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İSTANBUL PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATE OF YOUTH AND SPORT





MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

of the Republic of Türkiye

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BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE OF IGSİM

Brief description of the Organisation:

The Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports is a public institution operating under the Republic of Türkiye's Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The institution supports young people's active participation in society by enabling them to spend their leisure time through social, cultural, artistic, and sports activities in line with their interests, needs, and abilities. At the same time, it carries out preventive activities aimed at protecting young people from harmful habits.

Operating in Istanbul, Türkiye's largest city, the Directorate implements non-formal education-based activities through its youth centres, sports facilities, and student dormitories. It encourages young people's participation in decision-making processes and supports the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups.

The institution has strong practical experience in youth work, inclusive and grassroots sports, volunteering, social inclusion, and capacity building in the youth field.

Aims & Objectives

The Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports aims to support the educational, professional, cultural, and mental development of young people, especially those with fewer opportunities due to social, economic, or geographical barriers. The institution promotes accessible and grassroots sports for all, encourages the participation of women in sports, and works to make sports an integral part of social life.

It seeks to strengthen young people's active citizenship skills, employability, and transition to the labour market, while encouraging national and international mobility for young volunteers, interns, and youth workers. The institution also adopts preventive approaches focusing on well-being, awareness, resilience, and healthy lifestyles.

In addition, it promotes volunteering, democracy, human rights, gender equality, social inclusion, and solidarity, supports non-formal learning, and carries out inclusive activities for migrants, refugees, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups. Through cooperation with universities, it also provides accommodation opportunities for university students and supports volunteering-based community service activities.



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Fields of Activity and Target Groups

The Istanbul Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports carries out its activities in three main areas: youth work, sports, and student dormitory services.

Youth Centre Activities

Youth centres support young people's social development and peer interaction by organising cultural and historical visits, social and cultural workshops, camps, and sports activities. Throughout 2025, a total of 2,082,290 young people were reached through youth centres, youth camps, and mobility activities.

Sports Activities

To help children discover their sporting talents at an early age, sports screening programmes are carried out in schools, in line with athlete development programmes and in cooperation with sports federations. Outdoor sports events are organised for individuals who do not regularly use sports facilities. The institution supports both amateur and professional sports for children, young people, and adults.

According to 2025 data, 28,000 sports competitions were organised in cooperation with 4,020 different schools. Through 60 sports facilities, 1,054,145 young people were reached through sports activities. Special training sessions are organised to support older people in maintaining daily physical activity, and tailored sports programmes are planned for persons with disabilities.

Dormitory Activities

In addition to meeting the accommodation needs of university students, youth work activities are carried out in dormitory campuses by providing nutrition services, sports opportunities, libraries, and social spaces. In 2025, 67,202 young people benefited from these services across 39 student dormitories.

Target Group

Field of Activity	Target Group
Sports Activities	Individuals aged 6 and above
Youth Work Activities	Young people aged 12–29
Dormitory Services	University students
Inclusive Activities	Persons with disabilities (all age groups)



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Physical Capacity:

The institution carries out its activities through 17 youth centres, 60 sports facilities, 35 student dormitories, and 3 nature camps. Its infrastructure includes:

- Youth centres
- Sports facilities
- Nature camps and training areas
- Student dormitories
- Equipment and technical resources

Human Resources:

The institution operates with 3,354 full-time staff members in various roles, including:

- Youth workers
- Sports specialists
- Trainers and instructors
- Coaches in 60 different sports disciplines
- Dietitians
- Psychologists
- Engineers
- Support staff

Fields of Expertise

Key thematic areas in which the organisation has strong experience include:

- Youth work and youth centres
- Sports and grassroots physical activities
- Coaching and sports training programmes
- Volunteering and active citizenship
- Social inclusion and work with disadvantaged groups
- Digital skills and digital youth work
- Non-formal education and lifelong learning
- Promoting the participation of women and disadvantaged groups in sports
- International youth and sports mobility activities
- Capacity building in the youth and sports fields
- Management of a wide network of sports facilities, including stadiums



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Types of Projects of Interest

- Training courses, seminars, and study visits
- Youth exchanges
- Staff mobility
- Sports projects
- Capacity building
- Strategic partnerships
- Volunteering projects
- Social sports events and activities

Value We Bring

- Strong infrastructure with sports facilities, youth centres, and camps
- Qualified coaches and youth workers
- Reliable project management experience
- A welcoming environment in culturally rich Istanbul
- Commitment to long-term cooperation with partners

Role in Projects & Cooperation Interests

- Project coordination
- Delivery of trainings and workshops
- Dissemination and communication activities
- Organisation of local events and field activities
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Cooperation based on sharing good practices and mutual learning
- Capacity to host and implement international trainings, exchanges, and mobility activities

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Eurodesk Network

Accreditation type

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Skills and expertise of key

staff/persons

Muhittin ÖZBAY

Provincial Director

Muhittin Özbay is the highest-level executive of the institution and has an educational background in sports sciences. He combines the roles of administrator, teacher, and sports coach. He is responsible for strategic planning, decision-making processes, internal coordination, and the overall management of projects. He has experience in youth work implemented under the Erasmus+ accreditation, as well as in the planning and implementation of centrally coordinated sports projects.

