

## Partner organisation

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Full legal name (National Language)	Sosyal Uyum ve Girişimcilik Derneği
Full legal name (Latin characters)	Social Cohesion and Entrepreneurship Association
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## Profile

Type of organization	Non-governmental organization
Is the partner organization a public body?	Natural Body
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	Yes

## Accreditation

Has the organization received any type of accreditation before submitting this application?  
No

## Background and experience

Please briefly present the partner organization.

The Social Cohesion and Entrepreneurship Association is a humanitarian organization established in 2022 in Şanlıurfa, Turkey. It was initiated by a dedicated group of local and migrant youth, with a mission to foster stronger ties between immigrants and the local community through various projects focused on social cohesion, integration, and entrepreneurship.

Our association's primary goal is to cultivate an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding among diverse groups, promoting a culture of coexistence and social acceptance. We use research, workshops, events, and training programs to enhance social cohesion, raising public awareness about the need for unity and inclusivity.

Entrepreneurship is another key area of our work, particularly for individuals from marginalized backgrounds who face limited opportunities. We provide a range of workshops and training sessions, imparting essential skills to stimulate self-employment and economic independence. Our programs include initiatives to boost women's employment and cooperation with other organizations, foundations, and institutions engaged in similar efforts.

In addition to these activities, the Social Cohesion and Entrepreneurship Association strives to tackle societal issues by fostering social entrepreneurship. Through our social entrepreneurship training programs, we aim to elevate awareness about how business principles can help address pressing social problems. By doing so, we hope to contribute to the strengthening of social cohesion across various sectors.

Another of our association's undertakings is raising ecological awareness. To achieve this, we organize and participate in various activities such as panels, seminars, meetings, and conferences, both locally and internationally. We believe that fostering a stronger sense of environmental responsibility can lead to more sustainable communities.

In all our efforts, the Social Cohesion and Entrepreneurship Association is guided by a strict policy of non-discrimination. We ensure that our activities are inclusive and accessible to everyone, regardless of language, religion, race, gender, age, disability, or political opinion.

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

Established in 2019, we have a history spanning three years. We originated as a youth group with a focus on fostering unity and promoting cultural exchange among young people. Collaborating with non-governmental organizations in Şanlıurfa, we've organized projects and activities targeted at disadvantaged migrant children and youth. These efforts aim to enhance integration and raise cultural awareness among local and immigrant youth, fostering friendships and coexistence in a shared environment.

Our outreach extends to seminars targeting women and children, as well as comprehensive integration and inclusion programs for refugees and asylum-seekers. We participated as partner in

the EUtopics youth exchange project in Portugal in 2019, part of the European Union's Erasmus+ program. In Şanlıurfa, in January 2020, we implemented the 'Not Afraid to Say Welcome' project, followed by the 'Save the Planet' ecological initiative in Portugal in June 2021. We continued our youth exchange programs with 'Paint Your Future Green' in September 2021 and the Erasmus+ project 'Art Unites Us' in November 2022, , 'The Balkan Route Children' Erasmus+ project all executed in Şanlıurfa. In addition, our young volunteers in the name of our association have succeeded in writing and implementing ESC30-SOL project called 'Social Cohesion and Solidarity After Migration' project also locally in Şanlıurfa

Whether individually or on behalf of various institutions, our youth group members have coordinated and participated in numerous initiatives and projects. Notably, we have established a women's initiative within our association, called 'Knitting For Hope'. This social entrepreneurship project has not only created employment opportunities for Turkish and Syrian migrant women but also fostered positive interaction to ease the adaptation process. Embodying the motto "Women Knit Their Futures with Hope," the initiative stands as a beacon of hope for women. A special feature of this initiative is that for each product purchased, an amigurumi toy is donated to a refugee child.

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

Rukiye Gülerce is the president of the Social Cohesion and Entrepreneurship Association, she is currently doing her doctorate at Dicle University, Department of Public Law, and is at the thesis stage. Thesis title: Temporary protection status in international migration law in the context of human rights. She is a freelance attorney and mediator. She speaks fluent English and beginner level Arabic. she also works as a trainer in the Turkish national agency in trainings such as; social cohesion, social entrepreneurship, migration, ecology. She takes part as a coordinator in various European Union Erasmus+ projects.

AMIR MUSTAFAALHASAN is a full time member and volunteer , he graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering at Harran University in 2023. He worked as an intern at Harran University Migration Policies Application and Research Centre for 2 years while he was at college. He is now a full time volunteer at Social Cohesion and Entrepreneurship association. He has participated and implemented many Erasmus+ projects locally and internationally.

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EU Programme	Year	Project Identification or Contract Number	Applicant/Beneficiary Name
Research our past, Build our Future	2022	KA152-YOU-F48DA329	Spanish National Agency
From Göbeklitepe to Monstar: The Bridge of Cultural Heritage	2023	2022-3-TR01-KA153-YOU-000093744	Turkish National Agency
The Balkan Route Children	2023	2022-3-IT03-KA210-YOU-000099088	Italian National Agency
Social Cohesion and solidarity after Migration	2023	2022-3-TR01-ESC30-SOL-000093169	Turkish National Agency



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