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| **A. PARTNER ORGANISATION** |
| PIC | **915428577** |
| Full legal name (National Language) | Ege Ekoturizm Derneği |
| Full legal name (Latin characters) | Ege Ekoturizm Dernegi |
| Acronym | Aegean Ecotourism Association |
| National ID (if applicable) | 10027115 |
| Department (if applicable) | Not applicable |
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| Region | Aegean |
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| **B. PROFILE** |
| Type of Organisation | Non-governmental organisation |
| Is the partner organisation a public body? | No |
| Is the partner organisation a non-profit? | Yes |
| **C. ACCREDITATION** |
| Has the organisation received any type of accreditation before submitting this application? | No |
| Has the organisation received/applied for any EU grants? | No |
| **D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE** |
| Please briefly present the partner organisation. | Aegean Ecotourism Association is a non-profit association committed to promoting responsible tourism practices that benefit conservation and communities with young members who have taken part local and international responsibility projects voluntarily. They have got experience local and international projects. Our mission is to get a leading role and take part in international activities such as trainings, projects and educational programs relating to sustainable tourism.Our aim is to promote ecologically sustainable tourism with a primary focus on experiencing natural areas that fosters environmental and cultural understanding, appreciation and conservation.We would like to give a positive contribution with good, innovative practices to ecotourism while encouraging local people on sustainable tourism in our Aegean region including its villages. We would like to build up environmental and cultural respect for hosts and tourists visiting our place.Aegean Ecotourism Association is committed to promoting and supporting efforts in leading sustainable change in the global tourism and travel industry in Ayvalık in the long run.In the frame of association we would like to focus on local cultures, environment volunteering, personal growth and learning new ways to live on in our precious place Ayvalık and Turkey through different projects to support ecotourism while showing the side effects of mass tourism. |
| What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application? | Our organization is run by members who are qualified in different fields like trekking, climbing, biking, swimming, scuba diving, sea sports besides photography. They work with young people who are socially disadvantaged in these fields voluntarily to integrate them to social life through these activities. They also give workshops to local people on ecotourism to let them aware of the importance of ecotourism. They try to investigate local food clothes and art not to be forgotten and remembered for younger generations. They also collaborate with other NGOs in Ayvalık. They implement local projects like trekking to villages far from mass tourism to discover and respect untouched places as a responsible traveller.There are also volunteers who give a support for responsibility projects. Most of our members also are eligible to work for sustainable tourism, ecological agriculture, improvement of forest areas, conservation of natural areas. In the case of collaboration they are eager to work together in these fields. |
| What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application? | *There are experienced staff in our organization as most of them have got experience in youth exchange and voluntary projects of EU.* **Mesut**, has been a youth worker and trainer for over 8 years experiences of EU funded youth projects including EVS, Youth Exchanges and Training Courses. He also took part in an EU funded Job Shadowing placement in Montserrat and St. Maarten, Caribbean islands to develop the Erasmus+ Caribbean network in the Overseas Countries and Territories.**Dincer**, has been taken part in different voluntary projects and university social responsibility clubs since 2012. He has got also 5 years of experiences in EU projects.* **Sinem**, She is an English teacher and a volunteer trainer of adults and young people. She has got experience of Eu funded projects of schools adults and youth exchanges.She participated DRAMA inservice training in England, CLILmethod course in Malta, Outdoor Leadership in Portugal, Experimental Learning in Italy and ATOQ course for youth exhange programmes in İstanbul.She is deeply interested in outdoor activitites and environment.
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**Koray**, is interested in sea sports and he is a scuba diver as well. He is a trainer of lifesaving. He has organised many sports activities so far. |
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***Thank you!***