, humanitarian aid, and youth advocacy.

Cosmos has signed a one-year cooperation protocol with İzmir Bornova Municipality, which provides free access to various fully equipped facilities including meeting rooms, conference halls, co-working spaces, and social areas at the Altındağ Atatürk Cultural Center, significantly enhancing its operational and hosting capacity.

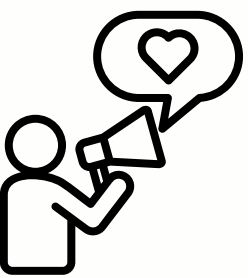


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Cosmos Youth Association was established in April 2022 and has started non-profit activities for young people since the first day of its establishment.

Voice Up Youth Project - www.voiceupyouth.com



Voice Up Youth was a six-month capacity-building project coordinated by Cosmos Youth Association and funded by the Council of Europe. It aimed to enhance the participation of 14 youth organizations in local decision-making processes in İzmir. With the involvement of 28 representatives, the project included a 3-day training course led by expert trainers and follow-up institutional visits to local authorities. Key outputs included a website, 10 educational videos, and a Youth Worker's Handbook, all freely accessible. The project successfully promoted structured dialogue and stronger cooperation between youth NGOs and public institutions.



Hipernova Social Cohesion Project

Hipernova – Social Harmony was a 21-day Erasmus+ youth exchange project implemented in İzmir, Turkey, with additional activities held in Bursa and Istanbul. The project brought together 18 young people from Belgium, representing diverse ethnic backgrounds, and 18 participants from İzmir, all aged between 14 and 18. The main focus was to promote intercultural understanding and peaceful coexistence among youth. Through workshops, cultural exchanges, and study visits, participants engaged in meaningful dialogue on diversity, tolerance, and living together in harmony. The project successfully created a safe space for cultural interaction and mutual learning.



Youth On Stage Youth Participation Project

Youth on Stage is an ongoing KA154 Erasmus+ project running from September 2024 to September 2025, aiming to empower young people through theatre-based advocacy. The project brings together 32 young participants from Ireland and Turkey, encouraging them to identify and express the social issues in their local communities through theatrical performances. By using theatre as a tool for civic engagement, the participants present their work directly to local decision-makers, promoting dialogue and raising awareness around youth-related challenges. The project strengthens youth participation, creativity, and advocacy skills in a unique and impactful way.

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Performing Erasmus Project

Performing Erasmus was an Erasmus+ project held in İzmir, Turkey, which brought together 42 participants from 7 different countries. The main objective of the project was to enhance the institutional capacity of youth organizations by providing participants with the skills and knowledge to effectively design and implement projects. Through workshops, training sessions, and practical exercises, the project aimed to build the participants' project writing skills, fostering international collaboration and strengthening their ability to apply for and manage Erasmus+ funding opportunities.



Moltoir 2 Project

Moltoir2 was an Erasmus+ KA153 Training Course held in İzmir, Turkey, in February 2025, with 60 participants from 8 partner countries. The main focus of the project was to provide youth workers with practical experience and knowledge in using theatre as a tool for youth work. Participants had the opportunity to share and exchange best practices, gaining insights into how theatrical methods can be incorporated into youth programs to engage, educate, and empower young people. The training aimed to enhance the skills of youth workers in using creative arts for social change, fostering cross-cultural cooperation and building long-lasting networks among youth organizations.

Local Activities in İzmir

İzmir Local Youth Strategy for 2024-2027

Together with the İzmir Youth Assembly, we prepared a youth strategy for the city we live in with the participation of more than 60 youth organizations. We prepared this before the local elections and had the mayoral candidates sign it. The elected mayor kept his word and put the local youth strategy plan we prepared into effect. In this way, the youth strategy prepared by the youth, which was a first in Türkiye's history, came into effect.



2026 European Youth Capital Finalist - Izmir

Together with Izmir Metropolitan Municipality, Izmir Youth Assembly and 4 NGOs, we prepared applications, events, conferences and promotional videos for Izmir to be the European Youth Capital. During this process, we visited the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France and provided feedback and collaborations.

Youth from Democracy: Participation of Youth in Local and Regional Democracy - Conference

Cosmos Youth Association, in collaboration with the 2024–2025 Turkish Youth Delegate to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, organized an event focused on youth participation in local governance. The event introduced the Council of Europe’s “Rejuvenating Politics” initiative and provided insights into international mechanisms Türkiye is part of. Participants explored how youth organizations can collaborate with local authorities, the role of youth in city councils and assemblies, and discussed challenges and solutions. A young politician also joined to share pathways for youth engagement in local politics.

EU opportunities for the Youth and EurodeskServices - Webinar

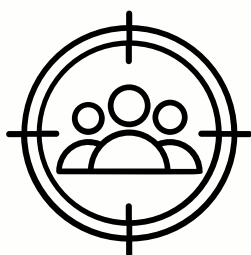
In cooperation with the Izmir Governorship, we held an online information presentation called EU opportunities for the Youth and EurodeskServices. This program was also held with the participation of our partner Panotrip team from Slovenia.

