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Erasmus Partner Identification

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13- Non-Profit (Yes/No)	YES



Please briefly present the organisation

AYEV Association is an organisation that reflects on Ayvalık, cares about the problems of the city, and works to collect documents, information, ephemera, photographs and all archivable materials related to the region without any concern for identity politics. It also supports both academic and local researchers who work on Ayvalık. The association aims to preserve, make visible and transfer Ayvalık's local memory, cultural heritage, social history and historical background to future generations.

In line with its aims, AYEY Association has taken part in and supported many projects and activities. Contributing to works in the fields of local history, urban culture, oral history, archival studies, cultural heritage, art, science and education, AYEY Association is not only a civil society structure that records the past of Ayvalık, but also one that contributes to the city's current social, cultural and educational life. The association works together with local people, researchers, experts, artists, educators and young people in order to make knowledge production about Ayvalık more participatory and accessible.

AYEV Association cooperates with local institutions such as Ayvalık Site Management Directorate and Ayvalık Municipality. Within the partnership carried out with Ayvalık Site Management Directorate, the association especially supports project writing, application preparation, TÜBİTAK projects, local research activities and cultural heritage based educational processes for high school students. Through these activities, young people are supported in developing project ideas, conducting research, analysing local problems, preparing application files and addressing the values of their own city within a scientific or cultural framework.

The cooperation established with Ayvalık Municipality is mainly shaped around local culture, art, science, festivals, education and social awareness activities. The association has the capacity to play an active role in the activities carried out or supported by the municipality by contributing to content development, providing expert support, supporting workshop and event processes, establishing connections with local stakeholders and making the cultural values of Ayvalık more visible. In this respect, AYEY Association has experience not only in the fields of archive and



research, but also in local education, youth work, project development and cultural and artistic activities.

AYEV Association has a strong local infrastructure in terms of Erasmus+ projects. The association works with young people in project development processes, supports project writing and application preparation in high schools, contributes to research and production based studies such as TÜBİTAK projects, carries out joint activities with local institutions and provides field experience that can integrate Ayvalık's cultural heritage into young people's learning processes. This capacity offers an important contribution to Erasmus+ projects in terms of strengthening local participation and developing young people's active citizenship, research, cultural heritage, science, art and project production skills.

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

AYEV Association has significant experience in the fields of local history, oral history, archival work, cultural heritage, education, art, science and community based learning. Since 2015, the association has carried out local oral history interviews with more than 50 people from Ayvalık and its surroundings. These interviews have been recorded and made accessible to researchers through the "Ayvalık Visual Archive" on YouTube, which includes approximately 670 videos. This work shows the association's long term commitment to documenting local memory and making it available for academic, cultural and community based research.

The association has also produced documentary and visual content for Ayvalık Municipality under the titles "Ayvalık Notes" and "The Story of the City". These productions contributed to the visibility of Ayvalık's urban memory, local stories, historical background and cultural identity. Through these works, AYEYV has gained experience in transforming local knowledge into accessible visual materials that can be used for awareness raising, education and cultural promotion.

In 2019 and 2020, AYEYV Association organised presentations under the title "Notes on the History of Ayvalık" at the Ayvalık branch of the Association for Supporting Contemporary Life. These presentations introduced the archaeological and historical values of Ayvalık and its surrounding area. This experience strengthened the



association's capacity to communicate historical and cultural knowledge to the local community through public presentations and educational activities.

AYEV Association also carries out a presentation series titled "Ayvalık Notes from A to Z". In this programme, information about the city's identity, culture, memory and local heritage is presented through different themes based on the letters of the alphabet. Approximately 25 programmes have been organised within the last year. This series contributes to the systematic documentation and public sharing of Ayvalık's cultural and historical background.

Another important activity of the association is "The Story of the City" conversation series. This is an oral history based programme where people who carry and transmit the memory of the city are invited and recorded. The programme has been continuing for approximately one year and 14 guests have been hosted so far. Through this activity, AYEV creates a bridge between different generations and helps preserve personal memories, local narratives and urban experiences that might otherwise be forgotten.

