

## ERASMUS+ PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM

| A. PARTNER ORGANISATION                          |  |
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| OID  | E10306815  |
| PIC  | 872964984  |
| Full legal name (National Language)              | Kuzey Yıldızı Derneği  |
| Full legal name (in English)                     | North Star Association   |
| Acronym  | NOSA   |
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| B. PROFILE                                       |  |
| Type of Organisation                             | Non-government Organisation/Association (NGO)  |
| Main Sector of Activity                          | Civil society development, capacity building of NGOs, public–NGO cooperation, participatory governance, education and training, youth engagement, child safety education, digital transformation, social inclusion and international cooperation.  |
| D. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE                     |  |
| <b>Please briefly present your organisation.</b> | <p>Kuzey Yıldızı Derneği (North Star Association – NOSA) was established on 25 May 2022 in Giresun as a multi-sectoral civil society organisation aiming to strengthen institutional capacity of civil society, enhance public–NGO cooperation, and promote participatory democracy at the local level.</p> <p>Our association operates not only in the youth field but also in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Civil society capacity building</li><li>• Public–NGO cooperation and governance</li><li>• Child safety and traffic education</li><li>• Digital transformation</li><li>• Volunteering and active citizenship</li><li>• Social inclusion and disability</li><li>• Women’s empowerment</li><li>• Sustainable development and environmental awareness</li><li>• Internationalisation and networking</li></ul> |

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|  | <p><b>Our Vision</b></p> <p>To build a strong, sustainable, innovative, and internationally connected civil society ecosystem that is effective at local, national, and international levels.</p> <p><b>Core Values</b></p> <p>Transparency – Inclusiveness – Advocacy – Lifelong Learning – Equality – Volunteering – Cooperation – Social Impact</p>   |
| <p><b>What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?</b></p> | <p>Following its establishment, our first project was prepared and implemented under the European Union Civil Society Support Programme (Sivil Düşün). Within this project, our institutional website and corporate identity were developed. (<a href="https://kuzeyyildizi.org.tr">https://kuzeyyildizi.org.tr</a>)</p> <p>Since its foundation, North Star Association has carried out multi-dimensional activities aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of civil society organisations, reinforcing public–NGO cooperation, and promoting participatory governance mechanisms at the local level.</p> <p>Within the framework of the EU and UNDP-supported “Giresun Ordu Civil Initiative Strategic Research Center” (<a href="https://kuzeyyildizi.org.tr/go-sisam/">https://kuzeyyildizi.org.tr/go-sisam/</a>) project, our association established a Civil Society Campus and created a cooperation network including more than 125 civil society organisations. Over 300 participants attended trainings and seminars in the fields of governance, digital transformation, internationalisation, advocacy, project development, and active citizenship. In addition, Public–NGO Cooperation Workshops and an International Conference were organised, bringing together stakeholders from various sectors and establishing sustainable communication and partnership mechanisms.</p> <p>Our organisation is not limited to training activities; it also implements infrastructure development and applied social projects. Within the Ministry of Interior-supported “Giresun Children’s Traffic Education Park” project, a physical education facility was established in cooperation with public institutions. Sustainable training programmes were designed for children in the areas of traffic safety, disaster awareness, environmental protection, and zero waste. Furthermore, needs analyses for NGOs were conducted, strategic planning and capacity-building activities were implemented, and platforms encouraging active participation of young volunteers were established. (<a href="https://kuzeyyildizi.org.tr/cocuk-trafik-egitim-parki-torenle-acildi/">https://kuzeyyildizi.org.tr/cocuk-trafik-egitim-parki-torenle-acildi/</a>)</p> <p>Having experience in Erasmus+, youth worker mobility, civic engagement, and capacity-building projects at national and international levels, our association maintains a strong cooperation network with public institutions, local authorities, universities, and private sector representatives. Thanks to its institutional experience in project development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, training design, networking, and dissemination, the association has the capacity</p> |

