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Name of NGO in Turkish	Düzce Alfa Gençlik Derneği (DAGDER)
Name of NGO in English	Düzce Alfa Youth association
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Main Aim of the NGO	NGO mission is to design and carry out projects that contribute to achieve a sustainable and inclusive development through education, culture and innovation. We try to respond to current social and economic challenges and enable to anticipate and drive the changes needed to achieve future goals and objectives in society.
Local stakeholders	Düzce Provincial Directorate of National Education Düzce Governorship Directorate of Immigration Düzce Youth Center Schools in the city.

Description of organization:

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it is a dynamic non-profit youth organization that initiates and implements local projects of the positive social impact, particularly in the field of social inclusion and whereas young people have a central role. As a fruitful outcome, DAGDER, creates local initiatives aiming to bypass the urban division and provide a fulfilling and productive life for the youngsters.



Moreover DAGDER has a comprehensive list of local collaborators from municipalities, professional schools, agricultural cooperative, universities with the potential of developing socio-educational activities.

In addition, it aims to support the youth and disadvantaged groups in taking local initiatives. Those initiatives includes, but not only, social inclusion, sustainable environment, lifelong learning, social entrepreneurship, active citizenship, rural development, gender equality, empowerment, multiculturalism and arts. We also strongly believe in the mutual learning process, which takes place when people from different cultural backgrounds meet as well for the youths as for our organization.

Through international cooperation we can support and strengthen all disadvantaged groups of our society , and also benefit from their experiences and knowledge in our own projects and organization so that we can affect more people to find their way across the borders, geographical as well as mental borders.

The NGO was established in Düzce in 2020 and operates in the country and abroad. The Association prepares and conducts all kinds of social, educational, cultural and professional projects and activities that will ensure the active participation of individuals of all ages and cooperates with other institutions and organizations in these fields.

It has very experienced staff in it. There are 17 active members and more than 100 volunteers who are working for the NGO. We write projects with our volunteers. NGO aims to do social, educational, cultural and vocational projects and activities in which people in all ages can take part actively in it.

NGO has good relations not only with the authorities in Düzce province but also with organizations in all Europea. We work with the educational local authority in Düzce. We have a network of the organizations who works for youth.

To achieve this aim following activities are aimed to conduct:

- Organizing courses and seminars for inclusion of young people especially disadvantaged ones.
- Cooperation with authorities and organizations for solving problems of young people.
- Organizing events for diadvantaged people.
- Organizing international activities and projects to contribute European Citizenship.

We developed many initiatives and projects under the National Programme for Youth. We have participated different kind of projects – involvement of creative thinking in schools, Social inclusion, Active citizenship, entrepreneurship, sport and health, Intercultural Dialogue, disability, Youth empowerment etc. We would like to expand our experience in



Erasmus+ projects for youth workers and also benefit from other partners' experiences and knowledge.

Experience in the field of immigrants and asylum seekers

As individually, we are working on the refugee issue for a long time. After creating our new NGO, we started to work on this issue as an organization. Every month, we, with the cooperation of Provincial Directorate of National Education, regularly prepare tables about number and status of refugee and asylum seekers from our schools, and we collect information about refugee and asylum seekers who are studying at our schools. In addition, we work to cover the educational expenses and needs of refugee and asylum seeker students.

We cooperate with the social institutions and voluntary organizations that operate in our city, and we provide help to the families who have difficulties in the economic direction in proportion to our own power.

Family visits to the refugee / asylum seekers were held in the evening and family excursions were held on the weekend.

The National Education Directorate is our local stakeholder. We participated in 6-hour seminar given by the experts of the Guidance and Research Center about Approach to Refugee and Asylum Seekers and Parents.

Directorate of Immigration is our local stakeholder. Directorate of Immigration is helping to meet the accommodation, settlement and basic needs of our refugee children and their parents. Particularly, it provides solutions for the problems of refugee children and families aged between 7 and 14, registering their temporary identity, initiating insurance transactions, and monthly interviews with refugee families. We are in close relation with them and exchange ideas time to time.

The Population Directorate is another local stakeholder. The Population Directorate helps Provincial Directorate of National education for sending refugee and asylum-seeking children to nearest schools by making address records and follow-up of registered families.

