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PROFILE

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| Is the organisation a public body? | NO |
| Is the organisation a non-profit? | YES |
| Type of Organization | Non-Governmental Organisation/Association (NGO) |
| Main sector of activity | Offering participation and youth-led events and youth participation activities |

Please briefly present your organisation/the group.

Zift Organization founded in 2009, under the leadership of two lawyers, by transforming the informal youth group into an association. In 2019, it got the name "Zift Lifelong Learning and Education Association". Therefore, our organization, which previously supported many training, seminars and awareness projects as Zift Organization, has become official as a branch of Zift Organization.

Before the establishment of the Zift Lifelong Learning and Education Association, Zift Organization had 95 informal youth groups and 4 university communities. The Zift Lifelong Learning and Education Association, which is among these joint groups, continues its activities under the group of Zift Organization. Zift Organization and Association has supported institutions, organizations and individuals interested in youth projects by providing training on project writing, project implementation process and reporting phases of youth projects. Zift Organization supported these communities interested in youth projects by providing training on project writing. Currently, we have 275 active and approximately 500 passive members in 7 different cities and universities.

Our organization that guides the communities studying with us, supported its communities regarding Erasmus Plus projects about education, health, human rights, women's and children's rights, refugee rights, culture and arts, environment, society and entrepreneurship, youth camps, personal development training and social awareness seminars.

Our association aims to create the formation of a society that adopts lifelong learning and self-renewal as a principle, sensitive to environmental issues, nature and climate change and to serve the information society equipped with these qualities.

Our association is loyal to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's principles and reforms, and works according to the founding purposes of the Republic of Turkey, secular, democratic, and productive. However, our association continues its activities in order to contribute to the formation of a society that is sensitive to the global problems of and produces solutions for these problems.

Basic Values of Association;

- *Continuous improvement,
- *Reliance,
- *Sustainability,
- *Accountability,
- *Political objectivity,
- *Collaboration,
- *Improvement of our nation,
- *Improvement of the world's nations.

Our vision is to support the active participation of everyone in the lifelong learning process in order to impose the habit of protecting vulnerable ecosystems to the society and to become a leading international voluntary organization that has achieved perfection.

Our mission is to serve with honesty, equality and loyalty in a manner that respects both humanity, environment and nature, to comply with the laws, economic and moral principles and values in all our training and projects.

Our general goal is to work on determining the education and learning needs of the society within the perspective of lifelong learning, to ensure all individuals, especially young people, are aware of the current climate change conditions, environmental pollution, ecosystems at risk benefits of recycling, and responsibilities of humans in this respect.

Apart from our foundation objectives, another goals that will support our development are as follows;

1. Conducting scientific research within the scope of Lifelong Learning and encouraging young people in this direction,
2. Conducting professional needs determination studies for the education and also learning needs in terms of global and environmental issues,
3. To develop training programs suitable for education and projects to raise awareness about oceans, atmosphere, glaciers and extinction of habitats,
4. To carry out activities that protect the rights and freedoms of refugees, disadvantaged groups, women, unemployed individuals, disabled people and children,
5. Preparing, managing and being a partner of projects based on education, environmentally-friendly production and consumption, recycling methods, environmental awareness and social awareness published on international and national platforms.
6. To support the development of youth work and non-formal education opportunities with sustainable studies,
7. To direct young people to "green behavior", to ensure people to be included in environmental-themed projects,
8. To support cooperation and communication between youth groups living in different countries and cultures,
9. Act with the principle of social inclusion in combating prejudiced attitudes while raising environmental awareness.

To sum up; the basic principle of Zift Lifelong Learning and Education Association is to prepare projects that will benefit the national and international society, to implement these projects, to provide trainings on this subject, to work on youth and to cooperate with people and organizations that create social awareness and to do these activities with volunteer individuals who work entirely on a voluntary basis.

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.

