

Partnership Identification Form



Basic information about INNOSTART YOUTH

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Full name(National):	İNOVASYON GENÇ GİRİŞİMCİLER DERNEĞİ

Type of organisation

Type of organisation	Non-governmental organisation/association
Is the partner organisation a public body?	No
Is the partner organisation a non-profit?	YES

Background and Experiences

Please briefly present the organisation

INNOSTART YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Vision

To be a leading organization that empowers young people in entrepreneurship, innovation and active participation in decision-making processes at both national and international levels.

Mission

To empower young people to become proactive, innovative and responsible members of society. To encourage cooperation with national and international government and non-governmental organizations in the fields of entrepreneurship, innovation and youth development. Defense of youth rights at the local, national and international levels within the framework of relevant agreements and conventions. To support the development of a comprehensive youth policy at the local and national levels.

To encourage the participation of young people in scientific, technological, artistic, sporting, social and cultural activities. To create opportunities for partnerships with public institutions, local governments, private sector representatives and other non-governmental organizations. To support the implementation of Turkey's information society strategy by using information and communication technologies effectively and reflecting the youth perspective. To facilitate the access to information and active participation of young people, including disadvantaged young people, in the production of information. To contribute to the creation of conditions for learning, opportunities and experiences necessary for young people to participate fully in the labor market and civil society. To promote awareness of Sustainable Living Principles among young people and to promote ecological consciousness and sensitivity.

Implementation of projects focused on entrepreneurship, innovation and youth development. Cooperation with national and international partners to develop youth opportunities. Advocacy of youth rights through participation in relevant forums and initiatives. Organization of events and activities that encourage the participation of young people in various fields. Development of initiatives that will support ecological awareness and sustainable living practices among young people.

Our main targets are listed below, such as ;

- **Empowerment of Youth in Entrepreneurship**
- **Promotion of Innovation**
- **Active Participation in Decision-Making**
- **Collaboration with Governmental and Non-Governmental Entities**
- **Youth Rights Advocacy**
- **Comprehensive Youth Policy Development:**
- **Facilitation of Youth Involvement in Various Fields**
- **Partnership Development and Networking**
- **Utilization of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)**
- **Inclusive and Equal Opportunities**
- **Sustainable Living and Ecological Consciousness**

What are the activities and experience of the partner organisation in youth work? Please provide information on your organisation's / group's regular youth work activities at local level.

The partner organization, INNOSTART YOUTH, is actively engaged in various youth work activities at the local level, focusing on fostering entrepreneurship, innovation, and youth development.

INNOSTART YOUTH organizes regular programs and workshops to promote entrepreneurship and innovation among young individuals. These initiatives include training sessions, idea generation workshops, and mentorship programs to nurture entrepreneurial skills.

Collaboration with National and International Institutions:

The organization actively collaborates with national and international governmental and non-governmental institutions in the fields of entrepreneurship, innovation, and youth development. This collaboration involves joint projects, events, and initiatives to enhance opportunities for young people.

Protection and Promotion of Youth Rights:

INNOSTART YOUTH is committed to protecting and promoting the rights of youth. The organization engages in activities related to national and international agreements to safeguard and enhance the rights of young individuals.

Support for Dynamic and Responsible Identities:

The organization aims to bring out the dynamic and responsible identities of young people. This involves organizing activities and projects that encourage young individuals to be proactive, research-oriented, and socially responsible decision-makers.

Involvement in Scientific, Technological, Artistic, and Cultural Activities:

INNOSTART YOUTH provides platforms for young individuals to participate in various fields such as science, technology, arts, sports, and culture. This broadens their horizons and encourages them to explore diverse interests.

Contributions to Youth Policy Development:

The organization actively contributes to the development of comprehensive youth policies at the local and national levels. This includes promoting youth participation, democracy, and consensus-building to support the creation of holistic youth policies.

Creation of Areas of Interest for Youth:

INNOSTART YOUTH strives to create areas of interest where the energy and dynamism of young people can be channeled. This involves establishing partnerships with public institutions, local governments, private sector representatives, and other civil society organizations.

Effective Use of Information and Communication Technologies:

The organization utilizes information and communication technologies effectively to support Turkey's information society strategy. It reflects the youth perspective in using digital tools and platforms for communication and engagement.

Promotion of Adil and Egalitarian Participation:

INNOSTART YOUTH works towards ensuring the fair and equal participation of young people, considering disadvantaged youth. The organization focuses on facilitating access to information and active involvement in the production process of knowledge.

Contribution to the Development of Skills and Competencies:

The organization contributes to the development of skills and competencies that enable young people to fully participate in the labor market and civil society. This involves creating conditions for learning,

opportunities, and experiences that enhance education and skill acquisition.

Promotion of Sustainable Living Principles:

INNOSTART YOUTH promotes awareness of Sustainable Living Principles among young people. This includes fostering ecological consciousness, addressing environmental challenges, and providing solutions for living in harmony with nature.

These activities collectively demonstrate the commitment of INNOSTART YOUTH to youth development, entrepreneurship, and innovation at the local level, as well as its dedication to fostering collaboration with various stakeholders for the betterment of young individuals.

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

Legal Representative Mert Barış Yüksel

He stands out with his leadership in youth studies and his experience in the legal field. After starting his career as a Project Specialist at Nişantaşı University in 2018, he has managed a number of successful projects in line with the goal of ensuring the effective participation of young people in the field of entrepreneurship, innovation and youth.

Mert Barış Yüksel has encouraged the participation of young people in social responsibility projects by winning the social entrepreneurship award in the TUBITAK Young Entrepreneurship Awards Competition in 2019. At the same time, he has taken the lead in the works carried out for the protection and development of youth rights at the national and international levels and supported the active role of young people in decision-making processes.

Mert Barış Yüksel had the opportunity to get to know different cultures by traveling to 12 different countries and integrated these experiences into youth projects. By taking part in many EU-supported projects, he has undertaken the representation of young people in the international arena and demonstrated his leadership abilities.

ERASMUS+ PROJECT SPECIALIST - ATAKAN KAYMAK:

Atakan Kaymak, the Erasmus+ Project Specialist, brings extensive experience in youth-focused and international projects. Here are his key skills and expertise:

Project Leadership: Atakan has led various international projects, particularly within the Erasmus+ framework, demonstrating strong leadership abilities.

Logistics and Organization: With a background in Logistics from Nişantaşı University, he has developed significant expertise in managing the logistical and organizational aspects of international projects, ensuring they run efficiently.

Youth Development: As Vice President of the Entrepreneurship Club, Atakan focused on contributing to the personal development of young people, reflecting his commitment to youth empowerment.

International Experience: Atakan gained international exposure through his participation in an Erasmus Volunteering project in Madrid, Spain, and other countries. This experience has deepened his intercultural understanding and enabled him to apply this knowledge to youth projects.

Social Media Management: During his involvement in Erasmus projects, he was responsible for managing social media activities, indicating his proficiency in digital communication and project promotion.

Intercultural Competence: Having visited 5 different countries, Atakan has a broad intercultural perspective, which he applies to enhance the effectiveness of youth projects.

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