

ÇORLU MUNICIPALITY

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

D.2. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
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D.2.1. PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Municipality
Is the partner organisation a public body?	Yes
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes
D.2.2. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
<p>Please briefly present the partner organisation/group (e.g. its type, scope of work, areas of activity and if applicable, approximate number of paid/unpaid staff, learners and members of the group).</p> <p>Çorlu Municipality is a public institution established in 1877, located in northwestern Türkiye. Serving a population of nearly 300,000 residents—including approximately 90,000 young people—the municipality operates with more than 1,000 employees and 28 directorates. Its service areas span a wide spectrum including urban planning, social services, youth work, cultural development, infrastructure, environmental sustainability, climate action, and international cooperation.</p> <p>The municipality holds a strategic vision that combines local development with European values. Through its Strategy Development Directorate, Çorlu Municipality designs, coordinates, and implements national and EU-funded projects, particularly in the fields of youth empowerment, inclusion of disadvantaged groups, climate resilience, and active citizenship. The municipality has successfully participated in multiple cross-border initiatives, including Erasmus+ KA210-YOU, Black Sea Basin programmes, and bilateral cooperation projects.</p> <p>Çorlu is a signatory of the Covenant of Mayors and completed its Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) in 2023. One of the flagship implementations of this plan is the Carport Model Solar Energy System Project, developed in partnership with the Central Project Management Agency (CPMA) and supported by the European Union.</p>	

Internationally recognized for its active European engagement, Çorlu was named European Sports City 2020 by ACES Europe, received the European Diploma in 2022, and was awarded the European Honour Flag in 2025, becoming the only Turkish municipality to receive the distinction that year.

The municipality also actively celebrates and contributes to European values through events such as European Mobility Week, European Local Democracy Week, Europe Day, European Week of Sport, and International Yoga Day. It fosters citizen participation through the establishment of Children's, Women's, and Disabled Councils, and is currently forming a Youth Council to enhance democratic engagement among young residents.

In addition, Çorlu Municipality places strong emphasis on social inclusion. A recent example includes the project *"Empowering Women through Vocational Training"*, funded by the UK's Bilateral Cooperation Programme, which provided 70 Roman mothers with training and economic inclusion opportunities.

The municipality is a member of various international networks, such as the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye, NALAS (Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe), and BABLE Smart Cities. It holds ISO 9001 and ISO 27001 certifications, ensuring quality and secure urban governance practices.

Çorlu Municipality remains committed to strengthening its international partnerships and enhancing its institutional capacity in line with EU standards, with a particular focus on youth participation, solidarity, and sustainability.

What are the activities and experience of the partner organisation in the areas relevant for this project?

Çorlu Municipality has extensive experience in youth engagement, social inclusion, and international cooperation, all of which are directly relevant to the objectives of this seminar. The municipality coordinates EU-funded projects through its Strategy Development Directorate and actively works with young people, including NEET youth and disadvantaged groups, to promote participation, empowerment, and equal opportunities.

In recent years, Çorlu has implemented Erasmus+ KA210-YOU projects focused on entrepreneurship and democratic participation for rural and economically disadvantaged youth. The municipality also delivers local youth-focused initiatives such as the "Çorlu's Blossoms" scholarship programme and inclusive events targeting children, women, and disabled youth. Structures such as Children's, Women's, and Disabled Councils ensure participatory governance, and the municipality is currently establishing a Youth Council to further institutionalise youth involvement in local decision-making.

Çorlu is also highly committed to European values and visibility through activities like European Mobility Week, European Local Democracy Week, and Europe Day. It has been awarded several recognitions, including the European Sports City (2020), European Diploma (2022), and European Honour Flag (2025). As a signatory of the Covenant of Mayors, it actively implements sustainability and climate-related policies such as its SECAP and renewable energy initiatives.

With a strong administrative structure of 28 directorates and more than 1,000 staff members, the municipality is well-equipped to coordinate and scale up international youth-focused initiatives. Çorlu Municipality is now seeking to expand its efforts by integrating the European Solidarity Corps programme into its youth strategies to further promote active citizenship and solidarity in the local community.

What are the skills and/or expertise of key persons involved in this project?
<p>Çorlu Municipality operates with a strong institutional structure comprising 28 directorates and more than 1,000 employees, including experienced directors, engineers, urban planners, social workers, youth experts, environmental specialists, and cultural coordinators. Many of our department heads and key staff members have significant experience in the implementation of EU projects, participatory urban governance, youth empowerment, and social inclusion policies. The Youth and Sports Services Directorate, Culture and Social Affairs Directorate, and Strategy Development Directorate in particular play active roles in designing and implementing youth-oriented and international cooperation projects.</p> <p>One of the key persons involved in this project is Eren Yavaş, Project Engineer at the Strategy Development Directorate. He is responsible for developing and coordinating European and national-level projects on behalf of the municipality. Eren holds training and practical experience in Project Cycle Management (PCM) techniques, EU funding instruments, and youth participation strategies. He has been actively involved in various Erasmus+, climate action, and social inclusion projects and frequently collaborates with local and international partners.</p>

<p>Has the partner organisation participated in a European Union granted project in the 3 years preceding this application? (Yes/No)</p> <p>Yes. Çorlu Municipality has actively participated in several EU-funded and internationally supported projects within the last three years. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erasmus+ KA210-YOU (2024): Supporting NEET youth through entrepreneurship and employment initiatives. • Erasmus+ Sport – "NO FIRE" Project (2022): An international partnership on sports and fire prevention awareness. • UK Embassy Bilateral Programme – "Empowering Women through Vocational Training" (2023–2024): A project supported by the British Embassy in Türkiye, focusing on the economic inclusion of Roman mothers in Çorlu. • Black Sea Basin CBC – "Green Mascot" and "Green Map" Projects: Cross-border cooperation projects promoting environmental awareness and sustainable development. • EU4Energy Transition – Covenant of Mayors in the Western Balkans and Türkiye (2023): Support for energy transition and climate action planning at the local level. • SECAP (Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan): Completed in 2023 as part of the Covenant of Mayors initiative. • Covenant of Mayors Membership: Active commitment to EU climate targets and sustainable urban governance. • European Diploma • European Honour of Flag 	
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