



DOĞAL VE TARİHİ DEĞERLERİ KORUMA DERNEĞİ

ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

ORGANISATION	
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Full legal name (English)	Association Of Natural and Historical Heritages Protection
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PROFILE	
Type of Organisation	Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	Yes
ACCREDITATION	
ESC - Coordinating, Sending, Hosting	No
Eurodesk Accreditation	No
BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE	
The Association of the Natural and Historical Heritage Protection is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Trabzon, Türkiye, which contributes directly or indirectly to the protection, development and sustainable use of natural assets and historical-cultural values, as well as to the fight against soil erosion through education, awareness-raising, project, research and implementation activities.	

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The organization was founded in 2007 by a group of academics, nature lovers and active young people who wanted to address issues affecting nature. The mission and purpose of the association is to contribute to the protection, development and sustainability of natural resources and historical-cultural values, directly or indirectly through education, awareness-raising, project, research and implementation activities. In order to achieve this goal, the association works to develop nature-human relations, historical and cultural values-human relations, to promote and popularize these values, to spread the awareness of nature protection, to draw public attention to nature-related problems, especially erosion and its prevention. It works for the protection of natural ecosystems. The association provides all kinds of administrative and financial support to all activities and needs of the Trabzon representative office of the TEMA Foundation for similar purposes.

To achieve this mission, the Association of Natural and Historical Heritage Protection utilizes creativity, entrepreneurship, youth employment, volunteerism, technology, media, collaboration and international partnerships. Through cultural events, seminars, meetings and workshop sessions, the Association of Natural and Historical Heritage Protection aims to raise awareness in society about various issues such as nature and culture, conservation and sustainability. The main objectives of the association are as follows;

- Increase sensitivity to environmental pollution and nature conservation,
- Increasing the number of nature-friendly, aware individuals,
- To increase respect and love for different cultures and cultural values and individuals,
- Contributing to the creation of a cultural infrastructure based on gender equality,
- To raise individuals who use technology actively and correctly for nature and cultural values,
- Supporting young people engaged in entrepreneurial, sustainable nature-friendly activities,
- Supporting the sustainable personal and professional development of young people,
- To give young people the habit of participating in cultural, artistic and sports activities that can contribute to the recognition and promotion of natural and cultural assets,
- To increase the knowledge and capacity of young people to create, write and implement project ideas,
- Youth, peer trainings,
- Carrying out projects involving young people for nature conservation,
- Conducting social awareness trainings on nature and cultural heritage,
- To carry out training, project and awareness raising activities in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education, Nature Conservation and Culture,
- To organize and participate in national and international youth and adult experience sharing and exchange projects on nature and culture.

During the activities of the Association Of Natural and Historical Heritages Protection, young participants are encouraged to share their experiences and ideas, participatory approach, responsibility and role taking. Youth workers encourage young people to develop social communication, active youth participation, new ideas and work together with participating young people. In all events and activities, membership and participation, the Association does not discriminate or tolerate discrimination based on religion, language, gender, race, disability, etc. It is the most fundamental and unchangeable policy to treat all participants and volunteers equally.

The youth workers of the association consist of idealistic young volunteers who have been trained in the use of digital techniques in environment, cultural values, social activities and education, communication, etc. and aim to deliver these trainings to wider masses through projects. The Association aims to achieve effective roles and results by carrying out successful works in different subjects and positions such as nature conservation, protection of cultural assets, youth education and experience sharing, thanks to the fact that the Association's key members-responsible and youth workers, all of whom are volunteers, are equipped in nature and environment, cultural, social studies and digital communication techniques and have been working in the field for a long time.

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

Since its foundation, our association has been actively engaged in activities focused on the protection of nature and cultural assets, as well as social development. In addition to prioritizing nature and history-culture as our main subjects, we have been organizing various activities for years, such as nature sports (hiking, tracking, etc.), nature conservation, recognition and promotion of historical and cultural values, conservation sustainability, social awareness, and awareness activities. These activities have actively involved young people, and our organization has been constantly working alongside them, encompassing volunteer youth from all age groups. We collaborate with other youth organizations to organize various activities in primary schools, high schools, and universities, and some of our volunteers take part in the youth group. We also cooperate with relevant institutions and organizations to conduct training programs for young people, raising awareness on environmental and social issues, as well as sustainability. Through seminars, workshops, conferences, informative presentations, and nature activities, we transfer and share information with young people.