In addition to its oral history and archival work, AYEV Association organises author talks, book signing events, artist meetings and guest events with scientists and experts from different fields. These activities create a local meeting point for culture, art, literature, science and public learning. Through the Atölye Ayvada platform, the association and its local partners have also hosted various workshops and events related to art, science, culture, children's activities, literature, creative production and expert based learning. These activities show that the organisation has experience not only in research and documentation, but also in designing participatory educational and cultural activities for different target groups.

The association's experience is directly relevant to this Erasmus+ application because it combines cultural heritage, youth learning, local research, non formal education and community participation. AYEV has the capacity to support young people in understanding local history, conducting research, developing project ideas, documenting cultural heritage and transforming local knowledge into creative outputs. Its cooperation with Ayvalık Site Management Directorate, Ayvalık Municipality, schools, researchers, artists, educators and local experts provides a strong local network for project implementation.

Within this application, AYEV's previous activities can contribute especially to sessions on cultural heritage, local identity, oral history, archival research,



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storytelling, visual documentation, city memory and active citizenship. The organisation can support field visits, expert meetings, interviews, local research activities, workshops and dissemination outputs. Its experience with high school students, project writing, TÜBİTAK projects, local presentations, documentary content and cultural events makes AYEV a relevant and capable organisation for Erasmus+ projects focusing on youth participation, heritage awareness, creativity, research skills and community engagement.

Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application and on the competences and previous experience that they will bring to the project

The project will be implemented with the support of the key staff and members of AYEV Association, who have strong experience in local history, cultural heritage, education, project coordination, field research, social activities and community based learning. Although AYEV Association is a newly developing organisation at institutional level, its team has long standing academic, cultural, educational and social work experience. The team members provide a qualified basis for Erasmus+ projects through their strong research and writing skills, local field knowledge, project development experience, educational background and capacity to carry out social activities. The association has started to develop work in the Erasmus+ field and has begun to take an active role in project idea development, application preparation and project writing processes for the Turkish National Agency, especially with young people at high school level.

Taylan KÖKEN, President of AYEV Association, will contribute to the project with his strong local knowledge, experience in cultural heritage interpretation and practical experience in organising local activities. He has published column articles under the title “Looking at Ayvalık” in Ayvalık Municipality’s “Ayda Bir Ayvalık” magazine for 30 issues, focusing on the archaeology, history and other values of the city. He organises cultural and historical visits to promote Ayvalık and its surroundings and provides guidance by sharing accurate information about buildings, public spaces and local architectural examples that reflect the history and memory of the city. He is also the producer and implementer of many association activities. His strong



knowledge of Ayvalık's cultural and natural heritage routes will be an important contribution to field visits, local discovery activities and cultural heritage sessions within the project. He is also part of the team preparing books for Ayvalık Municipality Culture Publications and has an important archive related to local studies on Ayvalık. In Erasmus+ projects, he will play an important role in transferring local cultural heritage to young people, designing field based learning activities, establishing links with local stakeholders and presenting Ayvalık's cultural values accurately to international participants.

Dr. Berrin AKIN AKBÜBER, Member of the Board, will contribute to the project with her strong academic expertise, educational experience, project writing and project management background. She holds a PhD in Art History and her academic field of expertise is Ayvalık architecture. Her doctoral thesis on the industrial heritage of Ayvalık is one of the most comprehensive studies carried out on the city. She has more than 15 articles on the cultural heritage of Ayvalık. She coordinates the association's projects and is the coordinator of important current projects related to the city, such as Ayvalık Urban History, Urban Fabric and Müzem Ayvalık. She has 25 years of teaching experience, including 15 years in centres working with gifted students. In these project based educational institutions, she gained extensive experience in project development and implementation.

