



A. PARTNER ORGANISATION	
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Legal Name of the Organisation (Latin Characters)	ENGELLERİ ASIN DERNEĞİ
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Acronym	ENDER
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B. PROFİL	
Type of Organisation	NGO
Is the partner organisation a public body?	NO
Is the partner organisation non-profit??	YES

C. Background and Experience

Please briefly introduce the partner organisation.

ENGELLERİ AŞIN DERNEĞİ (Embrace the Barriers Association) is a non-governmental organization founded in 2022 by young and motivated Turkish youth with the aim of helping people overcome the challenges they face in life. Our mission is to share the belief that people from all walks of life can overcome any kind of difficulty together and to create a positive impact in society.

For us, a barrier is not limited to physical disabilities. It may also include geographical conditions, language barriers, economic difficulties, and social obstacles encountered in daily life. We aim to transform these challenges into opportunities through solidarity and cooperation.

Our association is dedicated to facilitating the lives of individuals with disabilities, advocating for their rights, and supporting their full participation in society. In addition, we develop projects to address and overcome various social challenges. Most recently, ENGELLERİ AŞIN DERNEĞİ has obtained EURODESK Contact Point Accreditation in Malatya, Türkiye.

What are the organisation's activities and experiences in the relevant fields for this application?

The president of our association has been working with individuals with special needs for many years. In addition, the father of our vice president has been working in his own rehabilitation center for 25 years. Other team members also have experience in different professional fields.

Although there is no strict limitation on the scope of our activities, we mainly plan to implement Erasmus+ projects for individuals with special needs. Alongside these projects, we will carry out various activities in many fields. Some examples of our activities include English speaking clubs, English speaking clubs for children, Eurodesk information workshops, group therapy sessions led by volunteer professionals, cultural trips, informative and educational seminars in various fields, and many more.

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

Abdulsamet Kezer, is the founder and president of Engelleri Aşın Derneği. He graduated from the Department of Physical Education for Individuals with Disabilities and has dedicated many years to working with individuals with special needs. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Physical Education Teaching at İnönü University in Malatya. With his extensive experience, Abdulsamet has served on the boards of various associations and played a crucial role in the establishment of Engelleri Aşın Derneği, showing great commitment throughout the process. He continuously inspires and motivates his team, while his wide professional network significantly contributes to the success of the association's activities.

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Safa Okay, is a co-founder and vice president of Engelleri Aşın Derneği. He is currently studying Business Administration at Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara and has been actively involved in the civil society sector for nearly three years. Safa has experience serving on the boards of various university communities and associations. He represented Eurodesk for one year, during which he voluntarily mentored hundreds of young people in project application processes. He is currently an official Eurodesk Representative on behalf of Engelleri Aşın Derneği. Safa has extensive expertise in Erasmus+ projects and has recently begun participating as a facilitator. To date, he has successfully managed four Erasmus+ projects. Within the association, he plays a key role in coordinating teams, managing partnership negotiations, and organizing institutional meetings. In addition, he actively guides young people who aim to write Erasmus+ projects, providing mentoring and support throughout the process.

Mahmut Talha Nurlan, is a student of Electronics and Communication Engineering at Istanbul Technical University. As one of the founding members of Engelleri Aşın Derneği, he serves as the Project Coordinator. Through Erasmus+ projects and his personal initiatives, Mahmut has gained extensive international experience by traveling widely across Europe, which has shaped his broad global perspective. He is expected to play a key role in representing the association at the international level and in contributing to international partnerships and promotional activities.

Ceyda Doğan, is a 25-year-old young professional from Malatya, Türkiye. She graduated from the Department of Physical Education and Sports Teaching for Individuals with Disabilities at İnönü University and has started her master's degree in Physical Education Teaching at the same university. In addition to her academic background, Ceyda serves as a Project Coordinator within the Special Education Working Group of Engelleri Aşın Derneği. She also contributes to the association's visibility and outreach activities as the second Eurodesk representative, supporting promotion and participation efforts at local and international levels.

Beyza Nur Acil, is 26 years old. She graduated from the Department of Public Finance at İnönü University and is currently pursuing her master's degree in Public Finance at the same university. She serves as the General Coordinator at Engelleri Aşın Association, where she is responsible for following project processes, coordinating the team, and supporting the institutional operations of the association.

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Emre Ersin is a senior Computer Engineering student at Ankara University and currently serves as a Candidate Engineer at TUSAŞ (Turkish Aerospace Industries). Leveraging over two years of mobile application development experience as the R&D Coordinator at the "Engelleri Aşın Derneği" (Overcoming Barriers Association), Ersin develops technological solutions for individuals with disabilities. By combining the international vision gained through his volunteer experience in Erasmus+ and ESC projects with his engineering discipline, he contributes to the association's digital transformation and global objectives.