As an association, we also develop and implement projects specifically designed for young people. These projects aim to raise environmental awareness among the youth, explore natural and historical values, and promote sustainable use. For instance, we organize workshops, nature camps, stream cleaning activities, and nature trips with the active participation of young people. We highly value the opinions of young people, who will be the decision-makers of the future, and we strive to ensure their active involvement in all our activities. When it comes to implementing projects developed by young people, we emphasize their participation and cooperation at every stage, from planning to evaluation. Through their involvement in decision-making and active participation processes aimed at solving social problems, young people have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Our association's volunteer youth team has suggested the inclusion of Erasmus+ youth work, which has made our participation in this area more active. By bringing together motivated young people between the ages of 15 and 30, who have Erasmus+ experience, we aim to internationalize our association's youth activities. The team members possess experience in participating in international Erasmus+ programs and other projects, which provides a valuable foundation for being an active youth association. It also enables us to bring together young people from different countries, promoting cultural exchange, experience sharing, and collaboration on sustainability issues.

Our association organizes events, presentations, and other informative activities that target volunteers and individuals of all age groups, fostering social awareness, participatory approaches, and nature and culture awareness. The experts and volunteer members involved in our youth work comprise experienced academics, trainers, and individuals with project expertise. Those who contribute to EU Union projects and activities have previous experience in Erasmus+ projects. Aligned with our association's objectives, we have conducted numerous project studies focusing on conservation, recognition, promotion, registration, education, and social awareness. These projects primarily concentrate on Trabzon province and the surrounding areas, where our association is located. Many national and international foundations, institutions, and organizations such as UN, GEF, WWF, Sanbanci Foundation, and DOKA have supported and continue to support our local projects. One of our goals for young people is to direct them towards international studies and foster cooperation, communication, and experience sharing activities. We aim to enhance the individual development, participatory approaches, project planning, implementation, and internationalization potential of our young people, enabling them to become more active individuals in society.

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DOGATARIH's local projects and activities in the field of environment and culture

Protection Projects	• Project for the protection of 3 peatlands, 2 lakes, 2 natural ecosystems in the Eastern Black Sea region within the scope of natural protected areas (5 areas have been registered) • Protecting various ecologically, historically and socially important coastal areas Project-Report prepared and presented • 3 urban SITs, more than 100 historical buildings, 2 historical sites were identified and submitted to the Ministry of Culture and these sites and buildings were registered and taken under protection. • Cooperation with the necessary institutions and organizations on cultural assets, historical and archaeological sites in the city and neighboring cities. • Organizing day trips to the city and the region in order to introduce the city and the region to individuals of all ages, especially young people, to make them aware of the city and the region they live in and to increase the culture of protection (every weekend).
Cultural Projects	• Works have been carried out for cultural and nature routes in Trabzon and neighboring provinces. In cooperation with the necessary institutions and organizations, the routes were mapped and entered into Google-Earth system. • Studies on the inclusion of cultural and historical sites in the protected areas zoning plan (Gümüşhane Kurum Valley, Yanbolu Valley, Karacakaya urban protected areas, etc.).
Executed - Executed Sample Projects	• "Doğa Sporu Yoluyla Doğa Sevgisini Arttırma" / "Increasing Love for Nature Through Nature Sports" (youth activities) • Protection of Historical-Cultural-Architectural Assets (Training, promotion, excursions, etc.) • Protection of Natural Assets (Education, promotion, excursions, etc.) • "Bilinçli Anne Temiz Kent" / "Aware Mother Clean City" (SABANCI FOUNDATION - UN-FPA) • "Kervan Yolu" - "The Caravan Road" Ecotourism Project (DOKA) • Sustaining Social Awareness for the Conservation of Existing Peat Swamps in Ağaçbaşı Plateau and Surrounding Plateaus (WWF-Turkey) • Conservation of Ağaçbaşı Highland Peatland as Geological and Ecological Heritage (UN-GEF Small Grants Program) • Arsin District Natural and Cultural (Architectural) Asset Inventory Project (Arsin Municipality) • Yanbolu - Santa Basin Sustainable Tourism Master Plan Project (DOKA) • Yanbolu Gazi Köprü Water Park, Elmaalan Cultural Center, Güneyce Muşmul Water Adrenaline Park Render Draft Project Production (DOKA) • Kurum Valley Sustainable Tourism Master Plan Project (DOKA). • Providing nature conservation and environmental education in schools, • Creating and working with young-TEMA nature-friendly youth groups
Partner-Stakeholder Projects	• <i>Visually Disabled People Ecological Bag Production (Partner)</i> • <i>EU CBc 2014-20 LITOUTER Project (Stakeholder)</i> • <i>Separation and Recycling of Packaging Waste in Households (Municipality collaboration)</i> • <i>Tonya Kumyatak Valley is being restored to tourism (Partner)</i>

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