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|  | <p>to successfully implement multi-stakeholder projects aiming at sustainable impact.</p>   |
| <p><b>Please provide further information specifically on the activities</b></p>                    | <p>North Star Association implements its activities through a structured and impact-oriented methodology based on non-formal learning, stakeholder participation, and sustainability planning.</p> <p>Key activity areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting needs assessments to identify capacity gaps in civil society organisations</li> <li>• Designing and delivering training modules in governance, project cycle management, digital transformation, and advocacy</li> <li>• Facilitating multi-stakeholder workshops and thematic platforms to strengthen participatory mechanisms</li> <li>• Supporting organisations in internationalisation and European partnership development</li> <li>• Developing volunteer engagement models and youth participation platforms</li> <li>• Implementing awareness campaigns and applied educational programmes</li> <li>• Organising conferences, networking events, and dissemination activities at local and international levels</li> </ul> <p>All activities are designed to ensure long-term sustainability by establishing cooperation mechanisms, digital tools, and institutional partnerships that continue beyond the project lifecycle.</p>                 |
| <p><b>What are the skills and expertise of key staff/persons involved in this application?</b></p> | <p><b>Legal Representative</b></p> <p>Ali YILMAZ is a project manager with over 20 years of experience in public administration and civil society, specialising in European Union projects and international funding mechanisms. Between 2010 and 2023, he worked at the Giresun Governorship’s EU and Foreign Affairs Office, where he played an active role in the preparation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of numerous projects funded under IPA, Erasmus+, Development Agencies, and various national grant programmes.</p> <p>From 2011 to 2022, he served as the Eurodesk Local Contact Point under the Turkish National Agency, managing youth information, international mobility, and networking processes. He holds certifications in Project Cycle Management (PCM), IPA funds, feasibility preparation, entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, and capacity development. He has also served as an evaluation committee member for development agencies and public institutions, assessing numerous projects technically and financially.</p> <p>His international experience includes training and study visits in Germany, Italy, Czech Republic, and Poland. With strong expertise in strategic planning, multi-</p> |

stakeholder coordination, grant management, budgeting, and sustainability, he possesses the institutional capacity to manage projects throughout their entire lifecycle.

**Contact Person**

Asuman UZUNDERE has been working as a project specialist within local government since 2013. She has significant experience in coordinating sending and hosting roles within the framework of the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) and Erasmus+ programmes. As a Eurodesk Local Contact Point, she facilitated young people's access to international opportunities by organising information sessions and guidance activities.

She is experienced in international partnership development, operational management of mobility projects, participant follow-up, reporting, and institutional communication. She actively contributes to local government–civil society cooperation processes and demonstrates competence in project writing, implementation coordination, and stakeholder management. With her expertise in organisational planning, networking, and youth-oriented programme implementation, she effectively manages operational processes at field level.

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| No | Year           | Name of the Program   | Name of the Project   | Role of Project | Budget          |
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| 1  | 2022           | European Union Sivil Düşün Programme  | SD4/GEN/5431-Website and Organisation Identity Study                  | Lead Applicant  | 16.250,00 TL    |
| 2  | 2022 - 2025    | Ministry of Interior, General Directorate of Civil Society Relations, Grant Program | Children Traffic Education Park                                       | Lead Applicant  | 1.250.000,00 TL |
| 3  | 2022 - 2023    | Ministry of Interior, General Directorate of Civil Society Relations, Grant Program | Increasing the Capacity of Non-Governmental Organizations in Giresun  | Project Partner | 131.900,00 TL   |
| 4  | 2025           | EU and UNDP Civic Engagement SGP  | Giresun Ordu - Civil Initiative Strategic Research Center (GO-CISREC) | Lead Applicant  | 73.749,00 USD   |
| 5  | 2025 – ongoing | Eastern Black Sea Development Agency (DOKA) Social Development Support Program      | Hazelnut Care Technician Training Project                             | Project Partner | 1.500.000,00 TL |