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Tavşanlı Gençlik Merkezi

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Full legal name (in English)	Tavsanlı Youth Center
Acronym	TGM
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National ID	31309333
Type or organisation	NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION
Commercial orientation	☐ For profit (P) ☒ Non for profit (NP)
Scope	☒ Local ☐ Regional ☐ National ☐ European ☐ International
Legal Status	☒ Public ☐ Private
Size (staff)	☐ Staff 1 to 10 ☒ Staff 10 to 50 ☐ Staff 51 to 250
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AIMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION

1) Please briefly present your organisation/the group.	Tavşanlı Youth Center is a public youth institution affiliated with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye. The center provides a dynamic, safe, and inclusive environment that supports the personal, social, cultural, and sportive development of young people. Its core mission is to help young people discover their talents, develop their skills, use their free time effectively, and take an active and responsible role in community and social life.
2) What are the activities and experience of the organisation in youth work? Please provide information on your organisation's / group's regular youth work activities.	The center delivers a wide range of non-formal education activities, including workshops, cultural and artistic events, sports programs, volunteering initiatives, awareness-raising campaigns, and youth-led activities. These activities are designed to strengthen young people's leadership, teamwork, communication, creativity, problem-solving, and social responsibility skills, while also supporting their well-being and self-confidence. Tavşanlı Youth Center places strong emphasis on inclusion and equal access, reaching young people from different socio-economic backgrounds, rural areas, and disadvantaged communities. By creating accessible and youth-friendly opportunities, the center ensures that participation is open, voluntary, and based on young people's interests and needs.

The center works in close cooperation with schools, universities, local authorities, public institutions, and non-governmental organizations to develop sustainable partnerships and respond effectively to local youth needs. Acting as a bridge between young people and society, Tavşanlı Youth Center encourages active citizenship, civic engagement, and social cohesion, supporting young people to become proactive, confident, and value-driven individuals who contribute positively to local and national development.

2) Tavşanlı Youth Center has extensive and long-term experience in youth work, with a strong focus on non-formal education, volunteering, sports, arts, and community engagement. The center regularly designs and implements workshops, sports events, cultural activities, and social projects that aim to promote personal development, teamwork, active citizenship, and civic responsibility among young people.

Regular youth work activities include environmental clean-up actions and awareness campaigns carried out with university students, which strengthen environmental responsibility and community involvement. The center also offers continuous art and music courses such as painting and guitar, alongside a wide range of sports activities including basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, and table tennis, supporting both physical well-being and social interaction.

Through outreach-based initiatives such as “**My Center Everywhere**” and “**Love and Mercy Team**,” Tavşanlı Youth Center actively reaches rural schools, villages, and disadvantaged communities. These initiatives ensure inclusion and equal access by bringing youth work activities directly to young people who face geographical or social barriers to participation, thereby increasing social awareness and cohesion.

In addition, the center organises creative and skills-based workshops such as “**Amigurumi Toy-Making**,” innovation and digital literacy sessions, and awareness activities on digital safety, healthy lifestyles, and social responsibility. Volunteering campaigns play a central role in youth engagement, enabling young people to take responsibility, develop leadership skills, and contribute positively to their communities.

Through strong cooperation with local institutions, schools, universities, municipalities, and NGOs, Tavşanlı Youth Center ensures continuity, quality, and sustainability in its youth work. These partnerships allow the center to respond effectively to local needs and provide young people with ongoing opportunities to develop leadership, creativity, social skills, and active citizenship competences.

3) Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application and on the competences and

Mustafa Sert – Youth Center Director & District Director of Youth and Sports

Mustafa Sert has been working within the Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports since 2017 and has served as Youth Center Director for the past six years. He has extensive experience in coordinating socio-cultural, artistic, and innovative activities for young people and acts as a project controller for the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Kütahya. His role ensures institutional reliability, quality assurance, and alignment with public youth policies. He contributes

previous
experience that
they will bring
to the project.

strategic oversight, risk management, and sustainability to the project.

