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| **PIC NUMBER** |  |
| **ORGANISATION ID (OID)** | **E10372325** |
| Name of the organization | Blue PuzzleYouth Group |
| Acronym of the organization (if you have) | B.P.Y.G |
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| Type of organization: | NGO |
| Is the organization a public body? | No |
| Is the organization a non-profit body? | Yes |

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| **EXPERIENCE** |
| **Please briefly present your organization. (max. 5000 characters)** |
| Blue Puzzle Youth Group is a youth organization that supports the integration of individuals on the autism spectrum, develops educational and support projects to unleash the potential of autistic individuals, and works to raise awareness about autism in society, thereby increasing understanding and acceptance.  In this regard, our goal is to create a world where individuals with autism have equal rights, are supported, and are accepted in the society we live in, as well as to build a community where young people act with social responsibility and are sensitive and knowledgeable about autism.  Our team is passionate and dedicated to empowering individuals through the opportunities provided by the Erasmus+ program. We offer life-changing experiences to enhance young people's intercultural understanding and promote their personal development. As an NGO, we are committed to ensuring inclusivity, diversity, and equal access through these enriching experiences. We aim to actively collaborate with communities, educational institutions, businesses, and organizations to expand access to Erasmus+ opportunities.  As Blue Puzzle Youth Group, our core objectives are:   * To provide accurate information about autism to the community and raise awareness about the challenges and needs faced by individuals with autism. * To create educational programs that help develop the skills of individuals with autism, as well as to organize support groups and training for families and caregivers. * To organize events that increase the participation of individuals with autism in society and create employment and educational opportunities through collaboration with the business world and educational institutions. * To raise awareness among young people about autism and encourage them to engage in volunteer work, equipping them with leadership and project management skills. * To organize international exchange programs under the Erasmus+ program and events that bring together young people from different cultures. * To organize campaigns to advocate for the rights of individuals with autism and communicate with policymakers to influence legal regulations. * To establish partnerships with other NGOs, educational institutions, and private sector organizations, as well as to create networks to enhance resource and information sharing. * To organize fundraising events, research grant and sponsorship opportunities, and apply for them. * To regularly evaluate the impact of activities, gather feedback, and ensure continuous improvement.   In line with the mission and objectives of Blue Puzzle Youth Group, our fundamental principles for building a solid foundation for our youth organization are inclusivity and equality, respect and empathy, collaboration and partnership, sustainability, youth participation and leadership, continuous learning and development, community focus, international perspective, and accessibility.  Our projects will be shaped around the following intervention areas: education and awareness programs, support groups and counseling, social interaction and integration, sports and arts programs, community-supported campaigns, research and policy development. All activities to be developed will be implemented within the framework of a strategic plan collaboratively written by our team. |
| **What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application? (max. 5000 characters)** |
| As a community established this year, we do not have Erasmus+ experience. However, we have participated individually in various local and international projects. Among our goals is to enable our members to develop themselves through successful Erasmus+ projects. Considering the increasing number of individuals with autism today, we aim to enhance the competencies of those working in this field and young people.  Since 2010, on April 2nd, World Autism Awareness Day, we have participated in various projects with students with autism.   * In 2015, we participated in the Ministry of National Education's Project for the Education of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. * In 2017, we carried out projects with students with autism as part of the TÜBİTAK 4006 Science Fair. * In 2022, within the scope of a project implemented with İzmir University of Economics and Democracy, our team informed university students about autism. * In 2023, our team organized an art workshop with students with autism by hosting high school students and educators at our center during Disability Awareness Week. * In 2024, we carried out projects with students with autism as part of the TÜBİTAK 4006 Science Fair. * In 2024, we brought together individuals with autism and other youths through various games and activities in the "A Week with Special Children" project. * In 2024, we conducted scientific activities with students with autism as part of the "No Barriers in Science" project. |
| **Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application (max. 5000 characters)** |
| ****Hakan Terziakın****:  Hakan Terziakın has been working at the Ministry of National Education for 13 years; he worked as a classroom teacher for 4 years and has been conducting individual work with students with autism for the past 9 years. Hakan continues to actively work with students with autism. He has been a licensed tennis player for the last 4 years. Hakan has also participated in various tournaments and training sessions as a logic and puzzle games educator. He holds an educator's equivalency from the state of Hamburg in Germany and has a TELC B2 level German language certificate.  ****Areas of Expertise****:   * Work related to autism and disabilities * Youth empowerment initiatives * Sports development programs * Capacity building for non-profit organizations * Intercultural learning and exchange programs   ****Latife Terziakın****:  Latife Terziakın has been working at the Ministry of National Education for 14 years; she served as a classroom teacher for 9 years and has been conducting individual work with students with autism for the past 5 years. Latife continues to actively work with students with autism. She completed her master's degree in Educational Management and Supervision. Additionally, she holds a teaching equivalency from the state of Hamburg in Germany and has a TELC B2 level German language certificate. She continues to produce projects each year at the school where she works as part of TÜBİTAK projects.  ****Areas of Expertise****:   * Supporting students with autism * Initiatives in the field of handicrafts * Youth empowerment initiatives * Intercultural learning and exchange programs   **Halil ibrahim Bektas:**  I completed my undergraduate studies in International Relations at Haliç University in Istanbul from 2017 to 2021. My English language proficiency is at the C1 level. Project Manager. 2 years of experience in NGOs, with 3 years working on EU projects. My main focus lies in several fields but it is mostly related to creative projects, sports, on impactful initiatives and programs for the development of young people. |

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| **Projects approved during the last 3 years where we received a grant from any European Union programme:** | | | | |
| Funding programme | Start year | Project name & number | Coordinating organisation |
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