Our 3 members (İlyas Ayyıldız, Zeliha Oraloğlu and Ayşe Betül Bakırcı) are experienced in projects and they are also working as official staff of Düzce Governorate and Düzce Provincial Directorate of Education. Apart from many other EU projects, they successfully applied the project conducted by the Düzce Provincial Directorate of National Education and named 'Acceleration of labour market integration of immigrants through mapping of skills and trainings' (VS/2017/0448). Within the scope of the project, pilot applications of language, citizenship and cultural cohesion courses were carried out in Sakarya, Kocaeli and Düzce provinces. Furthermore, workshops to map the skills and experiences of immigrant and many other meetings and trainings were carried out to facilitate job finding process of immigrants and their vocational integration. During all these processes, ALFA was an active



and critical local partner of Düzce Provincial Directorate of National Education and gained really valuable experiences so.

The trainings provided to 420 refugees and immigrants in total consisted of a 40-hour language, 60-hour Citizenship and Intercultural integration courses.

Accordingly, A1 level language education, mobility, social security, housing / accommodation, employment, citizenship, health care, education and standards / norms and values, and training on entering the labor market, continuing education, participating in socio-cultural programs and volunteering trainings we conducted.

The trainings were held in Sakarya between 7-25 January, Kocaeli in 28 January-8 February, and in Düzce between 18 February and 29 March 2019.

Skills and expertise of key staff

İlyas Ayyıldız has been working as a team manager in the project coordination team in the R & D department of the Düzce Provincial Directorate of National Education since 2009. He is an English teacher and speaks English well. He is responsible for preparing, running and evaluating local and European projects. He guides other educational institutions throughout the city on project preparation and implementation. Between 2009 and 2011, he conducted the Comenius Regio project, which was carried out together with Lithuania. There are 3 projects carried out between 2014-2016. Regional partnership for the academic support of children living separately from their families, 1 Lifelong learning project for young Roma women with a commission center and 1 disabled project supported by the Ministry of Family and Social Policies. In 2018, he worked as a coordinator in the support project for young people under the Addiction Risk in Düzce, supported by the Ministry of Interior. In 2017-2019, he carried out a regional partnership project on social support of refugee students with the partnership of Italy and Portugal.

Between 2012 and 2015, he conducted 3 youth projects on behalf of the Directorate. In January 2018, he worked as a coordinator in the youth project named Social Media Campaign on behalf of his old Association. He has been a participant in many domestic and international youth, regional partnership and vocational education projects.

In addition to preparing and executing projects, he provides voluntary project preparation trainings and guides for institutions and organizations that want to prepare projects. In this context, he has provided project preparation trainings and guided many young people at Yalova University, Ege University, Gaziantep University, Eskişehir University, Çukurova University and İskenderun University since 2015.

Ayşe Betül Bakırcı, She is the contact person in the project, works in Düzce Provincial Directorate of National Education in the R&D department and She is an English teacher. She has participated in many project preparation trainings before and currently works both in the project preparation team in the R&D unit and gives project preparation training to the



teachers in the province. Currently, she is the coordinator of the Brussels-based EU project under the EASI program. She has also been actively involved in youth exchange projects in the fields of obesity, technology addiction, healthy life, disabled people, entrepreneurship, journalism, intercultural dialogue. She is giving special trainings to the volunteer teachers and youngsters in the province about policy literacy and youth participation in policy. In these trainings, the aim is to help youngsters be aware of political processes, rights and functioning.

Muhammed Ayıldız: There are small-scale organizations with young people and his level of leadership is high. He is very sufficient to manage and work with a team. The level of knowledge in the field of communication technologies is high. As a hobby, he deals with various sports and encourages young people around him to be active in life and to participate in active life.

He took part as a participant in Alcohol addiction, youth unemployment and bonsai addiction projects carried out in Akçakoca in 2015. He participated in a 2-day project preparation training organized by Düzce Provincial Directorate of National Education.

Muhammet Bozkurt is teacher and at the same time he deals with the EU projects voluntarily. He has been in different projects such as LDV, COMENIUS, GRUNDTVIG and YOUTH in ACTION and ERASMUS+. He has been more than 10 different countries for different project. He conducts informative meetings to encourage the schools and institutions for preparing EU funded projects from time to time.

Zeliha Oraloğlu: She has graduated from METU English Language Teaching Department. Besides 3 years teaching experience, has 7 years EU projects experience at different governorships. She has written many Youth, School and Vocational projects and taken part in application processes of them. She is responsible for preparing new projects, searching for international partners and providing External contacts.

Approved projects:

The projects below were prepared applied by our organization in the name of the organization specified.

Contract number	Topic	Contracting organization
2020-2-IT03-KA105-019616	Recycling	ASD LUDOS- Italy
2019-3-BG01-KA105-077951	Increasing creativity of young people	Walk Together- Bulgaria
2020-2-FR02-KA105-018022	Self development	Acteur de la mobilité européenne - France
2020-1-TR01-KA105-085417	Preventing addiction	Düzce Alfa Gençlik Derneği- Turkey



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