Onur Şahin – Project Expert, Climate Ambassador & Youth Worker

Onur Şahin is actively involved in youth work, environmental sustainability, and project development at local, national, and international levels. He has strong experience in designing, coordinating, and implementing youth-focused projects in the fields of environment, climate action, sustainability, non-formal education, and civic participation. With an academic background in Turkish Language and Literature and Social Services, he brings strong communication, social analysis, and inclusive youth engagement skills. He has held leadership roles as Local Board President, Regional Coordinator, and currently National Director of the Environment and Sustainability Working Group at SİYAMDER, as well as Aegean Region Coordinator of Let's Do It Türkiye. He will contribute to project design, coordination, content development, facilitation, evaluation, and dissemination.

İbrahim Erdem – Youth Leader & Physical Education Coach

İbrahim Erdem holds a master's degree in Physical Education and Sports and has a strong background in youth leadership and sports training. As a licensed athlete and certified coach, he delivers regular trainings in table tennis, football, badminton, and volleyball. His experience supports healthy lifestyles, teamwork, discipline, and youth motivation. He contributes especially to physical activities, inclusion through sport, and well-being components of the project.

Gülay Erdem – Youth Leader & Physical Education Coach

Gülay Erdem is a graduate of Physical Education Teaching and Recreation. She specializes in youth guidance, cultural activities, and sports-based youth work. Her strength lies in identifying young people's needs and interests and guiding them through structured learning and participation processes. She contributes to inclusive activity design and youth engagement strategies.

Bünyamin Akın – Youth Leader & Innovation Trainer

Bünyamin Akın has been working as a youth leader since 2022 and focuses on innovation, technology, and digital skills. He provides trainings that help young people adapt to the digital world, develop creative thinking, and improve problem-solving skills. His contribution strengthens innovation, digital literacy, and future-oriented competences within the project.

Burak Alkan – Youth Leader & Civil Engineer

Burak Alkan combines his technical background as a civil engineer with youth work experience. He contributes strong planning, coordination, and problem-solving skills and plays an active role in the coordination of e-sports and technology-based youth activities. His profile supports project organisation, logistics, and structured implementation.

Deniz Uçar – Folk Dance Trainer & Project Coordinator

Deniz Uçar is the president of a cultural and educational NGO and a sports club, with experience in national and international cooperation projects. He has actively contributed to Erasmus+ and similar programmes, focusing on partnership development, coordination, and institutional representation. As a folk dance trainer, he supports cultural heritage, intercultural learning, and artistic expression.

Kübra Yılmaz – Fine Arts Educator

Kübra Yilmazer is a fine arts educator with experience in painting, printmaking, sculpture, and contemporary art practices. She has worked in public institutions, schools, and correctional facilities and currently delivers art workshops for young people. Her contribution strengthens creativity, self-expression, and emotional well-being through art-based methods.

Ahmet Rıdvan Karaboğa – Traditional Archery & Fencing Coach

Ahmet Rıdvan Karaboğa is an experienced coach who has trained national-level athletes. His work focuses on discipline, ethical values, cultural heritage, and physical development. He contributes to sports-based learning, cultural exchange, and traditional practices within the project.

Halil İbrahim Yılmaz – Technical Support & Creative Facilitator

Halil İbrahim Yılmaz provides technical and operational support at the youth center and contributes to creative workshops such as upcycling and storytelling. His skills support practical implementation and innovative learning methods.

Mehmet Uygun – Spiritual Counsellor

Mehmet Uygun has been working as a spiritual counsellor since 2022. He supports young people through individual guidance, group discussions, cultural visits, and value-based activities. His role contributes to emotional well-being, resilience, and holistic youth support.

Security Staff (Canan Adlı, Hatice Akman, Arif Kızıl, Seher Zeyrek)

The security team ensures a safe, supportive, and trusted environment for all participants, which is essential for inclusive and high-quality youth work activities.