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Project TARZAN; Young Environmental Activists

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The core objective of the action is to generate a long term consciousness for youth on climate change issue as one of the most crucial challenges encountered throughout the world. Besides, to improve the level of key competences and skills of young people, including those with fewer opportunities, as well as to promote participation in democratic life and the active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion and solidarity, in particular through increased learning mobility opportunities for young people are aimed to reach.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Today, Climate Change is one of the most significant and common issues encountered throughout the world. For that reason, the action focuses on human induced influences on unseasonable and abnormal variation of the weather patterns. The negative deviation on climate mechanism is a perpetual destructing process. To mitigate the human-induced effects on the destructing process and to help to slow down it in the long run can be provided through a permanent life style change not through short-termed precautions. By favour of the project, the objectives such as to mitigate the human-induced effects on climate change, to give responsibility on climate change issue to the youth who will be effective on sustainability of European Union, to develop the decision making mechanism of the youth, to generate a permanent consciousness on the issue, to improve intercultural and inter religious dialogue among youth through local naturalist heroes are aimed to reach. The common solution for Climate Change issue proposed by means of the project is to improve the common decision making mechanisms of the youth on climate change in the dimension of European Union by analysing the Climate Change issue which makes its presence felt in each country in various degrees together with the young people who come from different countries, finding common solutions and creating a public opinion on the issue, negotiating the solutions together with the policy makers at their local.

The target group of the project is identified as young people aged between 18-30. The participants are chosen especially from different geographical regions and the countries which have different climatic characters. The project activities will be carried out by 24 youth in total together with 6 leaders. By the heterogenic participant structure, it is aimed to form a sample which can be able to represent whole European countries.

The participants will create a common declaration (Youth Declaration) and negotiate it with policy makers via the project and the activity will help to improve European Union active citizenship principal among the youth.

The operating team of the project is formed by Manisa Governorate European Union and Foreign Relations Bureau. The team is formed by 4 project expert and 1 coordinator. All activities and financial affairs within the context of the project will be carried out under the supervising of the operating team. The final report of the project after completing the project activities will be delivered to Turkish National Agency.

English language will be the common language throughout the project activities. In case of any misunderstanding, the mentors tasked by the coordinator organization will be responsible to solve the problem. Various measuring methods will be used to define the readiness, the opinions of youth on each other at the beginning of the project and gains, the changed opinions on each other at the end of the

project. Thus, the effect of the project on the participants will be scaled. The results will be shared to the partner organizations.

A workshop as an activity of our project will be carried out by the heterogenic youth group to get information of strategic plans of each partner country and to adopt the issue as a common affair. As a result of the project activities, it is aimed to break down the prejudices of people against the others and the principles of common understanding and spirit of being together will be improved.

The naturalist heroes will be significant in order to embody the learned issues. At this stage, to provide a permanent and effective change in lifestyle of the youth by the help of local naturalist heroes who lived or live in the partner countries and to improve capacity of the participating and enterprising youth who have critical thinking by means of the taken decisions, acquired information, experiences and gains are aimed. Moreover; the principles as love of nature, embracing and protection of nature among the participants are intended to adopt through hiking at nature which will enable the youth to plant tree, analyze endemic plants, observing jade (wild horses) at nature in Spil Mount, do trekking, carry out orienteering by living as naturalist heroes and Tarzan.

Through the meeting activity to local authorities and non-governmental organization, it is aimed to affect policy making mechanisms by creating a public opinion on the issue. Thus; the activities of our project are structured within the context of the special objectives in the Erasmus+ 2019 guide under the titles listed as improving decision making mechanism among youth, participation, intercultural and interreligious dialogues, transparency, equality, tolerance, respect of human rights, social inclusion and condemn, active citizenship and critical thinking among youth.

INFORMATION ABOUT ORGANISATION

The Governorate of Manisa was established at the end of the 1800s and it was named as Manisa Governorate after the declaration of the republic. It was restructured by the provincial administration law. The Governorate of Manisa provides service by one governor, seven deputy governors and 64 staff. It is the local representative of the ministries of central organization and responsible for the monitoring the local implementations. The Governor of the province represents all the ministers at local level. Thus, the governorate is the top local body provincial wide and it can cooperate and coordinate with almost all the public bodies in Manisa. Manisa province has 17 districts, and district governors work under the support of the governorate.