Dr. Berrin AKIN AKBÜBER has also started to take an active role in Erasmus+ project development, application preparation and project idea development processes with young people. She carries out work with students in high schools on project writing, TÜBİTAK projects and Erasmus+ project applications that can be submitted to the Turkish National Agency. Therefore, she will bring not only academic expertise to the project, but also capacity in application writing, educational design, project development with young people, activity planning and institutional coordination. She was the coordinator of the TÜBİTAK 4005 10th Innovative Education Practices Support Programme project titled "Integration of Sportive Educational Games into Science and Art Centre Support Education Activities", implemented between 3 and 6 October 2022. In addition, she serves as the Site Manager at Ayvalık Site Management Directorate, which was established to carry out work related to Ayvalık's heritage under the title "Ayvalık Industrial Landscape", included in the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List. Within this project, she will contribute to project coordination, development of educational content, preparation of cultural heritage sessions, strengthening cooperation with local institutions, linking



Erasmus+ learning objectives with local heritage work and integrating UNESCO related heritage studies into youth learning activities.

Dr. Cihangir AKBÜBER, Member of the Board, will support the project with his academic background, environmental perspective, project coordination experience and long standing educational experience. He holds a PhD in environmental toxicology and uses this expertise to support academic studies related to Ayvalık's natural heritage. He also contributes to the coordination of association projects. During his 25 years of teaching experience, he has taken part in many educational and social projects. His expertise will provide an important contribution to Erasmus+ activities where cultural heritage and natural heritage are addressed together, especially in the fields of environmental awareness, local sustainability, community based learning and strengthening young people's relationship with the environment. Within this project, he will support the coordination of activities, development of educational content, implementation of workshops, social activities and the connection between environmental issues and local heritage.

Ufuk KIRCA, Member of AYEVA Association, is an archaeologist working in the Ayvalık Site Management Directorate within the scope of UNESCO World Heritage related studies on Ayvalık. He contributes to the association's projects with his knowledge of archaeology, cultural heritage and field based learning. He also carries out association projects related to sky observation and astronomy. In addition, he organises activities and workshops for children on cultural and natural heritage. His experience in working with different age groups, designing practical workshops and explaining heritage related topics in an accessible way will contribute to the project's non formal learning dimension. Within the Erasmus+ project, he will support field visits, archaeology and heritage sessions, youth workshops, astronomy based learning activities and social activities that encourage young people to explore their local environment.

Fatih KURUNAZ, Member of AYEVA Association, is an architect working in the Ayvalık Site Management Directorate within the scope of UNESCO World Heritage related studies on Ayvalık. He contributes to the association's workshops and activities in the field of Ayvalık's cultural heritage. His architectural background and professional experience in heritage related work will be important for activities focusing on the city's historical fabric, built environment, local architecture and the relationship between cultural heritage and daily life. He also supports the association's social and cultural activities, especially in processes that bring together



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young people, local residents and experts through workshops, field activities and public events. Within the Erasmus+ project, he will contribute to the design and implementation of cultural heritage workshops, urban exploration activities, visual documentation, local architecture sessions, fieldwork with young people and community based social activities.

This team shows that AYEVA Association has strong human resources, although it is a newly developing organisation. The team members are both strong researchers and writers, as well as active social actors working in the field. Their experience in cultural heritage, oral history, local research, education, UNESCO related heritage work, architecture, archaeology, environmental studies, project coordination, social activities, TÜBİTAK projects and Erasmus+ application processes will directly support the quality of the project. The fact that AYEVA Association has started new work in the Erasmus+ field, combined with the team members' existing project writing and field experience, creates a strong and developing capacity for the project. The team will take active roles in planning, local coordination, expert sessions, field visits, workshops, documentation, dissemination, working with young people and involving local stakeholders in the process. Their knowledge of Ayvalık and their connections with local institutions will help create a meaningful link between young people, cultural heritage, active citizenship, Erasmus+ learning objectives and the local community within the project.

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