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Type of organization:	NGO
Is the organization a public body?	No
Is the organization a non-profit body?	Yes

EXPERIENCE

Please briefly present your organization. (max. 5000 characters)

Kuzeyin Gençleri Youth and Sports Club are an NGO established in 2022 in Zonguldak province in Turkey with a group of young people who have written and managed many national and international projects and a group of association managers who have previously been active in the same region for 5 years.

The aim of our association is to promote the development of children and young people, youth mobility and active participation, to spread the ideas of sustainable development, to promote non-formal education as a tool for intercultural learning and personal development. In addition to these, it wants to make young people love nature and introduce them to extreme sports, especially water sports and nature sports.

Our association aims to share the experiences it has gained in the field for many years with other NGOs, collectives, cooperatives, schools and young people in the region, as well as to have a positive impact on the participation of children and young people, especially children and young people in different societies, in international programmes and exchanges, to socialize, solidarity and cooperation through sports. In addition to these, it aims to carry out voluntary work, learn languages, raise awareness, respect other cultures, and contribute to the personal and professional development of children and young people. Our general target group is young people between the ages of 07 and 35, but we focus on all people who need our help and support.

There are 8 active people in our team, including 2 project managers, 4 project experts, and 2 facilitators experienced in Erasmus Projects.

We have granted 5 project acceptances so far. If we include 1 project in our partnership, we have a total of 6 projects. We also have 11 projects that we are currently waiting for the evaluation results, most of which are in the field of sports. By the end of 2023, we will have implemented a total of 5 European Union projects and we will ensure that our association becomes a more volunteer and recognized NGO.

The main objectives of our association are as follows:

- Promote the development of programmes and projects that contribute to the personal and professional development of children and young people through sport.;
- Enhance the integration and development of citizens at different levels: sport, social and cultural activities, education, employment, languages and intercultural learning, entrepreneurship;
- To develop children and young people's awareness of social responsibility through sport, to promote healthy lifestyles, to ensure the participation of children and young people from different social levels, to advocate for the promotion of ecology and environmental protection..
- Advocate for the promotion of democracy and democratic values in the region, primarily in Zonguldak.,
- Promote youth employment at national, provincial, district and village levels.
- Organise quality formal, informal and non-formal education for children and young people.
- Promote regional and international co-operation and exchange

Our basic principles that make our association ready to work and take responsibility for these purposes are tolerance, democracy, diversity, volunteerism and openness. Our projects will be shaped around the following areas of intervention: sport, education, training, international mobilisation, development cooperation, technology, culture and arts. All the activities to be developed are framed within a strategic plan co-authored by the members of the association.

Our teams work in the following areas/topics: Project Management, Event and Organisation Management, Sport, Underprivileged people, Creative Activities, Human Rights, European Values, ICT, Technology, Entrepreneurship, Accelerating Start-ups, Refugees and Migrants. In addition, we work on publishing digital material such as youtube posts, podcasts, social media posts such as Instagram and facebook and written material such as books and brochures.

What are the activities and experience of the organization in the areas relevant for this application? (max. 5000 characters)

The Sport Bridge – Erasmus +

Our project is a youth exchange that aims to address the challenges of social exclusion and marginalization of young people while raising awareness on the importance of intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding, solidarity and social inclusion, using sport as a tool to achieve these goals.

Sport as a tool to tackle inequalities and social exclusion is at the heart of our initiative, designed by young people for young people.

Young people have equal rights, despite their disadvantaged backgrounds, growing up in different cultures, studying in different levels of educational institutions. We want to realize our project in order to promote European values such as respect, tolerance and solidarity through sport, to develop skills and competences in intercultural communication and understanding and to adapt them to their lives.

Empowering Youth Workers through Sport – Erasmus +

"Empowering Youth Workers through Sport" is a mobility of youth workers project that aims to teach youth workers how to use sport as a tool for inclusion and to share good practices, thereby increasing the professional and operational capacity of youth workers.

Sport is a powerful tool for breaking down social barriers, bringing people together, building a more inclusive world, regardless of age, gender, race, culture, religion and ability. It can help young people develop their social and cultural skills. It is also a symbol of the richness and diversity of our society. It can also help them develop a stronger understanding of other people. As well as promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, sport can also help them better understand themselves and their community. Our training course is an opportunity to learn about teamwork and networking, to share our experiences and methods to overcome the main challenges we face in our organisations and networks.

In the period 2021-2027, the European Union wants to increase the participation of underprivileged people in the programmes as well as the emphasis on inclusion to increase access to the programme. We and our project partners are organisations that indirectly contribute to this goal of the European Union by working on inclusion and inclusion, encouraging people to be physically active. With this in mind, we want to use sport as a tool to increase inclusion and diversity. This training course is designed to develop effective and innovative methods to address inclusion and diversity both locally and in European countries, to share, discuss and brainstorm good practices of inclusion and diversity in sport and to develop the ability to work in a team and with other organisations in a network.

Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application (max. 5000 characters)

- **Şükrü Sever:** Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association. He works as a researcher in the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Turkey. He has more than 30 years of experience as a teacher, school principal, district director of national education. Between 2006 and 2011, he was the chairman of an association providing education and socialisation opportunities to underprivileged children and young people. He has also been a board member of local sports clubs. He has experience in the creation and execution of local projects.

- **Ömer Faruk Sever:** Project Manager. At the same time, he is responsible for European Union projects in one of Turkey's largest non-governmental organizations. He is experienced in writing, managing and implementing projects for local, national and international grant giving institutions. He has experience in writing and implementing projects in ESC, KA1, KA2 and Spor projects.

Projects approved during the last 3 years where we received a grant from any European Union programme:

Funding programme	Start year	Project name & number	Coordinating organisation
Erasmus +	2022	2022-3-TR01-KA153-YOU-000100148 Empowering Youth Workers through Sport	Kuzeyin Gençleri Gençlik ve Spor Kulübü Derneği
Erasmus +	2022	2022-1-TR01-KA152-YOU-000067340 The Sport Bridge	Kuzeyin Gençleri Gençlik ve Spor Kulübü Derneği
European Solidarty Corps	2022	2022-1-TR01-ESC30-SOL-000067140 The Value of Volunteering	Kuzeyin Gençleri Gençlik ve Spor Kulübü Derneği

European Solidarty Corps	2022	2022-3-TR01-ESC30-SOL-000098531 News From Europe for Solidarty	Kuzeyin Gençleri Gençlik ve Spor Kulübü Derneği
Erasmus +	2022	2022-3-TR01-KA154-YOU-000094931 Traditional Experimental Science in Today's World Instruments Young Perspective on Updating and Utilisation	Takıyyüddin Uygulamalı Ve Deneysel Bilim Tarihi Derneği
Erasmus +	2023	2023-1-TR01-KA152-YOU-000140311 Focus on Sport for Environmental Sustainability	Kuzeyin Gençleri Gençlik ve Spor Kulübü Derneği

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