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PART B. PROFILE OF THE PROMOTER	
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Private (PR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public (PB)
Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Association/NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Informal group of young people (NFP-IGYP)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Public Authority / Municipality
Activity level	<input type="checkbox"/> Local (L) <input type="checkbox"/> National (N) <input type="checkbox"/> European (E) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International (I)

BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE
Please briefly present the partner organization.
<p>İlkadım Municipality, whose name translates to 'First Step,' holds a place of national pride as it commemorates the site where Mustafa Kemal Atatürk took the first step towards Turkish independence on May 19, 1919. This foundational spirit of pioneering and progress is woven into the fabric of our modern mission.</p> <p>Established in 1994 as a subordinate municipality to the Samsun Metropolitan Municipality, İlkadım has grown significantly. Following the integration of the Gazi and Yeşilkent municipalities in 2008, it solidified its position as one of Samsun's four central districts. Today, it stands as the most populous and developed district not only in the city but in the entire Black Sea Region, serving as a vibrant administrative, commercial, and social hub. As the heart of the region, we are deeply committed to driving sustainable urban development, preserving our rich heritage, and fostering a cohesive community for all our citizens.</p> <p>Building on this identity, our vision is clear. In line with our 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, we aim to take a pioneering role in green transformation, digitalization, social inclusion, and disaster resilience. We are committed to developing innovative solutions through international collaborations to contribute to the sustainable development of our city and turn this forward-looking vision into a reality for our community.</p>
What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application?
<p>İlkadım Municipality's experience is rooted in its dual role as both a provider of essential public services and an innovator of community-focused projects. Alongside our statutory municipal duties—which include <b>environmental and cleaning services, green space management, spatial planning and zoning, transport, cultural and social affairs, licensing, and inspection</b>—we actively design and implement initiatives that go beyond these core responsibilities. These projects directly address the needs of our community and align with key European priorities, demonstrated through our experience in several core pillars:</p>

## 1. Social Support and Inclusion

- **Ata Ocağı Daytime Life Center:** A social and cultural hub for the elderly, focusing on promoting active and healthy aging through various activities.
- **Şefkat Evi (Compassion House):** A center providing temporary shelter and rehabilitation services for homeless citizens.
- **"Our Neighborhood" Project:** A social integration initiative aimed at strengthening community solidarity and neighborly relations through local festivals and meetings.
- **Food Bank:** A social assistance model that provides regular food packages and support to families in need.
- **İlkadım Card:** A social support card that enables families in need to purchase essential goods from contracted local businesses.
- **Barrier-Free Taxi:** A specially equipped vehicle service designed to facilitate urban transportation for citizens with disabilities.
- **"Welcome Baby" Project:** An initiative involving visits to new parents to provide a gift set of essential baby items.

## 2. Women, Family, and Children

- **Hanimeli Mansion and Cultural Houses:** Centers that organize vocational, social, and personal development courses and workshops for women.
- **Women's Handicraft Markets:** Regular markets and exhibitions that provide a platform for women to sell their handmade products to generate income.
- **İlkadım Children's Traffic Education Park:** An education park designed to teach children traffic rules and safety through hands-on practice.
- **Mobile Game Workshop and Library Project:** A DOKAP-funded mobile project that reaches children in rural and disadvantaged neighborhoods, offering them access to educational games and reading opportunities.

## 3. Youth, Education, and Sports

- **Student Stop:** A social space offering free soup, tea, and internet access to high school and university students.
- **İlkadım Youth Center (İLK GEM):** A comprehensive center providing study rooms, a library, and a wide range of artistic and sporting activities for young people.
- **İlkadım E-Sports Center:** A technology and gaming hub established to help young people develop digital skills and socialize.

## 4. Environment and Sustainability

- **1st Class Waste Collection Center:** A model facility for Türkiye where citizens can deposit 14 different types of recyclable waste.
- **Kalkancı Zero Waste Neighborhood Project:** A pilot project implementing a comprehensive zero-waste model through the active participation of households.
- **"Transformation Will Be Magnificent" Project:** An extensive education and awareness campaign to promote zero-waste and recycling consciousness in schools and households.
- **Pati Park (Paw Park):** A specially designed park area to meet the feeding and recreational needs of stray animals.

## 5. Culture, Art, and Tourism

- **Open-Air Film Screenings:** Free cinema nights held in various neighborhoods during the summer months.
- **Neighborhood Festivals and Concerts:** Public cultural events featuring local artists that enhance community spirit and social interaction.

## 6. Disaster Management and Resilience

- **İlkadım Disaster Education Center:** A center offering earthquake simulations, first aid, and basic disaster awareness training to citizens and students.

## 7. Participatory Governance and Urban Democracy

- **İlkadım City Council:** A democratic participation platform that brings together all urban stakeholders (public bodies, private sector, NGOs, citizens) to contribute to the city's governance through a culture of consensus. It aims to be the voice of all segments of society through its sub-councils for women, youth, and persons with disabilities.

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

The project team is composed of multidisciplinary experts with extensive and complementary experience in technical design, strategic project management, and social innovation, ensuring a holistic and effective approach to the project's implementation.