CV and Elevator PITCH - Webinar

In order to help young people with their career planning, Urska Borko and Hediye Demir, who are experts in this field, gave presentations to young people about how to prepare a CV, what is a Europass CV and Elevator Pitches. An interactive activity was held with young people on this subject and their questions were answered.



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.

Has the organization participated in European Union granted project ?

List of previous projects					
Participant	Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme	Period (start and end date)	Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER)	Amount (EUR)	Website (if any)
2	2022-1-HR01-KA151-YOU-000066220 PDA (Creative Therapies in Youth Work) Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2022 31-12-2023	Partner	97.243,62 €	https://www.kreaktiva.hr
8	2022-3-SI02-KA152-YOU-000099997 Cultural Experience Erasmus+ KA152-YOU: Mobility Of Young People	01-01-2023 30-11-2023	Partner	22.429,96 €	
2	2023-1-BG01-KA151-YOU-000147534 Digital Youth Work Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2023 31-08-2024	Partner	56.116,00 €	
3	2023-1-HR01-KA151-YOU-000136254 Projects integrating Sustainable Methods Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2023 31-08-2024	Partner	54.793,00 €	https://www.carpediem.hr/
2	2023-1-ES02-KA153-YOU-000130207 Accompanied Youngsters Erasmus+ KA153-YOU: Mobility Of Youth Workers	01-06-2023 31-05-2024	Partner	26.734,00 €	https://proyectonagual.es/
6	2022-3-LV02-KA152-YOU-000102695 You(TH)INK: Youth Evolve Erasmus+ KA152-YOU: Mobility Of Young People	01-04-2023 31-07-2024	Partner	21.367,00 €	

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6	2022-3-LV02-KA152-YOU-000102695 You(TH)INK: Youth Evolve Erasmus+ KA152-YOU: Mobility Of Young People	01-04-2023 31-07-2024	Partner	21.367,00 €	
5	2022-3-IT03-KA152-YOU-000097542 Storytelling in museums Erasmus+ KA152-YOU: Mobility Of Young People	01-02-2023 31-12-2023	Partner	17.015,00 €	
3	2023-1-DK01-KA153-YOU-000149675 A Mental Health Toolkit for Youth Work Erasmus+ KA153-YOU: Mobility Of Youth Workers	01-06-2023 30-06-2024	Partner	47.191,00 €	
2	2023-1-ES02-KA153-YOU-000140872 Eat Your Waste Erasmus+ KA153-YOU: Mobility Of Youth Workers	01-07-2023 30-06-2024	Partner	19.879,00 €	
3	2023-1-PT02-KA151-YOU-000122049 Digital&Personal TRANSformation a ride to INCLUSIVITY Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2023 31-08-2024	Partner	56.610,00 €	
5	2023-3-SI02-KA152-YOU-000176260 Racism Free World	01-01-2024 31-10-2024	Partner	32.023,50 €	
5	2023-1-DE04-KA152-YOU-000144725 Peace is not granted Erasmus+ KA152-YOU:	01-06-2023 30-09-2024	Partner	37.089,00 €	https://planimpact.de
4	2022-1-BG01-KA151-YOU-000065596 Non-Violent Environment For Youth Work Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2022 1-05-2024	Partner	54.689,00 €	https://infopass.eu/
6	2023-3-EE01-KA152-YOU-000182947 Harmony in Diversity: Youth for Integration Erasmus+ KA152-YOU: Mobility Of Young People	01-01-2024 31-08-2024	Partner	23.386,00 €	https://www.ethosmtu.com/estona-e-e
9	2023-3-IE01-KA153-YOU-000178736 Performing Erasmus Plus: networking, cooperation, and project development using performing arts in Erasmus+ projects Erasmus+ KA153-YOU: Mobility Of Youth Workers	01-01-2024 30-09-2024	Host Organization	41.338,00 €	https://www.crookedhouse.ie
10	2023-1-RO01-KA151-YOU-000126523 Civic Spark: Igniting Youth Leadership for Change Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2023 31-08-2024	Partner	103.932,00 €	https://www.raa.ro
4	2023-1-PL01-KA151-YOU-000146103 Follow the Leader Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2023 31-08-2024	Partner	271.590,00 €	https://youthhumanimpact.com
5	2023-3-IE01-KA153-YOU-000182008 Fíorscéalta: Devising Theatre with Young People Erasmus+ KA153-YOU: Mobility Of Youth Workers	01-01-2024 31-10-2024	Partner	68.706,00 €	https://www.crookedhouse.ie

