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| Is your organisation a public body? No |
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**Background and Experience**

Arykanda Youth Team was created to help individuals from all walks of life increase their knowledge; to back up their intrapersonal and interpersonal skills; to promote their capacities and to help them continue their personal and professional development and through their lives.

Arykanda Youth Team is a non-profit, non-governmental organization. What makes this organization exceptional is its experience and approach to the problems of young people. Arykanda Youth Team attaches great importance and takes responsibility in principles of tolerance, democracy, diversity, volunteering and openness.

Young people and volunteers represent the strongest point and the most valuable part of the team. Our general target group is young people between the ages of 15 and 30, but we focus on everyone who needs help and support. We want to contribute to the development of civil society, youth work and promotion.

The objectives and activities of the organization are:

Building bridges between countries and cooperation in European Scale contributes more than one can think to European Union. In order to contribute to this aim, we are preparing European Union projects on different topics which are related to **cultural diversity, integration, participation of disadvantaged people, women, music, informatics, sustainable tourism, new types of sports, gender equality and promotion of creativity**. Arykanda Youth Team aims;

- to create a community of young people who can combine and unite the diversities under a single roof in order to **reduce racism, prejudice, gender discrimination and the disadvantage of young people.**

- to facilitate better conditions, employment, support and guidance to disadvantaged people

- to organize educational activities such as courses, seminars, conferences and panels;

- promote the promotion of civil society values;

- to support the **fight against crime and corruption;**

- to contribute to the promotion of **ecology and environmental protection**;

- promote gender equality;

- assistance and support in the **promotion of culture and sport**;

- to enable active participation in the promotion of socially responsible entrepreneurship.

Arykanda Youth Team also demands;

- to organize cultural, artistic or recreational activities of social interest, including activities to promote and disseminate the culture and practice of voluntary work

- to establish platforms for achieving a common purpose with other associations or foundations, and similar non-governmental organizations in areas of interest that are of interest to the Team and which are not prohibited by law;

- to prepare all kinds of EU and local projects in cooperation with the local community and other institutions and organizations that will be beneficial for the local region;

- to prepare and implement all kinds of social, educational, cultural and professional projects and activities that guarantee the active participation of individuals of allages and cooperate with other institutions and organizations in these fields.

Members are interested in various sectors such as social and cultural promotion, tourism, agriculture, architecture, construction, mathematics, pedagogy, art, computer science, music, theater, and designer.

Strengths of the Team:

- The presence of young directors;

- Existence of different professionals experienced in their sectors;

- Location (Finike, ANTALYA): Antalya is among world’s most beautiful cities and Finike is located on the Ancient Lycian Way which is sorrounded by beautiful ancient theatres and old settlements on the coast of Mediterranean Sea.

- The presence of members with different cultures, traditions, religions, ethnic backgrounds and languages ​​working together.

- Conducting local youth projects on art, science, technology, intelligences games, child development, drama, sports.

Our vision is to create a strong network of young volunteers, donors and partners who are fully devoted when needed, and to take into action to inspire, motivate and promote any humanitarian activity and civil society.

What are the activities and experiences of your institution / organization and the fields related to the application?

Our Team is a new foundation so as a team we don’t have Eramus+ experience yet, but the legal representative and members of our team have previously participated in EU projects and carried out activities and studies for EU cooperation. Our team’s members have extensive experience in different kinds of local projects,too. Based on the experience of the activities undertaken by the members it can be said that the team has the appropriate competences for the presented projects.

One of the main objectives of our Team is to create bridges between countries and nations to contribute to Europe Cooperation. To realize this objective, we prepare both local and European projects on different topics such as **cultural diversity, integration, the involvement of disadvantaged people, women, music, climate change, agriculture, IT, cultural heritage, sustainable tourism, new types of sports, gender equality and the promotion of creativity of the Young people**.

The Team is closely connected and collaborates with various public and private bodies, including **youth centers, higher education schools, universities, VET providers, municipalities and organizations** working with young people, education professional and social inclusion issues. The main objective is to promote life long learning and transnational mobility initiatives aimed in particular at learners and youth professionals, with the definitive vision of developing innovation by sharing knowledge and promoting strategic collaborations between partners throughout Europe and thus actively contributing to the development of a European area of ​​skills and qualifications

As Arykanda Youth Team created by different ideas,we always tend to improve the quality of life of all people. In all our programs we are in direct connection with the work on peace building, the inclusion of minority youth, refugees from conflict areas, the promotion of tolerance and the fight against stereotypes and prejudices, as well as the struggle against racism, hate speeches.

What are the skills and expertise of key staff involved in this application?

The Legal Representative of the Team is Esra ÖZKAN, a young English teacher who has experince in writing and implementing European Union Projects from the year of 2013. Esra Özkan joined Comenius Assistantship Programme in 2013 and worked in a kindergarten for a year in Poland with Polish teachers. At that time, she contibuted to European Cooperation actively and organized various events like drama sessions, marbling workshops, ecological picnics, sports tournaments, language courses and Culture Days.

Apart from that, she worked with Refugee students and teachers in Şanlıurfa and developed EU projects for them. She is now working as an English Teacher in a Vocational High School in Antalya and developing projects for young people about art, drama, sports, English language, storytelling, refugees, disadvantaged people, minorities and inclusion. She also colloborates with Municipality of Finike, Özgecan Arslan Youth Centre and Education Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV) to support entrepreneurship of young people.

Another member of our team, Zeynep Sav, is an English teacher who develops projects for young people and adults as an eTwinning coordinator in the Provincial National Education R&D Department. She has previously been involved in the Youth Exchange project, and has been involved in European cooperation activities in Macedonia for a period of 2 months. Now she is doing a Master’s Degree in Harran University and planning her internship in Greece .

We, as a Team, want to create occasions for young people to meet them with the Erasmus+ program and the opportunities that it offers to young people. Our members consist of skilled young teachers and university students who try their best to improve their personal, social and academic skills.