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Combating Digital Disinformation



Erasmus+ Youth Exchange
(KA152)



About the Project



This project focuses on the problem of misinformation and disinformation that young people frequently encounter in the digital age. Misleading content spreading on social media and digital platforms makes it difficult for youth to access accurate information, increasing the critical importance of media literacy and critical thinking skills.

The core methodology and group dynamics of the project are shaped around the fundamental values of the digital age: Media Literacy and Critical Thinking Skills.

The main objective is to establish an intercultural dialogue environment where participants from diverse backgrounds can meet, work together, and share experiences. Through the scenario analysis method, the project aims to develop young people's critical thinking, digital literacy, and problem-solving skills, thereby increasing their capacity to analyze false information and develop accurate strategies. This environment reinforces mutual understanding and supports the creation of meaningful international relationships.

Furthermore, this project offers youth the opportunity to take an active role not just as participants, but also in preparing, planning, organizing, and implementing the intercultural exchange. Participants will experience a hands-on, collaborative learning journey throughout the entire process.

Project Objectives:



- Contribute to the development of core skills such as problem-solving and critical thinking.
- Support innovative learning practices, specifically Scenario Analysis and project-based methodology.
- Strengthen inclusive and youth-centered learning, designed with inclusive approaches that ensure the active participation of youth with different learning profiles.
- Increase cooperation and knowledge sharing at the European level. Activities will support a culture of democratic participation, improving joint decision-making skills as youth from various cultures collaborate.
- Support skills in problem identification, digital literacy, and solution generation within digital environments using digital tools

Participant Profile

The project will host a total of 24 young people aged 16-20 from Türkiye and project partner countries.

Expected Characteristics:

- Open to intercultural learning.
- Motivated to show active participation.
- Prone to teamwork.

Target Group Focus:

This project is specifically oriented towards youth who possess basic digital literacy, actively use social media, are open to collaboration and critical thinking, and value the learning-by-doing approach.

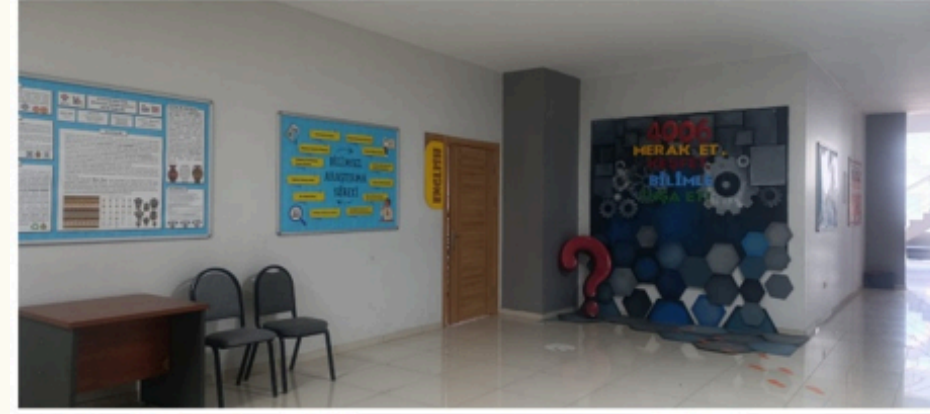
Venue & Host City: Sakarya



Sakarya is a developed province located in the Marmara Region, prominent for its industry, agriculture, and natural beauty. Situated strategically between Istanbul and Ankara, the city hosts rich water resources such as the Sakarya River and Sapanca Lake. Sakarya Science and Art Center (BİLSEM) is located in Erenler, the central district of Sakarya.



About the Host Institution (BİLSEM):



- Sakarya Science and Art Center is a public, independent special education institution located 3 km from the city center in the Erenler district. It was established to enable gifted youth (selected through a special examination) to recognize their individual talents and utilize them at the highest level.

Daily Programme

- Day 1
- Travel & Arrival of participants.
- Day 2
- Presentation of the activity program, local culture seminar, Workshop (Fake news, disinformation, and manipulation status in partner countries), cultural visits, welcome dinner.
- Day 3
- Youthpass session, Digital Disinformation workshop, poster designing, painting, coloring, interactive games.
- Day 4
- Symposium/Workshop, Cultural Night.
- Day 5
- Official visits to Sakarya Provincial Directorate of National Education and Erenler District Governorship, followed by a study visit to the news and media portal.
- Day 6
- Erasmus+ experience sharing session and excursion to Poyrazlar Lake.
- Day 7
- Final day survey, "Youth Against Disinformation" exhibition, Certificate Ceremony, evaluation meeting.
- Day 8
- Travel & Departure of participants. Evaluation of final surveys, implementation and control of dissemination activities



Practical Arrangements & Financial Conditions

Accommodation & Transport:

Participants will stay in a suitable hotel arranged by BİLSEM in Turkey. Local transportation between the hotel and activity venues will be provided via shuttles organized by our institution.

Travel Budget & Reimbursement:

What is covered? Accommodation, food, and all activity costs are fully covered and free of charge for participants.

Travel Cost: Travel expenses will be reimbursed within the framework of the Erasmus+ distance calculator grant limits.



Reimbursement Procedure:



Following the completion of the Youth Exchange, the project coordinator will collect all original invoices, travel tickets, and boarding passes to process the reimbursement payments for travel expenditures.

CRITICAL TRANSPORT NOTE:



Participants must only purchase their travel tickets after receiving explicit confirmation and approval of their travel plan from the "Sakarya Bilsem".

Important Health & Insurance Requirement:



According to Erasmus+ regulations, all participants must hold one of the following valid documents covering the entire mobility period, including travel days:

- A valid Travel Health Insurance policy.
- A European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

Application & Contact

Organizations wishing to participate in the project must submit their PIF documents—which outline their motivation for the project, their relevance to it, and their experience—to cagatayozkan@hotmail.com. Selected participants will be announced by July 15.

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