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Broaden Your Horizon!

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FULL NAME (NATIONAL)	DİNAMİK AKTİF GENÇLİK
FULL NAME (ORIGINAL)	DYNAMIC ACTIVE YOUTH
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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	INFORMAL YOUTH GROUP
IS IT PUBLIC BODY?	NO
IS IT NON-PROFIT?	YES

Background and Experiences:

BRIEF VIEW TO DAY

Organization Overview: Dynamic Active Youth is a non-profit and non-governmental organization which is established by a group of young enthusiasts who are willing to increase knowledgeability of Erasmus+ and to foster individuals to be better, initiative and thoughtful citizens of the future's digitalizing world!

DAY mainly focuses at these topics following:

- *Inclusion and Equality*
- *Digitalization*
- *Sport & Health*
- *Sustainability*
- *Peace - Mindfulness*
- *Violence - Conflict Management*
- *Active Citizenship*
- *Well-being*

Even though DAY is a newly established youth organization, its management team members have gained sufficient experience and capabilities in this regard through attending projects as participants, taking part in the organization teams, being members of project writer team and so on. Therefore, we strongly believe in ourselves to strive out subtly and obtain a well-known level that we can reach more mass of people to increase the young initiatives.

We follow our four core values in everything we do:

- 1) commitment – meaning we offer it our all;
- 2) transparency – we work with and for the public;
- 3) excellence - we strive for perfection with our greatest efforts; and
- 4) empowerment – we want to empower youngsters for the better world.

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

Dynamic Active Youth (DAY) is a youth-centered, youth organization operating with the International Student Club of the University of Health Sciences. With over 2,000 active members, DAY is committed to fostering global citizenship, easing integration for immigrants, refugees, and international students in Türkiye, and creating opportunities for

local youth to engage in international experiences. Our mission is to cultivate open-minded, initiative-driven young leaders who can actively contribute to society and the broader global community.

One of our core objectives is facilitating intercultural exchange. To date, we have sent around 50+ students abroad to Erasmus+ projects, assisting them in the projects and supporting their personal development. We also provide opportunities for international youth exchanges and training courses, encouraging participation in various programs that develop leadership, communication, and cultural awareness.

DAY organizes several key activities to promote youth engagement and personal growth:

“Let’s Talk” Speaking Club: A free initiative aimed at university students, where discussions revolve around globally relevant topics, fostering critical thinking and encouraging students to understand their role as active global citizens.

“Speak4Everyone” Language Club: Open to all residents and temporary visitors in Istanbul, this club addresses the issue of low foreign language literacy in Türkiye by offering a platform for practicing English and other languages, particularly benefiting individuals from rural or underserved areas.

Model United Nations (MUN) and European Youth Parliament (EYP): We regularly host MUN and EYP events to help our members engage with European and international initiatives, enhancing their diplomatic skills and understanding of global governance.

Given that many of our members are health science students, we place a special emphasis on their potential as peace ambassadors. We encourage their involvement in peace-building activities, recognizing their future role in providing equitable healthcare and fostering global harmony. To further this mission, we host conferences focused on ensuring equal healthcare opportunities for disadvantaged communities, highlighting the intersection of health and human rights.

Our work in disaster management and first-aid training is another key aspect of our contribution to youth development. Following the 2023 earthquake, many of our members contributed to relief efforts, particularly by addressing the healthcare needs of children and marginalized populations affected by the disaster. This experience remarked the critical importance of disaster preparedness and crisis management.

DAY, in collaboration with local stakeholders, regularly organizes first-aid workshops and disaster preparedness training sessions, targeting young people, especially those from disadvantaged or vulnerable backgrounds. Our goal is to equip youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively respond to emergencies and become resilient leaders capable of addressing future challenges.

Many of our members are skilled musicians who gather regularly to perform concerts, enriching the cultural atmosphere for both our organization and the local community.

Furthermore, we have initiated a youth-oriented program where our talented members offer free musical instrument lessons to young people, promoting access to the arts and enhancing cultural participation. This initiative not only nurtures musical talent but also contributes to the personal and social development of participants, aligning with our mission of empowering youth through inclusive and engaging activities.

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

KEY STAFF & PERSON

Our team involves 16 people from different backgrounds with the same goal, to make our target groups qualified, sophisticated and multinational through universal education methods. Also the members that have constituted this organization have taken part in the project of the **Youth and Sport Ministry of Türkiye** in different positions. Thereby we have great and strict connections to strive out for the better.