Our association has provided training with the lifelong learning principle and voluntary service understanding and has taken part as a supportive umbrella organization in many projects within the scope of Erasmus Plus. Our association raises young people in writing projects and managing projects, but also carries out many projects to raise awareness of young people on issues such as protecting animal rights and freedoms, protecting street animals, and preventing animal deaths. Our association attaches importance to make sure that each individual and community take into consideration their responsibilities and open their eyes to inequalities and cruelties, especially for animal abuse. Additionally, we aim to contribute to animal welfare by raising their awareness of the next generation about this issue and emphasizing the idea that we cannot cause harm to animals just because we are at the top of the food chain. Thus, organization guides many young people for the creation of societies who respect the world and the other living things apart from themselves. In other words, the Zift Association plays the role of a guide.

-Our association has been involved in and supported by more than 150 projects in the last 10 years.

-Zift Lifelong Learning and Education Association has developed international partnerships and networks by taking part in voluntary activities and Erasmus projects related to almost every global problem and social problem including the ones defending the rights of animals.

-Our association has also participated in many seminars, conferences and workshops.

-Our organization, which aims to keep young people at the forefront in terms of Erasmus Plus projects, has organized project writing camps and encouraged young people on projects.

-Our association, which supports host organizations in many projects and provides project management, has also helped to report projects when necessary.

Our Activities

We can define the activities of our association under two headings as general activities and special activities.

The context specific activities of the organization

Our Erasmus Plus projects consist of the projects supported by the management of Zift Organization and the projects that our other organization SHAFT Youth Community participates in. We can show the following projects as an example to the educational projects of the host organizations we supported;

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| 2012 | KEEP, LOVE, LET LIVE! | ANIMAL RIGHTS |
| 2012 | STORKS ADVENTURE OF MIGRATION | ANIMAL RIGHTS |
| 2018 | GUARD IT | ANIMAL RIGHTS |

In addition to Erasmus Plus Program projects, we participated in various studies;

-On June 8, 2012, 2 key personnel from our association, who are lawyers, attended the 1st Animal Rights Congress organized by the Ankara Bar Association.

-On October 5, 2019, we participated with all our association members in the "Animal Love Fest" organized by Ankara Metropolitan Municipality within the scope of "October 4 World Animal Day" in Seğmenler Park with all our association members.

-We regularly donate food to the Patiliköy Animal Protection and Sustenance Association every month.

-Every week, 2 people assigned from our association members leave food on the streets and feed street animals.

-In addition, we create a more sheltered environment for street cats by building a styrofoam cat house with our members.

-We support homeless animals through social media as an intermediary for people who will take good care of them.

-We share awareness on animal murders from our social media accounts, and we provide financial and moral support to associations that protect animal rights.

The general activities of the association related to Erasmus Plus;

*Project Writing Camps;

Our organization organized various youth and project writing camps between 2013-2015. These camps are as follows in terms of their dates and locations:

-22/27 August 2013-Kuşadası, Aydın, TURKEY-Number of Participants: 30

-31 Jan/ 6 Feb 2014 - İzmir, TURKEY - Number of Participants: 26

-3/8 August 2014 - Kuşadası, Aydın, TURKEY - Number of Participants: 28

-9/14 August 2014 - Kuşadası, Aydın, TURKEY -Number of Participants: 32

-5/9 Feb 2015 - Pamukkale, Denizli, TURKEY - Number of Participants: 28

*98 school principals were trained on KA1 projects by our key personnel Barış BAYTOK through the Sakarya-Serdivan National Education Directorate. In this training, the achievements of Erasmus Plus for young people were mentioned.

*On May 11, 2016, 57 students were given KA1 project writing training by Barış BAYTOK, the key staff of our association, at Bilkent University.

*Our key staff, Barış BAYTOK, provided training to a student community on "Erasmus, Sustainable Activities and Volunteering Studies" at Osmangazi University.

*A training on "Youthpass Competencies and Erasmus Plus Gains" was given by our key personnel at Istanbul Aydın University.

*A training on "EU Grant Supports and Erasmus Plus Projects" was given by our key staff at Istanbul Medipol University.

Please give information on the key staff/persons involved in this application and on the competences and previous experience that they will bring to the project.

1. **Our first key staff, Barış BAYTOK**; graduated from Çanakkale 18 Mart University, Faculty of Education, Department of English Language Teaching. After working as an English teacher under the Ministry of National Education for a certain period of time, he graduated from the Faculty of Law and resigned from his teaching position. He is still working as a lawyer in Ankara.

