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| Full legal name | **Youth’s Empowerment and Action Plan (YEAP) Association** |
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| Acronym | YEAP |
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| Type of Organization | Association |
| Is the partner org. a public body? | Partner Organisation |
| Is the partner org. a non-profit? | Yes |
| Activity level | International |
| Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application? | No |
| **Short description of the organization** | Youth’s Empowerment and Action Plan (YEAP) is an independent, impartial, non-profit, non-governmental organization that prioritizes the training of youths, intercultural dialogue, non-formal learning, equality, and inclusion. The Organization aims to strengthen youth work on both the national and international level by contributing to the quality of youth work through non-formal & informal learning methods. Thus, YEAP seeks to organize various training and workshops to contribute to capacity building of civil society organizations in the youth field and youth participation in democraticlife. Additionally, it is willing to promote European Youth Goals and young people’s awareness on European issues by increasing the quality of international youth projects. Moreover, YEAP believes thatfostering the development of future educational perspectives of young people is the key to sustain the interest in youth policy development. With this perspective, it has a wide range of target groups among youths which is supporting the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities or special needs . The YEAP’s vision is impartial and influential communication and international cooperation towards sustainable development goals among youths in action. Moreover, it has several missions such as;•Empowering youths’ inclusiveness for their improvement in voluntary subjects to develop key competences of young people.• Engaging with youths to enhance intercultural dialogue and to work against discrimination, intolerance, racism and xenophobia.• Connecting as civil society to promote young people’s active citizenship and their participation in democratic life.• Raising awareness on social problems that related with inter-cultural interactions by using lifelong and non-formal learning methods.Furthermore, the Association aims;• To train every member of us as facilitator, leader and coordinator by supplying various trainings, workshops courses to them.• To promote young people’s respect for cultural diversity.• To develop solidarity among young people.• To promote European cooperation in the youth field.• To foster a better understanding of formal, nonformal & informal learning and their connection.Lastly, YEAP encourages youth to participate in democratic life by raising their voices to empower their status in the society. With this regard, the Organization prioritize European Youth Goals especially on Connecting EU with Youth, Equality of All Genders, Inclusive Societies, Information & Constructive Dialogue, Quality Employment for All, Quality Learning, Space and Participation for All and Sustainable Green Europe. |
| **What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?** | In order to strengthen youth, YEAP Association aims trainings and workshops by individual activities and projects. YEAP provides Model United Nations Simulation Conferences, Project Cycle Management Trainings and implements local and national projects with municipalities to contribute youth’s self-development. YEAP also has a YouTube program called “Youth Talks” that encourages youths to lead a discussion among them.Our team members have valuable experiences on youth development. Some of the members worked as president of the university club and organized youth awareness activities. Most of them organized simulations in order to enhance the capacity of the youth and empower the democratic principles. YEAP Association comprise youth workers to touch youth. Key project staff worked with university students so there is a team which have enough courage and belief on themselves. Our team members have experience on project field at professional and volunteer arena as project assistant, project writer and coordinator. |
| **What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?** | Project DirectorUzay Yüksekkaya, Project Director, is the founding President of the YEAP Association. He holds a bachelor’s degree in the department of International Relations from Eskişehir Osmangazi University. Mr. Yüksekkaya had completed his internships at Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate to EU Affairs and Foreign Policy Institute. In his civil society life, he had worked as Project Coordinator with many NGOs within the scope of Erasmus+ Key Action projects and had written many Youth Mobility Projects related with EU Youth Goals. Moreover, he had participated many Erasmus+ projects in 5 different countries. Currently, he is working as Administrative Expert in “Capacity Building to the EUD in Origination of EFSD+ Project Pipelines and Blending Operations” Project which funded by European Union IPA III programme. Furthermore, he is studying for his master’s degree in M.B.A. at Rome Business School.Project CoordinatorSüeda Uzun, is a scholarship holder in the “Reconciling Social Sciences and Space: Shaping the Future with an Interdisciplinary Perspective to the New Space Ecosystem” project carried out by İstanbul University. She worked as a Center Assistant in Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University European Studies Research Center (AVAR). She is studying for her master’s degree now. As an active youth worker she worked as a first woman president at one of the distinguished State Universities’ International Relations Club. Between 2019-2022 she worked as Erasmus+ Project Coordinator at the Local EU Association. She also participated NATO project named YouthenNATO.Project Specialist Arda Öke recently earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Public Administration from Bilkent University in January 2023. His area of interest is security studies as well as European studies regarding Green Deal and Turkey-EU relations. He has experience in project writing, collaborating with YEAP Association. He participated in several projects such as “YOUTHENNATO”. He is striving to achieve a successful academic career.Özgür Aktaş is a research administrator at the Izmir Institute of Technology. He is also a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science and International Relations at Istanbul University. He has been taking active roles (e.g., project expert, activity expert, researcher) in numerous projects from different project ecosystems such as Erasmus+, NATO Public Diplomacy Grants, U.S. Mission Turkey Grants, etc. He is a doctoral fellow in International Conflict Resolutions/Negotiation and Mediation of the Council of Higher Education’s 100/2000 doctoral scholarship program and in The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey’s doctoral scholarship program.Project Specialist Fatma Sever is an M.A. student and teaching assistant in Security Studies at TOBB University of Economics and Technology. She holds a bachelor’s degree in International Relations from Eskisehir Osmangazi University. During her undergraduate education, she took an active role in many student clubs in different positions and departments, and also completed internships at the UNFPA Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) Project and Directorate of Migration Management. Formerly, she also voluntarily took part in many social responsibility projects through The Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV) and the Turkish Education Foundation (TEV). She currently takes an active role in many academic and social projects with different in parallel with her graduate education. Sever, who is also on the board of directors of YEAP, is the coordinator of local funds in the project management department.Project Partnership OfficerSelin Uzun is a student at Eskişehir Technical University, Department of Chemistry. She participated in numerous European Union simulations since her high school years (EU simulation 2019 admin team member). She attaches great importance to environmental issues. She even played Greta Thunberg in a committee at the EU simulation 2019 event and attended 2019 ESOGUMUN as a delegate. She took part in the operation team of 2021 ESOGUMUN . She also participated in the 2022 LEAP JEAN MONNET project. She is a project partnership officer at YEAP. |

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