

Partner Identification Form

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Type of organisation	Group of young people
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Brief Description

Magic Mind Youth is a group of young people founded in August, 2021. It was founded through the question of “Why do not we apply for our own project instead of being participant in one?”. Based in the city of Burdur, Türkiye, the organisation’s main scope is social sciences-related areas and relevant interdisciplinary researches. Here is what we specialized in:

- Financial literacy
- Entrepreneurship
- Digital transformation
- Sustainable and green economy
- Active citizenship
- Active participation in civic life
- Community building



Magic Mind Youth's target audience is young people aged between 16-25. We offer all the three main elements of non-formal education: socio-cultural education, education for personal development, and professional training. We encourage youngsters to possess an area where they can freely learn and share. We include participants with fewer opportunities. We would like to engage those who come from rural areas, who have economic or social obstacles and cultural differences. Offering them the opportunities of European Union and Erasmus+ programme, we seek to empower those groups preparing them for the challenges of 21st century's society.

Using digital skills of the virtual age effectively, we have easily adapted to the new normal brought by the pandemic. Besides, we deem ICT appropriate to be used in non-formal education in the 21st century. Web 2.0 and codification tools have an important role in the application process of our projects.

We offer all the elements of youth participation addressed by Roger Hart's youth participation ladder: i) assigned but informed, ii) consulted and informed, iii) adult-initiated, shared decisions with youth, iv) youth-initiated and directed, v) youth-initiated, shared decisions with adults. We not only bring young people together with the theory of the subjects we specialise in, but also enable them to experience together with their peers in innovative learning environments.

We aim to:

- encourage young entrepreneurs
- break down the fear of failure for new initiatives
- increase environmental sustainability in a rapidly evolving world
- developing sustainable economic practices for young people
- adopt digital transformation facilities to youth work
- raise awareness of Europeanization
- bring young people together in collaborative informal learning environments
- engage youth in exploration their skills and abilities
- make the partners experience different methods of learning and communication
- increase intercultural dialogue
- promote European Union's opportunities for youth

For all these aims, community building is at the heart of our overall mission. Our vision is to create a strong, united and empowered community where every individual, especially the youth, has access to education, intercultural activities, and equal opportunities to reach their full potential. This vision of ours is closely related to the profile of our city. Burdur, where 67% of the population is composed of adults and the elderly, and the majority of the population lives in the districts and rural areas where agriculture and animal husbandry are the main source of livelihood, is a city that needs motivated communities.

We express our mission with 5E: To build an empowered, educated, environmentalist, equal, ethical community, and increasing the participation of young people in democratic life and decision-making processes through this community. We implement these activities at the local level and convey them to the international level with Erasmus+ projects.

Relevant Experience and Activities

Our well-motivated team is willing to create brilliant projects with partners' cooperation. Our project manager and project coordinator have Erasmus+ KA1 and KA2 experiences as well as relevant programmes such as degrees, certifications, workshops and volunteering activities.

Our team members have attended the listed programmes:

- Training of leadership
- Art therapy
- Psychological first aid
- Financial literacy for youngsters
- Communication strategies for a virtual age
- KA1 Humanity as priority
- KA1 Let's work for a real migrant inclusion
- KA1 Storytelling for youth workers: the power of words
- KA1 Resources for improving social inclusion and equality
- KA2 Physical education and ICT to increase wellbeing and social inclusion
- KA2 Europe's common roots in a peer intercultural education

Expertise of the Key Persons Involved

We have a project team consisting of professionals and young people to create harmony in projects and maximise its impact for our target audience. Key persons involved in the

application includes our project manager and project coordinator. Besides degrees, we have knowledge and experiences mostly in social sciences – notably in psychology and sociology. We have completed communication skills and leadership programmes.

Ms. İrem Palandız – Project Manager: Bachelor in guidance and psychological counselling. Has one year Erasmus exchange to pedagogy department of University of Humanities and Economics in Lodz. Studies sociology now. Worked in various education institutions varies from primary schools to universities as a psychological counsellor. Has work experience in the Ministry of Family and Social Policies.

Mr. Mert Akbaş – Project Coordinator: Studies international relations. Interested in psychology, sociology and history. Works freelance on investment consultancy and foreign trade. Has experience in ICT, finance and statistics. Developed local and national projects about finance, international relations and wellbeing. Involved in more than ten Erasmus+ mobilities. Now, wants to combine individual experience with organisational objectives.

Ms Ceren Bilge Oyar – Strategic Leader: Studies computer engineering. Has experience in ICT and digital transformation. Previously worked as an ICT specialist in a private enterprise. Completed courses in entrepreneurship and world citizenship. Developed national and international projects about sustainable development.

Past Participations

Action Type	As Applicant		As Partner or Consortium Member	
	No. of project applications	No. of granted projects	No. of project applications	No. of granted projects
Mobility opportunities for accredited organisations (KA151-YOU)	0	0	3	3
Mobility of young people (KA152-YOU)	2	0	4	3
Mobility of youth workers (KA153-YOU)	0	0	4	2
Youth participation activities (KA154-YOU)	0	0	1	0
DiscoverEU Inclusion Action (KA155-YOU)	1	0	0	0

Our approved partnered-projects are as follows:

- Communication Despite Differences, Erasmus+ KA152, approved by the Polish NA with the reference number of 2023-1-PL01-KA152-YOU-000142465
- Project: The MindPeace, Erasmus+ KA152, approved by the Polish NA with the reference number of 2023-1-PL01-KA152-YOU-000143324
- Find Your Way, Erasmus+ KA151, approved by the Swedish NA
- Explore Intercultural Learning, Erasmus+ KA151, approved by the Swedish NA
- Sustainability in Action 2.0, Erasmus+ KA153, approved by the German NA with the reference number of 2022-3-DE04-KA153-YOU-000101528.
- Partnership Building Activity "Entre.YouthWork", Erasmus+ KA153, approved by the Estonian NA with the reference number of 2022-1-EE01-KA153-YOU-000071805
- Does Gender Matter, Erasmus+ KA152, approved by the Polish NA with the reference number of 2022-1-PL01-KA152-YOU-000068598
- A Bee's Journey, Erasmus+ KA151, approved by the French NA with the reference number of 2021-1-FR02-KA151-YOU-000005510