### 1. Emel Dede - Project Coordinator, Engineering & Smart City Innovation Summary of Expertise

Emel Dede combines 15 years of municipal experience with a dual academic background as a Computer Engineer and a Master of Transportation Engineer. In her 7 years as R&D personnel, she has specialized in developing innovative solutions and managing complex, multi-stakeholder projects. As a seasoned Project Coordinator for numerous national and international initiatives, she has a proven track record of successfully managing all phases of the project cycle, from initial planning and risk management to final reporting. Her expertise lies in bridging the gap between technical engineering solutions and strategic urban development goals.

#### Key Skills & Competencies:

- **Project Cycle Management:** Extensive experience as a Project Coordinator managing the planning, execution, monitoring, risk analysis, and reporting for national and international projects.
- **Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships:** Proven ability to develop and manage partnerships with universities, NGOs, the private sector, and other public institutions.
- **Engineering & IT Expertise:** High technical knowledge in smart transportation systems, smart city applications and database management.
- **Grant Management:** Experienced in the application, implementation, and reporting processes for various grant programs, including JICA, EU (IPA, Horizon, Erasmus+), and TÜBİTAK.
- **Strategic Planning:** Strong competencies in strategic planning, performance management, innovative solution design, and ensuring the effective use of resources.

## **2. Mehmet Ali YILMAZ - Technical Lead, Architectural Design & 3D Visualization**

As an Interior Architect and 3D/CGI Artist, Mehmet ali YILMAZ brings high-level technical expertise in architectural project development and advanced 3D visualization. In his role within the municipality's R&D Department, he has managed the technical lifecycle of projects, from needs analysis and cost estimation to interdisciplinary coordination and final visual documentation. He is an expert in leading projects to successful completion on time and within budget, ensuring the highest quality visual standards are met.

### **Key Skills & Competencies:**

- **Architectural & Technical Design:** Proficient in creating requirement programs, managing cost estimates, developing technical specifications, and ensuring coordination between structural, mechanical, and electrical disciplines.
- **Advanced 3D Visualization:** Expert-level proficiency in 3ds Max, Lumion, and AutoCAD for modeling, lighting, animation, and producing photorealistic renders.
- **Project & Quality Control:** Manages design coordination, revision control, technical document verification, and tracks quality and deadlines throughout the project lifecycle.
- **Training & Capacity Building:** Acts as an educator, providing basic and advanced training in key design software and contributing to internal knowledge transfer and quality assurance processes.

## **3. Kaan AY - Project Officer, Social Innovation & Youth Engagement**

Kaan AY is a Project Officer in the R&D Department with a degree in Economics from Hacettepe University and extensive experience in civil society. He specializes in designing and managing innovative projects focused on local governance, disaster awareness, and social inclusion. His hands-on experience as a founder of a community-based association, a youth worker, and an international volunteer provides a unique, ground-up perspective on stakeholder engagement, community mobilization, and youth participation.

### **Key Skills & Competencies:**

- **EU Project Development:** Skilled in grant writing and project development for EU-funded programs such as Erasmus+ and Horizon Europe.
- **Stakeholder Engagement & Capacity Building:** Strong background in fostering youth participation and building capacity within both civil society and local government contexts.
- **Project Design & Implementation:** Has designed and implemented various local and international projects focusing on social inclusion and cultural exchange.

### **Key Professional & Volunteering Experience:**

- **Youth Worker, International Innovation Association (UIDER):** Since 2022, he has been leading and supporting youth-focused initiatives.
- **Founder, Bridge to the Future Association:** Coordinates community-based projects and fosters cross-sector partnerships.

- **International Volunteer, European Voluntary Service (EVS):** Gained international experience in Porto, Portugal (2016–2017), working directly with children and individuals with disabilities at the Associação Recreativa Cultural Social de Silveirinhos.

#### **Leadership & Representative Roles:**

- Held several leadership roles including Student Representative at Hacettepe University and Board Member of the Young Entrepreneurs Council of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey.

#### **4. Sümeyye Çöl - Project Officer, Bioengineering & Sustainable Development**

Sümeyye Çöl serves as a Project Officer in the R&D Department, bringing a unique perspective with her academic background in Bioengineering. She is actively involved in the entire project lifecycle, from monitoring local and EU grant opportunities to project development, writing, and implementation. Her expertise includes budget creation and navigating the procedures of national and international funding programs. Her sectoral knowledge in environment, biotechnology, and sustainability, combined with previous experience in veterinary services and animal welfare, makes her a valuable asset for interdisciplinary projects.

#### **Key Skills & Competencies:**

- **Grant & Project Development:** Proficient in tracking grant calls (including EU funds), developing project ideas, and managing writing and application processes.
- **Budgeting & Resource Planning:** Experienced in creating project budgets and planning resources in line with funding requirements.
- **Technical & Digital Skills:** Possesses intermediate skills in 3D modeling and visualization using software like AutoCAD and 3ds Max for producing technical drawings and visual materials.
- **Interdisciplinary Knowledge:** Combines a background in bioengineering with an interest in sustainability, urban development, and animal welfare, enabling a creative and innovative approach to problem-solving.
- **Teamwork & Communication:** Strong skills in analytical thinking, interdisciplinary teamwork, and effective communication with stakeholders to achieve project objectives.