Manisa governorate is responsible for supervising all the institutions, and if necessary can assign any tasks. Each district and institution are in one deputy governor's responsibility. Manisa European Union Projects and Coordination Centre works under Manisa Governorate. One deputy governor runs this department with a coordinator and three project experts. It provides not only counseling about the national and international funding and how to utilize them, but also training about Project Cycling Management to various public institutions in Manisa. Manisa European Union Projects and Coordination Centre also responsible for raising awareness among citizens about European Union at local level during the harmonization period of Turkey. Furthermore, it is a Eurodesk contact point which provides counseling and informing youth about the funding of various opportunities to travel around Europe and get internationalized. Governorate of Manisa, EU Projects and Coordination Centre was founded to set up the needed substructure, prepare the public for EU citizenship, to carry out activities which foster collaboration, communication and coordination to help the citizens adopt and implement the acquiesces for EU member countries. Our administrative mentality is based on local administrations', public bodies', private sectors' and citizens' collaboration during the accession process to the EU. Moreover, it has enlarged its working scope by having 17 district governorates establish project offices working under the Governorate of Manisa.

THE CITY

Manisa (Turkish pronunciation: [ma'nisa]) is a large city in Turkey's Aegean Region and the administrative seat of Manisa Province.

Modern Manisa is a booming center of industry and services, advantaged by its closeness to the international port city and the regional metropolitan center of İzmir and by its fertile hinterland rich in quantity and variety of agricultural production. In fact, İzmir's proximity also adds a particular dimension to all aspects of life's pace in Manisa in the form of a dense traffic of daily commuters between the two cities, separated as they are by a half-hour drive served by a fine six-lane highway nevertheless requiring attention at all times due to its curves and the rapid ascent (sea-level to more than 500 meters at Sabuncubeli Pass) across Mount Sipylus's mythic scenery.

The historic part of Manisa spreads out from a forested valley in the immediate slopes of Sipylus mountainside, along Çaybaşı Stream which flows next to Niobe's "Weeping Rock" ("Ağlayan Kaya"), an ancient bridge called the "Red Bridge" ("Kırmızı Köprü") as well as to several tombs-shrines in the Turkish style dating back to the Saruhan period (14th century). Under Ottoman rule in the centuries that followed, the city had already extended into the undulated terrain at the start of the plain. In the last couple of decades, Manisa's width more than tripled in size across its vast plain formed by the alluvial deposits of the River Gediz, a development in which the construction of new block apartments, industrial zones and of Celal Bayar University campus played a key role. The city of Manisa is also widely visited, especially during March and September festivals, the former festival being the continuation of a five-hundred-year-old "Mesir Paste Distribution" tradition, and also for the nearby Mount Spil national park. It is also a departure point for other visitor attractions of international acclaim which are located nearby within Manisa's depending region, such as Sardes and Alaşehir (ancient Philadelphia) inland.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8F0DMNhZXM>

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Full board and lodging costs are covered by the organisers for all participants. The participants will share the rooms by 2 or 3 people, which are equipped with a bathroom, free Wi-Fi, a TV. Bed linens will also be provided.

There will be breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided during the event; as well as snacks, cookies, hot tea and coffee available during the two breaks.

Note: There will not be a classical dinner on Arrival day due to different schedules of people arriving.

Venue for the event - Learning Mobility of Individuals - Youth mobility

Manisa, Giritligil Hotel: <https://www.giritligilotel.com.tr/>

Manisa, Obasya: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WApF497DvzE>

Manisa, Salihli : <http://www.lidyatermalotel.com/index/>

DATE

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5th of April is the arrival day, then five working days will follow, and then the 11th of April is the departure day. You can arrive maximum 2 days before or stay 2 days after the training, but not longer.

SEMINAR HOMEWORK / PRE-PREPERATION

During our event, we invite all participants to share the situation in their countries related to Environmentalist activities. So we can set up the common ground and find similarities/differences.

It is recommended to collaborate with **colleagues/representatives of national teams**, so you can together built-up “presentation” and contribute to our “**walking gallery**” during the first days of the event. Please do not use PowerPoint, because we want to have it in a more interactive way.

You can bring some materials/information with you and create the poster at the venue.