Elif Tuanna Taştan is a 23-year-old specialist from Malatya and a graduate of the Psychology Department at Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University. As part of her professional development, she has completed her training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). Aiming to combine her academic background with social impact, she actively serves within the psychology team of the Engelleri Aşın Association. She continues to provide professional contributions to mental health initiatives as well as local and international projects conducted by the organization.

D. ACCREDITATIONS

EURODESK Contact Point

2024-1-TR01-ESC50-QLA-000296489: Quality Label Accreditation (Supporting Organisation)

2025-1-TR01-ESC50-QLA-000388613: Quality Label Accreditation (Host, Lead Organisation)

Would you like to add any comments or provide additional information regarding your organisation's previous participations?

Our organisation has actively participated in numerous projects under the Erasmus+ Youth Programme and the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), both as a coordinator and as a partner. Our work particularly focuses on empowering disadvantaged young people, persons with disabilities, NEET youth, earthquake-affected youth, and groups at risk of social exclusion. Social inclusion, intercultural dialogue, psychosocial support, active citizenship, social entrepreneurship, and digital participation constitute our main fields of action.

Under the project numbered 2023-2-TR01-KA155-YOU-000179493, titled "Youth Removing Borders", which we coordinated, an inclusive mobility activity was implemented across four different European routes with a total of 17 young participants aged 17-18, including 6 visually impaired, 6 hearing impaired, and 5 earthquake-affected youth.

Within the youth exchange project 2024-1-TR01-KA152-YOU-000217945, titled "Unity in Diversity", activities were carried out with 20 participants focusing on social responsibility, empathy, cultural awareness, and combating hate speech.

The project 2024-3-TR01-KA210-YOU-000285989, titled "PSYCHOCAMP", is currently ongoing and aims to develop an inclusive and protective psychosocial support model for families of individuals with disabilities.

Additionally, the project 2025-1-TR01-KA153-YOU-000298857, titled "BRIDGE", includes capacity-building activities designed to support the guidance, participation, and development processes of individuals with disabilities.

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Furthermore, our organisation has taken part as a partner in numerous projects focusing on active citizenship, digital skills, capacity building for youth workers, social entrepreneurship, empowerment of NEET youth, inclusive development, and youth mental health. Through these initiatives, international partnerships have been strengthened, youth workers' competences have been enhanced, and sustainable impact has been achieved.

In order to strengthen our institutional capacity, we operate as a EURODESK Contact Point, providing information and guidance to young people about European opportunities. We also hold the ESC Quality Label accreditation (2024-1-TR01-ESC50-QLA-000296489 – Supporting Organisation) and (2025-1-TR01-ESC50-QLA-000388613 – Host and Lead Organisation). These accreditations demonstrate our capacity to plan, implement, and manage volunteering projects in compliance with European Solidarity Corps quality standards.

Overall, our organisation creates strong impact both locally and internationally in the youth field through inclusive, sustainable, and innovative approaches.

E.Erasmus+ Projects

Proje Numarası	Proje Başlığı	Faaliyet Durumu
2023-2-TR01-KA155-YOU-000179493	Sınırları Kaldıran Gençler	Coordinator (Completed)
2023-3-PL01-KA152-YOU-000183478	Be Socially Pro(Active)	Partner (Completed)
2024-1-TR01-KA152-YOU-000217945	Unity in Diversity	Coordinator (Completed)
2024-1-TR01-KA151-YOU-000224504	European Shapers Alliance for Tomorrow	Partner (Completed)
2024-1-TR01-KA151-YOU-000224504	Cybera	Partner (Completed)
2024-3-TR01-KA154-YOU-000273889	NEET'ler İçin Geleceğe Köprü	Partner (Ongoing)
2024-3-TR01-KA154-YOU-000287249	Gençlik İnovasyonu Sosyal Girişimcilik Modeli	Partner (Ongoing)
2024-3-TR01-KA210-YOU-000285989	PSYCHOCAMP	Coordinator (Ongoing)
2024-3-PL01-KA153-YOU-000283666	Puppet Theater in Educational Work with Youth and Children	Partner (Completed)
2025-1-TR01-KA153-YOU-000298857	BRIDGE: Building Resources for Inclusive Development, Guidance and Engagement for Disabled People	Coordinator (Ongoing)
2025-1-TR01-KA154-YOU-000301604	Engelleri Kaldır, Kalkınmayı Artır: NEET, Göçmen ve Engelli Gençler için Kapsayıcı Bir Gelecek	Partner (Ongoing)
2025-1-PL01-KA152-YOU-000302153	Healing You(th)	Partner (Ongoing)

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