

PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

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Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes
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BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

<p>Please briefly present your organisation.</p>	<p>OPENACT started its activities as a non-profit organisation that started its activities in 2021. It was officially established as an association in November 2023.</p> <p>Through the interdisciplinary relationships created by the global world structure, the importance and sustainability of social well-being and its integration with technological developments will be explored. The aim is to increase productivity through content and application research.</p> <p>In the projects to be carried out with young people and children that we care about; We believe in the healing and analysing effect of new perspectives established for social networks where cultural experiences are lived. We aim to grow together with these cultural ties and values that enrich our lives.</p> <p>Our association focuses on the development of not only individuals but also society as a whole. We believe that the structure of society will become fairer, more sustainable and more meaningful through the active participation of adults. Each of us fulfilling our responsibilities towards ourselves and others, sharing knowledge and experience, acting with a sense of social responsibility will be a step towards the general welfare of our society.</p> <p>Multidisciplinary approaches, together with art, sociology, psychology and digital tools, offer a rich field of nutrition and production within a wide spectrum. We attach importance to working interactively with these fields for the activities within the association. Recognising the challenges of the stage of transition in the digital new era, we are trying to learn new forms of production with the new to support the development of societies.</p>
<p>What are the goals of the association for 2023-2025?</p>	<p>In our association, we have experienced artists, sociologists, psychologists and trainers in youth and adult fields. For this reason, we want to produce projects using art, sociology, psychology disciplines by using digital tools with multidisciplinary approaches that increase our social happiness and togetherness.</p>

European Union granted projects\EU programmes 2023- ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Combating Marine and River Pollution with Power of Young People-KA 152, (Coordinator: Estonia)-Youth-Centered Digital Society- K210-YOU
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Key Person

Türkey Çotuk-Legal Representative

He is the founder and president of the Openact Association. Participates in the monitoring and organisation of projects. In addition, he is a trainer as an expert in artistic studies.

In 2011, he graduated from Marmara Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Painting. In 2019, he completed his master's degree in painting at the same school with his thesis titled "Reproduction of space simulacrum through performative tendencies".

Awards :

- Akbank Contemporary Artists Award Exhibition Aksanat, Istanbul / Türkiye, 2013
- Siemens Art Borders and Orbits 5-6 Siemens Sanat, Istanbul / Türkiye, 2009

Artist Residency Programs:

- Case Dell' Arte Gallery Artist Residency Program Bodrum/Türkiye, 2013
- Artist residency program within the scope of the Intercultural Dialogue Organization, Gyumri/Armenia, 2008

Exhibitions and Workshops Attended:

- Seminar and workshop series on the Hikikomori phenomenon, Erasmus +, in cooperation with the Ministry of Family, 2023-2024,
- Stay LIVE at Home, Live Home Performance No: 48 in collaboration with Performistanbul, 2020
- Evaluations on art production within the scope of the workshop organized by Ai Weiwei, Sakıp Sabancı Museum, 2018
- Contemporary Art in the Open Air / Ströer Kentvizyon Panels, 2016
- Two Pages Project Istanbul 17, 2017

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Merve Şimşek

She is the founder of the Association and responsible for processes such as writing and managing projects.

After graduating from Atatürk University Food Engineering and Sociology, she completed her master's degree in Sociology at Beykent University with a thesis on Social Work and Violence. After her engineering studies in the private sector and Turkish Standards Institute, she was appointed as a sociologist to the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of the Ministry of Family and Social Services in 2014. After working at the Violence Prevention and Monitoring Centre in the field of women, she took part in children's home inspections in Child Services. She is currently working as a project coordinator in the EU, Foreign Relations and Projects Unit of Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Family and Social Services.

Erasmus+ Projects in which the individual has been involved in the past:

- Empower Project (2020-2023) 2020-1-TR01-KA204-094078-Partner
 - Stronger Women in the Digital World (2021-2023) 2021-1-TR01-KA122-ADU-000018231- Coordinator
 - Capacity Building "Youth Participation Incubator"(2022) KA351YOU/2022/061 Estonian Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Agency-Participant
 - Beyond the Doorstep (2022-2024) CBY-YOU 101093772 -Partner
 - Wellbeing of YOU(th) in the Digital Age (2023) KA152 –Partner
 - Improving the Foster Family with Innovative Training Models (2023-...) KA220-ADU
 - Dezavantajlı Gençlerin Permakültür ile İyi Olma Hallerinin Geliştirilmesi (2024)-KA152- Coordinator
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Abdurrahman Yılmaz

He completed his master's degree at Yeditepe University Anthropology Department in 2003 and his doctorate in 2010. In 2020, he became an associate professor. He is currently working as a lecturer at Beykent University, Department of Sociology (English) and teaches students in sociology branches. Migration, cultural theories, social change, etc. There are courses on the subject. In addition, he took part in large-scale national and international projects.

He has published articles on international migration, the situation of child migrants in Türkiye, change in Southeastern Anatolia, categorical classification of work accidents, forest crimes and fraud. He contributed to the publication of the book *Traces of the Anthropocene* (Bağlam, 2023) with a chapter in which he tells a story of the cultural history of human beings.

In addition to these, he has written a multifaceted book on the 1938-60 period, "Türkiye's least known but most talked about period", titled *Bir Dönem Türkiye: A Guide to Understanding the 1938-60 Period*.

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Merve Baş

She researches and evaluates the work of the Openact Association through the discipline of psychology. She works as a researcher in the activities and also as a trainer.

In 2013, she graduated from Istanbul University, Department of Psychology, and in 2022, she completed her Master's programme in Social Work at the University of Health Sciences with her thesis titled "The effect of fair world belief and social comparison levels on the subjective well-being of individuals who left institutional care as adults". After working as a statistical analysis (SPSS) consultant for various academic studies for a while after her undergraduate graduation, she was appointed as a psychologist to the Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Family and Social Services in 2015. After working in various institutions in Disability Services and Child Services, she worked as Branch Manager in Istanbul Family and Social Services Child and Youth Services Unit. Finally, she was appointed to Van Provincial Directorate of Family and Social Services and continues to work as responsible for the Child and Youth Services Unit.

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