There will be a cultural night in the program so, please get ready to present your cultural features.

The organizers will not provide the participants with any kind of insurance! Therefore, we strongly recommend every participant to acquire travel insurance at their own expense for the whole duration of the exchange. Also, please note that EU healthcare insurance card is not valid in Turkey.

Each of the participating countries should:

- Bring all your travel documents as presented above;
- Prepare for your country’s cultural evening. Please, try to be fun and creative for this! No one likes regular .ppt presentations! Any kind of activities are welcome (e.g. video presentations, dances, songs, games, quizzes, posters, flyers etc.).
- Each of you individually has to bring an interesting cup or any souvenir (e.g. with your country design, creative, or funny). At the beginning of the project you will exchange these gifts with one another so that you would have a thing to remember!
- Bring clothing and shoes that can be used for sports and/or strenuous activities (such as dancing).
 - Bring your swimming suit please ☺
- Bring good spirit, joy and happiness!
- More preparation needed for the activities will be posted online after the participants are selected.

TRAVEL COSTS

Travel costs will be reimbursed according to the next maximum amounts:

Country	Number of Participants	Travel Limit per Participant	Travel days
Greece	5 (4 youth +1 leader)	275.0 Euro	2
Italy	5 (4 youth +1 leader)	275.0 Euro	2
Romania	5 (4 youth +1 leader)	275.0 Euro	2
Lithuania	5 (4 youth +1 leader)	275.0 Euro	2
Spain	5 (4 youth +1 leader)	360.0 Euro	2

TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS

Manisa is located approximately 35 km away from İzmir and approximately 1-hour distance by HAVAS (shuttle from airport in İzmir to bus station at the city centre).

You can check the shuttle schedule by the link;

<http://www.havas.net/en/OurServices/BusServicesAndCarParkingFacilities/ServicePoints/Pages/Izmir.aspx>

FROM AIRPORT TO MANİSA CITY ➔

The best, quickest and easiest way (and also not so expensive) is to take HAVAS Airport Express shuttle bus from the airport to Manisa main bus station. When you land to the airport, just collect your bag and go out to the street. The price is usually 25 TL. It is the last stop of the bus so, do not panic if the bus stops several times on its way from the airport.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND TICKETS

You will be given a travel reimbursement form at the beginning of the activity. Please complete it carefully and attach to it photocopies of all of your travel tickets –including an invoice as proof of payments. Please note that you have to submit your travel forms and all the necessary documents during the course.

- E-Tickets You must provide a printout of the ticket with your name on it, the exact fare that you paid, and the details of your flight. We also need an original invoice or a copy of your bank statement showing that the payment has been made. Please note that only Apex ticket or reduced tariff of the economy class can be reimbursed. For all airline tickets, you must provide the outbound (return) journey boarding pass.
- Train tickets: Please provide the original ticket. Also note that the arrival and departure time, as well as the price, need to be visible.
- Bus and taxi tickets: Please provide the original ticket. Also note that the arrival and departure time, as well as the price, need to be visible.

WEATHER

The weather in April in Manisa is usually quite warm, so be prepared for some nice summer weather.

This is a useful webpage where you can check the temperatures in this city:

<https://mgm.gov.tr/tahmin/il-ve-ilceler.aspx?il=MANISA>

CURRENCY

The official currency is the Turk Lirası (TL). Euros are not accepted everywhere. They might be or not accepted in İstanbul, but in Manisa we use Turkish Liras. The average exchange rate is: 1 EURO = 6.50 TL (approximately)

△We recommend you do not change all your money at the Airport. Only for your travel to Manisa, so up to 20 Euros. You can change it later in Manisa; it will be more beneficial for you.

BASIC RULES

All the participants will be expected to be present and active in all the activities, unless being ill. Unauthorized absence from the activities and workshops won't be tolerated.

Smoking is prohibited everywhere inside buildings, thus all the smokers will have to go outside or to specially designated areas for a cigarette. Any damages to the property of the guest house or the organizers will be deducted from the travel reimbursements of the ones responsible.

Stress, nerves and bad mood is prohibited everywhere. Bring your best mood and big smile with you and keep it through the exchange! Prepare for fun! Those who fail to do that will be expelled from the exchange.

CONTACT

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If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact us! We are looking forward to our further cooperation!

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