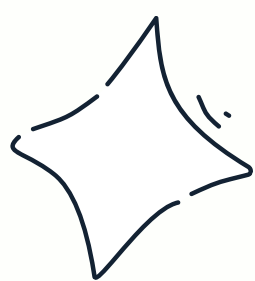
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2	2023-1-ES02-KA153-YOU-000134798 Nuevos Mitos para Nuevas Realidades Erasmus+ KA153-YOU: Mobility Of Youth Workers	01-09-2023 31-08-2024	Partner	28.442,00 €	https://proyectonagual.es/
2	2023-1-BG01-KA151-YOU-000144435 Digital Storytelling For Social Inclusion Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2023 31-08-2024	Partner	54.689,00 €	https://infopass.eu/
3	2023-3-CZ01-KA153-YOU-000177213 I move.I learn Erasmus+ KA153-YOU: Mobility Of Youth Workers	01-01-2024 31-12-2024	Partner	25.788,00 €	https://www.sokolik-brno.cz
28	Voice Up Youth! European Youth Foundation Pilot Activity	01-04-2024 30-09-2024	Coordinator	14998.00 €	https://www.voiceupyouth.com/
29	2023-1-BE05-KA151-YOU-000148515 Hibernova Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2023 31-10-2024	Host Organization	45.000,00 €	https://tumult.be/
5	2023-3-IE01-KA152-YOU-000179019 Ignition Erasmus+ KA152-YOU: Mobility Of Young People	01-01-2024 31-10-2024	Partner	46.848,00 €	https://www.crookedhouse.ie
6	2024-1-AT01-KA151-YOU-000235625 Building Tolerance Together Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2024 31-08-2025	Partner	171.440,00 €	https://www.kinderfreunde.cc
3	2024-1-IT03-KA151-YOU-000199144 Changing Stage: Empowering Youth Participation Through Participatory Theatre Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2024 31-08-2025	Partner	86.675,00 €	https://www.pigreco-semi.org/
3	2024-1-AT01-KA151-YOU-000235625 Digital World for Active Citizenship Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2024 31-08-2025	Partner	171.440,00 €	https://www.kinderfreunde.cc
13	2023-3-FR02-KA152-YOU-000183092 Sport, santé et développement personnel au service du bien-être ! Erasmus+ KA152-YOU: Mobility Of Young People	20-05-2024 19-11-2025	Partner	69.827,00 €	
15	2024-2-IE01-KA154-YOU-000258567 Youth On Stage Erasmus+ KA154-YOU: Youth participation activities	01-10-2024 30-09-2025	Partner	59.941,00 €	https://www.crookedhouse.ie
3	2024-1-IT03-KA151-YOU-000199144 Safe & Sound: Empowering Inclusive Environments in Esc Projects Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations	01-06-2024 31-08-2025	Partner	86.675,00 €	https://www.pigreco-semi.org/
5	2024-1-SI02-KA152-YOU-000231598 Health in the Green Erasmus+ KA152-YOU: Mobility Of Young People	01-06-2024 31-03-2025	Partner	18.890,00 €	



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5	2024-1-IT03-KA151-YOU-000199144 Creative Youth Development Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations.	01-06-2024 31-08-2025	Partner	86.675,00 €	https://www.pigreco-semi.org/
8	2024-2-IE01-KA153-YOU-000258333 Molár 2: Using Movement Practices to Enhance Wellbeing in Young People Erasmus+ KA153-YOU: Mobility Of Youth Workers	01-09-2024 31-03-2025	Host Organization	67.995,00 €	https://www.crookedhouse.ie
3	2024-1-SI02-KA151-YOU-000235917 Let's GET Intercultural Erasmus+ KA151-YOU: Mobility Of Young People For Accredited Organisations.	01-06-2024 31-08-2025	Partner	87.518,00 €	https://www.mcdd.si

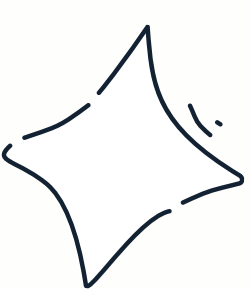


What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?

Furkan HERGÜL - Legal Representative

Furkan Hergül is the founder and general manager of Cosmos Youth Association. He has been actively working with NGOs such as AIESEC, Kızılay, LÖSEV, and UNFPA since 2016. Having traveled to over 30 countries and participated in 40+ EU projects, he has also been a trainer in several initiatives. He speaks multiple languages and has a harmonious personality that enjoys meeting new people and exploring different cultures, which has helped shape the association's vision of equality from diverse perspectives. He is closely involved in EU funding programs and has participated in many Erasmus+ projects. Furkan has coordinated and been part of project teams in projects funded by institutions like the Council of Europe, the European Commission, and the Turkish Higher Education Institution. He is currently pursuing his master's degree at the Social Sciences Institute of Dokuz Eylül University, focusing on studying discrimination based on religious identity. As a natural speaker, entrepreneur, and leader, he ensures effective coordination between the teams within our association.





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Burak Köksal - Legal Representative

Burak Köksal is one of the founding Leader of Cosmos Youth Association and a member of the "Cosmos International" team. He is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Global Policies at the University of Milan. Burak's interest in EU projects began with the Erasmus student mobility program in 2018, which has since grown into a deep commitment to youth work. He participated in the ESC project in 2021, sharing his experiences with other young people in our association. Burak has strengthened his skills through certifications from international organizations such as the University of Southampton, Samsung, and Coventry University. He is proficient in English, Italian, and Spanish, and has developed expertise in Erasmus Plus and ESC projects, focusing on youth work and international collaboration. With his communicative, friendly, and moderate personality, Burak fosters strong connections between the management and volunteer teams within our association. He contributes to social cohesion activities by bridging Turkish and foreign youth, motivating them with his energy and enthusiasm.

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