Çağatay Mikail Demir, the **founder** of the **Dynamic Active Youth (DAY)**, **president** of the administration team of the organization. Demir studies International Medicine at University of Health Sciences. He is Vice President of the **International Student Club** of University of Health Sciences which has affiliation with Youth Agencies in İstanbul. Demir is quite passionate and interested in youth, before he met with Erasmus+ opportunities, He has attended various Model United Nations as Vice Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Vice Deputy General; also many European Youth Parliaments as a Committee Chair, Vice-Chair of Academic Team. Beside that Demir has established a free English Speaking Club based in İstanbul named as “**Speak4Everyone**” which aims to provide local people chance of improving capabilities of speaking in foreign languages and also a chance to meet international people by speaking on topics mostly sensitive and ignored to be discussed such as “Eradication of Poverty”, “Access to Healthcare Systems and Well-Being”, “Social Inclusion and Equality”, “Climate Crisis and Natural Disasters”, “Peace-Building”.

He is an active volunteer in Doctors Worldwide “Yeryüzü Doktorları” in which he seeks out many cherishing volunteer activities to help disadvantaged people and youth. He went to Hatay in the team of Doctors Worldwide in March 2022, to provide assistance in hospitals and facilitate healthcare access to the affected people. Afterwards, he volunteered in helping affected children in terms of physical and mental health to carry out their recovery process better. He took part in the activities that are designed for children specifically. With the organization, He has visited many nursing homes and orphanages for inclusion of them through specific activities. He gained sport initiatives and mental healthcare to the disadvantaged groups by archery, cycling, trekking, and smart nutrition activities for them between 2021-2023.

Demir volunteered with local NGOs to lead community-building activities between refugee and host communities in Türkiye. He organized dialogue sessions, cultural exchange programs, and collaborative community service initiatives to foster understanding and reduce tensions.

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Active Youth (DAY), studies International Economics at Istanbul University. She takes a role in the administration team of the Human Resources Department of the Business Club of the University. She has been surfing professionally for 10 years and has been a trainer in this field for 4 years. Gökrenk provides professional surfing training, promoting physical health and mental resilience among young people. She organizes workshops on environmental sustainability and water safety, aligning with Erasmus+ priorities on environmental awareness. She has been a licensed volleyball player for 7 years. Gökrenk plays musical instruments such as piano and guitar. She has started to attend Model United Nations since she was in secondary school. Gökrenk has been an actress in musical theater for visually and auditory impaired young people. She played an active role in a project that used musical theater to foster understanding and unity among youth, contributing to peace-building through creative expression. She also organized workshops on disaster management and first aid training for youth participants, aligning with Erasmus+ health and safety priorities. She delivered sessions on proper first aid techniques, encouraging preparedness and calm responses in emergency situations. She is highly interested in organic agriculture and trying to carry out her interested fields on the projects' implementations.

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Asım Emre Sakızcı is **International Relations Coordinator** in the administration of **Dynamic Active Youth (DAY)**. He lived 5 years in Germany. Currently he is studying in the pharmacy department at the University of Health Sciences in Istanbul. At the same time, he is in the Management Information Systems Bachelor program at Istanbul University. He has been interested in management, organization and youth work since highschool. He worked 2 years as the head of Music and Dance Community in the University of Health Sciences. During this period, he got interested in international education and exchange programs. He attended several Erasmus+ projects. Currently he is the head of the International Students Club in the same university with more than 1000 members which are quite interested in the field of international youth work. The gathering goal of this community is to provide an intercultural atmosphere for university students where they can improve their social skills, with science conferences, cultural courses and fun events. Asım is now focused on Erasmus opportunities in order to develop and support the global youth work.

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Esmâ Hanzad, **Project Coordinator** in the administration team of **Dynamic Active Youth (DAY)**, studies International Medicine at University of Health Sciences. She is in the administration team of International Student Club. She was born in Urumqi, East Turkestan and lived in Beijing for 8 years. She speaks fluent English, Chinese, Turkish and Uyghur. She grew up in an environment with many different nations. Therefore, her

interest in different cultures and dances, has enabled her to participate in different national dance shows such as Mongolian dance, Kazakh dance, Latin dance and Uyghur dance. This led her to form a group with students that are from different nations at the university and perform on occasions. She also participated in many Uyghur and Chinese poetry competitions and received awards during her school years back in China. Due to the Chinese oppression against Uyghurs, she moved to Türkiye. Currently, she gives math lectures for free to the students who prepare for university exams and that have economical obstacles and not be able to cover the fees of the lectures. In May 2025, she organized an Uyghur Conference in which the Uyghurs explained their cultures and gave awareness to what the tragic incidents happen in their country. She delivered awareness sessions, emphasizing cultural identity, human rights, and peace-building as part of efforts in line with Erasmus+ priorities on social inclusion and human rights education.

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