With experience in the implementation of youth and sports policies at both national and international levels, Mr. Özbay works closely with the Minister of Youth and Sports and the Governor of Istanbul. In this context, he plays an active role in strengthening cooperation with universities, civil society organisations, and other stakeholders, and in increasing youth and sports investments in Istanbul.

Nejla ASLAN

Coordinator

Nejla Aslan has been working as a youth worker at the Ministry of Youth and Sports since 2014. She holds a Master's degree in Social Project Management and Organisation. She has strong experience in volunteering and actively supports young people by mentoring them in project management through her voluntary involvement in various civil society organisations.

She has served as a camp coordinator in youth camps, delivering training on outdoor living skills and personal development for disadvantaged young people and persons with disabilities from different regions. Her work is based on inclusive approaches, teamwork, and learning through experience. She has experience in international youth projects and is actively involved in project coordination, implementation processes, and cooperation with international partners.

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Experience in Strategic Partnerships

Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges and Trainer Courses hosted in Istanbul, as well as mobility activities implemented through our organisation's international programmes.

Now Is The Time	24-27.05.2023	18 Participants	3 countries
Youth Workers Now More Sportive	02-13.05.2023	36 Participants	6 countries
Multiculturalism: Accept it, Embrace it, Celebrate it!	02-10.05.2023	49 Participants	9 countries
Active Volunteering Summit	26-29.04.2023	50 Participants	2 countries
Inclusion Alertness	24-27.04.2023	10 Participants	4 countries
Greeneed Youth Work	09-20.03.2023	42 Participants	7 countries
Upcycling Recycling Creativity In Practice	10-20.03.2023	56 Participants	6 countries
Trees On, Deforestation Gone	28.02.2023-09.03.2023	56 Participants	8 countries
More Effective Youth Work With Digital Tools	26.02.2023-09.03.2023	36 Participants	6 countries
Gender Tool-Kit	5-14.01.2023	20 Participants	4 countries
Do It Green	4-15.01.2023	48 Participants	5 countries
Recovery+	8-16.11.2022	45 Participants	8 countries
Social Game-Changers	8-16.11.2022	45 Participants	7 countries
International Mobility Programme	19-25.11.2022	15 Participants	2 countries
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Staff/Expert Mobility Programme	23-29.01.2023	11 Participants	2 countries
Staff/Expert Mobility Programme	06-12.02.2023	14 Participants	2 countries
Volunteer Internship Programme	27.09.2021-09.11.2021	7 Participants	1 countries
Staff/Expert Mobility Programme	6-12.11.2021	7 Participants	2 countries
Staff/Expert Mobility Programme	15-21.11.2023	7 Participants	2 countries



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Other Erasmus+ activities implemented in cooperation with our partners, including youth exchanges, trainer courses, and international mobility activities.

Flow-Training of Trainers	KA220-YOU-2024
From Uniting Youth to Strong Empowerment	KA153-YOU-2024
Skaitmeninis Kompasas - Job shadowing (staff mobility) & Group mobility of adult learners	122-ADU-2024
Atom of the Future- Job shadowing & Student group mobility	122-SCH-2024
Addressing Gender Issues at Youth Work 2.0	KA153-YOU-2024
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Supporting Integration of Ukrainian Refugees: The Human Library Method	KA152-YOU-2024

Erasmus+ Projects - Partner Role

Erasmus Sport -2025-101246139	Mind and Motion
2023-1-TR01-KA154-YOU-000143230	Gençlerin Öncülüğünde Afetlere Karşı Hep Birlikte
2022-3-TR01-KA154-YOU-000097089	Girişimcilikte Kadın, İşte Kadın
2022-3-TR01-KA154-YOU-000102541	YOUTH HUMANITARIAN AID
2021-2-TR01-KA154-YOU-000040252	GENÇ TÜRKİYE DİPLOMASİ FORUMU
2021-2-TR01-KA154-YOU-000040971	Türkiye Etkin Gönüllük Zirvesi

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