Our key staff has been the founding member and leader of the Barış Scout Community at Çanakkale 18 Mart University for 5 years. Developing himself in the field of scouting puts his leadership in the foreground. And during his scouting period, he was against environmental pollution and acted within the framework of the mottos of "environmentally friendly resources" and "zero waste" in the camps he organized. Moreover, throughout his teaching life, he developed his skills such as classroom control, computer-aided teaching techniques, and the ability to persuade.

Additionally;

Every year, he directed and encouraged all members of the community to donate blood to the Red Crescent. He participated in the 1st of July Maritime and Cabotage Day celebrations every year and helped organize the events. He helped organize and traditionalize the 57th Regiment march, which is held every year in Çanakkale and is very important for Turkish history.

Moreover, our key staff has managed 144 projects in Turkey since 2009 and has participated in more than 50 projects abroad. Some of the projects he participated in abroad can be listed as follows; 2018 NATURE ON, 2018 THE MAZE, 2018 GENDER IN FAIRY TALE, 2019 ANTI OBESITY MOVEMENT, 2019 RECYCLING ART IN CONSUMING WORLD, 2019 ANTI-DEATHRESSANT, 2019 REDUCE FOOD WASTE, 2019 HORMONE WORLD, 2019 CHILDREN OF HEAVEN

Certificates:

In personal development field:

- Turkey Scouting Federation Leadership Training Certification
- Sakarya National Education Directorate Computer Aided Education Certificate
- National Education Chess Instructor Certificate

In professional development field:

- Ankara Bar Association CCP Foreigners List Practices Training
- Ankara Bar Association AVSA Law and Internship Academy Certificate of Concordat Commissioner
- Turkey Bar Association CCP Training Seminar on Vocational Training Certification
- Ankara Bar Association AVSA Advocacy and Internship Academy Legal Aid Training Seminar Certificate
- TOBB Etü University Mediator Training Certificate
- Atılım University Mediation Training Seminar Certificate

2. **Our second key staff, Ertan DERİN**, graduated from Çanakkale 18 Mart University like Barış BAYTOK, who we mentioned above, worked as a teacher and resigned from his profession and started his lawyer career. However, Ertan Derin's field is not English Teaching, his profession is Computer Teaching. Ertan Derin also participated in all the activities we mentioned for Barış Baytok, as our two key personnel studied the university together and became very close friends. He also worked as a weightlifting referee during his teaching years and attained the status of National Referee. He will play an important role in the management of our projects with the training he received in his teaching career.

Throughout his scouting life, he tried to increase the environmental awareness of the community members by organizing many tree planting and environmental cleaning activities. He aimed to instill environmental awareness, "healthy world" awareness to the participants by making use of these experiences in the projects he carried out.

Certificates:

In personal development field:

- Turkey Scouting Federation leadership training
- Weightlifting Referee Training
- Weightlifting National Referee Training
- Turkish Aeronautical Association Free Flight Guide Teacher

In professional development field:

- Turkey Union of Bar Associations of the CCP on Vocational Education Training Seminar
- Intel Tutor Program
- Intel Expert Trainer

3. **Our third key staff, Nuri Bilirgen**, studied in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Osnabrück (Hochschule Osnabrück) in Germany. He still continues his education in the Department of German Language Teaching at Istanbul University.

Our key staff mentored foreign students during his student years abroad and took part in orientation studies. Thus, he will support the participants who are foreign to each other and the project city they are in, in the process of getting used to the project.

Our key staff played table tennis professionally in the German 3rd League between 2008 and 2010 years.

He has managed over 100 Erasmus Plus KA1 projects and worked as a trainer in Turkey and abroad. He coordinated these projects and managed the training contents.

Certificates:

- Germany – Braunschweig Fire department: Emergency response Certificate
- Germany – Osnabrück University: First Aid Certificate
- Catia 3D and Solid Works drawing programs certificates
- Youthpass certificates obtained from over 100 Erasmus+ projects that he participated in and managed

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